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Silent no more

Title No 31 to St Mary's



Brothers Ben, left, and Shannon Rioli celebrate after St Mary's beat the Wanderers 50-48 in the Northern Territory Australian Football League grand final at TIO Stadium, Darwin, last Saturday night. Picture: Peter Argent

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It's time to act, say leaders



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander community activists are calling for Indigenous people to have some hard conversations.

In the wake of a number of suicides in Western Australia, including that of a 10-year-old girl, and a report into youth sexual abuse in areas of Cape York, community leaders in both regions are asking for the silence on difficult issues to end.

And Indigenous women are calling for more support for victims, particularly when they speak out.

Adele Cox, senior project consultant with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Project (ATSISPP), said there were difficult conversations that needed to be had regarding mental health – but that they needed to start from a position of support rather than blame.

"Reality tells us that if we were all doing what we can to the best of our abilities, we wouldn't need to have a project like the one I'm involved with," she said.

"All of us need to stop being defensive and talk about what can be done."

Broader conversation

"I think there's a need for a broader conversation, so that collegially we can come to a point where we can provide better care."

And community activist Yodie Batzke, from Cairns, told the *Koori Mail* that issues stemming from disadvantage, including drugs, self-harm, suicide and child abuse could not be solved until community members stood up and broke the silence.

"There's not just one issue, there's a whole range of things that need to be looked at together, and it comes back to government working together collectively with the community," she said.

"Overcrowding and housing issues need to be addressed as a matter of urgency."

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My FAMILY

JACQUI CUMMINGS – Darwin, NT



HERE I am in Darwin with my partner Mick Corrie and our two-year-old grandson Ziah.

We're at Galawu Hostel, where we've been staying while we look for more permanent accommodation. Finding an affordable place to live in Darwin is not easy, but I live in hope.

I call Darwin home, although I lived for many years in eastern Arnhem Land where I have many family and friends.

I come from a big family and have a wide circle of friends, but I tend to keep to myself.

I've got three adult sons as well as a daughter who is the mother of Ziah.

Mick and I have been together a

couple of years and it's good. We enjoy being together, seeing family and doing plenty of fishing. In the right season we enjoy magpie geese.

Mick is a big footy fan. Australian rules is his game, and he's a strong Hawthorn fan. Not only that, but he's been playing locally for many years with the Palmerston Magpies. He won the flag with them in 2000-2001, and now he's a life member with the club.

Right now, my hands are pretty full with Ziah. He's a typical two-year-old, but Mick and I love him dearly.

Down the track I'd like to get us into our own home. It's not a lot to ask, but it would really be something for us.

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OUR CHILDREN



Six-year-old Elijah Williams is with his family at the Cowboys versus Sharks National Rugby League game at 1300SMILES Stadium in Townsville. *Picture: Alf Wilson*

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Songlines will star at Vivid



THE sails of the Opera House will be lit up with the work of six Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists for *Songlines*, as part of Vivid Sydney.

Songlines brings together six Indigenous artists whose work "illustrates the extraordinary connections between Indigenous astronomy and the natural world – the celestial and terrestrial songlines that weave through time and distance, earth and sky".

The exhibition will be directed by Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts, the Indigenous programs director at the Sydney Opera House.

"I'm honoured to share that I will be directing *Songlines* for this year's Lighting of the Sails on the Sydney Opera House, featuring six key Indigenous artists from different clans, national estates and territories – Karla Dickens, Djon Mundine, Gabriella Possum Nungurrayi, Reko Rennie, Donny Woolagoodja, and the late Gulumbu Yunupingu,"

she said. "It will be an immersive Indigenous animated canvas weaving history lines and trade routes into a pattern of sharing systems."

An expanded Vivid program this year includes exhibitions, installations and events at venues across Sydney. Vivid Sydney runs from Friday, May 27, until Saturday, June 18.

● Pictured: This work, by Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens, will feature on the Sydney Opera House for Vivid.

Inquiry finds faults in IAS

By DARREN COYNE



A SENATE Inquiry into the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) has delivered a

damning assessment of the Coalition Government's attempts to streamline Indigenous programs. Once tabled, the report drew flak from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, which issued a statement saying it confirmed the "disastrous impact this initiative has and will continue to have on Indigenous Australia".

The Senate committee's report concluded that while submitters and witnesses saw the potential benefit of streamlining 150 programs into five areas, cuts in funding and a "too ambitious" timetable had created "significant challenges".

The report found the IAS caused uncertainty and anxiety for Indigenous service providers, especially smaller organisations unused to a competitive tendering process, and that funding cuts had resulted in gaps in service delivery.

Australian Greens Senator Rachael Siewert, who initiated the year-long inquiry, said the committee made nine

recommendations, including that longer contracts be awarded to ensure stability so that organisations could plan and deliver sustainable services.

"Particularly concerning is that the soon-to-be-released new guidelines are finalised and a draft has not been subject to consultation," she said.

"Evidence to the inquiry showed the competitive tendering process to apply for funding favours large, non-Aboriginal organisations.

"Considering we know that decision making and self-determination are key to reducing Aboriginal disadvantage, this beggars belief. There was across-the-board confusion over the application process; and then further confusion over what was funded when the minister made the funding announcement."

Congress, while congratulating Senator Siewert for initiating the inquiry, said the inquiry had failed to deliver.

Co-chair Dr Jackie Huggins described the IAS as a "shocking example of maladministration (that) should not be allowed to continue, but it seems it will".

"The report underlined the facts, which can only be described as a debacle, with government still in denial that there is a problem," she said.

Dr Huggins said the time it had taken to complete the report was symptomatic of the "lack of transparency, accountability and the absolute lack of evidence and tardiness of the Indigenous bureaucracy".

Co-chair Rod Little said the new 'guidelines' were following the same path, "that is lack of consultation and First People's involvement in the correcting and strengthening to enable less red tape and better outcomes for families and communities".

A spokesperson for Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said under the IAS grant round, Indigenous organisations represented 45% of the total number of organisations approved for funding.

"However, they received approximately 55% of the total funding approved, an increase from 30% previously provided to Indigenous organisations prior to the IAS," he said. "It should be noted that of the almost 1000 organisations funded under the IAS grant round, fewer than 8% lodged negative submissions to the Senate inquiry."

Dr Huggins and Mr Little said the inquiry's recommendations were extremely disappointing and they would await the Australian National Audit Office's investigation into the IAS.



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Jarjums help in closing the gap

By KEIRA JENKINS



“Me, me, me!” Aunty Ros Sten gets the answer she’s expecting after asking how many of the kids from Jarjum Preschool want cake on Close the Gap Day.



JARJUM Preschool in Lismore, on the NSW north coast, was one of more than 1500 organisations that held events for Close the Gap day, March 17, to call for an end to health inequality between Indigenous and other Australians.

Oxfam Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples program manager Justin McCaul said about 192,000 people across all states and territories participated in more than 1570 events last week.

At Jarjum, parents, children and community members gathered for a showcase of the preschool and a preview of plans for a new building.

Children performed dances, had their faces painted, enjoyed a morning tea, made jewellery with beads and played while parents talked to service providers about what organisations they could access locally.

Jarjum director Maurita Cavanough said the preschool is actively working to close the gap in early education.

“We all know how important the first five years of a child’s life are, how much more so when children have the odds stacked against them from the start,” she said.

“What we are hoping to achieve is tangible change within our community.”

The plans for a new purpose-built facility were on display at the morning tea.

Ms Cavanough said the facilities in Jarjum’s current building are inadequate for the number of children attending the preschool.

Preschool staff are hoping for both state and federal government funding to make the building a reality.

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Campaign for Frontier Wars monuments

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government will be urged to support a push to erect monuments across Australia to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who died in the Frontier Wars. There will also be a push to include the massacres of Indigenous people that occurred during the colonisation of Australia, and ongoing oppression, in the national education curriculum.

An online petition on change.org calling for such recognition has already garnered almost 20,000 signatures, and a summit in Sydney on Friday outlined the strategy moving forward.

Summit organiser Patrick Lock, chair of the Carwoola Council of Elders, said recognising the Frontier Wars was a national issue that should be discussed at a national level.

