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## Blues take titles

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 NSW are our undisputed cricket champions, taking out the men's and women's finals at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships played this month in Alice Springs. Coincidentally, both teams won by exactly the same margin – 123 runs. Pictured here is NSW women's champion Ashleigh Gardner being bowled, while NSW batsman Djali Bloomfield puts his best foot forward. Full coverage in our sports section.

# Congress looking down the barrel



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples is likely to have to close by the end of the year unless it can find more funding.

That's the stark warning from co-chair Jackie Huggins, who was elected to the role in October last year.

Speaking with the *Koori Mail*, Ms Huggins said the Congress had struggled for a sustainable financial plan ever since the Coalition Government was elected and refused to fund the advocacy body.

"Because we weren't funded by the Abbott Government, our resources are pretty low. We've gone from 30 to five members of staff," she said. "We have

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Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has ruled out any financial lifeline, saying the Government's position remained unchanged.

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● Pictured above, from left, Nerida Kris, a friend Kernisha Namok, Nerida's son Ezail Aniba and her sister Jordana Kris.

**L**IVING in such a beautiful part of the world is great and family plays such an important part in my daily life on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

There are hundreds of members in my immediate and extended family on TI and some have descendants from other islands such as Saibai, Boigu, Mabuiaq and Moa.

My pride and joy is my four-year-old son Ezail Aniba and in this picture we are enjoying a big family feed and gathering.

I am 23 and, having been born and bred on TI, I know lots of places to go for family time. Like many locals we have a boat with a 60hp outboard motor and a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

We have lots of favourite fishing spots where we catch snapper, bream, coral trout, salmon and cod. There are also

lots of mud crabs. And other traditional food caught by the men include turtle and dugong.

Camping on nearby Friday Island and Goodes Island is another of my favourite recreational activities.

Most people here on TI, and in fact every other island, love rugby league football. We're no exception and I can't wait for the new NRL season to start.

The North Queensland Cowboys and Brisbane Broncos are the teams we follow. and locally we go for Suburbs club in the TI Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition.

When I get the chance I get down to Cairns or Townsville to visit other family and friends, which is also great.

But always I can't wait to get back to TI – my beautiful island home.

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## OUR CHILDREN



These boys from Sadadeen Primary School, Alice Springs, are enjoying a day out of the classroom during a clinic hosted by Cricket Australia as part of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) held in Alice Springs this month. See our sport section for comprehensive coverage of the titles. *Picture: Getty*

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# Our league stars in full cry



**INDIGENOUS** All Stars captain Greg Inglis, centre, leads his players in a spectacular war cry before the start of the annual All Stars rugby league season-opener, held this year on February 13 at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane. More than 37,000 people turned out for the game, which the World All Stars won 12-6. Turn to pages 32-33 for pictures of Indigenous fans at the game, and see our sports section for coverage of the clash. *AAP image*

# Case seeks title compo

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Northern Territory's Northern Land Council (NLC) is running a test case in the Federal Court asking for compensation for the extinguishment of part of the Ngaliwurru and Nungali people's native title.

NLC lawyer Rebecca Hughes, who is running the case, said it will have far-reaching implications for native title claimants across the country.

"Testament to that is South Australia and Queensland are both intervening (despite the case being about the NT, both states have registered their interest in the outcome and can make submissions), which is one indicator that the wider world is watching to see what comes out," she said.

"The right to compensation does arise under the *Native Title Act* but hasn't been tested, partly because native title representative bodies have been so caught up getting native title recognised as a first

step. Getting native title recognised is a long and painful process in most cases, so a lot of energy has been going into simply getting determinations to title."

The Ngaliwurru and Nungali people, who are members of the Makalamayi, Wunjaiyi, Yanturi, Wantawul and Maiyalaniwung language groups, had their ownership recognised over their land near Timber Creek, about 600km south of Darwin, in 2006. After further litigation, in 2008, the High Court determined that parts of the Ngaliwurru and Nungali people's native title claim had been extinguished by the compulsory acquisition of land by the Northern Territory Government.

## Fully considered

Ms Hughes said that while there have been several cases concerning compensation for native title, there has not previously been a case where compensation has been fully considered by a judge.

"Compensation was awarded to the Yankunytjatjara people in the De Rose case in SA, but the terms of final compensation

amount were subject to a confidentiality agreement, so there's no judicial authority from that case," she said.

"The Ngaliwurru and Nungali people's native title has been established, as have areas where it's been extinguished, so we're asking the court to determine how much compensation is payable.

"This part is about how to determine the principles for valuing the compensation.

"The question at the heart of the case is how do you value native title that has been extinguished?"

The case has included a hearing in Timber Creek and site visits, evidence from Elders and other traditional owners.

Traditional owner Chris Griffiths told the ABC that while compensation would never replace the land, it was still important.

"Once you build a house, it's there forever but the country's still here, the spirit is still here, our heart is still here but it's not going to be the way it should've been," he said.

"But the compensation is going to help us in getting back what they damaged."



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# Funding for Rottnest Foundation



THE Rottnest Foundation has received \$500,440 to further the restoration of the Wadjemup Aboriginal Burial Ground on the island off Perth.

Western Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the funds would help pay for planting and conservation works at the site, and for the development and installation of interpretative signs at the main entry points to the burial ground.

"This is an important step in the healing process for many Aboriginal West Australians, and an important step in our state's journey towards reconciliation," he said.

The restoration of the burial ground, which was once a camping area, will provide a place of healing for the ancestors of Aboriginal people who died on the island and have laid in unmarked graves ever since.

About 3700 Aboriginal males from across the state were sent to Rottnest Island between 1838 and 1931. More than 370 of them died while in custody on the island, often as a result of introduced diseases.

The restoration project will include the development of a public space where people can meet, share stories and pay their respects to those who are buried at the site.

"It is important we acknowledge the history of the island, and share this history with the many local and international visitors that come to Rottnest Island," Mr Collier said.

# Market's good for these dancers



**DANCERS** Jesse Rotumah-Gardiner, Luke Gardiner, Mark Gardiner, Jala Rigby Gardiner (front) and Oscar Wilson-Gardiner were among the entertainers at this month's Koorie Night Market held for the first time at Enterprize Park in Melbourne's city centre. Hundreds turned out for the market, which has been running in the Victorian capital for many years. See pages 30-31 for a report and more pictures.

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# Town camp residents 'in despair'



ABORIGINAL town camp residents in central Australia say they are in a state of "utmost despair" and are calling on

government to review "failures in public housing".

The board of directors of the Tangentyere Council travelled to Darwin this month seeking an independent review of housing in the Northern Territory.

They say five years after signing 40-year subleases with the NT and Commonwealth to properly establish Aboriginal town camps around Alice Springs to improve living conditions, nothing has changed.

"We want to take back control of our own housing, do our own tenancy, sort out our own mob in our own way," said Barbara Shaw from Mt Nancy camp.

"Public housing has failed us."

The council is also calling for an inquiry into how the NT Government came to award a tender worth \$702,000 for tenancy management of the camps in central Australia to Alice Springs-based Zodiac Business Services instead of to Aboriginal-run local councils.

**"We want to take back control of our own housing, do our own tenancy, sort out our own mob in our own way" – Mt Nancy's Barbara Shaw**

"Not only does taking this ... mean residents have even less involvement and voice ... it effectively means a real cut in service delivery to people who are already living in conditions of overcrowding and disrepair," Tangentyere Council chief

executive Walter Shaw said.

He said the state of public housing in central Australia was "of the utmost despair" and residents did not trust Zodiac to manage their tenancies.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the Government's Aboriginal Affairs Strategy aimed to return control of education, health and housing to communities.

But Mr Shaw said awarding the tenancy contract to a non-Aboriginal business "is a slap in the face".

The council's call comes as most of the residents of the central Australian community of Santa Teresa take legal

proceedings against the NT Government to force the repairs of what they claim are more than 600 faults in their housing.

Mr Shaw said Tangentyere Council hopes to follow soon with a legal suit of its own. – AAP  
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# Cassandra's a Desert Diva



**CENTRAL** Australian musician Cassandra Williams is one of eight Indigenous women who have been selected for the *Desert Divas Volume II* project. The Hermannsburg performer, along with the other seven, can look forward to mentoring from nationally recognised performers as part of the project. Get the full story on page 39.

# Tribunal upholds Canadian complaint

THE government of Canada discriminated against aboriginal children by underfunding welfare services on reserves, a human rights tribunal has found in a decision expected to affect the delivery of indigenous education, healthcare and housing.

The ruling comes nearly nine years after aboriginal groups opened a human rights complaint against Ottawa over its funding formula for child welfare on reserves.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who took office in November, has pledged to repair relations with Canada's 1.4 million indigenous people, who make up 5% of the population but represent about half Canadian children aged 14 and under who live in foster care.

The First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations, an umbrella group for Canada's largest indigenous group, charged that Ottawa was underfunding child welfare services on reserves compared with what is spent on non-native children or aboriginal people living off reserve.

In its decision, the panel said Ottawa needed to make changes not only to its funding but to the child welfare program itself "to respect human rights principles and sound social work practice".

# Congress looking down the barrel

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples is likely to have to close its doors by the end of

the year, if it cannot find more funding. Congress, which represents about 9000 individual members plus 200 organisations, was set up in 2010 as a national Indigenous representative body. It is independent of government and free to join.

The *Koori Mail* understands that in 2013, the board failed to accept a \$15 million funding offer from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs under Labor Minister Jenny Macklin.

After Labor lost the election, the Coalition Government made the decision not to fund Congress and it has struggled for a sustainable financial plan ever since.

Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins, who was elected to the

role in October last year, told the *Koori Mail* the organisation was running on a shoe-string.

"Because we weren't funded by the Abbott Government, our resources are pretty low. We've gone from 30 to five members of staff," she said.

"We have a massive organisation in terms of constituents, nearly 9000, but unfortunately unless we find some way of bringing in funding, we are probably due to finish at the end of the year."

A spokesperson for Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the Federal Government had already provided Congress with \$30 million (the money the former Labor Government provided for its establishment).

"This is a large amount for a body that sees itself as fiercely independent of government and provides no advisory services to

government," the spokesperson said.

"The Coalition Government has already extended Congress's funding agreement until June 30, 2017, to allow it to use its substantial cash reserves to support its operations and achieve financial independence.

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relation to funding for Congress has been consistent since the 2014-15 Budget."

Dr Huggins said it was important that Indigenous voices were front and centre in any discussions about a referendum on constitutional recognition and that Congress was in the process of

surveying its membership.

"We want to find out what their views are, and opinions," she said.

"I think it's been a very difficult time and in the past two years some people have changed their minds about Constitutional recognition.

"People are frustrated, wanting to know what is the question, when

will it be, which road do we take – do we take treaty, sovereignty, Constitutional recognition?

"I think they're quite separate items and we can look at treaty as well as looking at if we want to be recognised

in the Constitution. Things seem to have become a lot bigger, a lot more complex for our people.

"We would hope from Congress's point of view, that as many of our members as possible really voice their opinions. We have members and organisations that have very different views.

"We are depending on information provided by our constituents and members – and that's what we'll be saying in this debate."

Dr Huggins said she and fellow co-chair Rod Little were hoping to reinvigorate Congress' relationship with members, member organisations and also the Federal Parliament.

Since former Prime Minister Tony Abbott appointed the Indigenous Advisory Council, made up of prominent Indigenous people and non-Indigenous business people, Congress has been largely sidelined by the Federal Government.

"We want to have a relationship with the Parliament," Dr Huggins said.

"We want to work with stakeholders in the field and we've been very buoyed by the re-engagement of some disaffected organisations.

"We're hoping we can make a difference in the timeframe that we have left."



# Recognition rejected at Vic meeting

By RUDI MAXWELL



A MEETING of Aboriginal people in Melbourne earlier this month delivered some strong messages to the Victorian Government.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins convened the meeting, which was slated to talk about self-determination and Constitutional Recognition.

The meeting was also streamed live over video links so Aboriginal people from regional Victoria could listen.

Those in the room passed three resolutions, with only one vote recorded against. That:

1. We as Sovereign People reject Constitutional Recognition.
2. We demand the state resources a treaty process, including a framework for treaties, with complete collaboration with all Sovereign Peoples and Nations, and treaties are finalised and agreed upon by December 2016; and
3. Resource an Elders Council of South Eastern Australia, which is comprised of all Sovereign Peoples.

Ms Hutchins told the *Koori Mail* that the Victorian Government would "definitely look at a move towards treaty".

"I think it's overdue," she said.

"If you look at New Zealand and Canada, it's not a short process, it's long, but something Australia has really lagged behind in. I think we should really open up general dialogue work towards treaty – it's what that means to different groups that needs to be worked on.

"The actual meeting was a fantastic example of conversations that are important. "It was a real honour to be in the room and hear Elders speak from the heart about their communities and what they want to see for the next generation of Aboriginal Victorians."

Gary Murray, from the Victorian Traditional Owner Land Justice Group, said the meeting was a welcome step and the first time in about 20 years the Government had attempted to properly consult with Aboriginal people.

"Talk's cheap, action is better, and getting results is even better," he said.

"It's good that the minister indicated publicly that the Government wants to create a dialogue around treaty, but there have to be resources properly allocated.

"My view is that every clan needs to consent or at least get majority vote. We need to get all our clan groups on board, not just organisations. This is about clans' own territory, language, customs and culture – they need to be the ones who do sign off. It's not complex. We know who the extended clans are, and we also have a huge body of native title evidence."

Historian and activist Gary Foley said there was no surprise that those at the meeting rejected Constitutional Recognition.

"That discredits the whole massively funded pro-Constitutional Recognition campaign, which is being supported by high-fliers and the elite," he said. "It goes to show that they haven't bothered to consult with grassroots.

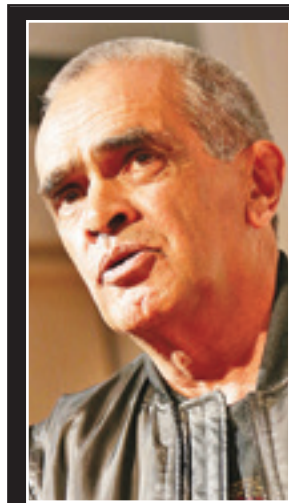
"One of the biggest representative community meetings in Victoria, with all of the various factions that exist in our community and they unanimously rejected Constitutional Recognition. That in itself is a huge story and it doesn't fit with the false narrative being funded by the Australian Government for the 'yes' campaign.

"There's been a very deliberate campaign of deception. The whole campaign is a diversion from really serious issues, like incarceration rates."

Ms Hutchins said she thought the lack of concrete action on Constitutional Recognition by the Federal Government had fostered an environment of suspicion in Aboriginal communities.

"I think fundamental to all of this is that people don't know what Recognition might look like, which has allowed myths to start," she said.

"I think the Federal Government has really failed to engage Aboriginal Victoria in general, not just on Constitutional change."



Historian Gary Foley



Naomi Takai is ready for another load of passengers.

## Naomi's a woman with lots of drive

By ALF WILSON



NAOMI Takai is one of the first people visitors see when they arrive in the Torres Strait.

The 26-year-old, who lives on Thursday Island, drives the large bus taking passengers from the Torres Strait airport on Horn Island to the Thursday Island ferry.

It's a job she enjoys.

"I got my bus licence on Horn Island in September 2013 and at first it took a bit of getting used to the big buses," she said.

"But it is great to drive and I

get to meet so many people."

Bus driving runs in Ms Takai's family, with her mother Rhonda also behind the wheel.

Naomi Takai's well known to locals, and her approach to her work also impresses visitors.

Tom Roberts, from Brisbane, said Ms Takai was an asset to the company and the region.

"She was so helpful and did a great job," he said.

Carmel McIntosh, a tourist from Sydney, echoed the comments.

"I haven't seen many women driving big buses like that; normally they are male. She does a top job," Ms McIntosh said.

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# 2016 Closing the Gap report



Political, Indigenous and other leaders and officials attend the Closing the Gap breakfast in Canberra this month.

## The facts

**TARGET: Halve the gap in child mortality by 2018.**

Status: On track.

Why: Indigenous child mortality rates have fallen by 6% since the 2008 baseline. Gap has narrowed by 34% since 1998.

**TARGET: 95% of Indigenous four-year-olds enrolled in early childhood education by 2025.**

Status: New timeframe. 2013 target not met.

Why: 67% enrolled in major cities in 2013, 85% in remote communities.

**TARGET: Close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous school attendance by 2018.**

Status: Not on track.

Why: School attendance was relatively unchanged in 2015 from 2014 at around 83.5% for Indigenous students, with non-Indigenous at 93.1%.

**TARGET: Halve the gap for Indigenous children in reading, writing and numeracy achievements by 2018.**

Status: Mixed progress.

Why: Across the eight areas (reading and numeracy for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9), the proportion of Indigenous students achieving national minimum standards is on track in four areas.

**TARGET: Halve the gap for Indigenous Australians aged 20-24 in Year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates by 2020.**

Status: On track.

Why: Apparent retention rates to Year 12 for Indigenous students up from 32% in the late 1990s to 60% in 2014.

**TARGET: Halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by 2018.**

Status: Not on track.

Why: No progress has been made against the target since 2008.

**TARGET: Close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.**

Status: Not on track.

Why: Improvements in the Indigenous mortality rate from chronic diseases, particularly from circulatory disease. But Indigenous cancer mortality rates are rising.

# Frustration as gaps remain



WITH Aboriginal life expectancy still lagging behind the rest of the population by a decade, Indigenous leaders say they are frustrated with the lack of consistency from government and “sick and tired” of going to funerals.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull presented the eighth Closing the Gap report to Parliament this month, confirming only two of its seven health, education and employment targets remain on track.

The report paints a similar overall picture to last year, while progress on some targets hasn't changed in a decade.

Indigenous leaders, including Close the Gap co-chair Mick Gooda, are calling for an overhaul of the relationship between government and their communities.

“When you work in Aboriginal affairs, frustration is a byword; we're just used to it,” Mr Gooda said.

“But the one thing ... is this bloody resilience of our mob to just keep getting up every day and hitting the deck again and having another go.”

The 2016 report shows targets to halve child mortality by 2018 and Indigenous Year 12 attainment levels are on track.

But the gap between life expectancy for Indigenous and other Australians remains at around 10 years and unlikely to close by 2031.

No progress had been made on employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians since the target was set in 2008, with the goal to halve the workforce gap still out of reach.

Reading and numeracy results are slightly better, with Mr Turnbull confident closing the education gap remains achievable.

The prime minister conceded there had been mixed progress on several targets over the eight years since they were set.

Patrick Dodson says the biggest problem is the program doesn't have a buy-in from Indigenous communities, and a new approach is desperately needed.

“We're basically changing the table cloth on a table without really realising that the white



**Patrick Dodson: “We are basically just changing the tablecloth on a table without really realising that the white ants are eating the legs out of the table.”**

ants are eating the legs out of the table,” he told ABC Radio.

But Mr Gooda urged patience, saying effects from health initiatives would take years to filter through.

He believes reductions in child mortality rates are “really great building blocks”.

Mr Turnbull began his parliamentary address in Ngunnawal, the language of the traditional owners of the Canberra area.

Mr Gooda and Close the Gap Campaign co-chair Jackie Huggins praised the prime minister for his effort.

Mr Turnbull promised to listen to and work with Indigenous communities, rather than deliver to them – something long sought by Indigenous leaders.

“The headline statistics in this report do not

recognise the diversity that exists in your culture, language and experiences,” he said.

Dr Huggins called for far-sighted policies, saying three-year funding cycles could not improve outcomes for Indigenous Australia.

“For decades government policy has failed us dismally,” she said.

“We need to have a voice in planning and implementation of programs. We can broaden engagement and get a true picture of what's going on in our communities. The best way of working with us is to engage in meaningful dialogue, which means they have to listen.”

Dr Huggins pointed to the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) as an example of poorly implemented and planned government policy.

“This is where the problem lies,” she said.

“Are they listening to our people or are they being so dogmatic about it? The Government believes they have all the answers, but we know our community-owned organisations are suffering cuts to funding and programs.

“We're getting mixed messages – we're getting clear messages from what our community wants and a clear message that the Government is running their own race, deciding what we have to have in terms of programs and service. And it's our people who suffer the most.

“To tell you the truth, we are sick and tired of going to funerals on a very regular basis. We want that to stop for our people.”

Professor Stephen Simpson, academic director of the University of Sydney's Charles Perkins Centre and executive director of Obesity Australia, said the importance of diet and nutrition on closing the gap was being largely ignored.

“Australia must commit to system-level change processes that draw on Aboriginal communities as partners with a range of stakeholders,” he said.

“We have evidence for the success of community-based and -led programs to improve food supply and cost, promote healthy food options and improve food storage facilities.” – with AAP

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# Stolen Generations Apology anniversary

# Governments told to take more action



Circle of Hope co-founder Christine Doolan with chairperson Pascoe Braun at the launch in Adelaide.

## Circle of Hope launched in South Australia



**SURVIVORS** of the Stolen Generations, friends and supporters gathered at the Adelaide Town Hall on February 12 to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Circle of Hope, a newly incorporated support and advocacy group for Stolen Generations members and their families in South Australia, was launched at the event.

Circle of Hope chairperson Pascoe Braun said he was delighted with the large number of people who attended.

"The Adelaide Town Hall and the City of Adelaide were magnificent in helping us to achieve a dream launch and I also cannot thank the Healing Foundation enough for supporting SA survivors of the Stolen Generations," he said.

Co-founder Christine Doolan told the audience that Circle of Hope had already been working in the community.

"Circle of Hope isn't a new idea; we have been out there engaging with the Stolen Generations community for a long time, about the last 10 years," she said.

"We have a beautiful memorial and healing garden establish with the City of Playford out in the northern suburbs of Adelaide and every year we have a Sorry Day Event out there."

Mr Braun said Circle of Hope was aiming to serve Stolen Generations members in whatever capacity it could.

"Stolen Generations survivors in Adelaide have not had anywhere to go in Adelaide with full Indigenous support and community people who have actually been through the whole system and the time for change was long overdue," he said.

"Circle of Hope is made up entirely of Stolen Generations survivors but it is also an alliance with our non-Indigenous supporters.

"There are a lot of people out there in the community who can benefit from such a community-based fully Indigenous-operated organisation like this. We will offer them the support that has been lacking for a long time here."

SA Greens MP Tammy Franks officially launched Circle of Hope with Kaurna traditional owner Lynette Crocker and patron Kayleen Jackson Brown.

"People say just build a bridge and get over it," Ms Franks said. "I'm not here to get over it, I'm here to build it... and let's build the strongest bridge we can."



SA Commissioner for Social Justice Frank Lampard attends the launch of the Circle of Hope.



Bessie Parsons and Rhonda Collard perform at the Link-Up Queensland Apology anniversary event.



Healing Foundation Stolen Generations Reference Committee chair Florence Onus speaks at the Link-Up Queensland Apology anniversary event.



Children, families and Elders come together to mark the anniversary of the Apology at Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Nowra, southern NSW.



**EVENTS** celebrating the resilience and strength of the Stolen Generations were held around the country on the anniversary of the National Apology,

February 12. Richard Weston, chief executive of the Healing Foundation, which assists members of the Stolen Generations and their families, used the occasion to call for Australian governments to redouble their efforts to address the continuing trauma affecting Indigenous communities.

"While the Apology acknowledged the grief, suffering and loss inflicted on Stolen Generations members and their families, as a country I don't think we've fully come to terms with the long-term impact of these policies," Mr Weston said.

"The trauma of forcibly removing children from their families, identities, lands, languages and cultures has been passed down from generation to generation and continues to profoundly affect our people's health and wellbeing.

"Unresolved trauma often leads to self-medicating behaviours and has been linked to the development of chronic diseases like cancer and diabetes.

"Efforts to close the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians will continue to be derailed unless we address the systemic trauma affecting our people."

### Recommendations

Mr Weston, many Stolen Generations members and numerous Indigenous organisations, again asked the Government to implement all the recommendations in the 1997 Bringing Them Home report.

"The National Apology played an important role in acknowledging the wrongs committed against the Stolen Generations and their families, but it was only one of 54 recommendations made by the landmark Bringing Them Home report," Mr Weston said.

"To effectively tackle the trauma pervading our communities, healing responses and the outstanding recommendations of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report must be implemented as a priority in a coordinated way across every state and territory."

In Nowra on the NSW south coast, the Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre hosted an Apology event.

Elders interacted with children from the early learning centre and passed down traditional knowledge through activities such as storytelling, making damper, painting boomerangs and playing traditional instruments including didgeridoo and clapsticks.

Guest Elders shared the experiences of their past with children, including being a Stolen Generations member. A lemon myrtle tree was planted in the community garden as a sign of respect.

Dozens of similar events were held around the country.



# Grandmothers lead Parliament protest



A GROUP of Aboriginal women, Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR), led a 200-strong protest to the doors of Parliament House in Canberra in the lead-up to the anniversary of the National Apology, to draw attention to the high number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, as of June 30, 2014, there were 14,991 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, a placement rate of 51.4 per 1000 children. In contrast, the rate for non-Indigenous children was 5.6 per 1000, meaning Indigenous children are nearly 10 times more likely than other children to be in out-of-home care.

GMAR has also recently organised protests in other towns and cities, including Perth and Sydney, and has launched a petition asking the Federal Government for a national roll out of principles the group has developed regarding potential Aboriginal child removals.

In November last year, GMAR developed a set of guiding principles in consultation with the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) for strengthening the participation of local Aboriginal communities in making decisions about child protection.

The principles include suggestions and guidelines as to how FaCS could work with Aboriginal communities to support families and reduce the number of child removals; improve access to services for Aboriginal families; and develop ways to work with Aboriginal families to restore



Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR) lead a protest in Canberra to draw attention to the high – and rising – number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care. Picture: Jeff Tan Photography

children currently in out-of-home care.

They also include forming local advisory groups that can engage with Aboriginal families and monitor the implementation of the Aboriginal child placement principles and liaise with FaCS.

A GMAR member told the *Koori Mail* that after she had her children removed she would have “had a nervous breakdown” if

not for the support and advice from other members.

“I heard other women in professional fields, heard their stories and thought, ‘That’s exactly the same as me,’” she said.

“We’re trying to do everything we can to support Aboriginal families. We need to have someone to listen. The whole system is stacked against us.”

At the protest in Canberra, many Indigenous women shared their heart-breaking stories about how the removal of children was affecting whole communities.

The GMAR petition is also calling on the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report.

# Jones’ comments under attack



NATIONAL radio commentator Alan Jones has told listeners that Australia needs another Stolen

Generation. A talkback caller to Mr Jones’ high-rating show complained about the minute’s silence for the Stolen Generations before the Indigenous All Stars rugby league match, claiming that

half the Stolen Generations were taken for their own protection.

“Correct,” Mr Jones said. “To look after them. And we need stolen generations.”

His comments have been widely condemned as ill-informed and racist by Aboriginal leaders and academics, including Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston.

“Calls for Aboriginal children

to be rounded up again by authorities as occurred under the Stolen Generations policies is not the way to address Indigenous disadvantage and Close the Gap,” he said.

## “Waves of trauma”

“The social issues Jones identifies are actually behaviours driven by pain, grief and loss. The Stolen Generations policies

created waves of trauma for families and communities, a breakdown in social cohesion and denied our people education and economic participation.

“Ill-informed commentary about this harrowing chapter in Australia’s history only creates further trauma for our Stolen Generations Elders.”

A petition was started by an Aboriginal man who has family

who are members of the Stolen Generation calling on Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to stand against Mr Jones’ comments and implement the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report. The petition, which had more than 20,000 signatures at the time of going to press, was expected to be tabled in Parliament this week by Greens senator Rachel Siewert.



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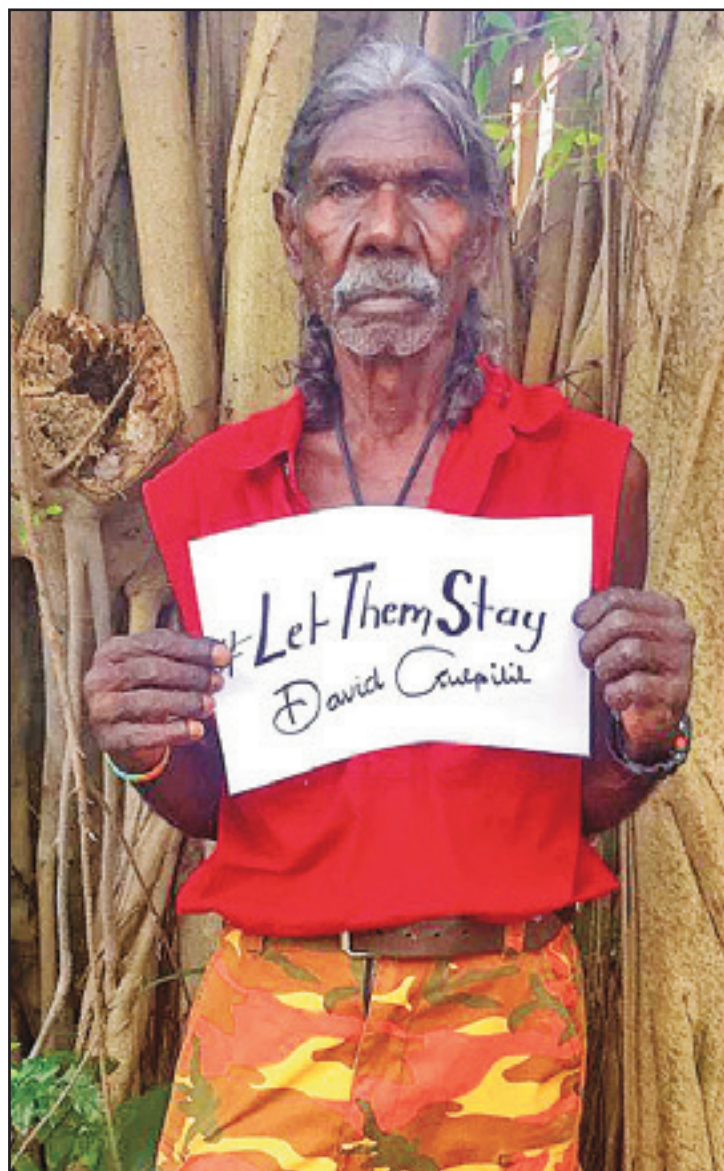
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## Let them stay: Gulpilil



RENOWNED Yolngu actor David Gulpilil has shown his support for

asylum-seekers by having his picture taken for the #LetThemStay campaign.

The campaign is petitioning the Federal Government, asking that 267 asylum-seekers – including babies born here and children – who are currently in Australia for medical reasons stay in the country and not be sent to detention centres on Nauru or Manus Island.

Gulpilil is one of Australia's best-known actors, most recently collaborating with filmmaker Rolf de Heer for *Charlie's Country*, which tells the story of a Yolngu man struggling to make sense of the clash between his culture and Australian society.

# NT minister told to mind her language



NORTHERN Territory minister Bess Price has been told that she is not allowed to speak her native language of Warlpiri

while she is in Parliament unless she has express permission.

In December last year, Mrs Price, who is the Member for Stuart and a minister, was asked by independent Speaker Kezia Purick to withdraw comments she made in Warlpiri.

Last week Mrs Price wrote to Ms Purick, seeking clarification.

"I have had time to reflect on the ruling and the repercussions it has had on my culture and my ability to participate equally in the chamber," she wrote.

"I am very concerned that our Parliament may be seen as not providing mutual respect and parity to our Aboriginal members and our constituents. I feel that I cannot effectively represent my electorate without using my first language, Warlpiri.

"I am concerned this ruling may inadvertently silence traditional Aboriginal Territorians in the chamber, discouraging their involvement in political processes."

Ms Purick, who resigned from



NT Government minister Bess Price

the Country Liberal Party last year in one of the party's many internal stoushes, responded by saying she was confident her ruling would not affect Aboriginal participation in the political process.

"With the number of Aboriginal languages and dialects within the Northern Territory, if we were to permit speaking in Aboriginal languages as a matter of course during the routine of business, we could not choose to be just bilingual, it would be a multi-lingual Parliament where every

Aboriginal language could be spoken freely," she wrote.

"This would no doubt be a complex and costly exercise, subject to change as each new election saw different language speakers enter the Assembly."

Ms Purick said that while there was no prohibition on parliamentarians using another language, it had to be done with leave of the chair, as the official language of the chamber is English.

"To be fair to all Members, including others of Aboriginal heritage who may not speak Warlpiri, the Assembly transacts its business in the English language as all Members, as well as the general public, will have more access to an open and accountable Assembly if we all use a common language," she wrote.