“We need a nationally elected treaty council to ensure that

every state has a monument set up so that one day a year people can gather,” Mr Lock told the *Koori Mail*.

“These monuments need to be in appropriate places, out in the open, not hidden away like some of the monuments to Aboriginal people.”

Mr Lock said there had been more than 200 massacres in the 228 years since British arrival.

“More than one million Original Australians were killed on the frontier to allow for the settlement of the British invaders who claimed this land for their empire based on the lie that its inhabitants were less than human,” he said.

“Travesties of justice”

“No reparations have ever been made to the ancestors of the people who suffered these travesties of justice, which amount to no less than mass murder and genocide.

“Australians are not taught about these massacres in schools.”

The gathering in Sydney

on Friday drew together representatives from across Australia to discuss strategies to put the frontier massacres on the national agenda.

Mr Lock said a formal statement would be released in about four weeks in order to gain feedback from the wider community.

“Once we get it done, I’m going to go to all ministers and I want to get it done before the election,” he said.

“Let’s see which one offers the best deal.

“The continuing neglect and social disparity of the ancestors of Australia’s original inhabitants is a cultural echo and reflection of the barbaric treatment served upon them by Australia’s colonial and federal government, the remnants of which are still perpetrated today through racism, governmental ambivalence and unequal political representation leading to social disparity of Indigenous Australians today.

“We must solve this problem together as a nation.”

Fight for justice

'So many police have blood-stained hands'

By RUDI MAXWELL



AFTER watching CCTV footage of how police treated his niece Julieka Dhu before she died in custody and listening to officers testify at the coronial inquest, Shaun Harris feels disheartened

and angry.

But, somehow, he and other family members find the strength to fight for justice.

They're fighting for justice for Julieka – but it's also a fight for basic human rights and against the institutional racism that Mr Harris knows killed his beautiful niece way too young.

Ms Dhu, a 22-year-old Yamatji woman, died two days after being locked up at in South Hedland Police Station in August 2014 for unpaid fines totalling \$3622.

The inquest into her death resumed this month, after two weeks of hearing evidence last November.

Ms Dhu's grandmother Carol Roe said the family was devastated and frustrated that the Government had not taken steps to prevent similar situations from occurring.

"Our girl should have never been locked up," Ms Roe said.

"She paid the ultimate price for bad laws and bad policies.

"My granddaughter should be with me today, rather than in the cemetery.

"The Government must be held to account."

Third visit

Ms Dhu died during her third visit in as many days to the Hedland Health Campus from staphylococcal septicaemia and pneumonia, following an infection in her fractured ribs that spread to her lungs.

The inquest has heard – and seen – that police assumed she was faking and that nurses and doctors failed to follow basic procedures, including taking Ms Dhu's temperature.

"We're still shattered from Julieka's passing," Mr Harris told the *Koori Mail*.

"Julieka should still be here.

"The facts are that the health system and the police are all in denial and very unwilling to face up to the consequences of their actions.

"All those people who were supposed to be taking care of Julieka while she was in government care are guilty – and they need to be held accountable.

"There's been no justice for any black death in custody since Invasion – no accountability.

"The fact that there were so many people involved who had direct contact with Julieka while she was incarcerated, you would think from the sheer number that there would have been someone who took proper care of her.

"We want convictions. It's so clear that's the only way justice will be served, so Julieka can rest in some sort of peace.



Family and supporters of Julieka Dhu gathered on Monday, March 14, outside an inquest examining her death in custody, demanding justice for her, and an end to Aboriginal deaths in custody. Picture: AAP

"Everyone involved in Julieka's death has blood on their hands.

"All the denial and blame shifting doesn't change the fact that almost all the people involved neglected her on so many levels."

Listening to police testimony has been harrowing for the family.

Some officers have conceded that they believed Ms Dhu was faking, right up until she died. Others have claimed they believed her cries of pain were genuine, but failed to explain why they didn't follow proper police procedures or ensure she was given appropriate medical treatment.

Constable Christopher Matier testified

that he'd handcuffed Ms Dhu and dragged her out of her cell to take her to hospital still believing she could be faking illness shortly before she died.

"I wasn't entirely convinced that she couldn't use her legs," he said.

Const Matier dragged Ms Dhu to the cell door and leaned her against his leg, knowing it would be difficult to drag her to the police van.

The officer said he asked Ms Dhu: "Are you sure you can't get up because this is the way I'm going to have to take you?"

He said she replied: "No, I can't move my legs."

In hindsight, Const Matier accepted he

should have called an ambulance but believed it would be just as quick for police to drive her.

Const Matier said he first formed the view Ms Dhu was faking illness early in his shift, based on a conversation he overheard with his superiors.

In footage played in court, Const Matier was heard asking another detainee if she had been screaming all night and if she was "trying to get out".

"There's no excuse," Mr Harris said.

"Police were clearly trying to take on the roles of nurse and doctor. Now, in their testimony, they're quick to say, 'I'm not a medical expert,' but why stand up in front of a dying girl and tell her what to do?"

"It's not their role to give medical advice. It's to make sure people get proper medical treatment and don't just assume people are coming down off drugs."

While the inquest is clearly difficult for the family, Mr Harris said they are finding solace and strength in the huge amount of support they've received in Australia and from overseas.

Huge audience

"With social media we've been able to share our story with a huge audience that we haven't previously been able to tap into – that's helping a lot," he said. "It's highlighting and exposing to the world how severely mistreated we are in Australia in this day and age.

"The level of racism in that courtroom, the ignorance and arrogance of everyone involved is so blatant. There's no respect for the families at all.

"It's not just the family who gasps out loud when they play the footage and hear the responses, it's everyone in the gallery.

"I just want to thank everyone for their help and support.

"It's been massive and we do take a lot of comfort in knowing that we have so many good people out there.

"We won't stop fighting for justice for Julieka, or custodial reforms.

"Every death in custody affects the whole community, they have a massive ripple effect. In Julieka's case, it's gone global, which is finally about time – I just wish it didn't have to come at the cost of my niece's life.

"We don't want what happened to Julieka to happen to anyone else.

"Apparently we have a world class health system in WA, but medical staff still allowed this to happen.

"So many police have blood-stained hands because of deaths in custody.

"Our supporters help us keep going and I can't thank them enough."

Mr Harris said there would be a rally outside the Perth courthouse today, Wednesday, March 23, at lunchtime.

For details check the Facebook page #BuildCommunitiesNotPrisons In Solidarity - Dhu Coronial Inquest (Part 2).

– With AAP

At least 12 years' jail for 'Dootch' Kennedy



DISGRACED Aboriginal Elder and one-time community leader Roy 'Dootch' Kennedy has

been jailed for at least 12 years for historical sex crimes against a teenage girl.

Handing down his sentence in the Wollongong District Court, Judge Paul Conlon described

how the 58-year-old had subjected his victim to years of "grotesque" abuse that showed his "callous disregard" for the teenager.

"He exploited her youth in the worst possible way, and the offending involved a gross breach of trust," Judge Conlon said.

"She was entitled to feel safe and protected ... not be the target of the offender's lust and

sexual gratification."

When one sexual assault resulted in the birth of a child, Judge Conlon said, Kennedy threatened to have the child taken away from the young mother if she revealed the abuse or if she did not continue having sexual intercourse with him.

Continued assaults produced another child, followed by a third pregnancy that resulted in the

miscarriage of the teenager's unborn twins – "no doubt a most traumatic event for this young girl".

One assault involved threats by Kennedy to kill both himself and his victim, who was crying and begging him to stop.

In a victim impact statement read to the court, Kennedy's victim said his crimes had destroyed her innocence and she

continued to struggle in life.

Kennedy, a former chair of the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, pleaded guilty to four counts of aggravated sexual assault against a minor in late 2014.

Judge Conlon sentenced Kennedy to a total of 17 years behind bars and a non-parole period of 12 years, making him eligible for parole in 2028. – AAP

Pleas for support



COMMUNITY leaders in Cape York are calling for support in the wake of the release of a report that details high levels of youth sexual abuse in Aurukun and West Cairns.

The Preventing Youth Sexual Violence and Abuse in West Cairns and Aurukun report, commissioned by the Bligh Government and handed to the Newman administration in 2013, has only just been made public.

It reveals a "deeply shocking" prevalence of sexual abuse, violence and overrepresentation in Aurukun and the Cairns suburbs of Manoora, Mooroolool and Manunda.

The report, compiled by Griffith University's Professor Stephen Smallbone, was not released until recently at the request of authors.

Among its revelations, the report found the rate of sexual offences in Aurukun was 6.6 times the Queensland average, with West Cairns 2.2 times greater, over a 12-year period. In West Cairns 61% of offenders were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

In Aurukun, all offenders were Indigenous, 89% were male, and 43% were aged under 17, a proportion of youth sexual offending about twice that found elsewhere in Queensland.

Most victims (85%) were aged under 17 years, 71% were female and 94% were Indigenous.

One-quarter of the offences in West Cairns involved an offender who was under 18, while in Aurukun some offenders were as young as 10.

Researchers analysed police data and conducted interviews to uncover trends of violence, substance abuse, a "disturbing frequency" of rape and sexual assault, coercion, sexual teasing, prostitution and "nocturnal" youth behaviour.

"Compared with West Cairns, official records of sexual offences in Aurukun appear to represent an even smaller tip of an even larger iceberg," the report said.

Aurukun pocket

Sexually transmitted infections were rife in both areas, but in Aurukun their prevalence was 56 times the Queensland rate, and 7% of cases involved youth under 16.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt said that while the report had only looked at West Cairns and Aurukun, they were not the only communities where such "deeply shocking" problems occurred.

He announced former Supreme Court judge Stanley Jones, QC, would head a steering committee to examine the

problems and report back by the end of the year.

Writing in Brisbane's *Courier Mail* last week, Cape York Partnership general manager Fiona Jose said that to understand the problems in the region, you had to look back at the history of Aurukun and the violent impacts of colonisation.

"For that committee to have any real impact, we must first have faith in the mothers, fathers, aunties, uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers of Aurukun," she said.

"It's important to not let the scale of the problem obscure the fact that there are many upstanding individuals and families in Aurukun.

"Among them are strong natural leaders in Aurukun. And female leaders are the key.

"This active leadership should buoy us and this ground-up movement must not be squashed by bureaucracy and service delivery jargon. These women, with the right support, are Aurukun's last best hope."

Cairns community advocate Yodie Batzke told the *Koori Mail* that issues stemming from disadvantage, including drugs, self-harm, suicide, child abuse and prostitution, had been prevalent in the region for years.

She said they could not be solved until community members stood up and broke the silence.

"When this report was released, it confirmed what we already knew, but just wasn't quantified," Ms Batzke said.

"There's not just one issue; there's a whole range of things that need to be looked at together, and it comes back to government working together collectively with the community.

"Overcrowding and housing issues need to be addressed as a matter of urgency."

Ms Batzke said cuts to organisations and local government by the former Newman Government had made social problems even harder to deal with.

School programs

The report made various suggestions on how to address the issues, including school-based ethics programs, family-based interventions and cultural instruction.

Its authors suggested various ways to tackle the complex problems, including school-based ethics programs, family-based interventions and cultural instruction.

Prof Smallbone said that in the three years since the report, the Griffith University team had received a grant under the Indigenous Justice Program scheme to try and implement some preventative measures. He said the team was due to report back on their results later this year.

— With AAP



Indigenous artist Peter Datjing lives on Elcho Island, off the coast of Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. He is one of the leaders of his community. Peter had cataracts in both eyes. His left eye was operated on by the Fred Hollows Foundation in September last year and he'll have his right eye operated on later this year.

Grateful Peter returns to his proud culture



PETER Datjing's eyesight is crucial for his independence, his livelihood, and the culture of his people.

The Elder and leader of the Gumatj (Burarrwanga) clan spends his days on Elcho Island in North East Arnhem Land fishing, hunting, teaching, and plying his trade as a painter.

But as blinding cataract began to affect his vision, Mr Datjing found himself not only losing his livelihood, but losing his purpose.

Soon, he would no longer be able to hunt, teach, and paint.

Part of culture

He says his stories and vivid paintings are part of the culture he passes on to the younger generation of his clan – and they

were all at risk.

Fortunately, Mr Datjing's eyes have been saved, thanks to cataract surgery facilitated by the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Free from cataract and able to see clearly, Mr Datjing says he is ecstatic.

He's returned to his life and work, knowing he can protect his culture and fulfil his responsibility as an

Elder in the community.

"You came here to change me and help me so I'll be on my way back again," Mr Datjing said.

"Rubbing, painting, singing, dancing. I'm a very lucky man."

Indigenous Australians are six times more likely to go blind than other Australians, with 94% of vision loss in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people preventable or treatable.

Showcase for black comedy

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IT's time to polish your laughing gear for the 30th Melbourne International Comedy Festival, which opens on Kulin country today, with plenty of the deadly, cheeky, proud and loud Indigenous comedians from around the country on the bill.

A highlight of the festival will be the 10th Deadly Funny National Final and Showcase, which celebrates and presents a wealth of emerging and established comic talent, on April 16, including eight finalists, selected from Deadly Funny heats around the country.

Comedians Kevin Kropinyeri and Meshel Laurie will host this year's showcase, with special guests Andy Saunders, Shiralee Hood, Sean Choolburra and others yet to be announced.

The *Koori Mail* visited Tasmania's first ever Deadly Funny heat, held in Hobart earlier this month, where 24-year-old Murri man Rob Braslin was selected into the national final.

Braslin, who first went on stage in what he dubs a 'scientific' experiment to see if he could make strangers laugh, said he was rapt to be selected, and was looking forward to performing to a large Melbourne crowd.

"It's an honour, I get to represent Tasmania and our people," said Braslin, who has become a regular on the Hobart comedy scene over the past three years.

Deadly Funny producer Wes Snelling said about 30 people attended workshops and performed in the heats, which were held in every state and territory.

A \$2000 cheque, a Deadly Comedy mentorship and a spot touring with the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars, will be up for grabs at the nationals finals.

"But it's about nurturing Indigenous talent in many forms, it's not just about a winner," Snelling said.

"It's about having Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices heard. Comedy in general, especially stand up, is a great



Hamming it up at the Deadly Funny heat in Hobart are, from left, program producer Wes Snelling, Hobart heat performers Josh Langford, Wendal Pitchford, Rob Braslin and Ruth Langford, Hobart judge Nathan Maynard and heat host and mentor Josh Warrior. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

forum to talk about who people are and have a laugh along the way.

"Deadly Funny allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have that forum."

Several past finalists have gone on to carve a career in comedy after exposure in the competition; many are performing at this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Three of last years finalists, Dane Simpson, Josh Warrior and Karen Edwards, invite punters to "come and get some culture into ya", with Aborigi-LOL,

which has 12 late-night shows on the program.

Dubbed Australia's number one Aboriginal female comedian, 2009 Deadly Funny winner Shiralee Hood promises to engage with uncompromising politics and reveal her self-deprecating quirks and stories, in her new show *Rock the Boat*.

Hood is supported by 2015 and 2010 Deadly Funny winners, Nina Kirby and Denise McGuinness on alternating nights.

Two of Australia's premier Aboriginal comics, Kevin Kropinyeri and Andy Saunders, are teaming up for a show that

"kicks political correctness out the door" in the aptly named *The Bald and the Beautiful*.

And fresh from touring the country with the Aboriginal Comedy All Stars, former Deadly Funny finalist Matt Ford is in good form to tell stories about his family and growing up in Queensland in his debut solo show *Sausage Dogs*.

Further information, and the festival program can be found at www.comedyfestival.com.au

The 2016 Melbourne International Comedy Festival is on until April 17.

Call for overhaul

By RUDI MAXWELL



ADELE Cox, senior project consultant with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Project (ATSISPP), is calling

for an overhaul of the way the health system responds to suicide, mental illness and self-harm in Indigenous communities.

Ms Cox and fellow consultant Gerry Georgatos are part of a critical response team that visits Indigenous communities after someone has taken their own life.

This month they have been in a remote community in Western Australia's Kimberley region, after the suicide of a 10-year-old Aboriginal girl.