But Mrs Price challenged the notion that English is the only language allowed to be spoken in Parliament.

"I am determined to be tenacious in relation to the use of my language," she wrote.

"I am seeking permission to use my first language to make statements or answer questions should I see with an appropriate English interpretation following."



# Shining a light on Kaurna culture



KAURNA culture of South Australia is being highlighted to thousands of people thanks to a 'Dreaming Light' in Adelaide.

The light, projections of Kaurna culture stores onto walls at the State Library of South Australia, is part of the Adelaide Fringe festival. It will continue from sunset to 1am until February 28.

Dreaming Light – 'Tangkuinyendi Yabarra' in Kaurna language – is the largest ever architectural projection art project in South Australia involving Aboriginal storytelling. It is a cultural and artistic collaboration between Paitya, projection specialists illuminart, the SA Museum and State Library of SA.

It was launched earlier this month with a live performance by the Paitya Cultural Group.

The project draws on items held in the collections of the South Australian Museum and the State Library of SA. It also features an interpretive trail that describes the Kaurna stories being shown.

● Pictured: People enjoy the Dreaming Light display in Adelaide.

# Ice 'threat' to closing gap



GENERATIONS of Indigenous families are being hurt by ice addiction and the federal Closing the Gap strategy will fail unless it deals with the

impact the drug is having across Australia, a drug advisory group has warned. Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council South Australia (ADAC) director Scott Wilson said ice is now affecting most Indigenous communities in some way, and remote towns in particular do not have the resources to deal with the problem.

He said ice is now an intergenerational issue and he has seen "numerous instances" of families where grandparents, parents and children are all using the highly addictive drug.

"We know that you can score here in Adelaide for as cheap as \$5 – that will give you enough to get you off for the day," Mr Wilson said.

As the Federal Government unveiled its 2016 Closing the Gap report, Mr Wilson said there is an urgent need to pay specific attention to the effects of drugs and alcohol.

"I doubt there would be too many Aboriginal communities where people are not being impacted, whether it's immediate or extended family members," he said.

Mr Wilson said he was constantly taking calls at the South Australian-based organisation from parents looking for help to deal with addicted teenaged children.

"It is my considered view that ice is already becoming entrenched in some Indigenous communities," he said.

"In many ways it becomes more apparent in Indigenous communities

**"Do nothing around the drug and alcohol issue and you are not going to close the gap by 2030 at all." – ADAC's Scott Wilson**



because there are fewer services to assist people."

Mr Wilson said Indigenous people who are addicted to drugs like ice need more support, and the question that must be asked is: Why is it that Indigenous people in some areas are only expected to live until 39?-

"My background is as a user and abuser of alcohol and illicit substances, and that background is what led me to this work," he told the *Koori Mail*.

**"Personal experience"**

"It takes people a while to get on the straight and narrow but a lot of people don't give that time, and I think if you can use personal experience to help someone and provide support, not just a service, you could save someone's life."

Mr Wilson said the Closing the Gap report had focused on foetal alcohol syndrome but beyond that was more general, looking at issues like health services and workforce development.

"The big elephant in the room is there is not a lot in (the report) that says drugs and alcohol should be

part of the focus," he said.

"Do nothing around the drug and alcohol issue and you are not going to close the gap by 2030 at all."

ADAC is resurrecting the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference in October, where up to 600 delegates are expected to workshop ideas for dealing with the impact of ice, which is also known as crystal meth.

The conference was not held in 2015 after the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee was defunded by the Federal Government.

Mr Wilson said current approaches to the problem, such as TV ads showing ice users as violent, were not a solution because they were making people fearful of trying to help them. But affected communities and family members don't know what to do and are desperate for advice and strategies to deal with the impact of drug users.

"A lot of meth users are not necessarily violent," he said. "We do workshops now on what you can do to approach a meth user rather than 'oh my god, just call the police'." – with AAP

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## Heritage Act 1977

### Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following places on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of their heritage significance.

#### Dobell House, Wangi Wangi

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 23 March 2016. Enquiries to Christina Kanellaki Lowe on (02) 9873 8558 or [christina.kanellaki@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:christina.kanellaki@environment.nsw.gov.au)

#### Glass House, Castlecragh

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 23 March 2016. Enquiries to Emma Dortins on (02) 9585 6465 or [emma.dortins@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emma.dortins@environment.nsw.gov.au)

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this group of places.

Further details on the nominated places can be viewed at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx)

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# UTS draws on *Redfern Now*



A FOUNDATION subject drawing on the award-winning TV series *Redfern Now* will be among the first elements of an initiative to expand Indigenous content in curriculums at the University of Technology Sydney.

The subject is being developed by the Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK), formally launched this month following the appointment last year of three Indigenous education scholars to lead the development of an Indigenous Graduate Attribute (IGA) for the university.

The centre, co-sponsored by the university and its pathway provider UTS:INSEARCH, has the main objective of ensuring that all UTS graduates have Indigenous professional competency as appropriate to their profession. The centre will also offer postgraduate programs in Indigenous education from 2018.

"UTS acknowledges that due to past practices, many non-Indigenous Australians have limited understanding of Indigenous Australia," UTS vice-chancellor Attila Brungs said.

"In seeking to encourage an inclusive Australian identity, as well as raise the standard of professional service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, UTS is committed to ensuring that all its students have the opportunity to gain rigorous knowledge of Indigenous Australians."

The subject in development, Aboriginal Sydney Now, is intended as an introductory subject suitable for students in all disciplines, using the *Redfern Now* series as a springboard to explore current and historical ideas about culture, country and community.

It will be delivered online, but will require some practical work with Indigenous culture in Sydney.

"As far as we're aware, this stand-alone Indigenous centre-based approach to embedding Indigenous knowledges in the curriculum university-wide is unprecedented," said Professor Susan Page, a core member of the CAIK team,



UTS Centre for the Advancement of Indigenous Knowledges team members, from left, Associate Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews, Professor Susan Page, administrator Gavin Stanbrook and director Professor Michelle Trudgett.

along with centre director Professor Michelle Trudgett, and Associate Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews.

At the centre's launch, Prof Trudgett described the development of the IGA as "a ground-breaking intellectual exercise of mammoth proportions".

Prof Page said that in the past year the CAIK team had established relationships across UTS faculties and units and would soon begin professional development with academic staff.

"There are areas, such as health and education, where the process is

quite advanced," Prof Page said.

"In particular, the Faculty of Health has already done a lot of work to incorporate Indigenous knowledges into the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Midwifery degrees."

● Education, pages 34-35

# Challenges ahead for reconciliation



THE State of Reconciliation in Australia report released this month reveals that while the nation has developed a strong foundation for reconciliation, significant challenges remain. Launched by Reconciliation Australia, the report measures progress towards reconciliation in five key areas: race relations, equality and equity, institutional integrity, unity, and historical acceptance.

It details support for reconciliation is growing across all sectors of the community, and cites significant milestones over the past 25 years, including the establishment of native title, Closing the Gap, the national apology and progress towards constitutional recognition of First Australians.

"There is a national conversation taking place about our shared identity, and increasing support for national reconciliation throughout Australian society. However, there are still many hard

## The State of Reconciliation...

Recognition Australia's State of Reconciliation in Australia report released this month found:

- Almost all Australians (86%) believe the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians is important.
- Many Australians (64%) agree that cultural diversity makes us stronger, but some of us (35%) still believe Australia is a racist country.

conversations before us," Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said.

The report finds that a large majority of Australians – 86% – believe the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians

- The level of contact and interaction between indigenous people and other Australians is low. Only 30% of the general community socialise with Aboriginal people.

- Trust between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians is low.

- Indigenous people still experience high levels of racial prejudice and discrimination – 33% faced verbal racial abuse in the six months before the survey.

is important. But Reconciliation Australia says Indigenous people still experience high levels of racial prejudice and discrimination, and trust between Indigenous and other Australians remains unacceptably low.

"As a nation of peoples, we don't always

agree on the impacts of the past, and what we can do to change this in the future," Mr Mohamed said.

"This report provides a clear blueprint for a reconciled Australia in which we can all equally participate."

It includes a series of recommendations to advance Australia towards reconciliation. These include, but are not limited to, zero tolerance for racism, renewed focus on Closing the Gap, and reaffirmed recognition and respect for the rights of First Australians.

"We all have a lot to gain from progressing reconciliation," Mr Mohamed said. "Until we achieve reconciliation, Australia will fall short of its full potential as a nation."

The State of Reconciliation in Australia report is the first of its kind since the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation provided its final report to government in 2000.

A copy of the report is available at [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au)



# Wilcannia turns out for 'Bash'

By KEIRA JENKINS



WHAT started as a friendly cricket match between two local football clubs this month quickly grew into a major community event at Wilcannia.

Many residents of the far western NSW town turned out for the Wilcannia Big Bash Day, organised by Wilcannia Boomerangs president Brendon Adams, who was inspired by the Sober Selfies competition.

Sober Selfies encourages people to take a picture of themselves enjoying a weekend without alcohol, particularly playing sports.

Mr Adams thought it would be a great initiative for local football clubs the Boomerangs and the Parntu Warriors and, being summer, cricket – in the Big Bash format – was the chosen sport.

## Support

"We had a lot of people giving support: local health organisations, Wilcannia Central School, the police and Wilcannia River Radio. A local butcher even donated the meat for the barbecue," he said.

It wasn't just all cricket, with a jumping castle, an exercise bike that made smoothies when ridden, and a 'beer goggle' bike ride proving popular.

Mr Adams said locals loved the beer goggles, which blurs users' vision as if they were intoxicated.

"One of the kids using the goggles came up and said if he had been riding his motorbike like that he would have died, so that's a really good message to get out there," he said.

"The important message was healthy living. We wanted the young ones to understand you don't need alcohol for family events and we wanted the older ones to find ways to enjoy themselves without alcohol.

"And we wanted to empower ourselves and do it our way instead of waiting for the government to make some initiative."



Victor Ward sends one down during Wilcannia's Big Bash Day.

# Wotton runs for council

By ALF WILSON



LEX Wotton is one of 15 candidates to have nominated as a councillor on Palm Island Aboriginal Council

at the Queensland local government elections to be held on March 19.

Mr Wotton was described as the ringleader of a riot on Palm Island on November 26, 2004, when the north Queensland island's police station, barracks and courthouse were torched.

The riots came a week after the death in custody, at the Palm Island Police Station, of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Mr Wotton was sentenced to six years' jail in November 2008 for his involvement in the riot and was released on parole on July 19, 2010.

Under the conditions of his parole he was not allowed to speak to media or attend public meetings without permission of the Parole Board. That gag order was lifted in July 2014.

Mr Wotton told the *Koori*

**"I will be standing on my high profile and want to make council accountable to the people here."**

– Palm Island man Lex Wotton



*Mail* he would be nominating for the council.

"I will be standing on my high profile and want to make council accountable to the people here," he said.

The other nominees for the four council positions are sitting councillors Frank Conway, Roy Prior, Edward Walsh and Mislam Sam along with Deniece Geia, Victor Daisy, Robert Castors, Maggie Blackley, Donovan Cannon, Archie Fraser, Andrea Kyle-Sailor, Lillian Lampton, Lindsay Malone and Valentine Nona.

Alf Lacey, who was elected as mayor at the polls in 2008

and 2012, is standing again. Others in the Palm Island mayoral race are Raymond Sibley, Elizabeth Clay, Thomas Geia and Delena Foster.

Ms Foster is a former mayor and Mr Sibley, who is a brother-in-law of Mr Wotton, has been a deputy mayor who stood for the top job at the last election.

Mr Wotton, a plumber who oversees the island's sewerage system, has also launched legal action against the Queensland Government, alleging it was racially discriminatory during arrests in a series of dawn raids following the riots.



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# Giles unveils new plan



NORTHERN Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles says his new Aboriginal affairs strategy will empower remote communities and create jobs. Unveiling the full plan this month, Mr Giles said he was committed to doubling the number of Indigenous public servants by 2020.

He also said his Government needed to lead by example to encourage the private sector to boost Aboriginal employment in a jurisdiction where one third of the population is Indigenous, with about 80% living in remote communities.

"What we are driving is local employment ... This is about trying to change the lives of Indigenous Territorians," Mr Giles said.

## Highlights of the NT Aboriginal affairs strategy

- Double the number of Indigenous public servants from 8% to 16% by 2020
- 70% of all remote civil and construction projects under \$5 million to go to local Aboriginal businesses by 2017
- 576 Indigenous people employed on government construction projects since October 2014. Prior to the initiative there were 40

He said the goal is to have education and health managed by local communities, as the Government decentralises power and builds capacity in remote areas to create sustainable regional economies.

Mr Giles scrapped the Indigenous affairs portfolio when he came to power three years ago, before reinstating it last year with

himself as minister. He pre-empted the question of why it has taken three-and-a-half years to develop the strategy, saying, "We have actually been doing this work for a long period of time ... This is an opportunity for us to bring it together collectively right now and publicise it."

The NT general election will be held in

August and Mr Giles has faced criticism for failing the remote communities that helped his Country Liberals Party win power in 2012.

The strategy will require that by next year, 70% of all civil and construction contracts worth less than \$5 million in remote Aboriginal communities will go to local businesses.

The Government is offering a subsidy to businesses that can prove they are employing and training locals.

There have been anecdotal claims some companies are inflating how many Indigenous staff they have to get the subsidy, or that unskilled workers are being hired and cannot undertake certain jobs, and Mr Giles said anyone caught would be blacklisted from receiving government contracts.

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## Yindjibarndi court stoush continues



THE ongoing legal battle between the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) and the breakaway group Wirlu Murra Yindjibarndi Corporation (WMYAC) will enter another stage when the WA Supreme Court hears whether

YAC has breached the Corporation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act in the appointment of its current directors.

The two parties are in a long-running dispute over the rights to land being mined for iron ore by the Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) at Solomon in the Pilbara.

The YAC's native title claim for exclusive possession of the area known as Yindjibarndi #1 is due to conclude in the Federal Court in March.

But chairman of the Wirlu Murra group John Sandy has launched further legal action, claiming YAC does not have a validly appointed board.

At the YAC AGM in November 2015, they did not achieve the 75% majority needed to elect new board members, resulting in the incumbents continuing in their positions.

YAC chief executive Michael Woodley said he welcomed the Supreme Court investigation, which was due to begin on February 22.

## Third RAP for Life Without Barriers



LIFE Without Barriers, a not-for-profit organisation that assists people who need care, has developed a new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The 2016-2019 Stretch Reconciliation Plan is the organisation's third RAP in the past seven years.

Targets in the latest plan include celebrating National Reconciliation Week, meeting regularly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and individuals, delivering a cross-cultural leadership program and increasing staff knowledge by providing online learning, cultural immersion and awareness events.

The RAP was developed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff.

## New marine park comment wanted



PUBLIC comment is being sought on Western Australia's proposed 1.8 million hectare North Kimberley Marine Park. The proposed park would be the second largest state marine park in Australia behind the Great Barrier Reef

Coast Marine Park, and seven times the size of WA's Ningaloo Marine Park.

The proposed park will include areas with major cultural, spiritual and social connections to local Aboriginal people.

The draft management plan, at [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/northkimberley](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/northkimberley), is open for public comment until May 20.



# WA Aboriginal heritage bill under attack



**CONTROVERSIAL** changes to Western Australia's Aboriginal heritage legislation have divided the State Government, with some MPs warning they won't support the bill in its current form. A motion to restore the bill, which has come under fire

from many Indigenous organisations, to the notice paper passed in Parliament last week after it stagnated for more than a year without debate.

Liberal MP Rob Johnson says he won't support the bill in its current form and the Government should consider withdrawing it, while National MP Brendon Grylls plans to

move amendments to the legislation.

"I believe that if the Government had any integrity, it would simply then withdraw the legislation and come back with what is necessary, come back with what the Labor Party wants, what the National Party wants and what any reasonable, decent, thinking person would

want for Aboriginal people in this state," Mr Johnson said.

Meanwhile, Labor's Ben Wyatt, an Aboriginal man, called for more consultation with Indigenous communities before progressing further, saying the proposed changes would hand the Department of Aboriginal Affairs chief executive complete control in

determining the value of heritage sites. "The CEO can make that decision, if this legislation passes, without speaking to one Aboriginal person," Mr Wyatt said.

"The fact the Government has not debated it since the last week of 2014 suggests to me ... the Government knows there are some problems with this bill."

## Slow and steady the right way for Tweed doctor

By KEIRA JENKINS



**AFTER** eight years of study Gene Slockee, from Tweed Heads in far northern NSW, admits he's taken the "long way around" to becoming a doctor.

Now working at Tweed Hospital on the NSW north coast, the Minjungbal/Widjabal man said he wouldn't change the way he did it.

"I've wanted to be a doctor since high school. I got into Medicine at UNSW in Sydney but I chose to stay here (in Tweed Heads)," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I wanted to stay in my community, so I could be transparent about what I was doing – I didn't want to go away, get my degree and find that everything had changed when I came back."

The father of two eventually started an Exercise Science degree at Griffith University on the Gold Coast, and things took off from there.

On top of his study, Dr Slockee worked for four years at First Sun Employment and Queensland Health.

### "Support"

"You just have to juggle things. But I do have a lot of family support as well," he said.

"My wife is wonderful; she looks after our kids who are six and three. Both our parents are amazing too."

Not even a bout with thyroid cancer could sway Dr Slockee's resolve to become a doctor.

"It just meant I had to shift my focus a bit when little setbacks like that arose. I just took a bit of time out to recover," he said.

Dr Slockee strives to improve the wellbeing of Indigenous Australians and expand other hospital staff members' perspectives on Aboriginal people.

"If you're a dark man working in a hospital, people assume you're Indian or Sri Lankan or something. No



After eight years as a student, Gene Slockee has fulfilled his dream of being a doctor.

one guesses I'm Aboriginal straight up," he said.

"I kind of make a game out of it and ask people if they can guess. But, once I tell them, most are willing to learn."

Dr Slockee is one of two Indigenous doctors out of 30 staff in the Emergency Department at Tweed Hospital.

He said young people looking to go into medical

professions don't necessarily have to be 'smart', they just need a sense of determination.

"You need a good work ethic. You need to apply yourself, always better yourself and improve," he said.

"You will falter and sometimes fail, but you've got to see that as a learning experience – not the end of the world."

## Nuclear dump concern



**ABORIGINAL** people have accused authorities of paying lip service to traditional owners' fears about a proposed nuclear waste dump in the South

Australian outback. The state could earn billions of dollars if it embraces a plan to store large amounts of the world's high-level nuclear waste, the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission has found.

But Australian Nuclear Free Alliance co-chair and Kokatha-Mula woman Sue Coleman-Haseldine says the proposal threatens her people's spiritual health.

"We can't survive in this world without our culture and the land is the main part of that. We've got sacred sites, we've got Dreamtime stories out there," she said.

"We don't seem to be able to get this through the Government's heads, the people's heads. All they see are the dollar signs."

Ms Coleman-Haseldine said the commission's findings, handed down after months of evidence, cherry-picked favourable Aboriginal views.

"If we're not 'yes' people, we're not going to be listened to. There's people who say 'yes, give us the money' without a thought for mankind's future," she said.

Arabunna man Kevin Buzzacott said his people had an obligation to respect the land and preserve it for future generations.



SA Premier Jay Weatherill

He was particularly concerned about the risk of contamination.

"You have to get the stuff there, transfer it from A to B and that's not safe," he said.

"If you have an accidental spillage, then that area's contaminated. I don't know what these people are trying to do to (our) people and country."

Royal commissioner Kevin Scarce, the former SA governor, has moved to allay concerns and says the proposed dump should be scrapped if it can't garner broad community support.

SA Premier Jay Weatherill said he was willing to consider the proposal but a final decision would "put people before money". – AAP

## Palm Island to have desalination plant



**PALM** Island, in north Queensland, has been guaranteed a safe and reliable supply for the next 12 months with the Queensland Government funding a temporary desalination plant.

A failed wet season at Palm Island, off Townsville, had left the 2000 residents in the area with only three or four months of drinking water if the drought continued.

But the State Government says it

has approved a \$7 million safety package, including the desalination plant and other emergency measures, to supply water until February next year.

Deputy Premier and Infrastructure Minister Jackie Trad said the desalination plant would be ready by June to supply the community for nine months.

"This temporary desalination plant will give this community peace of mind that their water will not run out," she said.



# Children at higher risk over injury



INDIGENOUS children and young people are more than one-and-a-half times more likely to be hospitalised with injuries compared to other Australians, according to a new report.

The report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows the rate of injury for Indigenous people aged 18-24 was almost 4000 cases per 100,000 compared with 2280 for other Australians.

AIHW spokesperson Professor James Harrison said the highest rates were among Indigenous children in remote areas.

"In remote and very remote areas over half (51%) of the children and young people hospitalised due to injury were Indigenous despite making up just 36% of the overall population of young people in those two areas," he said.

The highest rate of hospitalised injury in remote areas was 18-24 year-old Indigenous people (7327 cases per 100,000) while the rate for other people in remote areas

was less than half that rate.

"Rates were higher for Indigenous boys and young men than for girls and young women, with the greatest difference in rates of injury occurring at 10-14, where Indigenous boys (2304 cases per 100,000) had rates twice as high as Indigenous girls (1197)," Mr Harrison said.

The most frequent causes of injury for Indigenous children are falls, then assault, transport crashes and intentional self-harm. Falls are also the most frequent cause of injury among other children.

The rate of assault injury among Indigenous boys and young men (428 cases per 100,000) are almost four times higher than that of other Australian males (118), while the rate of assault injury among Indigenous girls and young women (486) was more than 17 times higher than their other Australian counterparts (28).

"Indigenous 18-24-year-olds were also nearly twice as likely to be hospitalised with self-harm injuries at 456 cases per 100,000, compared with 233 for other Australians," Mr Harrison said.



Protect Arnhem Land's Eddie Mason and his wife Rosie.

## Arnhem group wants oil and gas mining stopped



A TRADITIONAL owner group is calling for the Northern Territory Government to stop oil and gas exploration and mining in Arnhem Land.

The group, Protect Arnhem Land, welcomed the recent NT Labor Party decision to put a moratorium on gas fracking if elected.

And now, in the lead-up to this year's NT election, it wants the Government to follow suit.

Spokesman Eddie Mason said his members "want to look after our country, not have it

destroyed and turned into a big gasfield. So far the NT's CLP Government has refused to listen when we have asked for the oil and gas licences to be revoked," he said.

"We don't consent to fracking and no candidate has a chance at these elections if they continue to ignore us.

### "We mean no"

"We have 12 tribes around the Maningrida area who are against this fracking. We have said 'no' and we mean 'no'.

"We're tired of the oil and gas companies coming back and trying to push onto our

land, sneaking around after Christmas when most people are away with family.

"When is this going to stop?"

"Under the *Land Rights Act* we are supposed to have five years until they humbug us again, but they keep coming back and we've had enough.

"We want to look after our land, and spend our time working and teaching culture with our kids, not stuck fighting fracking gasfields.

"We will be meeting across all our tribes and across the Territory this year to get these oil and gas fracking licences revoked."

## Uluru resort wins again



VOYAGES Ayers Rock Resort at Uluru has for the second consecutive year won the Australian Tourism Award for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism.

The resort was recognised for its delivery of free Indigenous

guest activities including bush yarns, garden walks, spear and boomerang throwing, dance and theatre shows as well as advances in Indigenous employment, training and development.

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia chief executive Andrew Williams said it was an honour to again receive the award.



Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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Australian Government  
Department of Health

### Invitation to Apply

### Indigenous Australians' Health Programme – Primary Health Care and New Directions: Mother and Babies Service Funding

The Department of Health is seeking applications for the provision of Indigenous-specific comprehensive primary health care and maternal and child health care services from July 2016 to June 2018 in selected regions of Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia.

Applications are encouraged from health care providers including public, private and community controlled organisations and state and territory governments to deliver Indigenous-specific primary health care and maternal and child health services.

Applicants will be expected to provide culturally appropriate clinical services, population health activities, undertake activities that support service delivery and report against key performance indicators.

More specific information on the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme (IAHP) *Primary Health Care Activity and New Directions – Mothers and Babies Services* can be found on the Department of Health's website at [www.health.gov.au/Indigenous](http://www.health.gov.au/Indigenous).

Funding for these programmes and services applies to certain regions only. Please check the Invitation to Apply documentation for a list of regions offered under this funding.

Entities interested in applying to deliver one or both of the *Primary Health Care* and *New Directions* funded activities should visit the Department of Health's website, Tenders and Grants section, and download the *Invitation to Apply for the IAHP Primary Health Care and/or New Directions - Mothers and Babies Service* funding rounds and *Indigenous Australians' Health Programme Guidelines*.

Applications should be received by no later than **2:00pm (AEDST time) on Wednesday 9 March 2016**.

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# See yourself in the Navy

**H**E describes himself as your average indigenous kid from Brisbane, who could never have imagined the exciting career he would build for himself in the Royal Australian Navy.

“I was inspired by one of my mates, who is indigenous as well, to join the Navy” Jorde said. “I used to see Darren all the time on Facebook just doing something different and I wanted his job.”

Jorde was 23 and studying a Bachelor of Business at university when he decided to apply to join the Navy. He chose to enter the ADF following participation in the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP).

The DIDP is a five-month residential course

that provides young indigenous Australians with exposure to the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Jorde said that the Navy met his expectations for adventure. Far from the average working day his first experience at sea was a rescue.

“We got everyone off of a sinking boat. You just can’t find experiences like that in any other job,” Jorde said. “The more and more I got involved in the Navy I just thought – Wow, this is the ticket.”

As a Boatswain’s Mate Jorde is involved in small boat handling and operations, this includes involvement in boarding operations and force protection. He’s a small arms weapon specialist and is skilled when it comes to tying knots, ropework; work with wires, buoys and shackles.

Jorde said the best thing about the Navy is its culture, it’s like a family unit, they accept everyone, and you work together as a team, there is a great sense of community at sea.

“I think the more indigenous people who come into the forces, the more it sets a positive example for not just indigenous people, but for the rest of Australia as well.”

“I believe I’ve found my calling in life in the Navy. I see myself being a leader amongst my crew, my shipmates, a leader amongst my people; someone to look up to.”

To pursue an exciting career that allows you to travel the world and perform a wide array of interesting seamanship tasks visit <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>.



Able Seaman (AB) Jorde Lenoy from the Kalkadoon and Gunganji people joined the Navy four years ago as a Boatswain’s Mate.

**The Army is currently recruiting for various roles. For more information on military training and careers in the Defence Force visit: [defencejobs.gov.au](http://defencejobs.gov.au) or call 13 19 01**



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Australian Government  
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New Inquiry

## Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture

The Australian Government has asked the Productivity Commission to undertake a public inquiry into Australia's marine fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

In undertaking the inquiry, the Commission has been asked to identify opportunities to increase productivity and cut unnecessary and costly regulation, including where regulations are poorly coordinated between jurisdictions. The Productivity Commission invites public participation in this inquiry.

The Productivity Commission is the Australian Government's independent research and advisory body on microeconomic policy and regulation. The Commission's final report is to be provided to the Australian Government by December 2016.

To register your interest in this inquiry, or to obtain further information, including the full terms of reference, please visit the inquiry webpage. Alternatively, contact Pragya Giri by phone +61 2 6240 3250 or email [fisheries.inquiry@pc.gov.au](mailto:fisheries.inquiry@pc.gov.au).

Website: [www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/fisheries](http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/fisheries)

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Transport  
Roads & Maritime  
Services

## Aboriginal Heritage The Horsley Drive Upgrade

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for The Horsley Drive, in Horsley Park and Bossley Park to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

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Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 9 March 2016.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to carry out a Stage 3 Aboriginal Heritage Investigation for proposed work to The Horsley Drive between Wallgrove Road, Horsley Park and Cowpasture Road, Bossley Park.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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Destiny Haz Arrived will lead the First Nations float at Mardi Gras.

# Let's dance for Mardi Gras



ORGANISERS of this year's First Nations Mardi Gras float are asking people to put on their red shoes and dance for the parade on March 5 in Sydney. Bundjalung drag queen Destiny Haz Arrived will lead the way for the float, followed by the Dreamtime Divas, flag bearers, and 23 dancers from NAISDA dance college on the NSW central coast.

The dance mix, compiled by DJ Brett Austin, includes a tribute to the late David Bowie.

Organiser Mish Sparks said Bowie's

*Let's Dance* was chosen because it was written as a protest against racism in Australia.

"It's a recognition of him and commemoration of his life, but it's also a recognition of his continual fight to raise awareness of Indigenous people," she said.

The float is already booked out, with all the 100 tickets allocated being taken within three weeks.

But there are plenty of other ways to get involved, including workshops to paint and decorate the float and the double-storey bus.

SBS TV will have coverage of the

parade on the following day, March 6.

Ms Sparks thanked all the First Nations float supporters and everyone who helped in designing and making costumes for the parade.

"It's an important way to give a platform to the culture and the resilience of Indigenous LGBTQI people," she said. "It's a great way for people to access resources and support, and recognise and celebrate the diversity in our community."

For more information visit [facebook.com/AboriginalProjectACON](http://facebook.com/AboriginalProjectACON) and use #2deadlytogether to tag pictures on social media.

# IBA headed in 'bold direction'



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) says it is well placed to meet its commitments in the coming year. IBA's 2014-15 annual report, tabled in

Federal Parliament this month, revealed its programs resulted in more than 500 new home loans, supported almost 900 jobs for Indigenous people, and over \$19 million in cash distributions.

Chief executive Chris Fry said overall, IBA had a total comprehensive surplus of \$6.9 million and was well placed to meet operating commitments.

"Rising house prices hit our home loan market in terms of affordability, yet we still approved 517 home loans totalling \$149.6 million and celebrated 40 years of the Indigenous Home

Ownership Program," he said.

"With 49 new business loans approved, worth a total of \$18.3 million, our business loan customers supported a total of 1122 jobs, with 614 or 55% held by Indigenous Australians.

"Our investments delivered a return on equity of 5.7% in 2014-15, supported 241 jobs for Indigenous Australians, and generated cash distributions of \$19.6 million to IBA and its Indigenous partners.

"I have been pleased to see the positive response to the Indigenous Real Estate Investment Trust (I-REIT), which has increased in value and delivered strong returns for the financial year of 8.75 cents per unit to investors."

The Indigenous Real Estate Investment Trust holds five commercial

properties and has a net asset value in excess of \$87 million.

Mr Fry believes the next year will be another of challenge and opportunity.

"The board has set a bold direction for IBA with innovative and commercial strategies to generate sustainable economic growth," he said.

"We have been exploring alternative models to utilise our capital and resources more efficiently, deliver modern banking products and services to customers, and expand IBA's capacity to assist Indigenous Australians.

"I am confident the impact will be quite profound for Indigenous Australians and for IBA through better commercial loans, better investments, and better engagement with the corporate world."

The report is at [iba.gov.au/reports/](http://iba.gov.au/reports/)





Damien Shen



# Shen wins another art honour

By KEIRA JENKINS



SOUTH Australia's Damien Shen has won the Blake Art Prize Emerging Artist Award worth \$6000 for his work *On the Fabric of the Ngarrindjeri Body* (pictured above).

It's the latest prize for his etching, which also won the 2015 Prospect Portraiture Prize and was a finalist in last year's Telstra Art Awards.

"I'm proud to have presented a bit of history to people on a national stage that a lot of people don't know about," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I created it last year at a two-week

print-making course. It focuses on the idea of the theft of Ngarrindjeri remains.

"It also references the work of (Dutch 16th century anatomy expert) Andreas Vesalius. He studied the remains of criminals, or people who couldn't afford to be buried.

"I feel his practice is similar to what happened to my people – their remains were stolen and sent overseas to study."

Mr Shen said he draws on his Ngarrindjeri and Chinese heritage as inspiration for his work.

"I want to keep exploring the theme of stolen remains and continue to produce work about that for a few

years," he said. "I've only been exhibiting for a little while but I wanted to improve my creativity and not just let it fall to the wayside. That's what made me pick up the pencil again."

The 39-year-old hopes his work will give audiences the opportunity to see Aboriginal art in new ways.

"The important thing to me is that art gives me the opportunity to tell a story and educate myself through researching the different themes I run with," Mr Shen said.

"I can then educate the wider public through displaying my work in a wider public forum. I feel very fortunate to be able to do this."

# Fewer deaths the goal in WA



NEW measures introduced by the Western Australian Government aimed at reducing Aboriginal deaths in custody have been welcomed by the WA Deaths in

Custody Watch Committee. But committee spokesman Marc Newhouse said that while they were a step in the right direction, they were not enough.