"There needs to be a better holistic approach to mental health," Ms Cox said.

"With the issues around suicide, we need to ask, 'How do we move beyond rhetoric to really doing something?'"

"There is lots of goodwill, but

there is a crisis and we seem to be stuck in that place. Until we change the whole nation's psyche, and start looking at these issues as a matter of priority, we're not going to get much change."

State Coroner Ros Fogliani announced that she would hold an inquest into several suspected suicides in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions, but could not say when or how many deaths would be examined.

Mr Georgatos said he was aware of 19 suicides in Indigenous communities since December.

He said that for Indigenous people aged 15 to 35, the leading cause of death was suicide, with three people recently buried in five days in the Goldfields.

He has called for a royal commission into Indigenous suicides.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project was expected to report by mid-year, but had provided interim advice that

existing response services were often not well coordinated or delivered in a culturally appropriate way.

Ms Cox said that consistency of programs was an issue and said community-based organisations could often drown in paperwork.

"What's contributing to the frustration is that we've seen a lot of good programs trying to respond to needs in mental health and suicide prevention, innovative ideas using sport, or helping people with parenting, that sadly don't always get funded," she said.

Traumatised

In the recent case, Ms Cox said the community had been further traumatised by insensitive responses by the mainstream media, which had included wild speculation, inappropriate reporting, misinformation and blaming of the community.

"It adds to and very much sensationalises the actual incident and creates further distress for the community," she said.

"In this particular case, I'm not happy about the fact that some news reports went down the route of naming a child. Journalists need to abide by the Mindframe guidelines about responsible reporting of suicide."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said all governments needed to better fund health services.

"I've been bashing my head against this wall for the last seven or eight years," he said.

"The only way we're going to make real difference is when the Government decides to engage with us because we have the answers to what happened in the Kimberley.

"Canberra's not going to solve that problem."

Ms Cox said there were difficult conversations that needed to be had regarding mental health – but that they needed to start from a position of support rather than blame.

"Reality tells us that if we were all doing what we can to the best of our abilities, we wouldn't be

need to have a project like the one I'm involved with," she said.

"All of us need to be stop being defensive and talk about what can be done.

"I think there's a need for a broader conversation, so that collegially we can come to a point where we can provide better care.

"We need to change the way we work as Aboriginal people, families and communities. We need to take responsibility. It's all good to blame services, but, ultimately, these are our kids and families and we all need to make sure that our children are living their lives as children in the safest possible way." – *With AAP*

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Indigenous performers at WOMADelaide



The choir of the APY Lands in South Australia performs on stage at this year's WOMADelaide festival. *Picture: Jack Greeve*



The Kurna dancers welcomed everyone to country for WOMADelaide.

Picture: Paul Heck, PhD Photography



Australian Dance Theatre performs *The Beginning of Nature*.



Kurna people give the welcome to country.

Picture: Paul Heck, PhD Photography



Canadian environmentalist David Suzuki at the festival. *Picture: Paul Heck, PhD Photography*

Warning on dump



WORLD-renowned environmentalist David Suzuki told the audience at WOMADelaide that Aboriginal people should decide whether a nuclear waste dump is built in South Australia. Dr Suzuki, a Canadian scientist, was the keynote speaker in the Planet Talks line-up at the annual world music and dance festival in Adelaide. It also included Bundjalung environmentalist Amelia Telford, an advocate for Indigenous youth climate network Seed.

"To South Australians, to all Australians, I say if you want to deal seriously with the issue of nuclear waste, let the Kurna and the other

Indigenous groups make the decisions," Dr Suzuki said.

"They're the only ones that provide the viewpoint and the perspective to do it."

Dr Suzuki told the audience that Indigenous people had a valuable viewpoint on the issue and that the world needed to listen to and learn from Indigenous perspectives.

The four-day festival also featured Indigenous performers, including Djuki Mala (the Chooky Dancers), Kev Carmody, the choir of the APY Lands, and Radical Son.

Australian Dance Theatre performed its new work *The Beginning of Nature*, accompanied by guest vocalists Aboriginal singers Shauntai Batzke and Vonda Last.



Aboriginal singer/songwriter Kev Carmody was one of the crowd favourites this year. *Picture: Paul Heck, PhD Photography*



Radical Son was one of the Indigenous acts at this year's festival. *Picture: Jack Greeve*

Our men talk treaty

By NATALIE CROMB



THE momentum for the Treaty campaign is building, following a meeting of First Nations people in Victoria unanimously rejecting Constitutional Recognition last month and the 'Men speak out for Treaty' event in Redfern last week.

Organised by Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) and hosted by journalist Jeff McMullen, the men's event had a robust panel including Wiri (Qld) man and Australia's first Indigenous legal Senior Counsel Tony McAvoy, Narungga (South Australia) Elder and advocate Tauto Sansbury, Awabakal (NSW) man and chair of National Tertiary Education Union Indigenous policy committee Terry Mason, Gurang Gurang (Qld) man and chair of the Stronger Smarter Institute Dr Chris Sarra and Djambarrpuynu (NT) man and Yolngu Nations Assembly Spokesperson Yingiya Guyula.

Mr McAvoy said he was a strong advocate for a treaty, as outlined in the opinion piece and framework he wrote, regarding an Assembly of Nations, in the *Koori Mail* on December 16.

"It is achievable within the next few years that we will have set the framework for the treaties to be entered into by First Nations," he said.

The Assembly of First Nations model, which has been developed over the past three years, envisions a truly representative body that will debate and pass resolutions, in much the same way as the United Nations General Assembly, and be the negotiating body on behalf of First Nations people for treaties with governments.

Mr McAvoy said a treaty would need to



The panel at the Men speak out for Treaty event in Redfern last week, from left, Tony McAvoy, Tauto Sansbury, Terry Mason, Yingiya Guyula, Chris Sarra and Jeff McMullen.

have four main heads of agreement:

- an acknowledgement that Australia was not settled and that First Nations people are sovereign peoples;
- land reform;
- reparations, compensation and equitable benefit sharing; and
- structural reform.

The packed audience was in agreement with Mr McAvoy's approach to a treaty.

"The dilemma which confronts us is how we create the environment where the economic and cultural imperatives that saw us through millennia can be maintained in the Western world in which we now live," he said.

Mr Sansbury conceded he is not an expert in the legal and political machinations of achieving a treaty, but he said he is determinedly against constitutional recognition. He referenced the South Australian experience with constitutional recognition and how very little it had achieved beyond the "feel good" symbolism for which

the Government could pat itself on the back. He said the continued poor performance of social indicators showed that change is not achievable without action.

Mr Mason was one of the 200 First Nations people who unanimously rejected constitutional recognition at a meeting in Victoria last month.

Applause

"They used the term 'sovereign people', not 'Victorian Aboriginal people', in the meeting, because they are not owned by the Victorian Government," he said, to resounding applause.

Mr Mason said he felt there was a real momentum for change as people "resist the Government's intent to split into focus groups" and, instead, choose to remain united and speak "black fulla way" about what was and is affecting them – not the agenda set by the Government.

Mr Mason said the march towards a treaty

didn't need to be rushed. "Because it may not be for us or our children – but it might be for our grandchildren," he said.

"It doesn't matter how long it takes, as long as it is done right and includes genuine grassroots consultation."

Mr Mason spoke of the importance of including people who cannot travel to capital cities and forums like the Redfern event and said that without genuine consultation with all communities, First Nations people would be selling themselves short.

Mr Guyula spoke of the importance of preserving culture and lore. He entranced the audience with his ceremonial song and then allowed those present to see lore in action in a brief video that demonstrated the real disconnect between lore and law. Mr Guyula said it was on that basis he is running a treaty platform in his campaign for the next NT election.

He recalled the "immediate and real changes" following the NT Intervention.

"Our lore was immediately pushed aside and ignored," Mr Guyula said.

"We are experiencing the highest rate of suicide. Our people are locked up at a rate six times higher than a black man in South Africa during apartheid. It is self-determination and self-government or poverty, exile and death – we need treaty."

Dr Sarra was the final speaker and had perhaps the simplest yet most powerful statement in favour of a treaty.

"It would finally be an acknowledgement of our humanity in an honourable way," he said.

The panel was followed by robust discussion in favour of a treaty. The vast majority of the audience who contributed to discussion made clear statements in favour of grassroots consultation with one audience member suggesting involvement at a land council level was a good starting point.

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New encounters at conference

By KEIRA JENKINS



REPATRIATION of, and access to, cultural property were the major themes during the second day of the National Museum of Australia's

New Encounters conference last week. The three-day conference, held as part of the museum's *Encounters* and *Unsettled* exhibitions, featured speakers from Indigenous communities around the world.

New Encounters explored how Indigenous communities and museums are rethinking relationships with colonial collections, questioning and confronting the legacies of colonialism in creative and unexpected ways.

The conference focused on the ways in which artists and communities are reconnecting with cultural collections and re-imagining their ongoing relationships with the museums that hold these collections.

Julie Gough, one of the artists in the *Unsettled* exhibition, which explores the ways that artefacts were collected in the early years of colonisation, said the title of the exhibition is apt.

"I still feel unsteady and unsettled about it all, but I'm pleased for the opportunity to communicate my perspective on these artefacts," she said.

Her artwork incorporated a film, which featured the sounds of nature in Tasmania, and showed her exploration of the longest-surviving kelp water carrier from Tasmania that had been donated to the British Museum.

"I thought that the kelp water carrier would hear the sound of its homeland for the first time," Ms Gough said.

"But it's actually quite fitting that it's being kept in a different room and won't hear that sound."

Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi artist Jonathan Jones also has artworks on display as part of *Unsettled*.

His piece '*mugugalurgarra (conceal)*' is a comment on Western



Jonathan Jones speaks in front of his artworks as part of the *Unsettled* exhibition.



Julie Gough explains her artwork *Timekeeper*.



Former National Museum of Australia director Dawn Casey is part of a panel discussion at the conference. Picture: George Serras

anthropology's ability to give context to Indigenous artefacts.

He wrapped objects from the National Museum of Australia with the pages of *The Aborigines of Victoria: With Notes Relating to the Habits of the Natives of other Parts of Australia and Tasmania* by Robert Bough Smyth.

"We sat down with the objects and we concealed them with text, mirroring what Western anthropology does – drown them in words and context," Mr Jones said.

"We will them unwrap them and get to activate the objects in different ways.

It will be like unwrapping a present before we give it back.

"That's the part we're really excited about: the unwrapping."

Keynote speakers included National Museum of Australia director Mat Trinca, Autry National Center chief executive and founding director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Washington DC W Richard West Jr, Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre chief executive June Oscar and the University of British Columbia's Associate Professor Jennifer Kramer.



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Brotherhood blooms

By KEIRA JENKINS



WHEN Bundjalung man Luke Murray met with support worker Matt Cassels on the

NSW north coast through a local disability support provider's music program six year ago, the seeds for the now 10-piece band Brotherhood of the Blues were sown.

Two other Aboriginal men, John Cieslak and Zac Paden, soon joined Mr Murray through the disability support service RED Inc, and the trio is now looking forward to fronting the band at the Byron Bay Bluesfest.

The band has grown substantially since its humble beginnings with the addition of Harley Bodenham, who they also met through RED Inc, on guitar.

"Harley was the missing piece for us," Mr Paden said. "He doesn't talk much but he's a great guitar player. Once he picks up the guitar, people just get it."

Mr Cieslak said he was happy for the chance to be playing at events like Bluesfest, but still can't believe it's happening.

The band members said they got a buzz out of seeing their name on the Bluesfest line-up and have enjoyed plenty of attention from the media.



Brotherhood of the Blues, from left, Harley Bodenham, Taya Oxley, John Cieslak (front) Vincent Bashford, Zac Paden, Luke Murray (front) Paul Scharka, Matt Cassels, Andy Putnam and Rod Black.

Mr Paden said the band sees their performances as a chance to "show the community what we're made of".

"We want people to understand that we're not just those guys with disabilities. We're those guys from Brotherhood of the Blues," he said.

As the name suggests, the band members are as close as siblings, spending plenty of time together during rehearsals,

gigs and together at RED Inc.

"They're my best friends," Mr Murray said.

Songwriting is a team effort for the band, with works focusing strongly on the members' personal experience, covering everything from heartbreak and loss to family and adventures.

"It feels good to write songs about things. It helps get everything out," Mr Murray said.

Mr Paden agreed. "It helps to sing about struggles in life. Sometimes it's hard to talk about them so we'd rather sing," he said.

Brotherhood of the Blues will play on March 25 and 26 at the Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, near Byron Bay, as part of Bluesfest.

The Boomerang Festival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, dance, music, healing and ideas is also part of Bluesfest. It has a stellar line-up including Yolngu band East Journey, the Jannawai dancers, Getano Bann and the Arakwal Dancers.

Speakers on the program include Archie Roach, Black Comedy writer and actor Nakkiah Lui, Gunditjmarra musician and writer Richard Frankland and local Elders.

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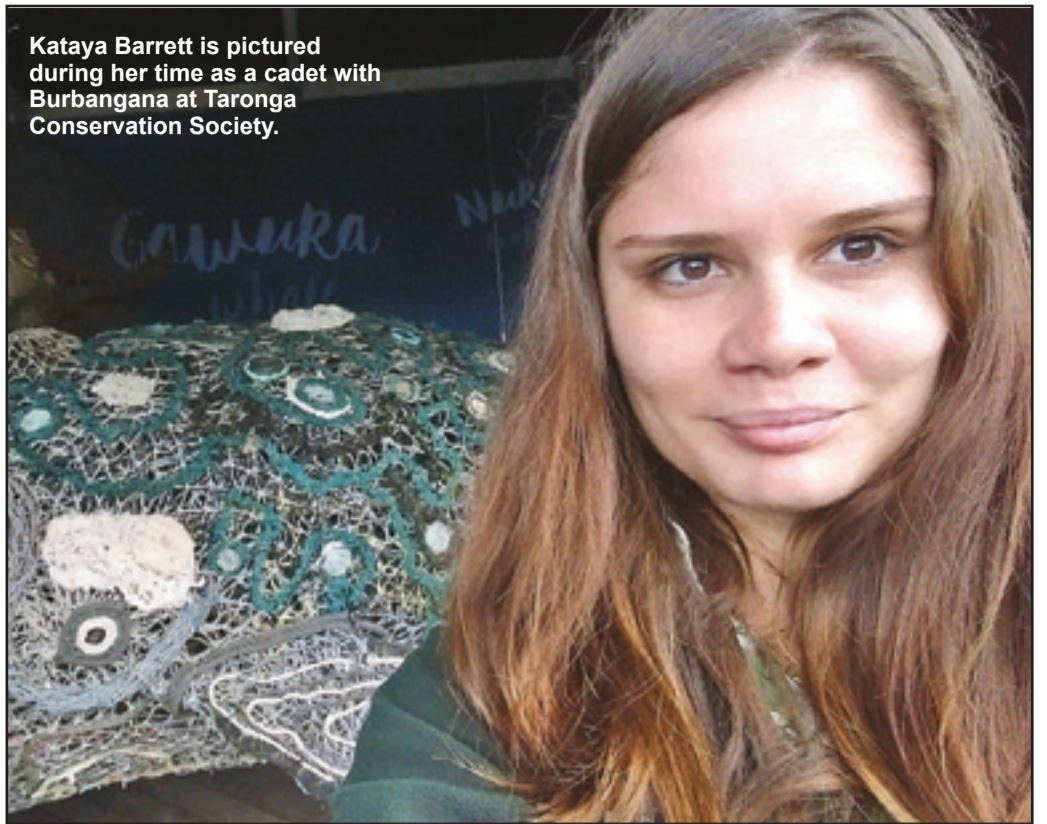
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Kataya Barrett is pictured during her time as a cadet with Burbangana at Taronga Conservation Society.



Kataya's focus is on animal welfare

By KEIRA JENKINS



UNSW graduate Kataya Barrett has been selected as one of 34

young people to attend the first International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Youth Forum for People and Wildlife, in South Africa, later this year.