The WA Government measures include 24/7 management of a free-call number by the Department of Corrective Services, with the number expanded to include referrals from all police lock-ups across the state.

Aboriginal people in Corrective Services custody, their families, friends or advocates can use the number to seek advice and support from an Aboriginal person, or staff member who has undergone cultural awareness

**"We would argue that (the WA hotline) would be better placed to be run by an Aboriginal-controlled organisation ..."**

training. Those in police custody can now also access the scheme.

Mr Newhouse said that, on one hand, the new resources were "very positive".

"But on the other hand we haven't really been consulted so it's not

surprising that there are gaps in what they've come up with," he said.

"We would argue that (the WA hotline) would be better placed to be run by an Aboriginal-controlled organisation, operated by Aboriginal people, and with some degree of separation from the department.

Mr Newhouse said use of the hotline should be mandatory for all Aboriginal inmates and the program needs to be independent

from the Department of Justice if it is going to be effective. "We don't want to see a situation where we have this 1800 number and no one is using it," he said.

"That would just be pointless and a waste of money."



Local Land Services Greater Sydney

## Aboriginal Grants Program

Greater Sydney Local Land Services Aboriginal Grants program is now open. Grants up to \$30,000 are available. Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and Catchment Action NSW funding will be provided to Aboriginal community groups, Aboriginal Land Councils, schools and individuals for projects that meet at least one of the program objectives listed below.

- To build community awareness, participation, skills and knowledge in caring for their environment, including Aboriginal knowledge and participation.
- Support Aboriginal people to manage projects across culturally significant landscapes and values.
- Employ and/or support the skills of Aboriginal people to work with natural systems.

Applications close at 5pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016. An expression of interest form is available by contacting:

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## Aboriginal Heritage

Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for Archbold Road, Eastern Creek to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

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T: (02) 8849 2583

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 9 March 2016.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to carry out a Stage 3 Aboriginal Heritage Investigation for proposed work to Archbold Road between Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek and the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
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# DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



### Theresa Dalton

Bundjalung woman

Lismore, NSW

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Turtle, kangaroo and emu. I love it all.

**Favourite other food?**  
Thai and Japanese.

**Favourite drink?**  
Pear cider and water.

**Favourite music?**  
R'n'b, reggae and country.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Rugby league. I don't support a particular club, but I love the All Stars – and I'm a real fan of Johnathan Thurston.

**Favourite read?**  
*Koori Mail*, and anything with an Aboriginal background.

**What are you watching?**  
*Orange is the New Black* on TV.

**What do you like in life?**  
Right now, I like seeing our Indigenous culture being brought back into schools.

**What don't you like?**  
Double standards, racism and communities falling apart.

**Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Uncle Archie Roach, Uncle Jimmy Little and Aunty Ruby Langford Ginibi. Uncle Jimmy and Aunty Ruby are truly inspiring people who sadly have passed on.

**If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?**  
I'd encourage our people to take advantage of any opportunity to better their lives and that of their families. And to stand strong in what they believe.

**Editor's note:** Theresa has left the *Koori Mail* after almost 10 years' service. She will be missed.

## Quote



**"It's a non-question – the game won't be lost."**

– Indigenous rugby league All Stars halfback Jamie Soward commenting on the future of the All Stars concept

● See page 62

## Unquote

# Put those words into action, PM

If there was one good thing to come out of the latest Closing the Gap report, it was Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's promise to listen to and work with Indigenous communities, rather than simply deliver to them.

"The headline statistics in this (Closing the Gap) report do not recognise the diversity that exists in your culture, language and experiences," he told Parliament, just after beginning his address in the Ngunawal language of the traditional owners of Canberra.

Fine words, Mr Turnbull. Now it's time for action.

How about the Indigenous Advancement Strategy for a start? National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins, who also co-chairs the Close the Gap Campaign, rightly points it out as an example of poorly implemented and planned government policy.

As she says, this is where the problem lies.

"The best way of working with us is to engage in meaningful dialogue, which means they (government) have to listen," the Indigenous affairs veteran said.

As we've said many times before, the best – and only – way to bring about important, lasting change in



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is to listen to the very people involved.

Anything else really is doomed to failure.

**D**EBATE on the future of the rugby league's All Stars match seems to emerge this time every year.

The rugby league pre-season calendar is full and the All Stars match now competes with the lucrative Auckland Nines tournament and the World Club Challenge.

Something has to give.

If this keeps going, elite players will be worn out before the season proper starts.

Support for the All Stars concept has come from people in high places, including Australian Rugby League Commission chief John Grant and Brisbane Broncos and World All Stars coach Wayne Bennett. Grant says that the All Stars concept is 'safe'.

But for how long?

## Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

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



# Education the key for this teacher



Queanbeyan teacher and community stalwart Rosie Whitehead. Picture: Keira Jenkins

**T**HREE decades ago a young Rosemaree Whitehead saw firsthand blatant racism that was to change the course of her life – and that of many others.

Appalled by what was happening at the Griffith, southern NSW, school where she was a junior Aboriginal education assistant (AEA), the young Rosie decided to take action.

Rather than fight from the outside, the Gangalidda (north-west Queensland) woman made education her weapon of choice, using a specialised program at the University of Western

Sydney to extend her qualifications and graduate as a teacher.

Fast forward 30-odd years and the now mother of three and grandmother of two is happily teaching at Queanbeyan, southern NSW, a community she has made her own and where she is active among her people.

Yes, she says, there have been changes for the better when it comes to education for Indigenous children.

“But there’s still a way to go,” she tells the *Koori Mail*.

“There have been improvements to the NSW education syllabus. I believe

they’re on the right track.

“But there’s such a great need for more cultural education. With things like the Stolen Generation, a lot of our people just don’t know about their culture.

### “Desperate need”

“I see a real need for this, and the chance for schools to work with communities to help reconnect our people; to give them what many are missing and desperately need.

“The Government needs to acknowledge this and provide the funds to make it happen”

Ms Whitehead practises what she preaches, returning

every year to her family and country in Queensland’s remote Gulf region.

“It’s a long way to go, but more than worth it. Just to see family and reconnect makes all the difference.”

It’s not just in the classroom where Ms Whitehead is campaigning for improvements.

She’s active in the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), NSW’s principal source of Indigenous education and training advice.

Ms Whitehead has been a driving force for AECG in the south-east Illawarra region, which covers up to 100 schools. And, if the opportunity

arises, she’d like to widen her involvement.

“The AECG has the ear of government and is vital for helping our people,” she said.

“We’ve gotten a lot done in my area, and I’d welcome any chance to extend that further.”

But for now Ms Whitehead’s happy to be changing young lives in the classroom and taking a leading role in her chosen community.

“The other day one of my students came up and said, ‘I’m glad you’re my teacher because you’re Aboriginal and you’ve got a lot of knowledge,’” she said.

“Makes it all worthwhile.”

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# Good sports forge strong friendship



Taliqa Clancy enjoys the sand in Adelaide.  
Picture: Peter Argent



Tallisha Harden wears the 2015 Queensland Reds Super Rugby Indigenous Round jumper.  
Picture: Sportography-QRU

By GRAHAM HUNT



THEY met as 12-year-olds and have been the best of buddies since, even though

their careers have taken different tacks that have carried them to the top in Australian women's sport.

Taliqa Clancy is regarded as Australia's best beach volleyballer, while her close friend, Tallisha Harden, is a former Australian indoor volleyball representative, Australian rugby sevens player, Australian Jillaroos rugby league player and now a community ambassador for the National Rugby League (NRL).

Ms Harden, a Torres Strait Islander woman, was a member of the Australian junior and youth volleyball teams between 2007-10, the Australian women's indoor volleyball team from 2010 to 2013, played with the Australian rugby 7s women's squad in 2013-14, was in the Australian rugby 7s extended squad in 2015, and in the Australian Indigenous All Stars rugby league team in 2014-15.

Ms Harden still is involved with rugby union – she is the general manager of the Classic Wallabies Exchange, run from Brisbane by the Eidos Institute.

Ms Harden told the *Koori Mail* that she and Ms Clancy met when they were 12 years old.

"At the time, Taliqa was living up in Kingaroy and she would travel down to Brisbane regularly to play volleyball," she said. "Taliqa came from a netball background, but excelled quickly at volleyball.

"We both played indoor volleyball and bonded over the fact that we were Indigenous, fiercely competitive and could



Taliqa Clancy and Tallisha Harden in the Queensland girls' team competing in the Trans-Tasman volleyball tournament, Brisbane, in June 2009. Taliqa is in the middle of the back row and vice-captain Tallisha is fourth from left in the front row.

just relax and have a good yarn outside of training."

The two were "best mates all through high school" and both moved to Holland Park High in Brisbane in 2008 to further their volleyball development.

"A usual day for us involved going to school, going to movies, venturing down to the beach, relaxing at home with family, shopping or just hanging out and being kids," Ms Harden said.

"Our families know each other extremely well and I think I was at Taliqa's every day after school without fail.

"In total, we probably spent about six or seven years playing together at school, metropolitan, state and Australian levels."

The two girls were teammates at Holland Park State High (Australian volleyball schools champions, 2008, 2009); under 15, 16, 17 and 19 Queensland volleyball; under 16 and 18 Queensland schoolgirls volleyball; under 16 and 18 Australian schoolgirls volleyball; Australian youth and junior volleyball squads and in the Queensland Academy of Sport

volleyball (beach and indoor).

"Tee (Taliqa) and I also won gold together at the under 19 Australian junior beach volleyball championships in 2010 and silver at the under 23 Australian junior beach volleyball championships in 2011," Ms Harden said.

## Different paths

"It was probably in 2011 when our sporting careers started to take different directions.

"Taliqa had been offered an AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) scholarship in Adelaide for beach volleyball with the hope of going to the 2016 Olympics.

"I had started to work my way up through the ranks of Australian indoor volleyball.

"In the past few years, especially, we've chosen very different paths but remain close and have always supported each other through everything.

"Taliqa remains well on track to reach her goal and compete at the 2016 Rio Olympics with (playing partner) Louise Bawden after a couple of very successful years on the world tour and

Australian national beach tour.

"I was a part of the Australian indoor women's volleyball team in 2012-13 before making the transition to rugby 7s and now rugby league. Taliqa works as a mentor as part of the Port Adelaide Australian Football Club community team and I work for the Classic Wallabies Indigenous Exchange and the NRL as a community ambassador."

Part of Ms Harden's job at the Eidos Institute is to organise Indigenous volunteers to work in community projects in South Africa.

Kingaroy is a long way from the beach and it has been quite a journey for Ms Clancy to become a champion in her chosen sport.

Before moving to Brisbane, she attended St John's Lutheran School in Kingaroy, where she played indoor volleyball.

She would travel to Brisbane once a week for training and indoor competitions and later played for the Gladstone Sharks and then with Holland Park.

But it was the lure of the Olympics that drew Ms Clancy to beach volleyball.

When she learned that beach volleyball was an Olympic sport, that was enough to convince her to make the switch from indoor to the sand.

Her family, at times, struggled to keep Ms Clancy making the weekly trips to Brisbane and her mother Shannon had to work double shifts to make ends meet.

The cost burden was relieved significantly when Ms Clancy was invited to join the AIS in Adelaide and she and her mum relocated to South Australia. Ms Clancy will find out in July if she had made the team for this year's Olympics in Brazil.





## Narungga festival a success

THIS year's Gynburra Festival was a huge success, with more than 500 Narungga and wider community members attending and enjoying the festivities over the two days.

This was a great turnout and I believe the festival has reached its aims of promoting our people.

There was plenty for everyone, with a jumping castle and water slide for the kids, women's business activities including massages, manicures, pedicures and laughs and, of course, the men and boys contested the annual butterfish competition. The Open Men's Clem Graham Snr Memorial Trophy was won by local Josh Smith, while the under 18s Geoffrey 'Scooby' Webb Memorial Trophy was a closer affair, with just a centimetre in it – Kieran Wanganeen pipping Tyson Reid for the title.

We are providing our community with a celebration event that showcases our culture and connection to country, creating more awareness and acknowledgement as traditional owners.

I can tell you now, next year's Gynburra Festival will be even bigger.

**GARRY GOLDSMITH**  
Port Victoria  
Narungga Country, SA



Greg Wanganeen, Josh Smith and Joseph Burgoyne hold three of the many butterfish caught during the festival.

## POETRY

### Taste of Bliss

You kissed me first,  
I kissed you back,  
It'd been so long since I felt  
like that,  
Innocent,  
But scary,  
Mysterious,  
Yet clean.  
A momentary visit back to a  
teenage dream...  
I think of all those wasted  
years and  
all the things I've seen.  
I fantasise of what's to come,  
I wonder where you've been.

My body is aquiver,  
Your lips so soft and moist,  
We linger on hot breath a  
while,  
As if we have a choice,  
A touch of tongue,  
That warm embrace,  
A guilty look upon our face.

Old enough near to retire,  
A single kiss our hearts afire.  
What a charming life is this,  
All the years that we exist,  
Returned to youth with but a  
kiss,  
A life renewing...  
Taste of Bliss.

'ICKI' and IRENE HOWE  
Browns Plains, QLD

### Why Discriminate?

Beautiful Childlike Aboriginals  
With Eyes That Glow With  
Innocence  
Standing In The Shadows  
Hiding From The World's  
Wickedness.

Not Wanting To Be A Part  
Of The Racial Tension Today  
So Behind The Rocks And  
Trees  
Is Where They've Run To  
Stay.

Why Should They Be Defiled  
When They Can Be So Pure  
Away From All The Rubbish  
Is Where Nature Brings The  
Cure.

Discriminate If You Want  
But You Will Have No Rest  
Let These Words Speak To  
You  
And Remember What I've  
Said.

Why Do You Put Out Bad  
Energy  
Toward This Native Bunch  
I'm Sure You'll Be Rewarded  
In Your Nose The Hardest  
Punch.

**Abi DRabi**  
Sydney, NSW

# Evil act in west

THE Premier of Western Australia (Colin Barnett) has stated that mining companies will not be responsible for funding remote Aboriginal communities.

Well, Premier Barnett, if mining companies will not be responsible for the rape, pillage and plundering of Aboriginal people's sacred lands and waterways, then the State of Western Australia should and must ensure that 5% of WA's gross domestic product per year is available to keep Aboriginal people in WA on Country and in their communities. This money will also help with health, housing and Aboriginal cultural education across the board.

This is a case of the rich conservative

governments looking after their mates in the mining industry.

Aboriginal sacred sites are still being de-registered and de-classified in WA to clear lands and waterways of any and all Aboriginal sacred connections. This entire process is to rid the land of Aboriginal occupation, thus opening the way for the mining sector.

It's genocide on a grand scale. Shame on you Colin Barnett.

### Evil act

This is nothing but an evil act designed to rid the land of the Aboriginal population.

The international community needs to intervene as the three tiers of Australian

governments are not acting in the best interest of the Aboriginal population of this country.

The system is broken when a premier makes statements on behalf of mining companies. Mates looking after mates?

Aboriginal people are still being moved off country and into towns where they will end up homeless and outside grog shops, living at rubbish dumps, parks and dying from sickness and disease.

One word. Genocide!

**IVA HAYWARD JACKSON**  
Nyungah man  
Western Australia

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# Our women need support

**M**Y extended family and children are Indigenous Australians and I have had a unique opportunity to compare my own lived experience as a white woman to my Indigenous sisters.

I have watched store owners scrutinise my Indigenous family to ensure they did not steal anything.

I have seen my Indigenous classmates ignored while my requests are answered.

My parents and teachers always encouraged me to pursue my academic ambitions, but I know many, many Indigenous girls who never received the same positive support from anyone in their community.

I have always had the confidence to speak up and be heard, while so many of my Indigenous friends and family would never dare.

I fear my daughters are heading into a world which will distrust and undervalue them purely because they are Indigenous and will not encourage them to succeed.

The negative attitudes and expectations of Australians towards Indigenous women reinforces the negative self-view Indigenous women feel everyday. These attitudes contribute to the disparity in achievement between themselves and their non-Indigenous counterparts.

We do not expect Indigenous women to succeed. We do not expect them to finish school, or university, or become doctors or politicians. We expect them to drop out of school early and never

achieve anything of substance.

And perhaps worst of all, we do not include them in areas that matter.

As Australians engage with renewed debate on the domestic violence issue, it is shocking that a community so overly represented in the statistical data has not been given their own voice.

Indigenous women are 34 times more likely to be hospitalised as a result of domestic violence. Most shockingly they are 11 times more likely to die as a result of domestic violence compared to other women.

Why were these statistics not acknowledged in the Federal Government's \$100 million Women's Safety Package?

We must take further steps to investigate the root cause of these devastating statistics and stop domestic violence in Indigenous homes before it starts.

The prevailing attitude of the community has always been to place the onus for safety on the victim. This attitude does not address the inherent power imbalance between men and women, let alone the unique dynamics faced by Indigenous Australians.

Indigenous women are also overrepresented in teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. In 2009, the pregnancy rate amongst Indigenous girls under age 20 was four times that of the general population. Indigenous people suffer from significantly higher rates of sexually transmitted infections, including



**Renee White**

HPV, gonorrhoea and syphilis.

There is a noticeable lack of easily accessible and culturally relevant health services for Indigenous women, particularly those which can educate and treat preventable disease and pregnancy. I personally know many Indigenous women who have little understanding of the mechanics of pregnancy due to a lack of sexual health education, and who are too embarrassed to see a doctor to discuss contraception and their sexual health. Many are afraid they will be judged and looked down upon.

In one terribly sad example, I knew a woman who avoided doctors her whole pregnancy which resulted in a devastating stillbirth.

Indigenous women are three times more likely to die in childbirth than the general population. The infant mortality rate for Indigenous babies is 12.2 per 1000 live births, compared to 4.4 per 1000 live births for non-Indigenous babies.

These statistics are absolutely unacceptable in a country that claims to be at the forefront of medical advancement.

Educational outcomes for Indigenous women are equally disheartening. In 2006 (the latest available data), only 20% of Indigenous girls were completing secondary schooling. There are many contributing factors to this appalling statistic, but in my view the heart of the issue is that our school system is not designed for Indigenous girls.

Indigenous girls are often quiet and shy and are overlooked in classes full of confident, boisterous children.

The Aboriginal concept of 'shame' attaches a lot of embarrassment and stigma to many things, from talking about sexual topics to participating in a class discussion. A culturally adapted educational delivery model is the only solution to make progress in closing the educational gap.

Most importantly, the broader Australian community attitude towards Indigenous people needs to change. All Australians should be proud of our Indigenous history and

culture, yet somehow we have become a nation where our Indigenous people are something foreign and unfamiliar, the stuff of either fairy stories or rude jokes.

We need to create a culture where Indigenous art, music, and literature is a part of our national identity. Students should be taught about Indigenous customs as part of our general curriculum and not just as a topic to be quickly covered and undervalued.

Indigenous culture must be preserved and the languages taught in schools. There are people all over the world who speak German, French and Italian, but once Indigenous language is uttered for the last time, it is gone forever.

As the caretakers of the next generation, Indigenous women need to be supported, empowered, educated and celebrated. They hold their families together, teach their children, inspire one another and defy the odds every day.

Australia can be at the forefront of closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens.

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# Procuring prosperity

**A**T a recent business lunch, the people on my table were discussing how to create commerce in Indigenous communities. After a while, an Aboriginal mate of mine who owns a cattle station spoke up, saying "We're always talking about communities doing this and communities doing that. Communities don't conduct business. Business is about individuals making money."

Indigenous Australians have valuable assets, including land rights and compensation funds. Most of these assets are communally owned through statutory or community bodies.

The systems underpinning these bodies are based on principles applicable to semi-nomadic, hunter-gatherer societies operating as a collective. They aren't designed for individual prosperity and, therefore, economic development.

More often than not they create structural barriers that frustrate Indigenous participation in the real economy. Take private home ownership. Currently there's a fierce political debate about property taxes and negative gearing. Listening to this debate it's obvious how important home ownership is to the financial security and prosperity of most Australians.

Traditional Indigenous lands are the only places in Australia where private home ownership is not legally (or practically) allowed. In most Indigenous communities, people live in social housing owned

by government or Indigenous bodies. Many Indigenous Australians simply don't have an opportunity to build financial security through home ownership in their own community.

Statutory and community bodies aren't designed for commercial activity. Sure, they can own assets and businesses and generate income. Sure, their assets and income theoretically belong to the community. But community members have no way to directly access those assets or decide how money is spent. They aren't shareholders entitled to dividends. Wealth generated by the organisation either remains within it or is spent, frequently paid to people outside the community.

Here's an illustration. Say a community organisation implements a multi-million-dollar tourism project. Sounds like an economic development opportunity, right? Not necessarily.

Projects like these can happen with no economic development for the community whatsoever. How? The organisation hires outside contractors to build the infrastructure and employs non-community members to work in the operation. Because locals don't have the skills.

Many of the organisation's own management and staff may be from outside the community, too. What remains after paying wages and contracts can't be distributed to members, so the organisation spends it on, say, a community



**Nyunggai Warren Mundine**

health program, also staffed by professionals from outside the community. And that's how you deliver a multi-million-dollar community project with no economic participation by community members.

Here's a different example. An individual establishes a small business taking tourists camping and bushwalking. The business grows and takes on staff. Another individual sees an opportunity to set up a mobile coffee and food van.

Another offers art and cultural tours. Another takes the tourists fishing. Another sets up a small accommodation lodge. And so on.

Ironically, this small initiative driven by a few individuals would generate more economic participation by locals than the multi-million-dollar project.

Economic development doesn't require massive projects. And it certainly doesn't require community-based initiatives. Most economies in the world have been built by individuals making a go of it and starting small.

The Federal Government has introduced two major policies to encourage Indigenous employment and business – the Indigenous Procurement Policy, which assists Indigenous-owned businesses to win government contracts; and the Indigenous Enterprise Development Fund, which matches commercial lending to fund commercially sustainable businesses.

These policies have enormous potential to support Indigenous economic development, particularly in remote areas. But both policies are open to not-for-profit groups and social enterprises.

It's the wrong approach.

The point of these policies is to encourage enterprise and entrepreneurship and help Indigenous people build livelihoods. This can only happen through for-profit businesses. That's why I've advised government that both initiatives should be closed to charities, social enterprises and

other not-for-profit organisations, including land councils.

As these examples illustrate, developments deliver little for Indigenous communities if they don't create jobs for local people. So I've also advised government that the procurement policy require businesses have a minimum of 25% Indigenous employment to qualify for concessions. And that any company with 75% or more Indigenous employment should qualify for the concessions, regardless of who owns it.

The Government has made a good start with these two policies. It must also remove the structural barriers to commerce and private ownership, starting by implementing the recommendations of the Investigation into Indigenous Land Administration and Use Report to COAG released late last year.

World history tells us that economic development is achieved in systems that allow commerce, a free market, private ownership and using land as an economic asset.

It may seem counter-intuitive, but economic development at a community level mostly occurs when people aspire to build prosperity at a personal level.

Pursuing prosperity for ourselves and our families is how we create strong communities.

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# Redemption song



**Woolombi Waters**

Where do we start with (radio commentator) Alan Jones? I'm not even going to bother repeating what was said, rather just voice my frustration in saying, 'Here we go again!'

This is not some here today, gone tomorrow radio shock jock; this is the voice of Australian conservatism with a career dating back to the 1970s.

Jones was a speechwriter for Malcolm Fraser and remains a regular MC of many Liberal Party and business functions and lists some of the most influential power brokers in this country among his closest friends. He has even received a Queen's Birthday honour as an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Australia is far from the tolerant, sensitive enlightened nation some would like to pretend it to be. Instead, we have a history of racial conflict, denial, austerity and mean-spirited politics that maintain social and cultural capital in the hands of a privileged few who determine our ideology, national consciousness and identity.

This goes hand in hand with very powerful families who have made billions in exploiting Aboriginal lands while labelling Aboriginal people as "inferior" and "not contributing to Australian public life, prosperity or culture".

In the 1980s, mining magnate the late Lang Hancock stated on national television that the answer to the "Aboriginal problem" would be to "dope the water up so that they were sterile and would breed themselves out".

It was Hancock's daughter Gina Rinehart who said in 2012 that Australians need to work harder to compete with "Africans who are willing work for less than \$2 a day".

Did it ever occur to Ms Rinehart that what she is describing many would call slave labour? In fact there is an international lawsuit against a number of chocolate companies, including Hershey, Mars and Nestle, alleging that these companies deceived consumers into unwittingly funding child slave labour in West Africa.

Yes, even that chocolate you like comes at a price.

What makes Australia unique is that the disparity in suffering the resource extraction industry brings to Indigenous people is not occurring in other parts of the world, it is happening in marginalised Aboriginal communities right here in Australia.

It's a point made very clear in yet another failed 'Closing the Gap' report presented by our Prime Minister earlier this month.

I looked up archival news footage regarding how Hancock built his resource empire and found the following: "...bad weather forced West Australian grazier Lang Hancock to fly his aircraft below the clouds in the Pilbara region where he observed an iron ore escarpment. Hancock convinced the Western Australian Government to lift a ban that prevented him from staking a claim on the iron ore he had chanced upon. Hancock thereby became one of Australia's wealthiest individuals as well as Australia's most famous mining magnate during the first major mineral boom and beyond." – (*Dig A Million Make A Million*, ABC, 1969)

There is nothing resourceful, innovative or inspired in how this white man chanced upon his discovery of iron ore. Instead it remains the theft of Aboriginal resources as part of an ongoing genocide and attempted holocaust that started with Arthur Phillip's first arriving with the First Fleet in Sydney Cove in 1788.

Australia is, in reality, a crime scene. And that crime is colonialism through a history of conquest.

Across the Western world, Indigenous lands and resources have been stolen and exploited for profit. As a result, media, government and free market neocolonialism exist as a transnational capitalist class, seeking to squeeze ever-greater profits out of whatever can be found, appropriated, and presented in the market place.

And that is what Alan Jones is really defending in his allegations against us.

In deflecting the truth, colonialism will never

have to answer for its sins, as we are not even capable of looking after our children in need of protection.

The situation is so much more insidious and corrupt than false calls for 'a new Stolen Generation'. It hides the crimes of the past, which is why such commentary is so popular amongst those who have benefitted the most from our suffering.

The Western world is becoming more anti-Muslim, anti-refugee, anti-black skin and, yes,

more anti-Aboriginal by the day, and the likes of Alan Jones maintain the rage by continuing to issue statements of vague generalities about how "things ought to be better" while at the same time acting to maintain Indigenous appropriation and capitalisation of the world.

I had always believed Bob Marley was singing to Black people when he said, 'Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery.'

It is now I understand he was talking to the white man.

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# Funds for NT regions



THE Northern Territory government has announced a \$28.3 million funding injection for the Alparra and Utopia regions of central Australia. Chief Minister Adam Giles said the funding will provide

new housing, better roads and more water supply as part of a plan to improve living conditions in remote communities.

The funding stems from recent community meetings held to determine priority projects.

"It will see new houses built, existing houses upgraded, roads

improved, sewerage upgraded and additional water supplies secured," Mr Giles said.

## Strategy

The funding announcement comes a week after Mr Giles announced his Aboriginal affairs strategy, six months from an

election and three-and-a-half years after the Country Liberals seized power, thanks to a strong vote in Aboriginal communities.

But the Government has been dogged by complaints that it broke election promises to the bush, and MPs Alison Anderson and Larisa Lee quit the party in

protest to sit as independents as a result.

"My Government strongly believes that the integral link between economic and cultural success is through local Aboriginal people gaining access to and participating in a local economy," Mr Giles said. — AAP

## SA department aims to double Indigenous staff



SOUTH Australia's Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has moved to double its Indigenous workforce as part of moves to highlight the State Government's commitment to reconciliation.

Department chief executive Kym Winter-Dewhirst committed to doubling the DPC workforce proportion to 4% by July.

"As a leader in the public sector, and as the chief agency for the Premier, we have a significant role to play in promoting reconciliation," he said.

"By the end of this financial year, our Indigenous workforce within DPC will increase from 24 to at least 54 people."

Mr Winter-Dewhirst said the DPC was also initiating a professional development program for Indigenous employees to help enhance their skills and broaden the knowledge base in the department.

"We are initiating a cultural exchange program involving both private and public sector organisations in other jurisdictions that offer progressive Indigenous employment programs," he said.

"This will offer an exciting opportunity for Indigenous staff members to learn from other organisations and gain new skills and new perspectives on business practices.

"It will also give them a chance to see how Indigenous employment programs work in other jurisdictions, helping us strengthen our own programs.

"DPC will also offer five days' cultural leave for Aboriginal employees in addition to their existing entitlements."



Gooniyandi Rangers on their first cane toad field trip in the Kimberley region, from left, Anthony Dawson, Bevan Green, Virgil Chereh, Russell Smith and Hugh James.

## Festival to have its own area at Byron Bluesfest



THE Boomerang Festival will have its own precinct at next month's Byron Bay Bluesfest on the NSW far north coast.

But, while pleased to be part of Bluesfest, Boomerang's Rhoda Roberts is still working towards regaining stand-alone status for the festival she founded.

The Boomerang precinct will be the venue for a range of workshops, talks and dancing over the Easter long weekend.

Headline Indigenous music acts, including Archie Roach and East Journey, will be part of the main Bluesfest program.

Ms Roberts said that for lesser-known artists, Boomerang and Bluesfest will be a real opportunity.

"Having the festival at Bluesfest this year means artists have the opportunity to perform to an audience they might not be able to access otherwise," the arts veteran said.

"It's really exciting because people who've never had a chance to visit Boomerang will get to this year."

Ms Roberts told the *Koori Mail* her longer-term goal is to get Boomerang back to a separate festival. "We're hoping to get more support from this exposure and start a slow-grow process to return to a sustainable, stand-alone festival," she said.

The five-day Bluesfest starts on March 24. More details at [www.boomerangfestival.com.au](http://www.boomerangfestival.com.au)

# Project targets toad threat in Kimberley



A NEW project under way on Gooniyandi country in Western Australia's Kimberley is targeting one of the biggest threats to the local environment and culture — cane toads.

The introduced pest is spreading west into the country around Fitzroy Crossing, devastating native wildlife on the way.

That's why the Kimberley Land Council-facilitated Gooniyandi Rangers and Environs Kimberley (EK) are working to do what they can in the face of huge odds.

With support from Rangelands NRM and funding from the Federal Government, the rangers are being

taught how to identify cane toads and understand the potential effect on native species.

EK project officer Steve Reynolds said the project involves merging traditional knowledge with Western science to better understand the state of the species affected.

"Cane toads have a poison gland behind their ears, which can cause irritation, and when ingested can prove fatal," he said.

## Extinction

Mr Reynolds said the sheer number of cane toads crossing the Kimberley could mean the extinction of some native species.

"This project seeks to reduce these

impacts through education, awareness and engagement, with Indigenous ranger groups playing a key role in caring for their environment," he said.

A monitoring site will collect information on types of species and numbers in the project area.

The Gooniyandi rangers will also help to identify species that need to be protected.

Mr Reynolds said EK has worked with the Gooniyandi rangers through its bilby projects.

"Using EK's expertise in biodiversity and in particular frog species, this project will develop a work plan to expand existing biodiversity surveys to include species associated with cane toads and cane toad impacts," he said.



# A new relationship is needed with the police

## Rights Matter

A column from Amnesty International Australia

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Welcome to the third *Koori Mail* column from Amnesty International Australia. Here Indigenous rights campaigner at Amnesty International Roxanne Moore, a Noongar (WA) woman, writes about the public response to the video of Queensland police violence against an Aboriginal woman last month and why there must be an independent investigation into the matter.

A FEW weeks ago a video was shared on Facebook. It showed a male Queensland police officer violently push an Aboriginal woman, Natasha King, repeatedly, including from her neck. This was happening as her 16 year-old son was pushed up against the wall and crying out in pain while being arrested.

The police said they were investigating a report of domestic violence. The family said there was no reason for the police to be there.

When I first saw this video, it made me feel sick. There is a long history in this country of police violence against Aboriginal people, and of our mob dying in police



Stills show the Queensland police officer shoving Natasha King.

custody, and I wasn't surprised that Natasha reacted this way, trying to protect her son. This long history has instilled in the Indigenous community a lot of distrust of the police.

Indigenous women already experience high levels of violence, and need protection from the police.

I was shocked at the force used against this mother. There are clear international standards around the use of force by police. All security forces, including the police, are obliged to use non-violent means to resolve a situation until it's no longer possible, or where it's in proportion to the threat at hand. The minimum amount of force is to be used at all times.

### Concern

Amnesty International is concerned that the police conduct as seen in the video may not meet these standards.

In 2009, the United Nations took issue with the use of force by police against Indigenous people in Australia and has called for Australia to bring its laws and policies for the use of force into line with international standards.

Our mob, and particularly our young people, are overrepresented in the justice system. We are a small portion of Australia's population, but we make up over

a quarter of the total adult prison population in Australia and more than half of the kids in detention. These are our brothers and sisters, our family and friends: people, not statistics.

The reasons for this are complex and related to disadvantage, disempowerment and discrimination, which our five-year campaign, 'Community Is Everything', is looking into.

But if we are going to change this overrepresentation in the justice system, we have to change the relationship between the police and our people.

The non-Indigenous community doesn't have the same instinctive response towards the police that we see in this video. To them, the police are people who you can call to protect you. We need to talk about why our relationship is different and what the police and our community can do to change this.

Part of that process is getting to the truth of situations like this and holding police to account for their actions. We also need police to work hand in hand with Indigenous communities to find culturally appropriate ways to respond to matters like family violence and mental health situations, and to build relationships with families and young people.

There has been a huge public outcry

over this video. With the support of the family, we launched a petition to call for an independent investigation into this act of police violence. Thousands have signed this petition.

A group of 17 concerned organisations including National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, the National Family Violence Legal Prevention Forum and Amnesty International added their voice to the public pressure and signed an open letter calling for an independent investigation and strategies to build stronger relationships between police and Indigenous communities, organisations and our representative bodies.

### Investigation

The Queensland Police Service has announced an internal investigation and a review by the department's Ethical Standards Command. However, nothing less than an independent investigation is acceptable. Independent means impartial and free from government influence.

Twenty-five years ago, the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommended that complaints against the police be made and investigated by a body totally independent of police services.

The UN has also criticised Australia for a lack of independence because investigations of allegations of police misconduct are carried out by the police themselves. Similar to the royal commission, the UN has called for an independent mechanism to investigate complaints concerning excessive use of force by police.

Queensland Police has so far ignored these recommendations and internal investigations are not good enough.

We will continue to call for justice for Natasha King and her family. You can show your support by signing our petition – [www.amnesty.org.au/action/action/41118/](http://www.amnesty.org.au/action/action/41118/) – which we will present to the Queensland Minister for Police.

## Scholarships for Aboriginal Students

We are offering scholarships for Aboriginal students studying year 11 or 12 at high school or TAFE.

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New trainers Terry Doolan, Andrew Walters and Robert Clayton with Activus trainer Jenny Rixon.

# Indigenous men are now Driver Authority trainers



**TWO** far western NSW Indigenous men have qualified as Driver Authority trainers.

Terry Doolan, from Menindie, and Robert Clayton, from Wilcannia, now have the skills to train and qualify other people in the use of buses and large vehicles.

Both men completed a course run through Activus Transport (Sutherland Shire Sydney) and

Far West HACC Services.

Mr Doolan said the course was important, especially for Aboriginal people. "Having the Driver Authority training means people can become bus drivers, opening up employment opportunities and other chances to help their communities," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Training is important, and the course gives skills that can really help our mob."

Activus trainer Jenny Rixon is hoping to run more courses utilising the skills of Mr Doolan and Mr Clayton.

"In particular we are seeking funding and opportunities to undertake training of Aboriginal men and women to qualify them to drive community buses in regional areas of NSW," she said.

Those interested should contact Ms Rixon on 0410 535 459.

# Sisters celebrate 100th workshop



**ABORIGINAL** Family Violence and Legal Service Victoria

(FVPLS) celebrated its 100th Sisters Day Out workshop last week in Melbourne.

The program, aimed at building resilience and self-esteem in Aboriginal women and helping them report family violence, has had more than 8000 participants since it started in 2007.

FVPLS Victoria chief executive Antoinette Braybrook said about 400 Aboriginal women attended the 100th workshop.

"It was absolutely wonderful. Being in a room with all those Aboriginal women was incredibly powerful," she said.



Women attend the 100th Sisters Day Out workshop.

"I actually got a bit emotional thinking about the first workshop we held.

"We had 15 women turn up and a couple of balloons so I couldn't have imagined then

that we'd get to our 100th workshop.

"Unfortunately, we've not been able to secure ongoing funding for the program so we have to work around the clock

to keep the program alive."

Ms Braybrook said Sisters Day Out has had an impact on thousands of women's lives.

"It just keeps getting bigger and bigger, but I'd say on average we get 120 to 150 women coming to our workshops," she said.

"It's great because it means we've connected so many women with important information."

One participant, who left an abusive partner, said she could not have done it if it weren't for FVPLS.

"I am now a survivor and free of violence. I can smile often and cry less now," she said. "My children have grown and I am so proud of them. They are resilient and strong in character after watching me fight the struggle and not give up."

# Goodes guest at youth summit



AFL star Adam Goodes will be a key speaker at the Koorie Youth Summit in Melbourne this April.

The former Australian of the Year and member of the AFL

Indigenous Team of the Century will speak to delegates about his life, football career, cultural journey and leadership.

This year's summit will focus on breaking down barriers which leave many young people feeling isolated, disconnected and vulnerable.

Key talks will be held in four areas: resilience in identity; getting help to feel okay; connecting to someone important; and having our voices heard.

The summit, an initiative of Victoria's Koorie Youth Council, will be held on April 20-21 at the Mantra Bell City, Preston.

For more details, email [koorieyouth@gmail.com](mailto:koorieyouth@gmail.com)

# Territory grants for artists are on offer



ARTS project grants of up to \$15,000 are now on offer for Northern Territory artists, community arts groups and organisations.

The next round of the NT Arts Grants Program is open for arts projects beginning after July 1.

Funding is available to support arts projects in the categories of arts development, presentation and promotion and skills development (all up to \$15,000) and emerging artists (up to \$10,000).

More information on grant applications and deadlines at [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

# Women turn soil to start Perth project



THREE Whadjuk Noongar women used traditional digging sticks to turn the soil at Yagan Square, marking the start of construction at Perth's next public place.

WA Premier Colin Barnett said Yagan Square, named for the great Noongar warrior, had a strong Aboriginal narrative and it was fitting that Myrtle Yarran, Teresa Walley and Miriam Champion started the work.

The development, a public place in the Perth City Link project, is on a site of significance to Noongar women.

Developers expect construction of the square to take about 18 months.

# Families returning to Arnhem homes



FAMILIES are starting to move back into houses at Galiwinku a year after Cyclone Yam hit the Arnhem Land community. The first four of the 40 'fast build' houses have been completed, with the remainder to be finished in coming months.

About 160 moderately damaged houses also have been repaired, and barge-landing works have been completed.

Half the workforce engaged in the housing project has been Indigenous people.

# Tender awarded for Nhulunbuy centre



THE construction tender for a new residential centre for Indigenous students attending Nhulunbuy High School in the Northern Territory's Top End has been awarded.

Local company Norbuilt will build the facility, designed to cater for up to 40 school students with scope to increase the capacity to 80 people.

Nhulunbuy community members were involved in the design, operational and governance planning for the 40-bed centre, expected to cost about \$20 million.

It is expected to house students from January next year.



# Hundreds at Koorie

By KEIRA JENKINS



HUNDREDS of people visited the Koorie Night Market's new venue at Enterprize Park

in the heart of Melbourne on the anniversary of the National Apology (February 13).

They enjoyed live music, dancing, children's activities and a wide range of stalls – from food to artwork to jewellery.

Held over the years in a range of venues, organiser Sharon Davidson said the Enterprize Park market was a great success, despite it being such a busy weekend in Melbourne.

"We had to compete with Laneway and St Kilda festival.

Melbourne was booked out and people had so much to choose from," she said.

"But there's been lots of positive feedback which is excellent, and we hope to hold plenty more markets at the park."

Ms Davidson said market volunteers worked into the night and they were helped by some of the 'rough sleepers' who call Enterprize Park home.

"We couldn't have done it without the volunteers, but we couldn't have done it without the help of the rough sleepers either," she said.

"They helped us set up and pack everything away so I hope we can work with them at future events and involve them in the Koorie Night Market."



From left, Jarrahly Proctor, Miranda Paulini, Nungus Edwards, Marlene Atkinson, Eli Edwards and Jane Edwards watch the live entertainment at the market.



Hip hop artist Lady Lash raps on stage.



Members of the Individual Spirits Dance Crew strike a pose.



Minelle Creedy sells her handmade wares at the market.



Stallholder Charlie Solomon displays his wood carvings.



Bill Nicholson and Gene Roberts were among the crowd.



Aunty Barb Egan and her son Phillip.



Jayden Lillyst draws the crowd with his performance.



# Night Market



Angela Edwards, Elly Taylor, Evie Weegberg and Eva-Jo Edwards check out the night market in Melbourne.



Artist Dhambit Mununggurr and her partner Tony Gintz enjoy the market.



Stallholder Kevin Williams has some of his artworks on show at the Koorie Night Market in Melbourne.



Artists Robert and Lyn-AI Young stand at the mural they painted with their mother Judith.

## Aboriginal Heritage

New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:  
Leah Howell, Senior Consultant,  
Environment & Sustainability, Arup Pty Ltd  
PO Box 76, Millers Point, Sydney, 2000  
Email: Leah.Howell@arup.com  
Phone: (02) 9320 9323

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Thursday 17 March 2016**.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to provide two travel lanes in each direction between Belford and the Golden Highway and a flyover for vehicles turning right from the Golden Highway towards Maitland and Newcastle. For more information visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au)

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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## NAIDOC GRANTS 2016

Aboriginal Affairs invites you to apply for funding to support NAIDOC Week celebrations across NSW.

Applications will be accepted until 5pm, 14 April 2016.

Grants from \$500-\$1,000 are available. For more significant events, applications up to \$3,000 will be considered.

We have an online application process through

<http://aboriginalaffairs.smartygrants.com.au/>

If you have any questions about NAIDOC Week 2016, please contact your Aboriginal Affairs regional office:

Dubbo:	02 5852 1067
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# Crowd turns out for this year's All



Maylene Saltner, Myisha Saltner and Brisbane Naylon from Cherbourg, Mat Ellis, Nikita Armstrong and Glen Ellis from Mungindi.



Christian Davies from Taree, Arnie Murray from Cherbourg, Jason Kelly from Melbourne and Warner Saunders from Newcastle at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.



Erice Blair from Brisbane, Morris Hill from Cherbourg, Pauline Sandow from Strathpine and Guyala Bayles from Brisbane.



Colin Quinlin from Armidale, Tahlee Walsh from Brisbane, Melinda Ah Sam from Ipswich, Wayne Ah Sam and Rochelle Pitt-Watson from Cairns and Kalisha Soe from Ipswich.



Rockhampton mob Manika Murray, Kia Walkill and Caleb Tull.



Ian Mason from Bundaberg, Lyndell Turbane from Brisbane, Christina Ross from Zilmere, Wokkul Fogarty from Cherbourg and George Simpson from Gayndah.



Karina Conlon and Natakka Alberts from Cherbourg with Scarlett Dent from Inala in Brisbane.



Mum Melissa Merritt, from Sydney, with her daughters Rylee, left, and newborn Jaelee.



Tamara Conlon from Springfield and Rauhina Carson from Alexandria Hills.



# Stars rugby league season opener

# Footy fans have a ball



Jappy Costelloe, Callum Coghill, Moses Burns, Willy Egert and Nathaniel Chapman, all came from Stradbroke Island.



Terrence Murphy, Kowanna Welsh and Taminya Johnson, all from Redfern.



THE result might have gone the wrong way, but thousands of Indigenous football fans enjoyed the latest All Stars rugby league clash, played on February 13 in Brisbane. The World All Stars

downed the Indigenous line-up 12-8 to square the series at 3-3 since the first game was played in 2010.

But it wasn't just quality football that kept the 37,339 fans entertained at Suncorp Stadium.

Pre-game entertainment included a performance by Jessica Mauboy and spectacular Indigenous dancing.

The *Koori Mail's* Naomi Moran took these images of Indigenous people at the game.



Nique, Jakyden and Le'Bron Vale, from Armidale.



Leanne Gray and Nicole Enoch-Chatfield, both from Brisbane.



Newie Cobbo, Nikki Adams and Fiona Smallwood, all from Townsville, hold the Torres Strait flag, with Tomas Williams from Townsville and Jordan Ive from Bowen holding the Aboriginal flag.



Charlie Duroux, Crystal French and Patrick Duroux came from Tenterfield for the game.



## CDU project to help with languages



A MAJOR Charles Darwin University (CDU) project will aim to make learning an Indigenous language easier for university students across Australia. Project officer Cathy Bow said the project is designed to

preserve endangered Indigenous languages by encouraging students to learn about them, under the authority of Indigenous knowledge owners.

The project, which recently received a \$40,000 Federal Government grant, will provide Indigenous knowledge owners with online platforms to share languages, histories, art, knowledge and culture with students.

"We hope to design an online 'shell' that will increase and develop Indigenous knowledge availability, which is driven and authorised by the traditional language owners," Ms Bow said.

She said students would have the ability to directly engage with knowledge owners involved in the project by negotiating through their universities.

The project will begin with a pilot program on the North Australian language of Bininj Kunwok, used in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region by about 2000 speakers.

"CDU has a long history of collaborative research with Indigenous communities and promotes Indigenous knowledge education through its Yolngu Studies course and other programs," Ms Bow said.

April Pengart Campbell and Clarrie Kemarr Long with the kinship sign poster at the Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Conference.



## Focus on sign languages



INDIGENOUS sign languages from central Australia have been presented at the first Theoretical Issues in Sign Language

Research Conference held in Australia. Batchelor Institute presented its work at the international conference, which was held in Melbourne.

Anmatyerr woman April Pengart Campbell, from Ti Tree, and Ngaatjatjarra linguist Elizabeth Marrkilyi Ellis, from the Australian National University, spoke on Batchelor's Ilyem-iltyem project, a resource for Indigenous sign languages from the

central and western desert regions.

They presented alongside Margaret Carew, from the Batchelor Institute's Centre for Australian Languages and Linguistics (CALL), and the University of Melbourne's Dr Jenny Green.

Over the past three years the project has been recording sign languages to create an online dictionary about Indigenous sign languages.

Ms Carew said the conference demonstrated that sign languages are just not for deaf people and can be used in many situations.

"We learnt a lot about the work taking place in other countries to document sign languages globally, and

were amazed at the skills of the interpreters to translate between the various spoken and signed languages used during the conference," she said.

"We received strong interest from the delegates about our work, with many of them commenting on how they enjoyed seeing Indigenous people presenting about their own sign and spoken languages through video recordings.

"The Ilyem-iltyem project is a wonderful example of how Batchelor and CALL are working to preserve our endangered Indigenous languages that form part of our national identity and rich cultural history and diversity."

# Remote students on the right path



THIRTY-FIVE Indigenous students from remote areas are on track to fulfil their dreams under the University of South Australia's new Indigenous Participation Pathway Program.

The students, aged from 18 to 73, have enrolled in the new program being taught out of Ceduna, Port Lincoln, Mount Gambier and Whyalla in South Australia.

The program is modelled on UniSA's Foundation Studies program and leads to entry into a university degree or a UniSA College diploma program.

Vice chancellor Professor David Lloyd says UniSA is working to strengthen its position as the "university of choice" for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in SA and beyond.

"Through both our Crossing the Horizon strategic plan and our

Reconciliation Action Plan, we aim to provide a pathway for knowledge transfer to Indigenous communities in rural and remote South Australia," he said.

"I'm personally quite excited about this new program and what it can do to help fulfil the dreams of Indigenous people in rural and remote communities."

UniSA College head Stephen Dowdy says the 35 students are coming from regions up to 150km from their nearest teaching centre to learn the skills required for university study.

### Support

"The program is delivered through a mix of intensive teaching weeks in the regional centre, with local tutor and program coordinator support provided to students at home between these weeks," he said.

"The program covers courses

including information skills, critical literacy, computing, Aboriginal knowledge, academic communication and much more, and ends with a week spent at the university's Mawson Lakes campus to help transition the students to on-campus university life."

UniSA College deputy head Associate Professor Sharron King says the new program extends work by UniSA to broaden education for people in rural and remote Indigenous communities.

"The Indigenous Participation Pathway Program will create a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study and develop in their own communities and move towards the career of their choice," she said.

UniSA's Indigenous Participation Pathway Program is free. For more information, go to [www.unisa.edu.au/](http://www.unisa.edu.au/)

## Reflection zone for Cowra High



COWRA High School in southern NSW now has a reflection zone modelled on the areas Aboriginal people traditionally used to relax.

Called Dadirri Place, the zone features ornamental grasses, a water feature, rocks and wooden stumps. Students and staff are encouraged to go there for time to reflect and relax.

Aboriginal community liaison officer and Wiradjuri Elder Robyn Coffey's long-term plan for the zone has received praise from community members.

Dadirri means 'deep listening', and Mrs Coffey said the area provides the opportunity for all students and staff to "clear their minds amidst the hectic surrounds of school".

"Traditionally, Aboriginal people would come to similar areas, such as a billabong, to calm their spirits," she said.

"People can enter, leave their troubles behind, then exit with the weight off their shoulders."

The place was opened with a cleansing ceremony performed by local men Warren Williams and Steve Taylor.



Warren Williams performs the cleansing ceremony at Cowra High School's new Dadirri Place.



## Trainees gain experience at USQ



From left, USQ deputy vice-chancellor (students and communities) Carl Rallings, trainees Mary-Anne Matthews and Shania Connolly, vice-chancellor and president Professor Jan Thomas, trainees Miranda McAleer and Brock Hogan and director (human resources) Jane Farmer.



FIVE Indigenous students have gained valuable work experience after completing traineeships at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ). Brock Hogan, Jasmine Adams, Mary-Anne Matthews, Miranda McAleer and Shania Connolly spent the past 12 months working at USQ and gaining nationally accredited qualifications through the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship Program.

The program is part of the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career Development and Employment Strategy.

USQ trainee Brock Hogan said it had been an "amazing year".

"I don't know what to really say other than that," he said. "We trainees worked hard and were helped by many great people."

Mr Hogan spent last year working with USQ Media Services, a team of audio, video, photography, graphic design and multimedia specialists.

"They were great and keen to help me," he said. "They saw that I was willing to learn and gave me a chance."

Media services manager Cindy Laine said Mr Hogan fitted seamlessly into the team.

"Brock's passion for the future is to be an animator, so he really grabbed on to a role in multimedia," she said.

Mr Hogan has signed up to the university's Tertiary Preparation Program and will stay on at USQ Media Services.

USQ vice-chancellor and president Professor Jan Thomas said the university is committed to closing the gap in training and employment outcomes between Indigenous and other Australians.

## New major at Sydney University



A NEW Indigenous Studies major is now being

offered through the University of Sydney's Faculty of Arts and Social Science.

The university says the major reflects its commitment to Indigenous participation in higher education and it recognises Indigenous studies as an internationally emerging discipline.

Indigenous Studies academic coordinator and senior lecturer Dr Peter

Minter said it is an exciting and significant development for the faculty.

"What sets this major apart is not only its cultural and philosophical integrity, but also how it consolidates Indigenous studies as a discipline in the faculty," he said.

### Program

The Indigenous studies major is rooted in the Aboriginal Teachers Aides program that began in 1975 and led to the establishment of the university's Koori Centre in 1992. It draws on the

experience and expertise of former Koori Centre academics and colleagues from across the university.

Students will be taught about Indigenous societies, cultures and histories and be given the opportunity to engage with contemporary Indigenous culture.

They will also have the opportunity to take an advanced directed research project in their senior year.

The framework for the major was established by a workshop in June 2014, which set guiding principles and goals for Indigenous studies.

## Move to lift kindergarten places



THE Victorian Government is moving to help lift the number of Aboriginal children enrolled in kindergarten. The

Government says its Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten campaign, launched last year,

will be broadened this year to reach more Aboriginal families and lift the number of kids enrolled in kinder.

Kindergarten places across the state are being pre-purchased in a pilot program to ensure Aboriginal children do not miss out if they enrol late.

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## Deal secures western Sydney services



HEALTH services for Indigenous people in western Sydney have been secured through a partnership between Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) the Department of Health and western Sydney primary health network WentWest.

Following the decision of creditors to wind up the former Aboriginal Medical

Service Western Sydney in Mt Druitt, IBA has stepped in to buy the former provider's medical centre building.

The property, bought through IBA's Indigenous Economic Development Trust, continues to be the base for local Indigenous health services.

The Department of Health says a range of care services is being provided from the medical centre, including primary health

care, child and maternal health and dental services.

WentWest, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Sydney West Aboriginal Health Service, became the service provider when the former service closed last August.

WentWest's responsibilities will continue this year until the Federal Government appoints a permanent provider of Aboriginal

health services in the area.

WentWest chief executive Walter Kmet said the main focus had been to ensure continuity of service for local Indigenous people.

IBA chief executive Chris Fry said it was fantastic to be able to work with both organisations to secure health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in western Sydney.

## WA vaccination rates welcomed by Government



THE Western Australian Government says new figures show Aboriginal children in the state are more likely to be immunised than other children.

Health Minister Kim Hames said 94.3% of Aboriginal children are now fully vaccinated, a 3% rise on the

previous figures. "These trends are extremely promising and reflect the enormous amount of work the Department of Health and its partners have done to boost immunisation rates across the state," he said.

"In particular, the rise of immunisation coverage for Aboriginal five-year-old children is a significant achievement, with current rates now exceeding those for non-Aboriginal children."

Dr Hames said the WA Department of Health had introduced several initiatives to help improve vaccine coverage in Aboriginal children.

Increasing immunisation rates in Aboriginal children has been a key focus for the State Government since 2013.

"While these figures show we are moving in the right direction, there is still more work to be done to ensure all WA children are protected and to ensure WA's immunisation rates continue to climb," Dr Hames said.

## Diabetes group is pleased by fund



DIABETES Queensland chief Michelle Trute has welcomed the State Government's new Integrated Care Innovation Fund.

The \$35 million fund is aimed at simplifying the process for patients in dealing with GPs and specialists.

Ms Trute said that by next year diabetes will overtake heart disease as the major burden on Australia's health system.

"People living with diabetes need access to a whole range of health professionals, and this fund is encouraging innovative solutions to streamline the process," she said.

"Diabetes already takes about 16% of Queensland hospital beds, and we have 93,000 Queenslanders walking around with type 2 diabetes who don't know it yet."

Ms Trute said the successful treatment of diabetes needed a health system that made it easy to navigate the full range of medical services.

## Women to benefit



WOMEN from Kowanyama in far north Queensland are set to benefit from a series of yarning circles now under way. Apunipima Cape York Health Council and other community organisations are providing information and education to the

community women's yarning circles, being coordinated by Kowanyama Women's Shelter support workers.

The aim is for women to come together to share stories and learn about issues including the impact of chronic disease on families, self-care and how to manage the risk of diabetes.

# Breast checks save women



Dawn Ross



Marilyn Smith



DAWN Ross and Marilyn Smith, both Arrernte women from Alice Springs, say they are living examples of the importance of breast screening for Indigenous women. Both

were diagnosed with cancer through BreastScreen Australia, and are keen to share their stories to help ensure other women get regular breast screens.

Breast cancer is the most common form of the disease for women in Australia, and the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths.

Ms Ross was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997. She had taken her sick daughter to the Alukra Women's Health Service in Alice Springs where the BreastScreen Australia program was set up at the same time. She accepted an invitation for a free test and was shocked by the diagnosis, but felt lucky that she had been tested.

Ms Ross has since been clear for about 18 years after going to Adelaide for treatment.

"Breast screening is really important even when you are feeling well because sometimes you can't feel it and the breast screening machine will catch it," she says.

"I was really feeling healthy. I didn't feel sick."

Ms Smith was diagnosed with breast cancer on her 59th birthday.

### Benefits

She says the benefits of screening outweigh any worry Indigenous women may have about having the test.

"Don't be shy, because it will save your life if you can get it early," she said.

"The staff are all women and you can take a friend or family member with you. Please go and get yourselves checked."

After her experience, Ms Smith urges her family and friends to get breast screens.

"You know it can happen to anybody," she says. "I said to my kids, 'You need to go get tested, all of you.' And I said to my sisters, 'You mob need to go and get tested.'"

The Federal Government has expanded the invitation for free breast screening to include all women aged 70-74. By adding five years to the screening, an additional 600 breast cancers may be detected each year, with the potential to save the lives of many women.

Health authorities say having a BreastScreen test every two years is the best way for Indigenous women to detect breast cancer early.

To get a test, call 13 20 50 and make an appointment at the nearest BreastScreen Australia clinic.

For more information, visit [www.australia.gov.au/breastscreen](http://www.australia.gov.au/breastscreen) or call 13 20 50.



# Sports day raises awareness



INDIGENOUS families in Melbourne's east are being encouraged to unite for Eastern Health's annual Closing the Gap Family Sports Day this Sunday (February 28). Some of the best Aboriginal sporting talent in the region has played Eastern Health staff in Australian rules football and netball each year since the sports day started in 2013.

This year the event is focused on family fun, with face painting, a petting zoo and a jumping castle all at the Don Road Sporting Complex in Healesville from 11am.

There will also be community health information stalls, appearances by Melbourne Vixens netballers, live music, and a silent auction where local artists can bring their works to sell.

Eastern Health Aboriginal liaison officer Jo Voce said the event aims to raise awareness about Aboriginal health issues.

"Days such as this are crucial in breaking down cultural barriers," she said.

"They can play a vital role in ensuring people understand how important it is to 'connect with respect' with the Aboriginal community."

Ms Voce said Aboriginal health is one of the organisation's priorities.

"The event provides us with the opportunity to inform the local Aboriginal community about the broad range of services we have available in the eastern region," she said.

"Family fun and sport are great ways to connect communities with each other, and it is terrific we can bring people together in the spirit of reconciliation."

● **Pictured: Eastern Health Aboriginal hospital liaison officer Joanne Voce and administration clerk Nicole Moate are both playing for the community team at the sports day.**

## Roma cataract surgery saving people's sight



INDIGENOUS people from south-west Queensland have been receiving sight-saving cataract surgery in Roma, with more to come.

CheckUP, a not-for-profit health organisation based in Brisbane is coordinating the surgery, working with the Indigenous Diabetes Eyes and Screening (IDEAS) Van and local health organisations from south-west Queensland.

CheckUP chief executive Ann Maree Liddy is pleased her organisation was able to secure funding for the surgery from the Federal Health Department and is delighted so many organisations are working to make it happen.

"This enormous undertaking has involved considerable planning and the cooperation and goodwill of many organisations from south-west Queensland and Brisbane," she said.

"This surgery is potentially life changing as it



Lorraine Murray has her eyes tested in Roma.

will allow people to continue to live independently in their communities."

IDEAS van chief executive Lyndall De Marco is also pleased the service is helping in coordinating the surgery.

"It's been a tremendous team effort from everyone involved," she said.

The patients, medical

team and support staff arrived in Roma for a social gathering before the first two rounds of surgery, which provided an opportunity for the patients to meet with the medical staff and ask questions about their cataract surgery.

The final round of surgery is scheduled to be performed on March 4.

## Dentists' care plan with Govt



IMPROVEMENTS in Indigenous dental health are included in a Federal Budget submission from the Australian Dental Association (ADA).

The submission is based on the association's Australian Dental Health Plan (ADHP), which it says offers a framework for how the Federal Government can most effectively help target populations get the dental care they need.

The association says extra help is needed for Indigenous people, given they are one-and-a-half times more likely to be hospitalised for potentially preventable dental conditions compared with other Australians.

The plan has been presented to the Treasury as part of the 2016-17 pre-budget submission process to be considered by the Government.

ADA president Dr Rick Olive says

the plan will improve Australians' dental health, which is a key component of enhancing their general health as well.

He said it seeks to repeat the success of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule across the 30% of Australians who have problems accessing dental care.

The association proposes additional assistance for Indigenous people and those with special needs, as well as people in remote areas.

The dental health plan also envisages dentists working with government to provide oral health promotion and education campaigns targeting tobacco use and improved eating habits including reducing consumption of sugary and acidic foods.

It also urges government to ensure fluoridation of reticulated water supplies in all centres with 1000 or more people.





Mick Douglas' *Custodian Boots*.



## Culpra Station inspires artists



MILDURA Arts Centre's upcoming exhibition *Interpretive Wonderings* will showcase work inspired by the stories and history of Culpra Station, southern NSW.

A former grazing and cropping property on the Murray River floodplain, the station is on the

traditional country of the Barkandji people and home to a number of significant Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

The mixed media exhibition, produced with the assistance of the Culpra Milli Aboriginal Corporation, presents the work of Aboriginal and other artists.

Last year, the 30 artists gathered at Culpra Station for a workshop to map the country.

Culpra Milli Aboriginal Corporation worked with RMIT University, University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Monash University to develop the artworks through the mapping workshop.

The project team – RMIT landscape architecture lecturer Jock Gilbert, UTS' Campbell Drake, Monash's Sven Mehzoud and La Trobe's Sophia Pearce –

coordinated the production of the mappings in response to local stories.

"The mappings produced often challenge the notion of what is generally accepted to be a map – they include drawings, paintings, video and audio installations and performance pieces," Mr Gilbert said.

"The exhibition tells us something about Culpra, how the

artists experienced and engaged with the land, and show some of the numerous ways to map and interpret a place."

The exhibition includes the opportunity for hands-on experience with artifacts that are connected to Culpra station.

*Interpretive Wonderings* runs until April 10.

More information at [www.interpretivewonderings.com](http://www.interpretivewonderings.com)

## Boomalli show supports Sydney gay Mardi Gras



BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Co-operative says its new exhibition *Alterity* is an exploration of

self-expression and unified 'otherness' by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

The exhibition, which Boomalli says is a continuation of its commitment to the Indigenous lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-queer-intersex-asexual (LGBTQIA) community, opens today (February 24) at the Leichhardt-based gallery in the lead-up to the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. The Mardi Gras parade is on March 5.

The show was co-curated by Jessica Johnson and Margaret Ross and exhibiting artists include Jasmine Sarin, Jenny Fraser, Dale Laughton, Umbarra Burnum Burnum, Tani Cavu, Kirstie Parker, Jonathon Potskin, Sione Falemaka, Jade Santo, Colin Kinchela, De Greer-Yindimincarlie, Dave Long, Jai Walker, Jeffrey Samuels, Chris



Jessica Johnson's *Budju Bling 2015* is one of the artworks in Boomalli's new exhibition *Alterity*. Picture: Cath Walker

Bonny, Ella Bancroft, Arone Meeks, Peta Joy Williams, Stephen Morgan, Jessica Johnson, Clinton Nain and Megan Byrnes.

# Indigenous exhibition in Monaco



INDIGENOUS artists from far north Queensland will have their artworks on display in the European principality of Monaco as part of the *Australia: Defending the Oceans at the Heart of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art* exhibition.

The exhibition, funded by the Federal Government and private sponsorship, will run from March 24 until September 30. It will feature FNQ artists such as Alick Tipoti and Brian Robinson as well as artists from the Gurringun

Aboriginal Art Centre, Pompuuraaw Arts and Cultural Centre, and Erub Arts/Darnley Island Arts Centre.

Contemporary Aboriginal artist and activist Jack Wilkie-Jans said the project should be celebrated despite criticisms about government support when many other art projects' funding has been cut.

"The flow-on and positive effects as well as the realities around such a large project haven't been considered by those criticising the project," he said.

Mr Wilkie-Jans said the exhibition shows there is growing

interest in Indigenous art from far north Queensland.

"With the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair doing so well yet still needing to attract more international collectors and curators and arts investors, this exhibition is going to be able to break down those walls," he said. "Remember, interest generated abroad will have a commercial benefit back home for our artists and region in general."

The exhibition, at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, will officially be opened by Prince Albert of Monaco on Tuesday, March 22.

## Egan invited to show at *Sculpture by the Sea*



AN Indigenous sculptor support program is a feature of this year's *Sculpture by the Sea* exhibition in the Perth suburb of Cottesloe. Perth artist Sharyn Egan is the invited Indigenous sculptor under the program, backed by the Crown Resorts Foundation and the Packer Family

Foundation. The invited sculptor will receive \$10,000 towards the cost of exhibiting at Cottesloe.

The program also includes funds for an Indigenous employment and vocational training scheme, and an outreach scheme to a remote as-yet-to-

be-announced Indigenous community.