The Sydney-based Bundjalung (NSW) woman said she was excited to participate in the online and in-person conference as part of the forum.

"I'm a delegate for Australia and for Indigenous perspectives, especially for young people," Ms Barrett said.

"These perspectives are often not listened to so it's an opportunity for people to speak up about animal welfare."

Ms Barrett is passionate about animal welfare,

majoring in marine science and ecology at UNSW and currently furthering her studies at Macquarie University.

She said she was looking forward to meeting people from different backgrounds to discuss animal welfare issues.

"It'll be a chance to corroborate perspectives and collaborate in activities and discussions," Ms Barrett said.

"Implications"

"We will be able to talk about the implications of wildlife into the future. It's a chance to have our say and to really be heard."

The delegates will head to South Africa in September to explore wildlife issues and participate in professional development workshops where they can share experiences.

Ms Barrett said it's a "cool opportunity" for her as an Indigenous person with a background in science to be

able to do something about the welfare of wildlife.

"A lot of issues in wildlife are not known to the wider public because the animal welfare campaign is led by a few 'figureheads' – the charismatic and well-known endangered species," she said.

"We will be able to consider other animals at this international talk, and it will be interesting to see what young people from other countries think.

"Our context and position as young people on issues like climate change are very important because those issues will affect our generation and the generations after us.

"Why not do something now? It's our future and we've got this opportunity to be able to do something now."

The online community, which is hosted by Ms Barrett and the other delegates, is open to anyone at www.ifaw.org/youthforum

Burney closer to Canberra



WIRADJURI woman Linda Burney is one step closer to becoming the first Indigenous woman in the House of Representatives.

The former NSW Labor deputy leader was unanimously backed at a national executive meeting this month to contest the southern Sydney seat of Barton at the upcoming federal election.

An ALP spokesman would not confirm reports there were two other party members who nominated against Ms Burney, but said the national executive vote was 21-0.

Marginal

Barton has been extensively redrawn in a boundary redistribution, changing it from a marginal Liberal seat to marginal Labor.

It has been held by the

Liberals' Nick Varvaris since 2013, but before that was held by Labor's Robert McClelland from 1996.

If Ms Burney is successful she could make history by becoming the first Indigenous woman in Federal Parliament's Lower House.

Ms Burney was the first Indigenous Australian to serve in NSW Parliament when she was elected to the seat of Canterbury in 2003. – AAP

Papunya tenants in compo action

Govt claims it's on right track



ALMOST a third of households in Papunya, 240km north-west of Alice Springs, in the Northern Territory, have lodged claims for compensation after the NT Department of Housing failed to repair urgent maintenance issues within a satisfactory timeframe.

There are 14 claimants hoping for rental abatement, whereby the rental costs are reduced for the inconvenience of living with a maintenance issue for a period of time.

Broken fly screens, locks and windows, blocked drains and showers, and issues with electricity, air-conditioning and ovens are just some of the problems that were found in the remote community.

The tenants are applying for compensation in the NT Civil Administrative Tribunal under the *Residential Tenancies Act NT*.

Lawyer for the Papunya residents Katie Gordon, from the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS), said since the list of repairs was compiled the Department of Housing reacted quickly to have things fixed.

"The problem was that there were 14 cases where issues had been reported but nothing had been actioned," she said.

Ms Gordon said many of the repairs



Disgruntled Papunya resident Sammy Butcher said he wants the Northern Territory Government to "wake up".

that were required were emergency issues. "There was a blocked drain that flooded a whole front yard and one house had no electricity in one half of the building, which actually ended up being quite a simple fix," she said.

Papunya resident Sammy Butcher said tenants had not been looked after.

"We just want the NT Government to wake up," he said. "Come on, we pay rent.

We pay the same as everybody else.

"In Alice Springs, when people ask for something, it's done straight away, but for us, it's two or three months before somebody comes, sometimes longer."

Ms Gordon said apparently the repairs have all been done, but communication with the Department of Housing has been limited.

"They're old houses but we went over there a few weeks ago and people were having issues with air-conditioners, which had been fixed but were broken again," she said. "It's difficult to monitor any problems with the maintenance because it's such a remote community."

While Ms Gordon says she's heard the repairs have been reasonably satisfactory so far, she would prefer more ongoing communication with the Department of Housing. She said the real issue was that the repairs hadn't been done months ago, in some cases, when they were first reported.

"We really want the department to look up and think differently about their obligation to repair amenities in houses," Ms Gordon said.

"We want to end the 'you broke it' mentality, because even if it is tenant-caused damage, the obligation is on the landlord to fix it and we can sort out who pays for it later."



THE Western Australian Government says a new paper shows it is on the right track with its response to family violence in Aboriginal communities.

Child Protection Minister Helen Morton launched the paper 'Innovative models in addressing violence against

Indigenous women', commissioned by Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) at Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley.

Mrs Morton said the Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource and Legal Centre was an example of a community-led approach to family violence. "This centre is singled out because it recognises that violence against women is a whole-of-community problem which needs a whole-of-community response," she said.

"For a service to be successful it needs a community-led response involving Elders, leaders and representatives, and input from local government and community sector organisations.

"Women need to be central to the design of programs to address violence, and services that provide access to justice and safety need to include a healing centre."

Yindjibarndi corporation board deemed invalid



THE board of an Aboriginal corporation in Western Australia's Pilbara region has been deemed invalid by the Supreme Court and a special administrator may be appointed. The legal action against Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation

was launched by John Sandy, a director of breakaway native title claimant group Wirlu-murra.

Justice Rene Le Miere ruled that a board meeting and its resolutions last year were invalid. — AAP



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Call for nominations for the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council.

The Queensland Government is seeking nominations from people across the state to join the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council.

The new council will be established under the *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016* to provide advice to government on the opportunities and barriers facing Queenslanders from diverse backgrounds, and how to promote the Multicultural Queensland Charter to support a unified, harmonious and inclusive community. The council will be chaired by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

Nominees from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and from regional and rural areas are encouraged to apply, as are representatives of the business and corporate, community and education sectors.

For information on how to submit a nomination form, including addressing the selection criteria, visit

www.communities.qld.gov.au or email maqsecretariat@communities.qld.gov.au.

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The key role of the Finance Committee is to provide advice to the Board in relation to NAAJA's finance function (including risk management). Terms of Reference and further information can be obtained from Steve Rossingh, CFO on 08 8982 5111 or steve.rossingh@naaja.org.au officer.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Talented Chris thinks of home

By ALF WILSON



THE morning after appearing on the grand final of TV's *Australia's Got Talent*, Chris

Tamwoy spoke of having a concert on his country in the Torres Strait. Mr Tamwoy, 20, was one of five entertainers to make the final of the program, which was broadcast nationally this month.

About 10,000 people auditioned for the program, with the final held in Sydney, and just on one million people tuned in for the final.

A talented guitarist and singer, Mr Tamwoy was born in Brisbane and grew up on Badu Island.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail*, Mr Tamwoy said he thought of the Torres Strait during his performances.

"I dedicated it to my late grandmother Maulo Tamwoy, who I loved dearly before she died at age 61. She was my queen. I learnt my guitar skills on Badu Island when I was very young," he said.

Mr Tamwoy thanked his backup performers Danielle Reuben, Corina Nwobu and Daniel Tapau, who were with him on the program.

"I will be doing a concert in the Torres Strait, hopefully this year, and if not early next year," he said.

The winner, which was decided by viewers' votes, was fellow contestant Fletcher Pilon.

Mr Tamwoy, the first to perform on the decider episode, endeared himself to many by acknowledging the traditional landowners before playing an acoustic instrumental piece on the guitar.

His performance in the final earned a standing ovation from all four regular judges



Chris Tamwoy performs on stage at Palm Island, north Queensland.



Chris Tamwoy does his thing on *Australia's Got Talent*.

and guest judge, Hollywood actor and musician Jack Black.

"I'm a little blown away ... You set the bar very high," Mr Black said.

Recently, Mr Tamwoy has

performed at Yarrabah and on Palm Island during the inaugural Bwgcolman Youth Festival in September.

"I have been all around Australia and will now work on my album and EP," he said.



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Groups battle nuclear dump



Australia, saying it threatens their culture.