*Sculpture by the Sea*, in its 12th year, transforms Cottesloe Beach into a major temporary sculpture park overlooking the Indian Ocean. Organisers estimate 250,000 people will visit it during the 17-day exhibition starting March 4.

Ms Egan said she was thrilled to be invited to exhibit.

"It gives me a chance to make larger work and have it experienced by a wider and appreciative public, in what is a lovely outdoor venue," she said, also thanking sponsors.



# Desert Divas raise voices



EIGHT Indigenous women from across the Northern Territory have been selected to participate in the second MusicNT

Desert Divas program. The program provides the musicians with mentoring, which will give them an opportunity to develop their skills and have one of their songs professionally recorded.

The first *Desert Divas* compilation was released in 2012, featuring 10 tracks, each showcasing an artist from the program.

The second edition of the project will feature music by

Mandy Garling (Darwin), Kiriz Oliver (Darwin), Shannen Rae Cubis (Darwin), Eleanor Dixon (Barkly), Jillian Moody (Barkly), Bronwyn Stuart (Alice Springs) and Cassie Williams (Alice Springs).

Experienced performers Dallas Frasca, Ursula Yovich, Nai Palm, Leah Flanagan, Anna Laverty and Stephanie Harrison will mentor the women through the program.

MusicNT central Australian manager Adelaide Wood said the program would provide the artists with an opportunity to get their music on a national platform.

"*Desert Divas Vol II* is an

exciting project for Indigenous women in the Territory," she said. "It's stacked with skills and industry development, and actively connects female singer-songwriters with some very inspiring mentors."

"We can't wait to see what they create and we're looking forward to helping these amazing artists, who are usually isolated with their musical endeavours, to share their stories, music and passion nationally."

The mentors will be in Alice Springs over the next month, supporting the selected musicians to develop the *Desert Divas* album.



Darwin musician Shannen Rae Cubis has been selected for the *Desert Divas Volume II* project.



A scene from award-winning opera *The Rabbits*. Picture: Jon Green

# Indigenous performers in QPAC run of new opera *The Rabbits*



INDIGENOUS performers are among the cast of Australian opera *The Rabbits*, playing in Brisbane next month.

A co-production between Opera Australia and Barking Gecko Theatre Company, *The Rabbits* will be on stage at the Playhouse, Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC),

Brisbane, from March 17-20.

The Helpmann Award-winning opera, based on the book of the same name, has been brought to life with an original contemporary composition by Kate Miller-Heidke, who also performs in the lead role, with additional music by Iain Grandage.

Since premiering to sell-out crowds at the Perth International Arts Festival in February last year,

*The Rabbits* has won four Helpmann Awards (Best New Australian Work, Best Original Score, Best Presentation for Children and Best Costume Design) as well as selling out shows for the Melbourne Festival season in October 2015.

Indigenous performers are TV and theatre performer Hollie Andrew (*Fat Tony & Co*, *Somersault*, *The Sapphires*),

Deadly Award-winning singer Marcus Corowa (Sydney Festival, Corroboree Festival), David Leha (*Radical Son*), Lisa Maza (*The Sapphires*, *Dirt Song* – Black Arm Band, *Sisters of Gelam*) and opera singers Kanen Breen (*The Magic Flute*, *Partenope*), Chris Hillier (*Don Giovanni*, *Carmen*) and Robert Mitchell, a veteran of Opera Australia.

Tickets at [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au).

# Bangarra's *Terrain* to bring Lake Eyre to Parramatta



BANGARRA Dance Theatre

will visit western Sydney for the first time in six years when it takes its award-winning project *Terrain* to Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, on March 4-5.

Lake Eyre in South Australia was the inspiration for the contemporary dance production, showcased by 17 performers.

*Terrain* has won two Helpmann Awards – for best ballet/dance work and for best female dancer in a dance or physical theatre work (Deborah Brown).

*Terrain* features choreographer Frances Rings, composer Nunkul/Yugamben man David Page, and Brisbane-born set designer Jacob Nash.

"Riverside Theatres has long supported the presentation of works by Bangarra Dance Theatre, from some of its earliest works such as *Fish* in 1998 up to its most recent, being *Mathinna* in 2010," Ms Rings said.

For more information or to book tickets visit: [www.riversideparramatta.com.au](http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au)



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.

**Ongoing:** The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative. Children who are eligible for the program can access funding of up to \$12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six. For more information, call the Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit [www.carersnsw.org.au](http://www.carersnsw.org.au)

**Ongoing:** Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) is seeking Indigenous Australians aged 18-30 for its program and to complete a Certificate III in Fitness. To apply visit [www.imp.org.au](http://www.imp.org.au) or telephone (02) 6162 4750.

**Until February 26:** Black&white! Indigenous Writing Fellowships open. Unpublished novels, children's books, poetry or short story collections may be submitted. Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Free to enter. Two winners will each receive \$10,000. Details: (07) 3384 9984.

**Until March 3:** Bangarra Dance Theatre Rekindling registrations for 2016 open. Rekindling is an intensive dance-based program for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander secondary students. Auditions held at Heywood, Horsham (Vic), Yarrabah (Qld) and Broome (WA). Details: Nicole on 0412 564 238 or visit [www.bangarra.com.au/rekindling](http://www.bangarra.com.au/rekindling)

**Until March 17:** Westpac Foundation Community Grants. Grants of \$10,000 each are awarded to grassroots not-for-profit organisations who have ideas to change lives for the better in their local communities. Details: Bruce McQualter on (02) 8254 1292 or email [bmcqualter@westpac.com.au](mailto:bmcqualter@westpac.com.au)

**Until May 6:** *Nan And A Whole Lot of Trouble* short film screening. To be held at locations including Bowraville, Broome, Katherine, Alice Springs, Darwin and other regional communities. Details: Lois Randall on 0427 875 299 or visit [www.flickerfest.com.au/tour](http://www.flickerfest.com.au/tour)

## NSW-ACT

**Ongoing:** ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan St, 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.

**Ongoing:** Courses in Aboriginal languages at Grafton, Maclean, Lismore, Casino, Kingscliff, Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Macksville, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree and Forster. Register at [www.nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.com](http://www.nctafe.aboriginallearningcircle.com)

**Until March 6:** *Homegrown Heroes* exhibition. Featuring the work of school students from across the mid-north coast region. Held at Dunghutti-Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery, South Kempsey, Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 6562 1432 or visit [www.dnag.com.au](http://www.dnag.com.au)



Goenpul Jagera/  
Bundjalung poet and  
filmmaker Romaine Moreton.

# Beats goes on



THE culmination of Campbelltown's Arts Centre's contemporary Indigenous theatre work *One Billion Beats*,

examining the historical representation of Aboriginal people in Australian cinema, will be performed on February 26 and 27 and March 4 and 5.

The work, co-written and performed by Goenpul Jagera/Bundjalung poet and filmmaker Romaine Moreton, draws together Australian cinematic history through a presentation of poetry and an original musical score.

Using word, music, contemporary theatre techniques and audio-visual imagery, *One Billion Beats* features reflections by Ms Moreton on her experiences as well as examining Indigenous representation in film.

**February 24-April 10:** Mardi Gras exhibition *Alterity*. A continuation of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's commitment to the black LGBTQI community. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt on Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit [www.boomalli.com.au](http://www.boomalli.com.au)

**March 4-5:** *Terrain* performance by Bangarra Dance Theatre. Held at Riverside Theatre, cnr Church and Market streets, Parramatta, 12.30pm and 8pm (plus Q&A). Tickets: Adult \$59/ Conc \$54 / 30 and under \$45. Bookings. (02) 8839 3399 or visit [www.riversideparramatta.com.au](http://www.riversideparramatta.com.au)

**March 5-April 10:** Kitty Napanangka Simon's *Making Memories* exhibition. Held at Cooee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi, Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 9300 9233 or visit [www.cooeart.com.au](http://www.cooeart.com.au)

**Starting March 7:** Community in the Kitchen (Certificate III in Hospitality). For ages 16-24. Skills covered include customer service, barista, RSA and RCG, cooking and food prep. Held at Wollongbar TAFE and YWCA Goonellabah, Wed-Fri, 9.30am-3pm. Details: Sheridan on (02) 6625 5800 or email [sheridant@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:sheridant@ywcansw.com.au)

**March 19:** Northern United Indigenous Sports Gala Dinner. Special guests will

This is the third stage of development for *One Billion Beats*, a project commissioned by Campbelltown Arts Centre in 2010 and culminating in the presentation this year.

Ms Moreton has been developing the work with Lou Bennett, Alana Valentine, Sean Bacon and associate producer Vicki Gordon.

Campbelltown Arts Centre director Michael Dagostino said the project has been eagerly awaited.

"*One Billion Beats* will change audiences' appreciation of Indigenous Australian culture, and what it has meant to be subject to the lens of Western filmmakers over time," he said.

"It will make an important contribution to local and national communities."

More details at [www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/Theatre](http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/Theatre)

include Nathan Merritt, Dean Widders, Preston Campbell, Clinton Toopi, Luke Carroll, Aaron Fa'aoso and Rochelle Pitt Watson. Held at the Lismore Workers Club, Keen St, Lismore from 6pm. Ticket prices and further details contact Naomi Moran on 0477 213 236 or email [naomim@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:naomim@ywcansw.com.au)

**March 19:** Harmony Day at Harwood. A celebration of multicultural diversity, includes a welcome to country, Yagirr language, food, music, arts, crafts, children's games and more. Held at the Harwood Hotel, Harwood (via Maclean) from noon. Details: Kathleen Werry on 0401 861 725 or email [K.Werry@gmail.com](mailto:K.Werry@gmail.com)

**April 1:** Eora Elders Olympics, to be held at the Hurstville Aquatic Centre, King George Rd and Forest Rd, Hurstville. Details: Tracie McNally on (02) 9528 0287 or visit [www.acs.asn.au/WCM/ACS/](http://www.acs.asn.au/WCM/ACS/)

## Queensland

**March 3:** CQUUniversity's Community Aspirations Program (CAP-ED). Participants will hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people talking about the importance of tertiary education and their journey to success. Held at Rockhampton Leagues Club, Cambridge Street, Rockhampton from 6-9pm. Free, RSVP for catering. Details: (07)

4923 2018 or email [cap-ed@cqu.edu.au](mailto:cap-ed@cqu.edu.au)

**Until April 9:** *Brutal Truths* exhibition. Showcasing three major installations of works encompassing drawings, paintings, text works and videos. Held at Griffith University Art Gallery, Queensland College of Art, 226 Grey St, South Bank, Tues-Sat, 11am-4pm. Free. Details: Lauren on 0418 799 544 or visit [www.griffith.edu.au/visual-creative-arts/](http://www.griffith.edu.au/visual-creative-arts/)

**April 28-29:** Torres Strait Islander (TSI) Language Expo. Held at Dreamtime Cultural Centre, 703-751 Yaamba Road, Parkhurst. Cost: \$250 a person. Details: Saima TSI Corp on (07) 4922 9280 or email [saima.corp@bigpond.com](mailto:saima.corp@bigpond.com)

## Victoria

**Until February 28:** *Koori Art Show* exhibition. A non-acquisitive award exhibition presenting the work of Aboriginal and Victoria-based Indigenous artists. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. Open daily 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit [www.fedsquare.com/events](http://www.fedsquare.com/events)

**Until March 5:** *Open Your Eyes* exhibition. Features works from the men's group Pitcha Making Fellas, inspired by the environment, Koorie history and South Eastern mark-making. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton. Open daily 10am-5pm. Cost: Adults \$14, concess and kids free. Details: 13 11 05 or visit [www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka)

**Until March 9:** *Confined 7* exhibition of artworks by Indigenous artists currently in, or recently released from, prisons in Victoria. Held at The Gallery, St Kilda Town Hall, 8.30am-5pm weekdays and Sat noon- 4pm. Details: (03) 9209 6777.

**Until March 24:** *Dhumbadha Munga – Talking Knowledge* exhibition. Supporting Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders through the Torch Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community Program. Held at Alliance Francaise, Eildon Gallery, 51 Grey Street, St Kilda, Mon-Sat, 9.30am-6pm. Details: (03) 9525 3463 or visit [www.thetorch.org.au](http://www.thetorch.org.au)

**March 5:** An Evening with Sisters Day Out. A fundraising event to celebrate Aboriginal women and the story of the Sisters Day Out program. Held at CQ Lounge, 113 Queen Street, Melbourne, from 6.30-11.30pm. Cost: \$150 a head, table of 10 \$1450. Sponsorship packages available. Details: (03) 9244 3333 or visit [www.fvpls.org](http://www.fvpls.org)

**March 12-May 15:** *Ngujarn and Nakun: belonging in the other* exhibition, showcasing four generations of the Mullett family. Held at Koori Heritage Trust, Level 1&3, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit [www.kooriheritagetrust.com](http://www.kooriheritagetrust.com)

## South Australia

**Until April 17:** *Streets of Papunya: The re-invention of Papunya Painting* exhibition. Highlighting the work of senior and emerging women artists. It will be held at Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of SA, Adelaide from Tues-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat and Sun noon-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8207 7055 or [www.flinders.edu.au/](http://www.flinders.edu.au/)

## Northern Territory

**Until March 20:** *We Don't Need a Map: a Martu experience of the Western Desert* exhibition. Celebrates the visual language of the Martu, the traditional owners of a vast area of the Western Desert. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs Desert Park, Larapinta Drive, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, and Sat-Sun, 11am-4pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (08) 8951 1122.





Trainee Arora De Vries in the vineyards of the Queensland College of Wine Tourism at Stanthorpe, southern Queensland.

# Trainee Arora's grand designs

**A**S a trainee at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism in Stanthorpe, southern Queensland, Arora De Vries has a job many might envy.

But, while she's loving the role, there's something else the 16-year-old is working towards longer-term.

"I want to be an interior designer," the young Kamilaroi (NSW) woman told the *Koori Mail*.

And while you might think a wine college is not the ideal place to start pursuing the dream, Arora begs to differ.

"In fact it's ideal," she says. "I'm learning so much as a business administration trainee working through the

University of Southern Queensland here at the college. And I'm able to live in my home community.

"School just wasn't really for me, but now that I've taken on the traineeship and am working, I've come to

understand how important it is to complete Year 12.

"So, after I finish the traineeship, I'll go back and gain my Year 12 leaving qualification externally. It's important if I'm to achieve my goals.

"But right now it's great to be learning so

much on the job. They're all skills I'll need if I'm to succeed as an interior designer

"And that is something I'm going to do."

**"I'm learning so much as a business administration trainee working through the University of Southern Queensland here at the college. And I'm able to live in my home community."**

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Peter Mac is one of a handful of integrated cancer research, education and treatment centres in the world. Each day our team strives to provide the very best in cancer care, even better treatments and potential cancer cures for all people affected by cancer.

Globally, we are facing one of the most pivotal times in the pursuit of cancer cures, and Peter Mac stands at its forefront. Together, we aim to lead a new era of cancer prevention, care and discovery, supported by state-of-the-art facilities at our new home within the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre building, which we will relocate to in June 2016.

We are seeking a committed and experienced Aboriginal Health Services Officer to join our team at Peter Mac. This exciting and rewarding position includes the provision of comprehensive support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer patients & their families and involvement in quality improvement to enhance the experiences of these patients.

**Essential requirements:**

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Proven experience working with Aboriginal communities
- Experience in the provision of support and advocacy to Aboriginal people/families
- Working With Children Check

For further information about this opportunity, please go to Peter Mac's career's website:  
<https://petermac.mercury.com.au> to review the position description or contact the Chief Social Worker for a confidential discussion.

**For queries, please contact:**  
Name: Alison Hocking Position: Chief Social Worker  
Phone: 03 9656 1031  
Job Ref No: 10844  
Closing date: 8 March 2016

**Legal Aid**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

**Senior Solicitor**  
**Civil Law Service for**  
**Aboriginal Communities**

- Package up to \$126k (Legal Officer Grade IV)
- Ongoing opportunity in Central Sydney

We are looking for an experienced solicitor for our Civil Law Service for Aboriginal Communities. The role will provide legal services to Aboriginal communities in NSW. The successful candidate will be passionate about bringing partners together to work with Aboriginal communities in creatively developing and delivering this service.

Apply Online: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)  
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 0000487K  
Closing Date: Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016  
Enquiries: Dara Read on (02) 9219 6326

**BODALLA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Salary – included in package  
Permanent Full-Time

The Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Bodalla LALC'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 demonstrable 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 the Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Council by email: [bodallalalc@bodalla15.com](mailto:bodallalalc@bodalla15.com) or phone: (02) 4473 5404.

Applications can be forwarded to [bodallalalc@bodalla15.com](mailto:bodallalalc@bodalla15.com) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:  
The CEO Recruitment Panel  
Bodalla Local Aboriginal Land Council  
68 Princes Hwy  
Bodalla NSW 2545

Applications close Friday, 11 March 2016  
*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*

**Chief Executive Officer**

- **Queanbeyan NSW based position**
- **Negotiable remuneration package**

Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council is a progressive organisation seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as our CEO. In this role you will assist and support the Board in implementing the NALC Community Land and Business Plan, as well as other Legislative and Regulatory compliances.

**To succeed in this role you will:**

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW)
- Have the capacity to interpret and implement legislation
- Have organisational and management experience and an understanding of accounting practices and principles.

An in depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including culture and heritage and social housing is required.

To apply, you need to obtain a recruitment package from Cheryl Williams - on [cheryl@ngambri.com.au](mailto:cheryl@ngambri.com.au) or 02 6297 4152.

**Please send your application addressing the selection criteria to [nalc1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nalc1@bigpond.net.au) or marked confidential to: The Chairperson, PO Box 150, Queanbeyan, NSW, 2620**

Applications close **Friday 18th March 2016**  
*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*

**Abcare**

**Social Support and Food Services Coordinator**  
(Identified Position)

An opportunity exists to join Abcare as the Social Support and Food Services Coordinator. The key responsibilities of the role are the managing and coordinating of community based services for Aboriginal people Aged Frail and Young people with a disability. Some of the service offered Group Outings, Day and Overnight trips, Arts & Crafts, Health Assessments, Transport, Monthly Food Packs, day to day assistance. This is a full time permanent position that requires the ability to work independently whilst meeting prescribed health and activity outcomes.

Salary package of \$57,000 to \$65,000. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The successful candidate will be required to provide a Working with Children Clearance and be subject to National Police Check.

**To apply for this position, you must obtain an information and application package from**

Ms Natasha Laurie on 02 66483680 or via email [tash@abcare.org.au](mailto:tash@abcare.org.au)

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

**Closing Date : 5pm Friday, 26th February 2016**

**Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council (CLALC) 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 Coonabarabran LALC'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 Toni Comber from NSW Aboriginal Land Council, by email: [toni.comber@alc.org.au](mailto:toni.comber@alc.org.au) or on 0476 809 377.

Applications can be forwarded to Toni Comber or marked 'Confidential' and posted to:  
**Toni Comber – Support Officer NSWALC Chief Executive Officer Position c/o Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council**  
PO Box 2/158 Marius Street  
Tamworth NSW 2340

**Applications close Friday 04th March 2016**  
*Aboriginal persons are encouraged to apply.*

**VICTORIA** State Government | Education and Training

**Senior Officer – LOOKOUT Koorie Cultural Advisor**

Department of Education and Training  
VPSG5 – Ongoing, Full time  
Salary range: \$86,493 – \$104,650 (+ Super)

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the work of the new LOOKOUT Centre in South Western Victoria Region and help students in out of home care achieve the best possible educational outcomes. As a LOOKOUT Koorie Cultural Advisor, you will work in a multidisciplinary team to ensure that effective supports are in place for Aboriginal students in out of home care. You will work closely with schools, care professionals and carers You will collaborate with the South Western Victoria Region Koorie Education Team to create a comprehensive and consistent approach to supporting Aboriginal students in care. The successful applicant will be a qualified teacher with excellent interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills.

This role is identified as available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Confirmation of the Indigenous status of applicants may be requested.

As a LOOKOUT Koorie Cultural Advisor, you will work closely with schools in the South Western Victoria Region to advocate for the educational and cultural needs of Aboriginal students in out of home care. The Koorie Cultural Advisor will draw on the capacity and expertise of the South Western Victoria Region Koorie Education Coordinator and Koorie Education Support Officers (Koorie Education Team) to have a comprehensive and consistent approach to supporting Aboriginal students in out of home care. Working in collaboration with the Koorie Education Team the Koorie Cultural Advisor will build the capacity of schools to provide culturally appropriate supports and opportunities to build connection to culture. As part of the LOOKOUT Centre's multidisciplinary team, the role will contribute to the development of policy and practice to improve education outcomes in Victoria for out of home care students, working to support schools and professionals working with students in out of home care to provide culturally appropriate services consistently. The role is required to establish effective working relationships with the DHHS Western Division and other key stakeholders. With the LOOKOUT team the Koorie Cultural Advisor will collect and analyse data specific to Aboriginal students in order to monitor attendance, engagement and achievement against agreed DET and DHHS measures and make sure that individual needs are met in a culturally inclusive way.

Please contact Ian Wren for further details on 0418 128 435.

For further information on the position description and selection criteria visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Refer to the position number **25607**  
Closing date for applications is **Monday 29 February 2016.**

[www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)



## CIVIL WORKS & WORKSHOP MANAGER

- Excellent salary of \$120K-\$130K inc. super
- Salary sacrifice options to increase your pay
- Relocation assistance and free housing
- 6 weeks annual leave

One of Australia's oldest outstation resource agencies, *Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation*, is seeking a **Civil Works and Workshop Manager** to join the team in **Maningrida**. Maningrida is a beautiful region approx. 500km east of Darwin.

Reporting to the CEO, you will manage the **Heavy Vehicle & Light Vehicle Workshops and Roadworks teams (25+ staff)**. You will also manage budgets and tender submissions in partnership with the Financial Controller and CEO.

This unique opportunity will give you the chance to **make your mark, progress your career and contribute to community development.**

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE** Apply Online  
ApplyNow.net.au/Job76081

## Clinic Manager (Registered Nurse or Aboriginal Health Worker) Kutjungka, WA.

- Outstanding base salary of \$109,620 PLUS allowances, airfares & more!
- Enjoy 5 weeks leave per year PLUS isolation leave, giving you time to explore the magnificent sights of the Kimberley region!

*Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service* have an opportunity for a driven **Registered Nurse or Senior Aboriginal Health Practitioner** to join their friendly team in Kutjungka, WA, as a **Clinic Manager**, on a full-time basis. Reporting to the Senior Manager of Remote Services, you'll be responsible for **providing day-to-day leadership and support to clinic staff alongside overseeing the provision of holistic primary health care services.**

You'll be rewarded with an **outstanding base salary of \$109,620 PLUS fully furnished accommodation, district allowances, on call allowances, annual airfares, 5 weeks annual leave, and additional isolation leave!**

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE** Apply Online  
ApplyNow.net.au/Job74731

## ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR A ROLE WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN) is a disability advocacy service of the Intellectual Disability Rights Service. CJSN is looking for volunteers with excellent communication skills to support people with intellectual disability who are involved in the Criminal Justice System.

Due to the unique nature of the role applicants need to have some flexibility in their availability and be available to attend all three days of training at Redfern on 23rd March, 30th March and 6th April 2016 from 9am to 4pm.

For an application form or further information please contact Kelly on 9318 0144 or kwatson@idrs.org.au by the 8th March.



## 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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## Aboriginal Patient Support Worker

Part time 2-3 days weekly (flexible)  
Maternity leave replacement

**"Are you passionate about Aboriginal health and looking for an entry level role in a Hospital environment?"**

The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital is seeking applications for an Aboriginal Patient Support Worker. This role is part-time (2 to 3 days per week), fixed term (Maternity leave replacement 1 year), with negotiable days/hours for a great work-life balance.

The Aboriginal Patient Support Worker role is a new, entry level role, which provides an opportunity for the successful candidate to gain experience in providing cultural support and care in a hospital environment. It may suit applicants that want to combine study and employment, or other applicants seeking a part time flexible role.

We are seeking candidates who are passionate about Aboriginal Health and wellbeing, and are looking at building a career in hospitals/ health care. The hospital will provide supervision and cultural mentoring support to the successful candidate.

The fundamental purpose of this role is to provide face-to-face, on-site assistance to improve the overall experience of Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander patients and their families whilst attending the hospital.

**The successful applicant will benefit from:**

- Generous remuneration package
- Comprehensive orientation, training and ongoing workplace support
- Cultural and clinical role supervision and support
- Easily accessible East Melbourne location close to public transport
- Access to Salary Packaging
- Flexible working arrangements

We are seeking applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander. The action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

For further information please contact Rebecca Power on 03 9929 8921 or Coen Brown on 03 9929 8422. For a copy of the position description or to apply online please go to the careers section on the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital website [www.eyeeandear.org.au](http://www.eyeeandear.org.au)

Applications addressing the selection criteria with a recent resume may be forwarded to People and Culture, 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002.

**Application closing 6th March 2016**



*Pangula Mannamurna Inc* is the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service located in Mount Gambier, South Australia, land of the Boandik people, providing comprehensive primary health care services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is-lander communities across the South East.

### JOB VACANCY

## Aboriginal Wellbeing Worker Permanent Part-time - 0.5 (until 30 June 2018 - subject to ongoing funding)

The Aboriginal Wellbeing Worker will work with the Social and Emotional Wellbeing team to develop and deliver high quality, holistic and culturally appropriate social and emotional wellbeing service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the South East region.

### Key responsibilities:

- Provide support services which assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to deal with a wide range of issues including grief & loss, depression, domestic & family violence, family and/or relationship matters, and any other issues which impact on social and emotional well being.
- Organise and facilitate activity based, non-therapeutic group sessions designed to increase client engagement with community.

### Requirements:

- Full driver's license (preferred)
- Ability to work pro-actively as part of a team or independently, display initiative and manage workload.

### Desired Requirements:

- Knowledge and experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Is-lander people.

This is an entry level position, remunerated at SACS 2, salary packaging available. Immediate start required. 6 month probationary period applies. Contract until June 2018. If you are interested in this position, or to receive a Job and Person Specification, please contact Karen Copping on (08) 8724 7270 or [karenc@pangula.org.au](mailto:karenc@pangula.org.au). Apply in writing with a current resume and cover letter. **Applications close on: Friday 4th March - 5:00pm.**

The successful applicant will be subject to a satisfactory assessment of their criminal history.

**To perform this role it is essential that the person who holds the position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. It is therefore a genuine occupational requirement under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 that applicants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.**

# Career Opportunities – Sydney based

**Implement best practice initiatives in supporting Aboriginal children, families and communities**

- Child protection, out of home care & disability focus
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement
- Fixed term contracts up to 12 months – would suit sabbatical or secondment

### About AbSec

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (NSW) (AbSec) is the peak organisation providing policy advice impacting Aboriginal children, young people and families, and supporting a strong Aboriginal community controlled sector in NSW. AbSec also builds the capacity of the Aboriginal disability NGO sector.

### Management Roles

- Executive Leader – Support and Sustainability #32959
- Manager – Sector Capacity #32960
- Engagement Manager #32961
- Manager, Good Practice #32967

### Policy & Project Roles

- Policy Officer #32964
- Senior Project Officer, Sector Capacity #32965
- Practice Support Officer #32966

### Operational, Marketing & Fundraising Roles

- Project Officer Corporate Initiative #32963
- Corporate Partnerships Officer #32962

Please visit [www.ngorecruitment.com/jobs](http://www.ngorecruitment.com/jobs) for details and/or forward a cover letter and detailed CV in MS Word format to [cv@ngorecruitment.com](mailto:cv@ngorecruitment.com) quoting the relevant reference number. Alternatively phone Richard Green or Joanne Elliott on 02 8243 0570 to discuss your interest.



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## COULD YOU BE AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY VISITOR (OCV)?

The role of an OCV is to protect and promote the interests of people with disability, children and young people living in residential care by visiting services and seeking to resolve residents' issues at the local level. OCVs raise issues in regards to the quality of care being provided to residents. OCVs are appointed by the Minister for Disability Services and the Minister for Family and Community Services. The work is part-time, sessional work and visiting hours are variable (between 15-40 hrs per month) and includes evening and weekend work. Hourly remuneration is \$29.88 plus expenses.

Current employees of FACS: Community Services, and Ageing, Disability and Home Care are ineligible for appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with disability are encouraged to apply.

### Current areas we are recruiting in are:

- Sydney metropolitan suburbs (north western, south eastern & western suburbs)
- Upper Hunter & Newcastle
- New England
- Far North Coast & Mid North Coast
- Shoalhaven & Illawarra

Further details on the OCV position and selection criteria to be addressed are available online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). Apply online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). All applications must be received through the Jobs NSW website.

Probity checks will be completed on recommended applicants following interview.

**Applications Close Wednesday 9 March 2016**

**No late applications will be accepted.**

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- Newly created positions
- Work on key projects
- Career development opportunities
- \$70 - \$75K plus Generous Super

### Indigenous Strategies Project Officer

This role will see you work closely with and support the ABC's Bonner Committee and work on key RAP projects and activities.

### HR Projects Co-ordinator

You will work on key HR projects, to ensure the ABC is a great place to work and support the recruitment team.

For a full job description and application form visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)

**This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.**

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## Youth Justice Officers

*A career that changes futures: yours and others*

As a Youth Justice Officer you will be working as part of a team to improve outcomes for young people, while ensuring their safe and secure custody in youth detention. We are recruiting for on-going and casual positions in Darwin and Alice Springs. Benefits include:

- Commencement salary package of \$63,887
- Excellent conditions of employment
- Paid training for nationally accredited qualifications
- Up to 7 weeks annual leave

Applications close 28th February, 2016.

To find out more and to apply visit

[www.correctionalservices.nt.gov.au/Careers](http://www.correctionalservices.nt.gov.au/Careers)

*The NTPS values diversity in the workplace.*

*Therefore under an approved Special Measures plan, Indigenous applicants will be given priority consideration and preference in selection for this vacancy if they meet all essential selection criteria and are suitable at the level of the position.*



Department of Justice and Regulation

## Leading Community Corrections Officer



- Great opportunity to build on your case management skills
- One ongoing and one fixed-term until January 2017
- Salary range \$60,551 - \$69,630 plus superannuation

Geelong Community Correctional Services is seeking a motivated individual to join their team in this fantastic role.

As a Leading Community Corrections Officer, you will monitor and supervise a caseload which includes complex and high profile offenders. You will also provide advice to assist the judiciary in the sentencing process, including giving evidence in court.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- experience in managing complex and high profile caseloads
- excellent influencing and negotiation skills
- superior written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to produce complex reports based on research and analysis.

Whilst no formal qualifications are required, a degree in social work or criminal justice and/or experience working within a legislative framework would be an advantage.

**For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au) by Sunday 13 March 2016.**

## UNRESTRICTED SOLICITOR



*Looking for a change from your hectic lifestyle? Live and work in Mt Isa.*

Mt Isa is a city in the Gulf Country Region, 900km west of Townsville, where the romance of the outback meets the grit of a mining town. It is the birthplace of Greg Norman and Pat Rafter and a great place to raise a family.

### About Us

QIFVLS has recently appointed a new CEO who brings focus, energy and enthusiasm to deliver our service to our clients. We are a not-for-profit organisation that provides free legal services, welfare, support, advocacy and community education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims of family violence and/or sexual assault.

Not only will you attend to Court appearances and case files, part of your role will also be to attend outreach and visit the beautiful surroundings of Mt Isa and the Gulf Country whilst making a difference to victims.

We are looking for an experienced, unrestricted solicitor, preferably in the area of family law and/or child protection, who is personable, understanding, respectful, and wants to make a difference. A cultural appreciation / understanding of Indigenous people is desirable or having worked previously with Indigenous clients would be advantageous. Cultural training will be provided.

**Some of the benefits you will enjoy when working for us are:**

- optional salary sacrifice scheme
- 5 weeks paid annual leave
- employee assistance program
- travel to rural and remote Qld
- relaxed office environment
- relocation costs negotiated with the right applicant

For further information, a position description, or to apply to join our dynamic team, send your cover letter and resume to [careers@qifvls.com.au](mailto:careers@qifvls.com.au) by COB 29 February 2016.



Save the Children Australia

## REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Looking for an energetic, "big picture", outcomes-focused leader, committed to impact and growth to fill our Regional Coordinator role full-time. Based in Townsville, you will be responsible for program development, monitoring and evaluation. We are keen to further grow the work we are doing in this region, and your skills in developing collaborative partnerships, achieving impact, and exceeding expectations will be valuable in this role.

You will lead a team of committed professionals across Child Protection, Early Childhood services, providing coaching and support within a strong people management framework.