A royal commission last month found that SA could earn billions of dollars if it stored large amounts of the world's high-level nuclear waste.

But Arabunna Elder Kevin

ABORIGINAL groups have stepped up their campaign against a plan for a nuclear waste dump in South

Buzzacott says his people remain traumatised from atomic weapons testing in the 1950s and don't want any more nuclear projects forced on them.

"We have long memories. We remember the atomic weapons tests at Maralinga and Emu Fields and the ongoing denial around the lost lives and health impacts for Aboriginal people," he said.

"We won't become the world's nuclear waste dump." Adnyamathanha woman

Enice Marsh said a nuclear waste facility could risk contaminating bore water.

"Groundwater is about survival. We don't want to be faced with another huge risk like this," she said.

Nuclear Fuel Cycle royal commissioner Kevin Scarce earlier said the proposal should be scrapped if the community didn't support it.

The report (and its recommendations) is due by May 6. — AAP

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Goodes powers at Gordonvale



POWER Park in Gordonvale, far north Queensland, comes alive to the sounds of kids squealing, shouting and laughing whenever training or matches are taking place.

But when you add a legend of AFL football, Adam Goodes, those squeals of delight find a higher octave.

A dual Brownlow Medallist (the AFL's highest individual honour), dual Sydney Swans premiership player, Indigenous Team Of The Century player and 2014 Australian of the Year, Goodes boasts an array of achievements.

Beyond the football field, he has also been a role model to footballers everywhere, most particularly amongst Indigenous kids.

His visit to the Pyramid Power Football

Club in Gordonvale was part of a joint Toyota/AFL promotion, with the club being the recipients of an inspirational prize.

Goodes was a veritable 'pied piper' and the kids responded accordingly.

He chatted to young and old alike, posed for the selfies, commented on the footy match prior, calling it exciting to watch, remarked at the beauty of the location and even kicked a few extra footies around for the kids who wanted more.

Goodes seemed to enjoy himself at Power Park, Gordonvale.

But local footy, and particularly Pyramid Power and the Gordonvale district, was left with both a boost for the game and a glowing endorsement for what has been achieved locally in AFL by one of Australia's top players.



Children and locals hang out with Adam Goodes in Gordonvale, far north Queensland. Picture: Sam Davis (Northern Beaches News)

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Former SA chair on deception charge



THE former chair of South Australia's Aboriginal Health Council has faced court accused of deception after a probe by the state's corruption watchdog.

Yvonne Debra Buza, 59, appeared in Adelaide Magistrates Court charged with deceiving another person to benefit herself.

The charge stemmed from an investigation by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption into offences allegedly committed between November 2009 and December 2014.

Buza, who is on bail, is yet to answer the charge and has been ordered to face court again on April 27. - AAP

Federal program to aid anthropologists



APPLICATIONS for the 2016-2017 Native Title Anthropologist Grants Programme are now open.

The program will provide Commonwealth funding of \$931,000 over three years to

supporting anthropologists to increase native title anthropology capacity.

The program funds initiatives, which support mid-to senior-level native title anthropologists' development and participation in applied anthropological work.

The Government says helping native title parties' access to qualified and experienced anthropologists supports the resolution of native title claims. Further information is available at www.ag.gov.au/legalsystem/

French cruise ship visits Tiwi Islands



THE Tiwi Islands' reputation as a cruise destination has been boosted after the maiden visit of luxury French ship the *Le Soleal*.

About 200 passengers spent the day on Bathurst Island, experiencing the Tiwis' Indigenous culture, art and storytelling. As part of the visit, passengers and crew received a welcome to country and dance by traditional owners, visited Ngaruwanajirri art centre, and learned about the history of the Islands at the local church and museum.

Grant not ready for future in politics



WIRADJURI journalist Stan Grant isn't ready to jump into politics just yet. Mr Grant said in his recent address to the National Press Club in Canberra that he has had conversations about running for

parliament. "If we don't get involved, then we are nowhere, but is it me? Is it this year? Is it this time? I need to get a lot more things to line up before I make that step," he said.



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Jenayah's on a quest



Jenayah Elliot is representing Western Australia in the national round of Miss Teen Galaxy.

By KEIRA JENKINS



LIKE many girls in Year 12, Jenayah Elliot, from Halls Creek, in Western Australia's Kimberley, got in early to start looking for that perfect dress for her graduation formal.

And it was in the local dress store that the young Aboriginal woman fell into an opportunity that has led her to represent WA in an international beauty pageant.

The attendant at the dress store encouraged Jenayah to enter in the Galaxy Beauty Pageant, which was held at a state level in January.

"She told me I should give it a go because I seemed confident and well-spoken," Jenayah, a Jaru girl, said.

"I'd never done any modelling before and I was a bit sceptical at first because I didn't think it was my type of thing.

"But I looked into it and realised it was actually really charity-driven and I thought it would be a chance to be a positive role model."

The national round of the competition will be held next month, with the winner going to Florida in the United States in August to compete at the international level.

"The excitement from the first round hasn't worn off yet," the 17-year-old said.

"I always wanted to represent the Kimberley region, and now I've got a chance to represent WA, so that's an incredible feeling.

"I'm proud and humbled that I got the chance to do this."

Jenayah's now caught the 'pageant



Miss Teen Galaxy WA national finalist Jenayah Elliot, right, with Miss Galaxy WA national finalist Bonnie Lee and Jenayah's grandmother Christine Elliot.

bug', and while she's waiting to see how this year's Galaxy Pageant pans out, she already plans to enter next year if she doesn't win the title.

She said she enjoys the community service and raising money for charities that comes with competing in pageants, but it's a real balancing act with school and other commitments.

"Appearances"

"I'm struggling a bit already. There's a certain number of appearances we have to do for community service," she said.

"But it's all about priorities and taking it a little bit at a time. I'm pretty good at

balancing and making sure I've got everything planned out."

Jenayah also plays a lot of sport after school, which she says contrasts with her time spent on beauty pageants.

"I'm really into fitness as well, and I play basketball and do boxing on Friday afternoons," she said.

"I play lots of sports – I guess that's a bit of a juxtaposition though."

As for the future, Jenayah just wants to continue to show young girls that anything is achievable.

"It's not about winning or being the best. I just want to be someone that Aboriginal girls and non-Aboriginal girls can look up to," she said.

Are you kicking goals?

Do you think your organisation is a great team? Is it courageous, creative and effective? Does it show real leadership? Then show your true colours and apply for the 2016 Indigenous Governance Awards!

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Moore the new chief executive of SNAICC



YUIN man Gerry Moore, from the NSW south coast of NSW, has been appointed chief executive of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

Mr Moore, a former ATSIIC commissioner, has broad experience in Indigenous affairs. He is a board member of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and has served as chief executive of Aboriginal Legal Services NSW/ACT, the South East Aboriginal Legal Service, and chaired the Aboriginal Housing



Gerry Moore
Development Committee.
"I am thrilled to be joining such an established and well-respected

organisation and keen to take SNAICC to the next level in collaboration with our board and members," he said.

"I look forward to applying my experience in the sector and passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to my work at SNAICC."

SNAICC chairperson and Aboriginal Family Support Service chief executive Sharron Williams said Mr Moore is committed and his management experiences make him ideal for the job.

Mr Moore will replace Frank Hytten, who led SNAICC for seven years.



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 25th March 2016. An expression of interest form is available by contacting:

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Apology day in Kimberley



THE Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation (KSGAC) in Broome has hosted an open day for 200 people to celebrate its revamped community hub and mark

the anniversary of the national apology to Indigenous people.

The event included a video address by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, guest speakers including Bishop of Broome Christopher Saunders, a barbecue lunch, stalls, live entertainment and a tour of the renovated KSGAC building.

KSGAC chair Mark Bin Bakar congratulated staff and community partners and acknowledged the importance of the modernised facility to the local community.

"We are very excited to open the doors on our good-looking centre," he said.

"Together, we have created a welcoming and attractive place for our Kimberley community to visit and enjoy.

"Our endeavour is to provide a special place where members of the Stolen Generation feel comfortable to gather and connect with each other."