### To be successful in this role, you will:

- Possess a Bachelor degree in a relevant field
- Have experience leading a diverse team across several program sites
- Have an excellent understanding of child protection, domestic and family violence issues and legislation, trauma-informed practice and evidence-based practice
- Enjoy a challenging role that enables you to use your strong interpersonal communication skills to develop and maintain collaborative partnerships and your analytical and reporting skills to interpret data trends

For more information or to apply, visit [www.savethechildren.org.au/about-us/careers](http://www.savethechildren.org.au/about-us/careers).

All applications must be submitted through our website by COB 26 February 2016.

*People from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and other diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.*

## Department of Health & Human Services

### Child Protection Practice Leader (Aboriginal Family Decision Making)

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Value range 2: \$95,572 - \$104,650 per annum plus superannuation

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Ongoing. Full-time (76 hours per fortnight)

This dynamic senior leadership role provides authoritative advice and professional opinions to child protection practitioners. The Child Protection Practice Leader is responsible working in partnership with the community co-convenor and Aboriginal organisations in providing community education, training and consultation for Child Protection and Aboriginal agency employees. This position will work collaboratively with practitioners and teams to strengthen case practice with Aboriginal children and families, to provide effective service delivery and to support other practitioners.

**For further information on these positions, please contact Emma Orchard on (03) 9275 7103.**

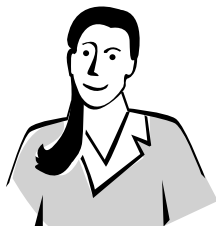
Position Reference number: **DHHS/WWD/459333A.**

**Closing date for applications: Midnight, Sunday 6th March 2016.**

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

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

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



Rewrite tomorrow, one child at a time.

To apply, please go to [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childprotectionjobs](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childprotectionjobs)

## Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation



TENNANT CREEK, NORTHERN TERRITORY

*Anyinginyi is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides primary health services to the people of Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region, Northern Territory. Anyinginyi offers a holistic approach to the physical and mental health and wellbeing of its clients through its clinical, social and emotional, educational and fitness services.*

**All applicants are required to be eligible for registration with AHPRA.**

**All applicants must be in possession of OR have ability to apply for an OCHRE Card (Working with Children)**

### MALE ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

1 - 2 YEARS CONTRACT

Anyinginyi is located in Tennant Creek the Golden Heart of the Northern Territory. It is a small outback town best known for its friendly atmosphere, laid back life style and endless sunny days and has access to major towns like Alice Springs, Katherine and Mt Isa via good road links.

We are seeking an experienced Male Aboriginal Health Practitioner with a minimum of 5 years in clinical Primary Health Care. You will be part of a dynamic Primary Health Care Team working in an excellent health care facility. We offer high quality services across the Barkly region to support our clients' physical and emotional health and wellbeing in a way that supports them to take responsibility for their own health.

A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidates including: Subsidised housing, 6 weeks annual leave, sick leave, RDO'S, free gym membership & general dentistry, generous Salary Sacrificing provision and 9.5% Superannuation.

If you would like further information or a copy of the Job Description, contact the HR Officer during business hours on (08) 8962 2633 or email [pam.lum@anyinginyi.com.au](mailto:pam.lum@anyinginyi.com.au). You can also visit our website: [www.anyinginyi.org.au](http://www.anyinginyi.org.au) to download the Job Description and find out more about our organisation.

**IMMEDIATE START**

**Or will negotiate starting date**

**This position is designated Indigenous under Section 57 of the NT Anti-Discrimination Act. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander men are encouraged to apply**

**"Prevention is the Solution"**





...make a positive contribution to Aboriginal Health

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

### Registered Nurse Morier Ward

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network  
Noarlunga Hospital  
Job Ref: 583820

### Community Rehabilitation Worker Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Cadetship

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network  
Trevor Parry Centre  
Noarlunga  
Job Ref: 572986

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers)  
1300 882 992



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## Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

### Legal Support Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

- Central Sydney location
- Package up to \$70k (Clerk Grade 1/2)
- Ongoing, Temporary & Casual Talent Pool

We are looking for enthusiastic and organised team players to support the effective and efficient delivery of legal services within the Central Sydney Legal Aid Office. This role includes preparing correspondence, processing legal documents, liaising with stakeholders and providing basic referral information to clients.

Apply Online: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)  
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 00004911  
Closing Date: Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Enquiries: Joanne Martinuzzo on (02) 9219 5772

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## RichmondPRA Together, we're better.

### Mental Health Workers (Aboriginal HASI)

The Aboriginal HASI program helps people with social and emotional wellbeing issues to manage their home, their health and to get their lives back on track.

In this role, you will be working with Aboriginal people in community based accommodation, developing and implementing psychosocial rehabilitation programs and accessing supports within the community.

In return, be rewarded by joining a great team and earning an attractive salary and benefits, including tax-free salary packaging.

[www.richmondpra.applynow.net.au](http://www.richmondpra.applynow.net.au)

## phn HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AND CENTRAL COAST

An Australian Government Initiative

We are currently looking to fill the role of Aboriginal Health Access Officer in our Aboriginal Health Team. The team is responsible for the development of strategies that aim to improve access to effective health and wellbeing services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population within the region. This will be done by working with individuals, groups and organisations that have an interest and responsibility to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal people.

The role is full-time with a 12 month

Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network is a government funded, not-for-profit organisation focused on improving healthcare for our communities.

### ABORIGINAL HEALTH ACCESS OFFICER

contract and the location is flexible in the New England region (i.e. Moree, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Tamworth, Armidale).

For a full position description & details of how to apply visit [www.hnecphn.com.au](http://www.hnecphn.com.au) or contact Paul Callaghan, Aboriginal Health Access Manager 0438 184 685.

**Applications close 4 March, 2016**

*HNECC considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).*



### Executive Assistant to the CEO Good Shepherd Microfinance



- Do you want a supportive work environment?
- Are you ready to make your mark in an innovative Not For Profit?
- Do you want to work for an organisation that is committed to closing the gap?

AFL SportsReady is partnering with Good Shepherd Microfinance to assist them in recruiting for an energetic, flexible and creative Executive Assistant to work closely with their CEO as he leads Australia's largest microfinance provider to reach 1 million people by 2018.

If you are organised and have administrative experience, a flexible resilient approach and the desire to learn and grow into this role, this may be your dream job.

Your focus will be to manage the CEO's office including his busy diary; manage projects and some events; and provide administration support to the executive and the Board and its committees.

As a values-based organisation, Good Shepherd Microfinance offers professional development and work life balance. They provide generous leave arrangements including extra days off at Xmas and Easter as well as cultural/ceremonial leave. Through the partnership with AFL SportsReady you will also receive workplace support including mentoring.

Good Shepherd Microfinance offers a range of people-centred, affordable financial programs for people on low incomes at different financial stages of their lives. Approximately 20% of their clients identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Good Shepherd Microfinance is an equal opportunity employer and in 2013, they proudly launched their Reconciliation Action Plan. In 2015 they were acknowledged for their people management by achieving Investors in People accreditation.

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. This action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

**Applications close Friday 4 March 2016.** For a position description and to apply please visit [www.afisportsready.com.au/jobs-board](http://www.afisportsready.com.au/jobs-board)

For more information about the role please contact Lauren Borg at AFL SportsReady on (03) 8413 3505 or email [lauren.borg@afisportsready.com.au](mailto:lauren.borg@afisportsready.com.au).

You may also visit [www.goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au](http://www.goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au) for more information about the organisation.



## Director Strategic Support

The Aboriginal Housing Office's vision is that every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access to, and choice in, affordable housing. To achieve this the AHO is moving into a new, exciting phase seeking to focus on the needs of Aboriginal tenants, strengthen the Aboriginal community housing sector and enhance their role and contribution within the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS).

- **Key role supporting CEO**
- **Focus on change management and strategic planning**
- **Senior Executive Band 1, TRP \$200,311 pa.**

This is a newly created role that reports to the Chief Executive and leads a team to ensure the AHO successfully develops its capability and achieves a step-change in culture to deliver services in a different and more efficient way to achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal families and communities. Your team's scope includes strategic planning, PMO, executive office, change and communications.

We are seeking an executive with experience leading a significant organisation transformation program and leading and embedding strategic planning and project management processes. It is essential that you have an understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and of the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impacts in relation to housing.

We encourage applications from a range of professional backgrounds including management, transformation and change management or strategic human resources roles. Experience in a program or service delivery context will be well regarded.

Note: This is not a Targeted Position, however Aboriginal applicants are strongly encouraged to apply or contact Derwent Executive for a confidential discussion. This ongoing role is being recruited in accordance with the GSE Act and the PSC Capability Framework.

Located at Aboriginal Housing Head Office, Parramatta.

[www.derwentexecutive.com](http://www.derwentexecutive.com)  
For a confidential discussion please contact **Andrew McEnroe** on (02) 9223 1855

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to [apply@derwentexecutive.com.au](mailto:apply@derwentexecutive.com.au) quoting ref **25353**

#### Application

Applicants should read the Role Description and consider the key accountabilities and focus capabilities when preparing their resume and cover letter. Role description: [www.derwentexecutive.com.au/documents/Director-SS.pdf](http://www.derwentexecutive.com.au/documents/Director-SS.pdf)

Applicants must submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) that highlights their interest and demonstrates their suitability for the role and an updated copy of their resume (maximum 3 pages) with relevant skills and experience and how these relate to the capabilities of the role.

**Closing date:** Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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### ASSESSMENT OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position  
Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months  
Security Vetting Unit, Counter Terrorism & Special Tactics  
Parramatta  
Clerk Grade 5/6  
Jobs.NSW Requisition No: 0000480U

**Salary Package:** \$94,300. **Salary:** \$77,448 – \$85,455. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### Job Description:

The Assessment Officer undertakes a wide range of data entry and Personnel Security Vetting functions including conducting background assessments for all personnel, including contracted service providers, whose duties require them to have access to security-classified resources.

The position reviews information gathered in response to an application, including those of a sensitive and complex nature and makes appropriate recommendations in accordance with legislation and associated policies.

#### Job Notes:

- Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- Applicants **must** hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- Applicants **must** have completed Certificate IV – Security in Government (Personnel Security) or the ability to achieve within a reasonable period of time.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
  - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application.
  - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: A/Sergeant Ray Hussein on (02) 9768 0770

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 0000480U

**Closing date: Sunday 6 March 2016**

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## PROJECT OFFICER

### Priority Languages Support Project

Part Time: Three days per week.  
Location: Flexible  
Salary to be negotiated

First Languages Australia is the Peak Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages and works to ensure that the wishes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members are voiced in key decision-making processes that impact on the current and future management of their languages. This will in turn shape the survival of Australia's traditional languages into the future.

First Languages Australia has been funded by the Dept. of Communications and the Arts to undertake the Priority Languages Support Project. The aim of this project is to identify critically endangered languages where no revival activity is currently being undertaken, with a priority on languages for which no recordings or documentation have been made.

An exciting opportunity exists for a Project Officer who will be responsible for the implementation of the Priority Languages Support Project. The position will engage project partners and key stakeholders in the development and implementation of priority language projects nationally to ensure desired outcomes are achieved.

Management of progress reporting, project procurement processes and budgets for implementation of actions, along with the provision of administrative support for key forums and working groups, also forms part of this role.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a high level understanding of the needs of Australia's diverse first language communities, experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language work and in language program implementation, are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be considered for this position, your application should include a resume and a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the key selection criteria and any job requirements specified in the position description.

Please email to [contact@firstlanguages.org.au](mailto:contact@firstlanguages.org.au) for position description and selection criteria.

Applications close at midnight, 9th March 2016.

## Chief Executive Officer

Narooma, NSW.

- \* Great remuneration of \$130k - \$150k plus salary sacrificing options, a car, phone, and a laptop.
- \* Pivotal role for a CEO passionate about closing the gap in Aboriginal Health.



Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services has a highly rewarding opportunity for a **Chief Executive Officer** to lead its professional multi-disciplinary team based in Narooma, Batesman Bay and Bega. You will be supported by a dynamic team of two senior managers.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for **ensuring that the organisation achieves its strategic objectives in accordance with the strategic plans.** This role includes **business growth initiatives; strengthening of external stakeholder partnerships and relationships; financial oversight and accountability; and overarching accountability to funding bodies, the community, stakeholders and the Board of Directors.**

This is an influential 'hands-on' role, and offers you the opportunity to advance your career as the leader of a highly respected organisation. In addition you will receive **ongoing professional training opportunities** to ensure your career excels.

While you will face diverse new challenges in this role, you will also enjoy generous provisions (including a **car for personal use, phone, and laptop**) and an **attractive salary package circa \$130,000 - \$150,000, as well as salary sacrificing options** to increase your take-home pay.

This is an excellent opportunity to establish your reputation within the ACCHO sector and make a real difference to the local communities — **Apply Now!**

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE** Apply Online [ApplyNow.net.au/Job73268](http://ApplyNow.net.au/Job73268)



Health  
Nepean Blue Mountains  
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer

### - 12 Month Maternity Leave Relief

Nepean Population Health  
Aboriginal Health Worker, Temporary Full-Time  
Salary: \$941.40 - \$1,386.50 per week  
Enquiries: Jane Thomas (02) 4734 2022  
Reference ID: 300589

Closing Date: 7 March 2016

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*. Applicants for this position will be required to cite their Aboriginality. Information to assist you with your application can be found on the NSW Health Stepping Up website - [www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au)

Apply online at:  
<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=300589>

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We offer a competitive salary and the opportunity for advancement during the programme; comprehensive training and development opportunities leading to a formal qualification in Management or Economics, and a good work/life balance.

### HOW TO APPLY

Our on-line application will be open on 1 March 2016 and closes on 29 April 2016. For more information visit [www.graduates.industry.gov.au](http://www.graduates.industry.gov.au) for videos, important dates and tips on applying.

### WE SUPPORT DIVERSITY

The department takes a pro-active and innovative approach in creating a flexible and inclusive employment environment that values and utilises the contribution of people of different backgrounds, experiences, perspectives and abilities. We acknowledge the skills and perspectives that people may bring to the workplace because of their gender, age, language, ethnicity, cultural background, disability, religious belief, sexual orientation and work and life experiences. We recognise that the diversity of our people is, and rightly should be, one of our greatest strengths.

In particular, applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability and people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

[www.graduates.industry.gov.au](http://www.graduates.industry.gov.au)



## Management Committee Positions:

### First Languages Australia. 2016

First Languages Australia is calling for Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language professionals who are interested in taking a place on the Management Committee of First Languages Australia.

First Languages Australia is the peak body engaged in national and international advocacy to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language programs throughout Australia.

Three positions are open, one for each of the following portfolio areas:

### • Youth engagement

Applicants should have prior experience as a young person involved with a community language program and have a strong interest in helping to encourage the participation of youth in new and innovative language projects.

### • Education

Applicants should have a background in education and an understanding of the implications of the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages.

### • Health and social welfare

Applicant to have a background relevant to these areas and an interest in developing programs that will support the recognition of and incorporation of language translation into these services.

The positions are voluntary, with expenses covered for a minimum of two meetings, travel and accommodation. Preference will be given to applicants from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Torres Strait Islands and Tasmania. The positions do require a commitment to work on a regular basis for the committee, through participation in sub committees, teleconferences, consultations and regular review of reports and documentation.

Please forward an Expression of Interest including a recent CV to [contact@firstlanguages.org.au](mailto:contact@firstlanguages.org.au).

More information about First Languages Australia can be found at [www.firstlanguages.org.au](http://www.firstlanguages.org.au)

Closing date for applications is the 9th March 2016



At Act for Kids we believe that all kids should have a safe and happy childhood, free from abuse and neglect. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. In 2013-14 over 40,844 children suffered from abuse or neglect in Australia - that's one child every 13 minutes. That's why we are working tirelessly to prevent and treat child abuse. We need skilled and qualified professionals to enable us to do our important work. Would you like to join our team?

## FAMILY SUPPORT PRACTITIONER

(Identified)

We are currently looking for Family Support Practitioners for our North Brisbane Intensive Family Support program.

### We need someone who can:

- deliver an outreach model of family case-management programs to families, caregivers, kids and young people
- engage families, obtaining consent and developing a case plan in conjunction with the family which addresses unmet needs and child protection concerns
- work collaboratively with other professional and agencies to ensure families goals are achieved.

To perform this role it is essential that the person who holds this position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. It is therefore a genuine occupational requirement under section 25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* that applicants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

**Interested?** Please go to our website [www.actforkids.com.au/careers](http://www.actforkids.com.au/careers) to look at the position description and information on how to apply.



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: 300180  
Closing Date: 13 March 2016

Please apply online by visiting:  
[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)

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## Aboriginal Support Workers

New Horizons has a number of open positions available across NSW. Base locations include:

- Miller, Sydney
- Marrickville, Sydney
- Central Coast
- Tweed Heads

We're looking for people to support customers focusing on lifestyle choices which increase independence, social participation, stability, cultural connection and quality of life.

You will utilise your cultural knowledge to support Indigenous community members and their families. An integral part of the role will be to walk the recovery journey beside the individual to enable them to make positive empowering choices in life to reach their full potential.

To be successful you will have:

- A passion to help people;
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- Hands on experience working with people with mental health issues
- Qualifications in Mental Health;
- A can do attitude and a professional approach to working as a part of a team;
- Ability to work across a seven day roster.

If you are interested in the position visit our New Horizons careers website <http://newhorizons.org.au/careers/> for a full list of positions available from Sydney to Far North Coast!

Applications close soon so LOOK TODAY to avoid missing out!



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at [liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/](http://liveandworkhnehealth.com.au/work/opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting Aboriginal Employment - Workforce on (02) 4985 3286.

## Clinical Midwife Consultant Grade 2

### Aboriginal Maternal and Perinatal Health

Location: Newcastle  
Enquiries: Carol Azzopardi (02) 4921 4385  
Reference ID: 304515  
Closing Date: 10 March 2016

## Joint Investigation Response Team Health Clinician (Level 3)

Location: Tamworth  
Enquires: Sophie Scott (02) 6767 8148  
Reference ID: 304135

Closing Date: 2 March 2016

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

In the event there are no suitable Aboriginal applicants then non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.

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

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## Legal Cadetship (Aboriginal Identified)

- Package up to \$61K (pro-rata)
- 2 x Cadetships Available
- Various Locations and Legal Practice Areas

We are looking for two bright, hardworking law students to complete a legal cadetship, with an opportunity to gain experience and knowledge working in our Criminal, Family or Civil Law Divisions. Further information [www.ics.deewr.gov.au](http://www.ics.deewr.gov.au)

Apply Online: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)  
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 000048AG  
Closing Date: Sunday, 6 March 2016  
Enquiries: Toni Cooper on (02) 9219 6316

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## ACCOUNTS CLERK

Permanent Part Time Position

Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre office is located in Lismore NSW. We have a permanent part time position available for an Accounts Clerk for 14 hours per week. Salary range \$21,073 to \$22,660 per annum plus super and leave loading.

To obtain a job kit call 0266 211000 or email [nrlc@clc.net.au](mailto:nrlc@clc.net.au)  
Applications close 4pm Wednesday 2nd March 2016



Justice

## Senior Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officer, Aboriginal Services

- Ongoing Full-Time
- Locations – Bourke
- Clerk Grade 5/6, Salary (\$77,448 – \$85,455), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Coordinate and assist in the implementation of state-wide and regional programs, projects and initiatives tailored for Aboriginal clients and communities.

Taleo reference No: 00004791

### Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date:** Wednesday, 9 March 2016 (11.59pm)

### Contact:

Trevor Kennedy: [Trevor.Kennedy@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Trevor.Kennedy@justice.nsw.gov.au) or phone: (02) 6885 7659.

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Health

Western NSW  
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Health Worker – Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officers/  
Aboriginal Health Education Officer Non Graduate  
Salary: \$941.40 – \$1,386.50 per week  
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time  
Location: Bathurst

Enquiries: Vicki Gransden (02) 6330 5677

Reference Number: 305122

**Closing Date: 1 March 2016**

Please apply online by visiting:  
[ynotmakeityou.com.au](http://ynotmakeityou.com.au)  
(click on *Our Vacancies*)

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Health

South Western Sydney  
Local Health District

## Trainee Aboriginal Health Worker – Aboriginal Mental Health

Ref: 301263 – Perm F/T 38hpw at Liverpool Hospital  
Salary: \$49,121 – \$72,346 p.a.  
Enq: Dallas Rae  
Ph: (02) 9616 4069

## Deputy Director Aboriginal Health (HM Level 3)

Ref: 293515 – Perm F/T 38hpw at Liverpool Hospital  
Salary: \$103,039 – \$117,465 p.a.  
Enq: Nathan Jones  
Ph: (02) 9828 6014

**Closing Date: 9 March 2016**

These are identified positions and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

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**

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Health

Justice Health &  
Forensic Mental Health Network

## Aboriginal Case Manager – Aboriginal Court Diversion and Bail Support Program (HM1) TFT up to 7/11/16

Classification: Health Manager Level 1

Location: Eastgardens

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time  
(up to 07/11/2016)

Salary: \$67,408 – \$90,676 pa

Enquiries: Darryl Gardiner, 0447 159 498

Email: [darryl.gardiner@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:darryl.gardiner@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

Reference Number: 305148

**Closing Date: 24 February 2016**

## Aboriginal Health Worker – Primary Health Care (Aboriginal Identified)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education /  
Aboriginal Educ Off Non Grad

Location: Kempsey

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$49,121 – \$72,346 pa

Enquiries: Nicole Kesby Acting Nursing Unit  
Manager, (02) 6560 2749

Email: [nicole.kesby@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.kesby@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

Reference Number: 306056

**Closing Date: 6 March 2016**

To apply for these positions please visit  
[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health  
Network is committed to Work Health  
& Safety, Equal Employment,  
Ethical Practices, and the Principles of

Cultural Diversity, Personal criminal  
records checks will be conducted.

Prohibited persons as declared under  
the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment)*

*Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for  
child-related employment.

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**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

# Koori Tertiary Pathway Scholarships

Are you an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait  
Islander person currently undertaking  
full-time study and interested in  
being paid to study?

The Department of Justice and  
Regulation (Victoria), is offering Koori  
Tertiary Pathway Scholarships of  
up to \$30,000 to commence in  
semester one of 2016.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait  
Islander students residing in Victoria and  
undertaking full-time studies in a justice  
related field such as:

Criminology, Psychology, Law, Social Work,  
Mental Health, or Accounting/Finance, are encouraged  
to apply.

For more information on eligibility or a copy of the application  
pack please contact:

The Koori Tertiary Scholarship Coordinator  
Koori Employment Team  
Department of Justice and Regulation  
On (03) 86841765 or [koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au)

For more information visit: [www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

This is an Aboriginal designated position, classified under "special  
measures" of section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. Only  
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.



Department of Justice and Regulation



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## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position

Permanent Full-Time

Security Vetting Unit, Counter Terrorism & Special Tactics

Parramatta

Clerk Grade 1/2

Jobs.NSW Requisition No: 00004801

**Salary Package:** \$70,404. **Salary:** \$58,687 – \$63,801. Package includes annual salary,  
employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

The position of Administrative Support Officer is a multi-skilled support role that assists the  
command through the provision of administrative and clerical support in the delivery of personnel  
vetting, quality assurance and administrative services to the Security Vetting Unit (SVU).

This position provides a wide range of executive, administrative and clerical functions to the SVU.  
The duties will vary and will depend upon the nature, volume, period and workloads across  
the Command.

### Job Notes:

- Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
  - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application.
  - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal  
history) prior to commencement.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW  
Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: A/Sergeant Ray Hussein on (02) 9768 0770

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package  
and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition  
Number 00004801.

**Closing date: Sunday 6 March 2016**

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## NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER LACHLAN UNREGULATED AND ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCES WATER SHARING PLAN UPPER LACHLAN ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE – ZONE 5

Applications for AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL have  
been received from **PARAWAY PASTORAL COMPANY LIMITED** for 2 Bores  
(capacity 12 ML/day & 20 ML/day) on Lot A DP 431670, and on Lot 11  
DP1079330, Parish South Borambil, County Gipps for Irrigation on additional  
lands, Lot A DP431670, Lot 1 DP411117, Part Lot 6 DP17653, Lot 80 DP753112,  
Lot 93 DP1096228, Lots 94 & 95 DP753112 and Lot 3 DP114149, Lot 11  
DP1079330, Parish South Borambil, County Gipps.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI  
Water, P O Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection  
must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.  
(A007407 & A007400)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation  
Officer.

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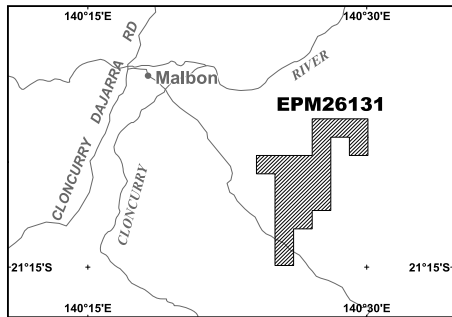


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS OR A MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

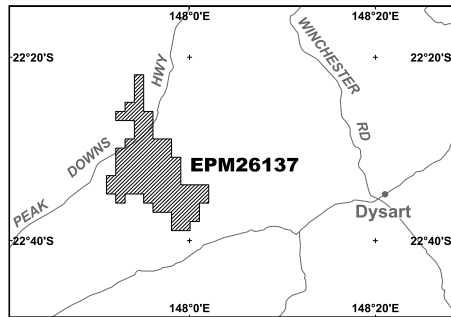
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals or Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

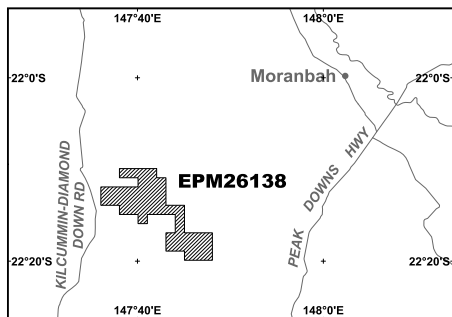
Exploration Permit 26131 sought by Queensland Mining Corporation Limited, ACN 109 962 469, over an area of 19 sub-blocks (61 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 20 km South East of Malbon, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



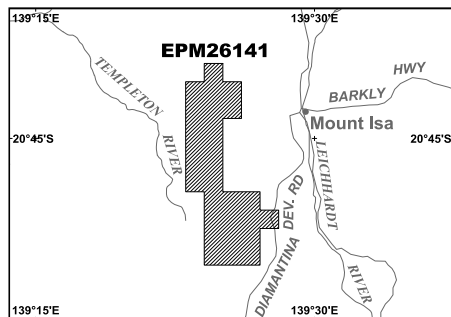
Exploration Permit 26137 sought by Signature Gold Ltd, ACN 142 902 985, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (241 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 41 km West of Dysart, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



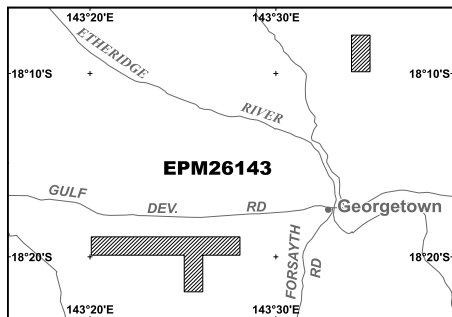
Exploration Permit 26138 sought by Abercorn Mine Management Pty Ltd, ACN 151 894 432, over an area of 44 sub-blocks (139 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 43 km South West of Moranbah, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



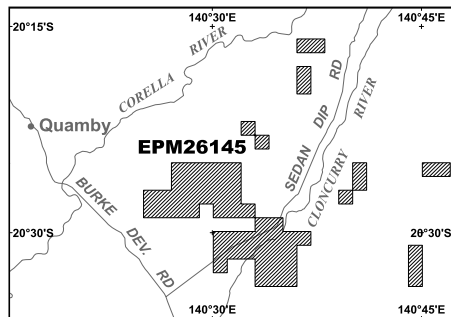
Exploration Permit 26141 sought by Nova Strategic Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 604 969 673, over an area of 28 sub-blocks (90 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 10 km South West of Mount Isa, in the locality of the Mount Isa City Council.



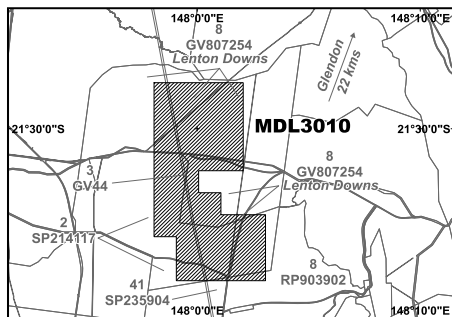
Exploration Permit 26143 sought by NQ Ex Pty Ltd, ACN 124 046 135, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (38 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 15 km West South West and 15 km North North East of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26145 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 60 sub-blocks (192 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 30 km East of Quamby, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



Mineral Development Licence 3010 sought by Peabody West Burton Pty Ltd (86.665%), ACN 117 316 695 and North Burton Pty Ltd (13.335%), ACN 117 281 697, over an area of 10,827 ha, centred approximately 24 km South West of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



**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 and Mineral Development Licences. 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 or Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence 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 or Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence 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: 16 March 2016**

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

Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 3, June 2014, pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and s. 194AAA of that Act.



### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from RITA ELMA GALLUZZO for a bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 2 DP 605744.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A7576).

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2607, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09000

### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER UPPER MACQUARIE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from SWANLACE PTY LIMITED for an existing bore on Lot 3 DP 1194822 for irrigation (8 ha) and industrial purposes on Lot 1 DP 1163911 & Lot 3 DP 1194822, Parish of Dubbo, County of Lincoln.

Objections to the granting of this approval 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. (A007599)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z09144

### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER NSW MURRAY AND LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from SELECT HARVESTS LTD for three 450 mm centrifugal pumps on the Murray River on Lot 31 DP 756085, Parish of Euston, County of Taila. Application is to amend existing approval 60CA582136 – add additional pumps and pipeline.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of your objection. (A7537).

Any queries please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09145

### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY AND LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER, MURRAY RIVER

An application for a NEW WORKS APPROVAL has been received from DR GAVIN REES for an OTHER PUMP on crown land (public boat ramps) adjacent to Lot 156 DP753326, Lot 174 DP753326 and Lot 663 DP914677.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A007560).

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8852, David Finnimore, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09003

### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER ORANGE BASALT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from ORANGE CITY COUNCIL for an additional (existing) town water supply bore located on Lot 1 DP 952423 Parish of Huntley, County of Bathurst.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A007530)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09013

### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER PEEL REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL for one 150mm pump on Lot 28 DP 1127315 & three pre-existing storages on Lot 73 DP 1107041.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A007542).

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1470, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer

Z09146

### NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from DANNY MONTELEONE for a bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 3 DP 802982.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A7578).

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2574, Simon Maffei, Water Regulation Officer.

Z08997





# 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	08/2762-1	ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LIMITED MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD NORTH MINING LIMITED CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME)	15BL	39km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 39' S Long: 115° 57' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2155	KAPITANY, Tamas	1BL	1km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 2' S Long: 115° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/854	TUNGSTEN MINING NL	6BL	39km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 117° 31' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/885	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED LEGENDTRE, Bruce Robert	50BL	49km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 117° 31' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1902	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	46BL	173km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 124° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4592	PILBARA SANDS HOLDINGS PTY LTD	17BL	30km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 27' S Long: 118° 50' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4601	ABEH PTY LTD	27BL	65km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 119° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4604	XFE PTY LTD	21BL	25km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 33' S Long: 120° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4605	XFE PTY LTD	3BL	24km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 36' S Long: 120° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4624	SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2BL	83km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 29' S Long: 118° 57' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4631	METAL HOLDINGS PTY LTD	12BL	28km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 119° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4633	SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	8BL	77km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 118° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4638	LITHIUM POWER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	20BL	49km W'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 25' S Long: 119° 3' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4640	SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	8BL	80km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 118° 58' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4654	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	6BL	71km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4655	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	2BL	66km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 33' S Long: 119° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4658-1	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	62BL	68km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 119° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4660	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	20BL	67km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 119° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1085	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	9BL	108km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 8' S Long: 121° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1089	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	125km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 21' S Long: 121° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1090	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	120km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 121° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1091	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	120km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 19' S Long: 121° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1093	GEOSTATS PTY LTD	19BL	27km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 39' S Long: 120° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1098	888 RESOURCES PTY LTD	28BL	111km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 10' S Long: 121° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3420-1	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	4BL	29km SW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 55' S Long: 117° 38' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3421-1	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	27km S'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 55' S Long: 117° 42' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3428	VANMARIS, Mathew Gordon	1BL	92km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 118° 11' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3429	VANMARIS, Mathew Gordon	1BL	90km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 1' S Long: 118° 11' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	52/3357-1	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	1BL	49km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 19' S Long: 120° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3364	FLATROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	46BL	45km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 45' S Long: 119° 39' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3368	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	19BL	174km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 55' S Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3370	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL	47km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 119° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3372	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	45km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 118° 3' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3382	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	1BL	144km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 33' S Long: 119° 22' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3383	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	6BL	150km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 119° 24' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3384	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	1BL	155km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 29' S Long: 119° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3385	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	18BL	138km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 39' S Long: 119° 24' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3386	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	8BL	152km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 33' S Long: 119° 29' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1853	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	65km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 120° 15' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1868	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	9BL	69km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 121° 30' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1871	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	77km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 121° 34' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/498	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	55BL	48km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 118° 17' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2164	MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD	47BL	76km W'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 117° 8' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3307	JAPAN ALUMINA ASSOCIATES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD SOJITZ ALUMINA PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (WORSLEY) PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (RAA) PTY LTD	106BL	31km E'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 25' S Long: 116° 28' E	WEST ARTHUR SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3457	JAPAN ALUMINA ASSOCIATES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD SOJITZ ALUMINA PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (WORSLEY) PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (RAA) PTY LTD	52BL	24km SW'ly of Williams	Lat: 33° 10' S Long: 116° 41' E	WILLIAMS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4714	BANKS, Aaron Peter	6BL	16km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 115° 45' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4794	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	9BL	52km NW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 115° 33' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/573	TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED	38BL	39km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 16' S Long: 119° 51' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2334	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	40BL	51km N'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 0' S Long: 119° 1' E	NAREMBEEN SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2338	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	39BL	77km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 118° 58' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2341-1	BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED	5BL	18km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 23' S Long: 119° 23' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2344	CRUCIBLE RESOURCES PTY LTD	24BL	65km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 118° 36' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6000	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony MANSEN, James Karl	102.97HA	2km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 121° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6001	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony MANSEN, James Karl	16.28HA	4km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 121° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2275	US MASTERS HOLDINGS LIMITED	197.50HA	9km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 117° 49' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2277-8	RISE SUCCESS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	233.82HA	66km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 117° 29' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/738	MONEY, Brian Mathew	4.54HA	3km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 117° 53' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5022	PHOTIOS, Michael John HALLIGAN, Robert William	52.46HA	71km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2348	CASCADE RESOURCES LIMITED	121.12HA	34km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2356	MANSEN, James Karl	192.18HA	20km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2358	ZETEK RESOURCES PTY LTD (ATF THE ZETEK TRUST) WESTERN RESOURCES PTY LTD	164.84HA	37km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2363	DOBAJ, Elizabeth Virginia	199.07HA	44km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4088	SMITH, William John	128.97HA	30km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4117-9	ZETEK RESOURCES PTY LTD (ATF THE ZETEK TRUST) WESTERN RESOURCES PTY LTD	575.74HA	34km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4127, 26/4129 & 26/4132	NORTHERN STAR (KANOWNA) PTY LIMITED	567.70HA	29km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4137	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony MANSEN, James Karl	7.23HA	26km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4138	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	4.15HA	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8622	JOHNSON, Robert William	196.19HA	14km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 25' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8623-32	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	1162.37HA	22km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5555	BREWER, Gerard Victor	159.59HA	50km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1694-6	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	240.76HA	9km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 117° 45' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1698	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence	15.24HA	8km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1684-5	KEYSBROOK LEUCOXENE PTY LTD	204.82HA	14km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 25' S Long: 115° 45' E	DARDANUP SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4346	ELLISON, Timothy John HAMPSON, John Hunter	78.00HA	59km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 119° 35' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/2	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	2321.94HA	19km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 119° 33' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/3	SOUTH EAST PILBARA ASSETS PTY LTD	9455.38HA	96km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 28' S Long: 120° 39' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/4	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1261.55HA	20km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 19' S Long: 119° 32' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/5	WARWICK RESOURCES PTY LTD	4409.04HA	46km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 26' S Long: 120° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Retention Licence	52/6	WARWICK RESOURCES PTY LTD	4713.72HA	48km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 41' S Long: 120° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA 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 retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 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: 24 February 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 **24 May 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.

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

\* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km<sup>2</sup>

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## YAEGL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETING

Proposed amendments to the Yaegl People Native Title Application

**Date:** Wednesday 16 March 2016  
**Time:** 9:30am - Arrival and morning tea  
 10:00am Start - 5.00pm Finish  
**Venue:** Maclean Lower-Clarence Services Club  
 38 River Street Maclean NSW

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, provides assistance to the Yaegl People, and is convening a claim group meeting for the members of the Yaegl native title claim group in relation to the Yaegl People #2 native title application in the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court Proceedings NSD 168/2011).

### Who should attend:

Members of the native title claim group as described in the registered application, being all descendants of the following apical ancestors:

- Dugald Cameron (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1870);
- Jack Freeburn (who was born in Yamba around 1868);
- Sailor Morris (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1831);
- Nodo Combo (who was born in Yamba around 1859); and
- Rose Combo nee Yamba and also known as Rosie Yamba (who was born in Yamba around 1856);

AND members of the native title claim group as defined by the revised definition which was adopted by the Yaegl People in 2015 being:

Yaegl people who comprise all the descendents of the following apical ancestors:

- Dugald Cameron (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1870);
- Jack Freeburn (who was born in Yamba around 1868);
- Sailor Morris (who was born in Chatsworth Island around 1831);
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and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those persons and who identify as and are accepted as Yaegl People in accordance with Yaegl traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).

AND any other persons who assert native title in the claim area.

The Yaegl People #2 Part A native title application was resolved by way of consent determination on 25 June 2015.

The Yaegl People #2 Part B native title application extends 3 miles east of the mean high water mark, between Woody Head and Wooli. The area is depicted in the attached map.

### The AGENDA for the Authorisation meeting 1 is:

1. Introduction, welcome and acknowledgement of country
2. To provide an update in relation to the progress of the Native Title Determination Application;
3. To confirm the decision making process of the Native Title claim group for the native title application;
4. Presentations of Yaegl anthropological and historical reports;
5. Discuss background and reasons behind proposed amendments to the Native Title Determination Application;
6. Consider and authorise any amendments to the Native Title Determination Application (Form 1) including in respect of:
  - o Amending the rights and interests claimed by the claim group;
  - o Any other amendments necessary for the registration of the Native Title Determination Application
7. Consider and authorise amendments to the claim group description in the Native Title Determination Application (Form 1) - in particular, to ask the meeting to confirm the Yaegl People's 2015 acceptance of the revised claim group definition, noting that the changes will result in the members of

the native title claim group being described as 'Yaegl people who comprise all the descendents of the following apical ancestors:

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### The AGENDA for the Authorisation meeting 2 is:

8. Introduction, welcome and acknowledgement of country
9. To confirm the decision making process of the Native Title claim group for the native title application
10. To confirm changes to the claim group description of the application made and authorised in Yaegl People Claim Group Authorisation Meeting 1
11. To confirm decisions made and authorised in the Yaegl People Claim Group Authorisation Meeting 1 including:
  - o Amending the rights and interests claimed by the claim group;
  - o Any other amendments necessary for the registration of the Native Title Determination Application
12. To confirm the authorisation of the Applicant to make the amended native title application and to deal with matters arising in relation to it
13. Any other business as determined by the meeting.

### Confirming your attendance

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. **Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

Please confirm your attendance by contacting NTSCORP on Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 by no later than **11 March 2016**, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

### Exploration Licence Application 5237, Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

#### Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an exploration licence

An area of 124 units situated approximately 23 kilometres north north east of Queanbeyan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

#### Description of the nature of the act

Anglogold Ashanti Australia Limited (ACN 008 737 424) is the applicant of Exploration Licence Application 5237 (Act 1992), for an exploration licence which would authorise the prospecting for Group one minerals and be granted for a term of 3 years.

#### Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

The Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

#### How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jedda Hoffman; Titles Program, NSW Department of Industry, (02) 4931 6424.

#### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 10 March 2016. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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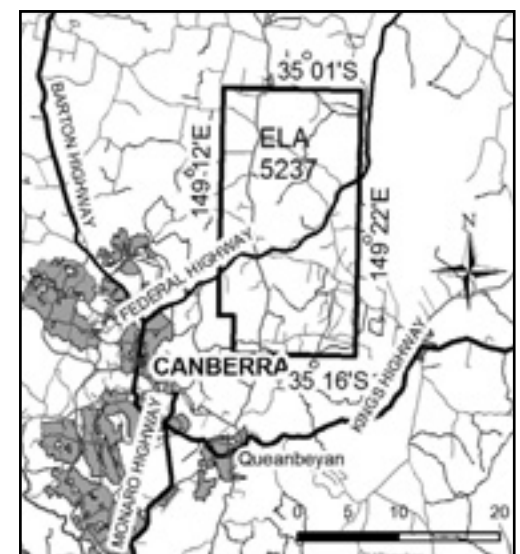
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## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/934	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	480491	291.43HA	18km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/934	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	480492	514.43HA	18km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 18' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/934	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	480493	56.04HA	18km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 19' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/965	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	480489	320.79HA	18km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
5/1471	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	480418	418.17HA	15km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 121° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
16/418	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	480490	119.43HA	30km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
26/168	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	480494	354.43HA	11km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
36/829	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	480008	18.69HA	12km W'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 120° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
39/1810	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	480167	196.00HA	89km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 122° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
45/3084-I	FMG NORTH PILBARA PTY LTD	478288	129.06HA	77km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 18' S Long: 119° 0' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
47/2963-I	ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LTD MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD NORTH MINING LIMITED CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME)	479591	32.35HA	105km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 8' S Long: 118° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
77/2222	TALGA RESOURCES LTD	481476	85.90HA	7km E'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

#### Notification day: 24 February 2016

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th), 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 **24 May 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* (C'th). 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. **24 June 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.



# Taleena makes debut



TALEENA Simon and Mahalia Murphy were named in the Australian women's rugby union team that went to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series on February 20-21.

Simon was aiming for debut cap for the gold jersey.

With the Olympics a big drawcard for sevens athletes around the world, Simon was not shying away from her pride at this opportunity.

"This means a lot. It will be an honour to represent my country. I just can't wait for the moment to come," said Simon before jetting off to Brazil.

"The Olympics is a big thing. Anyone would want to play rugby and win an Olympic Gold medal."

Simon will be looking to put her best foot forward with a wider squad of 23 players all vying for a spot in the final 12-person team heading to Rio in August.

Determined not to get ahead of herself, Simon was taking the biggest year in her career just one match at a time.

"I'm just focusing on what I've got to do and my position," she said.

Simon also competed during the HSBC Sydney 7s the previous weekend, playing a part in the whitewash result prevailing over Ireland in a three-match exhibition.

Although initially apprehensive to play in front of a crowd of more than 35 000, it didn't take long for Simon to settle in and enjoy the atmosphere.

"It was pretty scary and I was pretty nervous because of how big the crowd was, but it was fun and great to play on home soil," she said.

"I enjoyed every bit of it."

## Rapid rise

Having the Australian women's side competing at the Sydney 7s and the upcoming Olympics exposure the world-class team is sure to receive, women's rugby in Australia is on track to continue its extraordinary rise as one of the fastest growing female sports in the country.

"It definitely is growing. Before you hardly ever heard about women playing rugby and now you see it on the news, in the paper; it's just everywhere," Simon said.

"I guarantee that in a couple more years, it will be much bigger. It will have

more crowds around the women's game because there's not much at the moment, but it's definitely growing."

With the Sao Paulo leg of the World Series approaching, the young debutant was making sure she was doing everything in her power to play the best rugby she was capable of.

"I just want to work really hard in what I do and give it 100% and stay focused on my game," she said.

Lightning winger Simon and the powerful Mahalia Murphy – both products of Australia's Indigenous Rugby program, the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team – earned selection to the national side after impressing in training and with their performances in the three-match exhibition series against Ireland at the Sydney 7s tournament.

"Taleena and Mahalia have great potential and both offer the squad points of difference. This is a real opportunity for them to test themselves against some of the world's elite athletes on a global stage," women's head coach Tim Walsh said.

The Australian women's sevens team were to play Canada, Fiji and Ireland in Pool A in San Paulo.

– With JULIA MORIARTY



Speedster Taleena Simon takes the ball up against Ireland in Sydney during the Sydney Sevens tournament. She was set to make her World Women's Rugby Series debut last weekend in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

## WONGKUMARA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM QUD 52/2008 AUTHORISATION MEETING For purposes of Native Title Act 1993 (C'th)

### NOTICE OF MEETING

There is to be a whole of Claim Group Authorisation Meeting on Sunday, 28 February 2016 commencing at 8:00am for registration and Monday, 29 February 2016 commencing 9:00am at the Dubbo Racecourse, Merrilea Road, Dubbo NSW to consider and, if agreed, make decisions and resolutions in relation to the way in which the Wongkumara People will be described in the Native Title Claim and consequential thereon.

Currently the Claim Group is described as any of the biological descendants of:

- the full-blood Aboriginal parents of Charlotte;
- Maggie and Tommy;
- Polly of Coopers Creek;
- Charlie Nockatunga;
- any other ancestor who is determined by Wongkumara People to have been Wongkumara in accordance with traditional law and custom who identifies as Wongkumara and is accepted as Wongkumara by the Wongkumara People in accordance with traditional law and custom.

The above description includes all persons named in Attachment A to the Claim and their descendants provided such descendants identify as Wongkumara.

It is proposed to amend the description to provide that the persons who may exercise the Native Title rights and interests, subject to and in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by them, are the Wongkumara People and that the Wongkumara People are the descendants of one or more of the following people:

- Charlotte (mother of Jack, Queenie and May Hines, Rosie Jones and Willy Dutton);
- Siblings Polly (mother of Albert Ebsworth Sam and Tommy Burgamar) and Charlie Nockatunga;
- Maggie and Tommy (parents of Nellie Flash and Angelina);
- Kutji (mother of George Dutton);
- Tarella and her children Elizabeth and Harry (Fred) Hartnett;
- Norman Harding;
- Siblings Nellie (mother of Lucy Harding) and Judy (mother of Donald David Gillis);
- Jenny (mother of Alf Barlow); and
- Neddie and Nancy (grandparents of Jimmy Sedeek);
- And such other person or persons who might from time to time be recognised by the Wongkumara People as a Wongkumara ancestor.

Persons named in the Attachment A to the Claim are included within the above description.

The proposed amendment will make it necessary for the meeting to authorise Applicants and authorise the Applicants to take the necessary steps to amend the Claim Group description as agreed at the meeting.

There will be an Information Session at the start of the meeting.

All current Claim Group members and all persons descended from the apical ancestors listed at a) – i) above are invited and entitled to attend the meeting.

A capped assistance with the costs of attending the meeting will be provided to persons over 18 years of age entitled to attend and who attend each of the two (2) days, and whose place of residence is more than one (1) hour's travel from Dubbo. This capped assistance will only be paid into nominated bank accounts and will not be paid in person at the meeting. Persons intending to attend should register as soon as possible so that catering can be arranged by ringing the following number, during office hours: (07) 5494 4772. **NOTE:** You may need to establish your right to be registered and to attend. If you need more information about the meeting or the capped assistance ring Ochre Cultural Heritage Management on (07) 5494 4772.

# Murgon again to host Qld Indigenous golf



PAST winners of the Queensland Indigenous golf championships have been invited to contest the 10th annual tournament at Murgon on March 18-20.

Murgon has hosted the event since its inception.

The tournament is endorsed by Golf Queensland and is a three-day 54-hole stroke event in A, B and C grades plus women and juniors.

Organisers would particularly like to see more women and juniors competing.

A warm-up competition will be played on March 17.

In past years players have travelled from Cairns, Cunnamulla and central Queensland areas to attend.

"Last year we had players from NSW attending for the first time," spokesman Clowry Kennell said.

"Competition is strong and played in good spirit and friendship. Over the years it has

become a meeting place for many players and family members."

Organisers also are working on producing an honour board to be mounted at the Murgon Golf Club to acknowledge past winners.

Previous men's winners: 2007 Steve Thompson, 2008 Steve Thompson, 2009 C Bird (Pine Rivers), 2010 Brett Angeles (Nudgee), 2011 B Kelly (Hattonvale), 2012 Robin Harrison (Hervey Bay), 2013 Rickie Dodd (Windaroo), 2014 Kodi Louis (Yeppoon), 2015 Craig Dodd (Blackwater).

Women: 2007 Kimberley Crawley, 2008 I Matthews, 2009 A Butorac (Half Moon Bay), 2010 Not played, 2011 Kimberley Crawley (Horton Park), 2012 Not played, 2013 Kiri Sullivan (Middlemount), 2014 Kimberley Crawley (Horton Park), 2015 Kimberley Crawley (Horton Park).

This year's entry form with all conditions of play is available at [www.golfqueensland.org.au/gq-events/qld-indigenous-championships-1](http://www.golfqueensland.org.au/gq-events/qld-indigenous-championships-1)



## 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	36/683	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey CREW, Ross Frederick CREW, Christopher	139.22HA	33km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 45' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1346	GRANT, Regan Scott GRANT, Melita	203.24HA	60km NE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 28' S Long: 119° 14' E	LAKE GRACE 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:** 24 February 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 **24 May 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. 24 June 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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# Buddy is back for Swans



IN prime condition and winning the battle against his mental demons – Lance Franklin is back.

Franklin was the centre of attention after a standout effort in Sydney's intraclub match at Henson Park on February 12.

The superstar forward's AFL future came into question when he took a sabbatical on the eve of last year's finals to address his mental health issues.

Playing in a roving centre half-forward role in the intraclub match, Franklin covered plenty of ground and looked fighting fit after a big pre-season.

Franklin had a few early jitters, turning over the ball with his first two touches, but soon looked back in the swing of things.

He was warmly applauded for his first touch and kicked his only goal of the afternoon after taking a clever intercept in the shadows of halftime.

Asked to cover the entire length of the ground, the three-times Coleman medalist handled the extra running load asked of him by coach John Longmire.

While he managed just one goal,

he created plenty of chances and could have had a couple more had his kicking not been offline.

"He's done every ounce of pre-season so he's done an enormous amount of training so you can see that in his ability to run and get across the ground," Longmire said. "Tonight he looked really fit and ran really hard."

"He's going well, he's enjoying his training and enjoying his footy and looked really sharp."

"Through the midfield area he was able to get his hands on the ball plenty of times. He had plenty of footy in the first two-and-a-half quarters and we pushed him forward deliberately in the last quarter and a bit.

"He was feeling really good and looked sharp, got across the ground really well and got plenty of footy."

Franklin, who has not played an AFL game since round 23 last year, was a notable absentee from the club's best and fairest awards night while his fiancée Jesinta Campbell has predicted he will have to deal with his mental health issues for the rest of his life.

He is eyeing a return to the AFL in round one against Collingwood.

—AAP

## New-look Super Rugby season



WESTERN Force captain Matt Hodgson was among Australian rugby union stars who gathered in Sydney last week

ahead of the start of a new-look Super Rugby season.

The Australian conference will kick off on Friday, February 26, and the Super Rugby competition this season also involves teams from Argentina and Japan.

The season marks the

introduction of an under 20 competition.

Hodgson joined some of Australia's Super Rugby stars, including Wycliff Palu (Waratahs), James Slipper (Reds), Christian Lealiifano (Brumbies) and Nic Stirzaker (Rebels) to indulge in some pre-season fun at the official media launch at Wet'n'Wild water park in Sydney's west.

● PICTURE: Matt Hodgson and other Super Rugby players at Sydney's Wet'n'Wild water park. Picture: Karen Watson



The Alice Springs team won the Major Centres division at the Imparja Cup. They beat Darwin in the final. Pictures: Darrian Traynor/Getty

# Imparja Cup won by Alice Springs



ALICE Springs won cricket's Imparja Cup for the Major Centres Division, beating Darwin

in the T20 final at Traeger Park, Alice Springs. Batting first, Alice Springs scored 7-134.

Darwin fell 11 runs short of victory, finishing with 9-124.

In the Community Men's Division, Reclink Rebels (3-130) beat Rainbow Valley Stars (4-87) in the T20 final.

In the Community Women Division, Bush Potatoes (0-66) beat Alice Bush Grubs (6-64).

Tournament officials later named the Imparja Cup teams of the year.

The 2016 Major Centres Team of the Year: 1 Daniel Fett (Darwin), 2 Troy Gillett (Tennant Creek), 3 Joshua

Johnny (Darwin), 4 Nigel Lockyer (Alkupitja), 5 Greg Louis (All Sorts), 6 Kenny Maxwell (Katherine Crocs), 7 Hamish McDonald (Alice Springs), 8 Dillon Measures (Alice Springs), 9 Kenny Presley (Alkupitja), 10 David Trindle (Katherine Crocs), 11 Alan Watkins (All Sorts)

Major Centres Most Valuable Player, Daniel Fett (Darwin).

Community Men's Team of the Year: 1 Kyrell Baron (Clontarf Blazers), 2 Jahkiem Holtze-Furber (Clontarf Eagles), 3 Eric Williams (Nywente Eagles) 4 Lazarus Jones (Kulumbindini Strikers), 5 Hayden Hector (Timber Creek Dingoes), 6 Matthias Liddy (Anmatjere), 7 Daniel

Buckskin (4 Corners), 8 Alex Wilkins (Reclink Rebels), 9 Stephen Trindle

(Tangentyere Legends), 10 Ryan Woods (ASCC Eagles), 11 John Taylor (Rainbow Valley Stars).

Community men most valuable player award, Ryan Woods (ASCC Eagles).

Community Women's Team of the Year: 1 Hayley Bathern (Central Stars), 2 Carmen Butcher (Bush Potatoes), 3 Adel Clarke (Ladeez), 4 Kitisha Clarke (Ladeez), 5 Patrina McMasters (Central Stars), 6 Nerida Nettelbeck (Bush Grubs), 7 Sarah Roberts (Bush Grubs), 8 Anya Rose Riley (Intelyapelyape Queens), 9 Justine Swan (CAAMA), 10 Samantha Swan (Intelyapelyape Queens), 11 Sandy Warner (Bush Potatoes).

Community women most valuable player award, Sarah Roberts (Bush Grubs).



The Reclink Rebels beat Rainbow Valley Stars in the final of the Imparja Cup Community men's division.



# Coaching expectations

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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success across a number of AFL clubs and other sports.

The key factor in determining the success or failure of the model was the involvement of the coach.

The delegation of power to players requires a coach to have confidence that his authority will not be undermined.

We have all witnessed cases where 'player power' has resulted in the sacking of the coach.

It is the easy way out for an underperforming club if the directors are under pressure.

It is the coach who not only sets the tone of the organisation, he also establishes the expectations.

It was interesting to see my former coach at Swans Paul Roos come out recently and speak about his expectations in the final year of his contract at Melbourne.

### Accountability

Paul was central to the 'Bloods' culture of player accountability becoming embedded at the Swans.

Roos was brought in to the struggling Melbourne to change attitudes and build a winning culture.

His message to his players for this season was clear.

He has told his players he wants to send a "team of competitors" into battle each week in his last season at the helm.

Roos said more players were now ready to accept the responsibility of performing well

and supporters should be able to recognise the subtle difference between being competitive and being competitors.

"We want to put out a team of competitors that, win, lose or draw, the fans go, 'Bloody hell, they're tenacious, and they try hard,'" Roos said.

On the eve of his third and final season as coach before Simon Goodwin moves into the role, Roos was bullish about the club's future prospects.

"I say to a lot of people I know we are going to be successful. I just can't give you a date," Roos said.

"The list is much better now than it was two-and-a-half years ago."

Seven wins told just part of Melbourne's progress last season as it embedded a football department structure that ensured the right people and resources were focused on game style, list management, player development and culture.

The Demons also made a profit and are budgeting to be in the black at the end of 2016 as well.

With those fundamental pillars in place, Roos said the challenge ahead was to develop every component of what remained a relatively young list, with 15 clubs having more game experience than Melbourne.

"We know as a football club where we are at and it's just a continual evolution of how you get to where you want to get to," Roos said.

Goodwin will oversee much

of that work as he takes over as senior coach in 2017.

Roos said his combination with Goodwin was improving the players' education as they headed into 2016.

"I think my players are so much better educated than they were when I started because we have got a hungry coach who is coming in to coach the team and, not that I would drop the ball, but there are some areas that I don't see as important, but they are important and he shows them as important," Roos said.

### Utilise strengths

Roos laughed as he expressed the reality of how they worked together as a group to utilise their strengths to the team's benefit.

"The new breed like 'Goody' and Ben Mathews are on the computer putting circles and crosses and I am going, 'How the bloody hell do you do that?'" Roos said.

"I am the guy who uses the eyes and senses things and helps him in that regard, so the balance is really good and that will continue."

This period of transition will give the Demons the stability they have craved in an environment where the expectations of the players, the administrators and, most importantly, the fans will be on the same page.

It is the type of transition that Collingwood had to go through to transform themselves into the powerhouse club they are today.

So it is interesting to see the speculation around the future of their coach Nathan Buckley as he enters the final year of his contract since taking over from Mick Malthouse.

Captain Scott Pendlebury has urged his club to re-sign Buckley, fearing ongoing contract speculation could degenerate into a 'circus'.

Buckley is reportedly on the verge of signing a new multi-year deal with the Magpies and Pendlebury wants the situation resolved quickly so that it doesn't become an unwanted sideshow.

The skipper threw his support behind his coach, who has come under pressure for missing the finals over the past two seasons after being in the top four at the half-way mark on both occasions.

"Yeah, especially if it keeps him out of the media and all the pressure that comes with it," Pendlebury said when asked whether Buckley should be rewarded with a contract extension.

"Certainly, at our football club, if 'Bucks' doesn't sign throughout the season, it's going to become a circus down here.

"So hopefully it gets done sooner or later. As players, we always want to focus on this year and do the best we can."

The difference between the two clubs is one of expectation – especially of the fans.

Who would want to be a coach?

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!

# Jack Kelly, the quiet achiever



'QUIET achiever' Jack Kelly is the Moreton Bay Regional Council youth sports award winner as part of the Australia Day Awards 2016.

The 17-year-old rugby union player from Kippa Ring has proved himself to be an outstanding sportsman and mentor.

He has represented Queensland and Australia (Indigenous) in rugby union.

He started his rugby union career with the Redcliffe Sea Snakes and has gone on to represent his community at all levels.

He's played in the Queensland and Australian schoolboys rugby championships and has been part of the Queensland Reds elite squad.

He has won numerous outstanding player awards.

As a proud young Indigenous man living on the Redcliffe Peninsula, Jack is described as an exceptional role model for all young people.

"He enjoys assisting and supporting young people and earlier this year, while juggling his Year 12 studies, club rugby, school rugby and representative rugby commitments, Jack assisted in coaching the 7A and 7B rugby teams at his school," the submission to the Moreton Bay Regional Council

Australia Day awards said.

"It was a big volunteer commitment to take on, however, because of his dedication to the sport and to young people, Jack managed to balance all of his responsibilities and, as a result, both Year 7 teams achieved positive outcomes.

"Jack is now inspired to volunteer and coach young teams next rugby season, and has recently completed the first level coaching training, Smart Rugby."

The submission also referred to Jack's passion for athletics.

"When being awarded captain of athletics this year, Jack set about ensuring his 100-plus squad was supported and encouraged," the submission said.

"Jack was always the first at training and the last to leave. He was the ultimate role model, ensuring that he led by example. To encourage younger members of the squad, Jack bought lollies (earnings from his part time job at Hungry Jacks) and made up more than 80 lolly bags to take to the athletics meets. When one of his team achieved a personal best, he was awarded with one of the lolly bags from his captain.

"Jack was an inspiration to these young boys and he gained not only their respect, but also their loyalty."

The submission said Jack was a

strong believer in education and had supported younger boys at his school in their academic progression.

"He has provided one-on-one support in the classroom to younger grades offering further assistance where needed," the submission said.

"Jack is compassionate by nature so when, in 2012, Jack's mother (as a sole parent) hosted an Indigenous student from far north Queensland to live with them for two years so he could complete years 11 and 12 in Brisbane, Jack was instrumental in assisting the student by providing support and guidance.

"Jack proved himself to be a positive role model and mentor as moving from a remote Aboriginal community to live in a city wasn't an easy transition for this 15-year-old Indigenous student.

"However, with Jack's support, transitioning into a new community and a new school became much easier for him.

"At only 17 years of age, Jack Kelly has already proven himself to be not only an effective team-orientated sports professional, but also an emerging young leader within his local community.

"He has demonstrated himself to be a positive role model for his local community and also an ambassador for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Jack Kelly is an outstanding young sportsman and mentor.



# Three to watch in South Australia



Kym Lebois, from Ceduna, has been likened to Hawthorn superstar Cyril Rioli. "He's an explosive player," coach Brenton Phillips said of Lebois. Pictures: Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT



THREE Indigenous youngsters – Kym Lebois, Tyson Stengle and Nathan Krueger – were outstanding in the annual South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Academy match at AMMI Stadium, Adelaide.

The match is regarded as the start of the SANFL season and is a platform for the state's best under 18 players.

Ceduna lad Lebois plays with North Adelaide, Stengle is from the Woodville West Torrens Football Club and Krueger is from Victor Harbour, an hour south of Adelaide.

Although slow out of the blocks in the opening term, Chris Smelt's Red side, which included Stengle, dominated the second and third quarters to run away comfortably

28-point victors over the Blue side.

The final score was SANFL Red 18 15.8 (98), SANFL Blue 10.10 (70), with Lebois kicking two goals for the vanquished and Stengle making it on to the goal scorers sheet as well.

"I was happy with the skills shown and the quickness of the ball movement," SANFL talent manager and under 18s state coach Brenton Phillips said.

"Considering the time of the year, it was an excellent hitout.

"Looking over the squad, we've got enough tall and key position options."

## Shades of Rioli

West Coast talent Lebois already is being likened to Hawthorn star and 2015 Norm Smith medallist Cyril Rioli.

Like Rioli, he can turn a match on its head in the blink of an eye.

"Kym is an explosive player who excites with his quickness

and creativity," an impressed Phillips said.

"He has those typical traits you see in the best small forwards/midfielders in the AFL.

"A clever ball handler, he is also fiercely competitive and is a good finisher.

"There is much to like about the way Kym plays.

"Tyson is another member of the extended Stengle clan.

"Along with being a good decision maker, he's also composed.

"He also has a strong skill set and his defensive and tackling pressure is first class.

"Nathan still has another year where he is eligible for this program.

"At his size, Nathan is capable of playing a number of roles.

"He just needs to get better when in possession and disposing of it efficiently.

"But there is huge upside to his game."



Nathan Krueger

# Rohanee calls time

By CHRIS PIKE



ONE of the great women's basketball careers in Australia has come to an end with Rohanee Cox announcing that this

Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) season was her last.

Cox finished her season for the Sydney Uni Flames, announcing her retirement from top-level basketball and bringing to an end a WNBL career that included 301 games and a Most Valuable Player award for the 2008-09 season.

On top of that, she was part of the silver medal-winning Opals team at the Beijing Olympic Games which saw her create history as Australia's first Indigenous medal winner.

Along the way, Cox has had two children and now is excited to be able to spend more time with them, but not before reflecting on a remarkable basketball career.

She launched into her WNBL as a 16-year-old with the Australian Institute of Sport before returning to her home state of Western Australia to play with the Perth Lynx.

After some successful individual performances, the birth of her first child led to short retirement from the sport.

She was lured back to play with the Townsville Fire in 2005 and that set off the most successful period of her career, culminating in making the Opals team for the Beijing Olympics and winning a silver medal. That remains her career highlight.

"The 2008 Beijing Olympics was obviously a huge highlight when we won a silver medal," Cox said.

"The hard work just getting there and having a small kid to look after while trying to do that made it all worthwhile," she said.

"But most female athletes deal with that and that's why we come back better and stronger after we have kids."

Upon returning from the Olympics, Cox had her best season, winning the WNBL MVP award playing for the Fire.

She ended up returning to Perth to play for the West Coast Waves in 2011 before her last four seasons at the Sydney Uni Flames.

After helping to lift the Flames into the finals last year, she was limited in her appearances this season due to injury despite making it back out to reach the 300-game milestone.

Partly because of her absence, Sydney fell short of a finals berth.

The 35-year-old has already retired once and considered it virtually each of the past five years. As a result, her Flames teammates weren't sure to believe her, but Cox is adamant this retirement from the top level is for good.

"I was just saying to the girls that, over the past four years, I've always said I wanted to retire and they didn't believe me and said I will be back next year, but I am actually going to retire this year," she said.

"I got a little bit upset about it, as you do, but I'm closing one door and opening another."

## Parents' influence

Cox also got a little emotional in thinking about the influence her parents had on her life and basketball career while now looking forward to spending more time at home.

"My biggest influences would definitely be my mum and dad. They've always been there for me when I've done well and haven't done well. They are my rocks and I love them unconditionally, and obviously I wouldn't be here without them," Cox said.

"I just want to thank my family and friends who have supported me throughout my career.

"And my partner Nick has been there for me and supporting me, and looking after my girls when I'm away. I'm looking forward to the next stage of our lives."

While Cox's decorated 301-game 16-season WNBL career is over, basketball is not losing her. She has signed on to play with the Geelong Lady Supercats in the upcoming South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL) and is eyeing a move into coaching.



Rohanee Cox, left, with fellow Sydney Uni Flames Indigenous teammate and fellow Opal Leilani Mitchell. Picture: Peter Argent



# It's here to stay

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

**N**ATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) head of football Todd Greenberg may well become one of the most important figures in the history of the All Stars.

At the Auckland Nines tournament, he unexpectedly came out and said that the All Stars fixture was under review.

Along with a host of others, I questioned the timing of his statement just a week out from the event.

On reflection, his timing could not have been better.

He not only galvanised the Indigenous players and the Indigenous community, he was the spark that set alight the passionate support of All Stars players, the media and members of the broader community.

The fans of the game also gave their voice of approval with close to 40,000 attending the game and more than 1 million viewers tuning in to watch another absorbing contest.

ARL Commission chairman John Grant had no choice but to declare the future of the game was safe.

The players then did their bit on the night, with no-one doubting the quality or seriousness of the contest.

Although I was naturally disappointed with the result, I left the ground not only proud of the effort of both teams, but satisfied in the belief that the immediate future of the game is secure.

Most importantly, I felt that more people are beginning to understand that All Stars is more than a game and more than a week.

It is about empowering our players with their connection to culture to become an inspiration and generators of hope for our communities and our kids.

It is about Indigenous and non-Indigenous people coming together in a spirit of understanding to celebrate the special connection between



The young Quandamooka dancers perform for the Indigenous All Stars on Stradbroke Island to open the two-day leadership camp.

rugby league and our communities.

After a year where our brother Adam Goodes was booed for celebrating his culture with dance on the field, we had the sight of the All Stars standing in respect as Greg Inglis led our side in the Unity Dance that sought to bring the Indigenous nations they represented and all rugby league supporters together.

And what a sight it was!

The very fact that Australian captain Cameron Smith is behind the Australian team embracing this dance shows how far our game has come since the first All Stars clash.

Cameron, along with James Graham and Tom Burgess, all spoke about the impact the week had on them and the importance of the game.

### Great advocate

This collective spirit has a lot to do with Wayne Bennett, who has been one of the game's advocates from the start.

This has always been a game of the players and a game for the people.

This was evident when more than 30 past and present Indigenous rugby league players came together for a two-day leadership camp, heralding the start of the week-long celebration leading up to the game.

The group gathered on Stradbroke Island as part of what has become a tradition in the lead-up to the All Stars match.

Players spent the day bonding and learning from each other, with the camp designed to

strengthen player's cultural identity and wellbeing, along with developing off-field leadership and future skills.

Indigenous All Stars captain Greg Inglis said he was honoured to not only lead the team this year, but also to be amongst the camp and develop stronger ties across the game.

"The All Stars week is a really special week and occasion for me and it is important for me as a proud Aboriginal man to represent my family, community and people," Inglis said.

"The lead-up to the match is all about encouraging as many people from all walks of life to appreciate the history of Indigenous people, both past and present, who have been leaders in shaping our country."

Current Indigenous All Stars women's coach Dean Widders said he felt an enormous sense of pride whenever the All Stars week came around.

"This is the sixth time that we have had an All Stars match and every year, the spirit and support from everyone grows stronger," Widders said.

"This camp is an important start to the week and our Indigenous players who attend always leave with their heads high, ready to lead within their own communities and inspire others to reach their potential and beyond."

If anything captured the spirit of the game, it was reception the players were given when they arrived at the camp.

The smiles on the faces of the young Quandamooka dancers as they broke into an impromptu performance of Greg Inglis' trademark goanna crawl

while welcoming the Indigenous All Stars captain and his teammates to Stradbroke Island were the essence of hope and inspiration.

This was matched by the excitement of the school children at a 7am coaching clinic hosted by the local Straddie Sharks club, whose teams wear jerseys emblazoned with the 'Earn, Learn, Legend' and 'Deadly Choices' slogans that have been promoted to Indigenous communities since the NRL's first All Stars game in 2010.

It was for these kids and thousands of others like them that Greg Inglis spoke out.

Along with Widders, GI was a member of the Indigenous players group that I was also proud to be a member of, alongside Johnathan Thurston, Matty Bowen and Sam Thaiday, who pushed for the original game.

GI was not going to let the importance of the game be ignored.

### "Too valuable"

"This game is too valuable and means too much to the players and to the community to scrap it," he said.

GI himself admits it was playing in the All Stars match and attending the associated Indigenous player's leadership camps that made him aware of his responsibility as a role model and led to him becoming South Sydney captain.

"To see the kids do the goanna and have a bit of fun with the culture was great," he said.

"Everywhere I go now, kids are saying can you do the

goanna, but I prefer them to show me, and it was just great to see those kids connecting with what they strongly believe in."

At the camp, players were told how Indigenous Australians are underrepresented at universities and about half as likely to complete some form of higher education as the rest of the population.

Among the 98 Indigenous players who comprise 12% of NRL squads, the figure for those with a university degree has risen from 12.5% in 2014 to 33% now.

That in itself is a great story.

Within five years of the All Stars dream becoming reality, the NRL had Indigenous captains on both sides of last season's grand final.

More than 30% per cent of the Kangaroos team are Indigenous.

Indigenous journalist Stan Grant chimed into the debate during the week.

"I remember talking to Johnathan Thurston about All Stars and him telling me what a transformative event it was for his life, and how it changed him as a man and as a footballer," Grant said.

"It gave him a sense of belonging and identity that I really think has contributed to him becoming the great player he is and, if you talk to any of the players, it is an incredible moment to represent your people."

This is the power of All Stars.

The power that can help transform the future of our kids. It is why we all need to focus on the future of All Stars.

It is here to stay.





● LEFT: Ashleigh Barty the tennis player. She is pictured here hitting a backhand against Russia's Maria Kirilenko during the French tennis Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on May 31, 2013. Picture: AFP



● RIGHT: Ashleigh Barty the cricketer. She has just competed a season with the Brisbane Heat in Cricket Australia's Women's Big Bash League (WBBL).

# Back to tennis

By CHRIS PIKE



ASHLEIGH Barty's near two-year hiatus from tennis is over and it was her foray into cricket to play in the inaugural Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) that re-energised her to get back on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) circuit.

Barty is now almost 20, but by the time she was 18, she had achieved an incredible amount, winning the Junior Wimbledon girls' singles at the age of 15 and making three Grand Slam doubles finals during 2013 alongside Casey Dellacqua.

However, by the end of 2014, she was feeling burnt out and felt that she had no choice but to take a break from tennis or she might end up hating it and never return.

That competitive nature continued to burn, though, and while not yet ready to fully embrace tennis, she decided on a foray into cricket. Some impressive performances in grade cricket in Brisbane saw Barty sign up with the Brisbane Heat for the

inaugural women's BBL. She didn't look out of place either with a high score of 39 against the Melbourne Stars in the season-opener on December 5.

However, being back involved in top-level sport let her know that she was ready to return to tennis and she is playing her first tournament back on the International Tennis Federation (ITF) circuit in Perth late this month.

## Time for both?

What is not out of the realms of possibility now, though, is for Barty to continue to play cricket and tennis. There is every chance she could focus on tennis from February through to October, then get into cricket for the Australian summer to be part of the WBBL.

That will mean the Australian tennis summer is missed, but if it keeps her love of tennis going and keeps her feeling fresh enough to continue playing, it might be a worthwhile sacrifice.

After all, Ellyse Perry has proven she can play top level soccer and cricket in Australia at the same time, so there's no reason Barty couldn't pull off the juggling act.

Barty now realises that she had little choice but to take the break from tennis. And now she's not taking any shortcuts in her comeback and wants to earn everything she gets.

"Obviously, I was very young, but I turn 20 this year and it's a different perspective on life and tennis in general. I'll be able to do it my way a little bit more and if it works, great, and if it doesn't, I can't really complain," Barty told WTA Insider.

"I've had a phenomenal career for the short time that I did play. I'm just prepared to work up that slow grind up the ITFs and hopefully be up with the WTA soon.

"I could have taken a protected ranking and walked in there next week, but that's not really what I want. I'm starting fresh and I can go through the process a little better this time and get it a little bit more suitable for me."

Growing up playing tennis and achieving so much by the time she only just turned 18 was a remarkable experience for Barty, but she stopped enjoying it and that's why she needed a break. And she has no doubt it has done her the world of good.

"I love tennis, but I sort of got a little bit

away from what I really wanted to do," she said.

"It became robotic and that's not what I wanted. It's such an amazing sport and I just really wanted to enjoy it and I lost that enjoyment and passion.

"I think deep down I knew if I kept trying to drive on through it, it would drive me away completely. So it was the right time to step away and refresh.

"I had done it previously, in smaller stints for a few weeks here or there but this time I knew I needed a little more time and didn't put a time limit on it. It just so happens to be that 16 or 17 months later, I'm refreshed and ready to go again."

As for her experience playing in the WBBL, Barty loved every minute of it and won't rule out more of it.

"It was an unbelievable opportunity to do something really different. The support and everything I got from cricket was phenomenal," Barty said.

"Having that competitive edge brought me back into that aspect of tennis, as well: getting out there and competing and sharing it with other people.

"It was just nice to refresh and do something different."

# Down Memory Lane: Johncock back at Willaston

By PETER ARGENT



IT WAS 2003 when Jeremy Johncock won a best and fairest award for the Willaston Donnybrooks in the Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association (BLG), and 12 years later he is returning to

country football, donning his old jumper.

"I'm looking forward to returning to country football," Johncock, 33, said.

"I'm 34 in August so I guess I'll be a senior player.

"My foundation club is Mallee Park, and I'd like to finish my football with them in Port Lincoln.

"It is the little things like having the cars around the boundary and your family going to the game.

"Hopefully, my son Gus can start running around the ground at the breaks.

After Johncock left Willaston, he had an

unproductive season with North Adelaide before his first stint with Henley in division one of the South Australian Amateur Football League.

His two prosperous years in the amateurs prompted a call from 2001 coach Jack Oatey and new Sturt coach Rick McGowan to have another crack at SANFL league football.

McGowan gave Johncock his first chance at senior football, with the proviso that he trimmed down to less than 100kg.

In the 2008 season, Johncock played in a SANFL reserves flag alongside future AFL footballers Jack Trengove and Brodie Martin, along with Fremantle-listed player Benet Copping.

The following winter, he was a member of the Sturt league team that competed with the competition yardstick Central District.

After 54 senior games, at the end of the 2011 season, Johncock moved back to amateur league football with Port Districts,

playing the 2012-13 winters with them.

While Districts lost the season decider in 2013, Johncock played a big role in the club returning to the premier division one competition.

He returned to the Henley Sharks in 2014 and had a highly productive 80-goal season and was the Sharks' leading goal kicker.

Adding to the lure is his former teammate at the double Blues and cousin Shaun Childs, who is also playing with Willaston this year.

"It will be great to have a kick and a catch with 'Cuz' again," Johncock said.

With the recruitment of Johncock up forward, Childs as a key defender and 2015 Gold Coast five-game AFL footballer in the midfield, the Donnybrooks are expected to charge up the ladder under new coach Malcolm Greenwood.

Johncock is also keen for some redemption for the BLG grand final loss to Angaston at Nuriootpa Oval in 2003.



Jeremy Johncock in his SANFL days at Sturt.



# Mohamed heads advisory group



Bevan Bennell bowls for Western Australia.



Fiona Hale strikes out for Victoria.



Alice Springs police officer Carmella Gray was one of the stars for the Northern Territory women's team. In one match against Queensland, she belted 70 runs from 56 balls. Pictures: Darrian Traynor/Getty



RECONCILIATION Australia CEO Justin Mohamed is a new co-chair of Cricket Australia's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC).

NATSICAC advises on the direction of Australian cricket's Indigenous cricket programs.

He will share his chair duties with fellow new co-chair and Cricket Australia (CA) director Earl Eddings.

Mr Eddings will fill the vacancy left by Dr John Bannon, the long-time NATSIAC co-chair and CA director who passed away in December.

The co-chair appointments were announced in conjunction with the inaugural independent members of NATSIAC.

National Indigenous Television (NITV) news presenter, producer and senior journalist Natalie Ahmat and Bess Edwards, an accomplished lawyer who has experience in native title and board governance, have been appointed to fill the two independent positions on the committee.

"I'm very honoured to be appointed as co-chair of Cricket Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group," Mr Mohamed said.

## Commitment

"Cricket Australia's focus on increasing the involvement and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities at the recreational and professional levels is a clear demonstration of its commitment to reconciliation.

"Sporting fields and spectator stands are such important places for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians to build respectful and trusting relationships, which are the foundation for real reconciliation."

The selection of the four new members of NATSIAC follows a comprehensive selection process



The new co-chairs of Cricket Australia's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC), Justin Mohamed, left, and Earl Eddings, right, with fellow committee members Natalie Ahmat and Bess Edwards. Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty

undertaken by a three-member panel featuring former Australian of the year Professor Mick Dodson, AO, Earl Eddings and CA's head of community engagement Sam Almaliki.

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland said: "In December, cricket sadly lost John Bannon, who, for many years, championed cricket's efforts to better engage Indigenous communities as co-chair of NATSIAC, a cause he was fiercely passionate about.

"While John can never be replaced, the four new appointees to the committee are of the highest calibre and will carry on his legacy of making cricket a much truer reflection of Australian society.

"Their experience, expertise and knowledge will help drive the direction of Indigenous cricket in Australia, maximising opportunities for Australians of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds to be involved in cricket at all levels."

The new appointments to NATSIAC follow the CA Board-endorsed restructure of Indigenous cricket governance driven by

recommendations from a recent CA-commissioned Indigenous Cricket Governance Review.

The recommendations of the 2015 review were consistent with the findings of an extensive research project undertaken by Prof Dodson and Dr Bill Fogarty from the Australian National University, titled *For the Love of the Game*, conducted in partnership with CA.

The review recommended the introduction of an improved governance structure for Indigenous cricket, and a new set of terms of references that proposed the addition of two independent NATSIAC committee members, along with two co-chairs, representatives from each state and territory, and CA representatives.

The announcements came at the midway point of the inaugural National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs.

That competition, a product of the National Indigenous Cricket Strategy, has been created to offer further high-performance and development opportunities to Indigenous cricketers.



Queensland run machine Cameron Trask plays an elegant shot.





The inaugural national Indigenous women's squad.



The 2016 men's Black Caps. Pictures: Darrian Traynor/Getty

## A family affair

THE three McGregor brothers don't get to play cricketer together too often, so the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs was something they were looking forward to.

Originally from Darwin, Marcus McGregor-Cassady, 21, Ayden McGregor-Baptista, 17, and Dylan McGregor-Baptista, 15, represented South Australia for the first time as a trio and their mum Tanya McGregor joined them on their first tour together as the SA team manager.

Wicketkeeper and vice-captain Marcus had the duty of keeping to his off-spinning brother Ayden –

who captained the SA side and the SA under 17s – and left-arm wrist-spinning younger brother Dylan.

Mum Tanya has performed the role as SA team manager for some time, but 2016 was the first time she had done so with her three boys in the team.

Tanya is also heavily involved in the direction of Indigenous cricket as a member of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC).

The brothers found lean pickings in Alice Springs and the South Australian team returned home without a win.



Tanya McGregor and her sons, from left, Ayden, Dylan and Marcus in the dressing room in Alice Springs.



Victorian brothers Travis and Wade King at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

# Black Caps are named



THE players of the championships, men's and women's Black Cap squads, and an inaugural national Indigenous women's squad were announced at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) awards night in Alice Springs.

Hosted by NITV's Natalie Ahmat, the night honoured the best performers of the inaugural NICC.

New South Wales paceman Sam Doggett received the men's player of the championships award for his outstanding tournament, which included 11 wickets at an average of 7.7.

Doggett, originally from Queensland and who plies his trade at Randwick Petersham Cricket Club in Sydney's grade competition, also impressed with the bat, scoring 92 runs at an average of 46.

Roxsanne Van-Veen, a long-term member of the all-conquering NSW, took out the women's player of the championships for her strong all-round display.

Van-Veen, who plays grade cricket for St George-Sutherland Womens Cricket Club, took 10 tournament wickets at an incredible average of 4.5, with best bowling figures of 4-10.

Capping her all-round display, Van Veen scored 88 runs at an average of 88.

The best individual male and female performers of the tournament were also recognised on the night through the traditional

Black Cap squads.

In the final announcement of the night, a preliminary inaugural national women's Indigenous squad was announced.

Like the national men's Indigenous squad, the women's squad will be offered further development and touring opportunities.

### The teams

2016 Women's Black Caps: Carmella Gray (NT), Sally Moylan (NT), Ashleigh Gardner (NSW), Samara Williams (WA), Carly Fuller (Qld), Jacinta Goodger-Chandler (Vic), Emily Bowden (WA), Roxsanne Van-Veen (NSW), Julie Muir (NSW), Haylee Hoffmeister (NSW), Kavita Pepper (WA), Jess Martin (Vic).

2016 Men's Black Caps: Damien Duroux (NSW), Callan Morse (Tas), Nathan Price (NSW), Cameron Trask (Qld), Bevan Bennell (WA), Worrin Williams (Qld), Thomas Sky (Qld), Josh Bailey (WA), Rohan Best (Vic), Samuel Doggett (NSW), Ben Patterson (NSW), Marty Jeffrey (NSW).

Preliminary National Indigenous Women's Squad: Emily Bowden (WA), Sara Darney (NSW), Cara Fiebig (SA), Carly Fuller (Qld), Ashleigh Gardner (NSW), Jacinta Goodger-Chandler (Vic), Samantha Gordon (NSW), Carmella Gray (NT), Tamika Hansen (Qld), Haylee Hoffmeister (NSW), Febi Mansell (SA), Jess Martin (Vic), Sally Moylan (NT), Julie Muir (NSW), Kavita Pepper (WA), Natalie Plane (Vic), Nicole Squires (NSW), Roxsanne Van-Veen (NSW), Taylor Wigg (Tas), Samara Williams (WA).



The women's Black Caps.



# NSW dominant force



NEW South Wales made a statement on the opening day of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) and kept the foot on the

throttle until the end.

The Blues opened with an emphatic 89-run win over Victoria, thanks to a ruthless bowling performance by Ben Patterson (5-7).

The other feature of the opening day was Queensland's atonement of their 2015 grand final loss to Western Australia.

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The NT scored 8-108.

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The Northern Territory team.



The Queensland team finished second.



The West Australian team.



The Victorian team.



The Tasmanian team.



The South Australian team. Pictures: Darrian Traynor/Getty





The NSW men's team thumped Queensland in the final of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs on Monday, February 15. The Blues dominated the week-long competition, remaining undefeated. The NSW women's team also made a clean sweep of the tournament. *Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty*

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The NSW team won the women's division for the ninth time in nine years. *Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty*

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Greg Inglis and other Indigenous All Stars players watch the young Quandamooka dancers break into an impromptu performance of Inglis' trademark goanna crawl during the Indigenous All Stars leadership camp on Stradbroke Island.

## 'It's not just the money'



FORGET about the money – the All Stars is all about inspiring the next generation of Indigenous Australians, Justin Hodges says.

Retired great Hodges said the National Rugby League (NRL) would be missing the point entirely if it scrapped the All Stars concept based on revenue.

The future of the annual showcase – now in its sixth year – will again be reassessed after the February 13 Lang Park showdown.

But Hodges said it was narrow-minded to simply measure the event's success in dollars and cents.

He said it was the school visits and events players took part in throughout Indigenous communities in the week leading up to the game that made the difference.

### Next generation

Hodges said initiatives like the All Stars week's Youth Summit helped mould the next generation of Indigenous leaders.

"It's not about the money," Hodges said. "For the Indigenous boys, it's not about filling stadiums, it's not about winning games. "It's about the week the players have with the kids, the kids who don't get to see their heroes, who can't afford a ticket or get a

chance to see their heroes train or interact with them."

More than 50 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori students from Australia and New Zealand gathered to be taught life skills with NRL stars at the Youth Summit camp, now in its fifth year.

"That's what they have got to understand," Hodges said.

"The kids walk in so shy but as soon we start interacting with them, their faces light up.

"It's making sure the kids are looked after. They learn off us – that's our future."

England forward James Graham said the NRL needed an All Stars weekend more than any other major sport.

"The NRL needs an All Star weekend more than even the American codes – I would say more than the NFL or NHL or those American codes need their All Stars weekend," the World All Stars forward told AAP.

"This is a little bit more than that. You see what it means to the Indigenous players and communities.

"I think that it's important that it is something that is recognised and that these teams play a part in it.

"I really hope it is here for many years to come."

## Camp opens a big week

MORE than 30 past and present Indigenous rugby league players, including members of this year's men's Indigenous All Stars team, came together for a two-day leadership camp, heralding the start of a week-long celebration leading up to the 2016 All Stars match on Saturday, February 13.

The group gathered on Stradbroke Island in what has become a tradition in the lead-up to the All Stars match.

The group spent the day bonding and learning from each other, with the camp designed to strengthen player's cultural identity and wellbeing, along with developing off-field leadership and future skills.

Indigenous All Stars captain Greg Inglis said he was honoured to not only lead his team this year, but also to be among the camp and develop stronger ties across the game.

"The All Stars week is a really special week and occasion for me, and it is important for me as a proud Aboriginal man to represent my family, community and people," Inglis said.

"The lead-up to the match is all about encouraging as many people from all walks of life to appreciate the history of Indigenous people – past and present – who have been

leaders in shaping our country."

Former NRL Indigenous player and current Indigenous All Stars women's coach Dean Widders said he felt an enormous sense of pride whenever the All Stars week came around.

"This is the sixth time that we have had an All Stars match and every year, the spirit and support from everyone grows stronger," Widders said.

"This camp is an important start to the week and our Indigenous players who attend always leave with their heads high, ready to lead within their own communities and inspire others to reach their potential and beyond."

This year's camp, focused on three key areas:

- Career choices, with players and participants identifying career paths outside of rugby league and developing plans aimed at gaining qualifications and experience for the future.

- Mental wellbeing, with a number of workshops held while in camp, led by wellbeing experts and NRL wellbeing partners.

- Development of a cultural dance, with players to form their own dance to be used in the future across the game and representing Indigenous people.



# Fight to save concept



THE spectacle may have been convincing enough, but Indigenous coach Laurie Daley still felt compelled to ram home the All Stars game's

importance to the National Rugby League (NRL) after the pulsating showcase event on February 13.

Daley reckoned the World All Stars' gripping 12-8 win over his Indigenous side at Brisbane's Lang Park should have all but guaranteed the concept's future.

Australian Rugby League (ARL) Commission chairman John Grant also tried to put out bushfires by claiming the game had been locked in for the next few years.

Yet Daley revealed he would still be pushing for answers on the game's longevity among the powers-that-be in the coming weeks.

"We will be pretty vocal in our thoughts about keeping this game alive and make sure it is played every year," Daley said.

Daley admitted fans had voted with their feet after a 37,339-strong crowd arrived at Suncorp Stadium for the All Stars' sixth edition.

Yet Daley reckoned a change of venue may provide a shot in the arm for the concept.

"I think if you took it to North Queensland, you would get a full stadium and at Canberra you would get a full stadium," he said.

"There's a lot of places you can take it."

The NRL was reportedly weighing up the game's future after last year's match on the Gold Coast suffered a \$500,000 loss.

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with the NRL's two-year Queensland government contract to host the clash expiring this season.

Indigenous captain Greg Inglis took a thinly veiled swipe at NRL head of football Todd Greenberg, wondering why Greenberg had questioned the All Stars game's future ahead of the showcase event.

"It was a bit unfortunate that the comment came out before this week started," Inglis said.

"I think they should have waited until after the week, to be honest."

Meanwhile, World All Stars and Brisbane Broncos coach Wayne Bennett said some "selfish" NRL coaches needed to start embracing the All Stars concept by making their star players available.

World All Stars coach Bennett dismissed any suggestion that the players did not support the concept.

But he couldn't say the same for some NRL coaches.

"Only certain coaches – a lot have been cooperative and get right behind it – get a little protective and selfish," Bennett said when quizzed on whether players should prioritise the event more following the withdrawals.

"We might have to tinker with that a little bit.

"But the players want to be here.

"If the players didn't want to be here, I wouldn't be here."

Bennett said the All Stars' success could only be measured in the long term.

He said it was the school visits and events such as the All Stars Youth Summit in the game's lead-up that made the difference – not bums on seats.

"We won't see the benefits of this for a long time, but we know if we don't do it, then the future only gets worse for them – we have a responsibility," Bennett said.

Inglis said: "I think the whole week has gone unbelievably well.

"You can tell from the boys that they really enjoy this week.

"And the crowd that turned out tonight, you couldn't hear much on the field (because of the crowd noise).

"This game is a great concept."

Jamie Soward is one player who is looking forward to All Stars matches for years to come.

The indigenous half said queries about the showcase event's future were now a "non-question" after ARL Commission chairman John Grant told players its contract would be renewed.

"It's a non-question – the game won't be lost," Soward said.

"We had John Grant speak at a function last night and he was very confident that the game is not up for discussion. We are going to enter into a new contract.

"As far as we are concerned, the game will hopefully be around for at least the next five, 10, 15 years."

## Season opener

Soward said he still considered the All Stars the traditional season opener.

"The Nines is a great concept, but it's not really rugby league," the Penrith half said.

Soward said it would be "shattering" if the All Stars game disappeared, considering the awareness of Indigenous issues it raised in the community.

"The importance of the week has really sunk in now I am a little bit older," Soward said.

World All Stars captain Cameron Smith said he would opt for the All Stars to take precedence over the NRL Auckland Nines in a reshuffled pre-season.

Smith admitted "something has got to give" in a NRL pre-season that had now become so hectic, stars now needed to pick and choose which events they could play.

Smith threw his support behind the besieged All Stars game, but admitted the number of big-name withdrawals had hurt the concept, revealing he was personally

disappointed with Johnathan Thurston's unavailability.

Asked if the All Stars should take precedence over the Nines, Smith said: "I am a traditionalist. I would opt to play this (All Stars).

"I was given the choice of playing the Nines or this by (Melbourne coach) Craig Bellamy and I chose this.

"It's where I would rather play."

Brisbane Broncos veteran Sam Thaiday said the All Stars concept was too important for it to be squeezed out of an increasingly packed NRL pre-season.

But like just about everyone else, he doesn't have a clue where it best fits into the rugby league calendar.

"It's the same conversation we have every year, at the start of the year," said a bemused Thaiday.

"How do we fix it? No idea.

"I just show up and do the best I can in whatever jersey I have on.

"Hopefully the powers-that-be can sit down and figure out a way where we're not putting so much loading on players."

Thaiday said the NRL simply had to find a place for the All Stars match, and was confident "some aspect" of the concept would linger.

One option to reinvigorate the match is to take it outside of south-east Queensland to places like Townsville, which would guarantee a "dead set sellout", said Thaiday.

"There'd be people hanging off the lights to see the game," he said.

"Who knows where this game can go?"

"We kind of have set a benchmark now and it will continue, in some way, shape or form.

"It does a lot of work in the communities, gives a lot of hope and lets a lot of young Indigenous kids dream to be bigger, greater and get out of certain situations.

"That is the most important thing about this game – not the 80 minutes on the Saturday." – *With AAP*



The Indigenous All Stars' Sam Thaiday takes on the World All Stars defence at Lang Park, Brisbane, on February 13. Picture: AAP

## Strong start

THE 2016 National Rugby League (NRL) season is off to a strong start with a lift in television and social media audiences.

The Indigenous All Stars match attracted a national audience of 817,000 viewers – an increase of 7% cent on last year.

A highlight of the match was the Indigenous war cry video which attracted more than 1.2 million views on the NRL's Facebook page.

This made the war cry one of the most popular videos ever produced on the NRL site.

The Australian television audience for the Downer NRL Auckland Nines was 320,000 – up 4% per cent on last year.

NRL head of football Todd Greenberg said the figures reflected the enormous interest in this year's rugby league season.

"There is no doubt fans are counting down to the start of the Telstra Premiership on March 3," he said.

"We already have one of the closest competitions in world sport and, with the introduction of the shot clock and reduced interchange this year, we expect the game to be even more exciting in 2016."





Indigenous All Stars halfback Jamie Soward runs between Gareth Widdop, left, and Martin Taupau during the season-opening rugby league match against the World All Stars at Lang Park, Brisbane, on February 13. The World All Stars won 12-8. Picture: AAP

# Future looks secure

## Women's All Stars too good for our girls

**T**HE experience of the Women's All Stars team once again proved too much for the Indigenous All Stars, running out 24-4 winners in the women's clash at Lang Park, Brisbane, on February 13.

Jumping to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, the Women's team had to wait until the third quarter before scoring again, back-to-back tries to Shanice Parker and Sam Bremner putting the result beyond doubt heading into the final term.

Indigenous All Stars debutant Simone Smith brought the crowd to its feet with a burst into the Women's All Stars 20-metre zone in the fourth quarter, but spilled possession trying to get a pass away close to the line.

On the back of a big run from Jillaroo Latoya Billy, the Indigenous team finally crossed for their only try 11 minutes from full-time, courtesy of a well-worked blindside play that saw Elizabeth Cook-Black dive over in the corner.

Emma-Marie Young produced one of the highlights of the game with an absolute

bell-ringer on Jillaroos captain Steph Hancock when Hancock seemed certain to score right under the posts, with further desperate defence preventing Annette Brander from scoring wide out with five minutes remaining.

The Indigenous team had much the better of the second quarter but were unable to come away with points, penalties for incorrect play the balls crumpling two attacking opportunities deep inside the Women's All Stars half.

Women's All Stars 24 (Heather Ballinger 2, Chelsea Baker, Shanice Parker, Sam Bremner tries; Maddie Studdon 2 goals) d Indigenous All Stars 4 (Elizabeth Cook-Black try). Half-time: 10-0. Player of the match: Maddie Studdon (Women's All Stars).

**I**N the under 16 game, a try to NSW prop Luciano Svegalli four minutes from full-time saw the Queensland Murri and NSW Koori record a 16-all draw, the fourth drawn result in seven clashes between the two teams.

Queensland retained the shield on account of their win in Newcastle in 2014.



THE future of rugby league's All Stars concept was guaranteed before a ball was kicked in anger at Lang Park, Brisbane, on Saturday, February 13.

The Indigenous and World All Stars still pushed a pretty convincing case for the game to be kept for many more years to come in a tense clash in front of 37,339 fans.

The World All Stars ran out 12-8 winners to square up the series at 3-3 since the first game was played in 2010 and snapping a two-game run by the Indigenous outfit.

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The match was also previewing the new NRL video referee bunker system.

And it raised eyebrows in the 32nd minute when Warriors juggernaut Konrad Hurrell was awarded the opening try despite the ball appearing to fall short of the line.

Penrith's Leilani Latu locked up the scores at 4-4 at half-time when he fed off a Jamie Soward cutout pass.

Fijian powerhouse Semi Radradra steamrolled over off a Jarrod Croker flick pass in the 42nd to give the World All Stars a 10-4 lead before Dane Gagai gave the Indigenous side a sniff when he crashed over in the 63rd minute.

There were fears that there may be a penalty fest with referees to crack down on the play-the-ball and with shot clocks for scrums and line drop outs.

But it appeared to be business as usual. – AAP





Rohanee Cox calls time on WNBL career

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## All Stars: Where to from here?



Leilani Latu of the Indigenous All Stars scores a try in the annual rugby league clash against the World All Stars at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Saturday, February 13. The World All Stars won 12-8 in the midst of debate on the future of the All Stars concept. Picture: AAP

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