KSGAC chief executive Ken Riddiford said a successful grant application to the Federal Government made the renovations possible.

"A tidy and attractive facility makes a tremendous impact on the staff and community's sense of pride and morale," he said.

"Before, the building looked tired and shabby but now it is a place we are proud to work in and share with others."

Mr Riddiford said the improvement works included extra fencing around the building, a new lawn area, a storage shed, updated kitchen and new workshop space.

Mr Bin Bakar also announced a boost to the Stolen Generations' reunions program after a 24-seater bus was donated by Lotterywest.

"This bus is an important healing



Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Ken Riddiford

tool," he said. "It will help us to continue holding reunions and family gatherings throughout the Kimberley.

"With this bus, we can take members out to their homelands to visit family and fellow Stolen Generation people.

"Healing process"

"It is a vital part of the healing process."

Mr Bin Bakar said the organisation's "confident and bright future" was due, in part, to the momentous event that occurred eight years ago.

"The national apology to Indigenous

people was a significant turning point for our country," he said.

"The wrongdoings of the past do not belong to Aboriginal people alone; they belong to our nation and we must all own, claim and reconcile with them.

"Our country needs healing, our communities need healing and our people need healing.

"Healing does not mean the damage never existed; it means the damage no longer controls our lives.

"Our organisation is determined to play our part to help people heal and take back control of their lives."

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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 place on the State Heritage Register.

Thurlow House, Blakehurst

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by **10 April 2016**. Enquiries to Christina Kanellaki Lowe on (02) 9873 8558 or christina.kanellaki@environment.nsw.gov.au

Notice of intention to consider removal from the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council is also considering whether or not to recommend the removal of the following place from the State Heritage Register.

Clarence River Road Bridge, Tabulam

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by **12 April 2016**. Enquiries to Sonia Limeburner on (02) 4927 3129 or sonia.limeburner@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 these places.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx

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Matt Summerhayes
Melbourne, Victoria

Favourite bush tucker?
Witchetty grubs.

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It's another type of bush tucker – kangaroo.

Favourite music?
I like the sound of the didgeridoo.

Favourite sport?
I don't really have one.

Favourite holiday destination?
I'd love to go to Kakadu.

What do you like in life?
I just love life.

What don't you like?
I'm not sure. I just take what life gives me.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My brothers and sisters. I'd like to have my family there to sit around a campfire.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous Australians?
I'd give back to community. The kids need to be taught culture, and I'd like to learn more about my culture too, because that's the way you can better your life – knowing who you are and teaching other people about your culture. We need to get our culture back.

Quote



“It would finally be an acknowledgement of our humanity in an honourable way.”

– Educator Dr Chris Sarra on the importance of a treaty

● See page 9

Unquote

At last, concerns are being voiced

THERE are a lot of strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in every edition of the *Koori Mail* – and this edition is no different.

What is different is that in this edition, many are singing the same song, calling for an end to the silence on the difficult issues that are faced in many Indigenous communities.

There is no bigger taboo than sexual abuse of children – but it's such an emotive and fraught topic that it can seem difficult to even frame a conversation in a way that's safe and constructive.

But, as Cape York Partnership general manager Fiona Jose wrote last week, in the wake of a Steering Committee that has been announced to look at social problems in the region, problems don't get solved by outsiders.

“For that committee to have any real impact we must first have faith in the mothers, fathers, aunties, uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers of Aurukun,” she said.

Our two regular columnists Warren Mundine and Woolombi Waters frequently have differing world views.

But on the issue of social problems in Indigenous communities, they agree: Solutions can only come from within and they won't be found without difficult conversations.

The inquest into the death in custody of Julieka Dhu reopened this month.



OUR SAY

Her family provides an example of finding strength through tragedy – and fighting for what's right.

Despite being traumatised by the events surrounding Ms Dhu's death, her family continues to speak out. Their voices are being heard by people around the world as they continue to advocate for changes to the criminal justice system.

Custody of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout remains in the hands of the club that hosts it from year to year.

But what would happen if the host club, for any number of reasons, can't deliver and the Knockout falls over?

Thankfully, this hasn't happened and we hope it never does.

But if it did happen, who would pick up the pieces and return the Knockout to its rightful place as the biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural event in NSW?

The Knockout needs to be in the hands of custodians to ensure it continues for years to come.

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).

Mary's a true jewel

By KEIRA JENKINS

RAISED in Mackay, central Queensland, Mary Daniel fondly remembers sitting around on a Saturday afternoon making beads, surrounded by aunts.

As a young girl she found a love of jewellery making, and now the Sydney-based mother of seven uses the skills she learnt as a child to make a living.

"I've been making jewellery virtually all my life; as a little girl I loved sitting around making beads," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I looked around at the markets in Sydney and started selling jewellery at a few of them about 10 years ago.

"It's great because sometimes I'll see other Indigenous women and I can encourage them to make jewellery too."

The Torres Strait Islander woman says plenty of people are interested in her jewellery.

"There's a sense of pride I get when someone buys it," she said.

Ms Daniel was one of the first stallholders at the Blak Markets when it started two years ago at Bare Island, off La Perouse.

She started with jewellery, went into Torres Strait Islander food for a while, but returned to making jewellery, which she says is her first love.

"For me, I like the cultural representation in beads," she said.

"The jewellery reflects my culture and my identity through the colours and the materials I use. It's about embracing culture."

For Ms Daniel, the Blak Markets are a special place for her to showcase her wares and find a variety of treasures at the other stalls – everything from candles and knick knacks to paintings and hand-carved boomerangs.

"It's about time we had something like this in Sydney," she said.

"I love it. A lot of people come and go. Sure there's politics between people, but I just come here for the culture."

"Sometimes I make a profit but it's not really about that. I just like to be around the markets doing what I love to do and being surrounded by talented and creative people."

Ms Daniel's experiment with a food stall at the Blak Markets was also inspired by her childhood.

Her father was a chef and a pearl diver, who was influenced by the tastes of Malay food as well as his traditional recipes.

Ms Daniel got her food-handling certificate and started selling the dishes she had grown up eating as a child in Queensland.

"You don't realise how much food and how many recipes you have until you have to decide what you'll make for something like the markets," she said.

"But it didn't get as much support as the jewellery so it was hard to make the money to cover all the costs."

Culture

Growing up, food was a big part of culture for Ms Daniel's family.

"For all the celebrations and ceremonies like weddings and birthdays the cooking was largely done at Mum's house in a stone pit," she said.

Ms Daniel has been living in Sydney for about 20 years now, but her mother and eldest daughter are still living in Mackay.

She's hoping to use the money she made from this month's Blak Markets to visit them.

"Mum is in her 80s now and she's still going, but she's starting to get a bit forgetful," she said.

Family is very important to Ms Daniel, who was inspired back into art and creative hobbies after she lost her son a few years ago.

She has seven children – three of them in Sydney – and 19 grandchildren.

"I see them as much as I can, and we're as close as can be," Ms Daniel said.

"We try our best to keep together but I think the idea of family closeness is different in Sydney now than it was for me growing up in Queensland."



Mary Daniel displays her handmade beads at the Blak Markets, La Perouse: "The jewellery reflects my culture and my identity through the colours and the materials I use. It's about embracing culture."

Blak Markets celebrates second birthday



Uncle Greg Simms performs the smoking ceremony. Glen Timbery is playing the didg.



The flags fly over the Blak Markets on Bare Island, in Botany Bay.



Vicky Golding says her artworks are especially popular with NRL fans.

Bare Island a popular venue

By KEIRA JENKINS



ABOUT 800 people headed to Bare Island, off La Perouse, in southern Sydney for the Blak Markets' second birthday this month.

The markets featured the usual stalls, workshops and performances and, as a special feature for the 'birthday bash', bush food suppliers promoted local produce.

First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporations, which has run the Blak Markets for the past two years, also held a fundraising dinner.

Dinner

Held on the island, the dinner was prepared by Wild Kitchen Aboriginal chef Clayton Donovan.

First Hand Solutions' Peter Cooley said both events were great successes.

"The weather was kind to us for the market so we had a pretty good turnout," he said.

"We had great entertainment, including the Yaama dancers and Radical Son, and there were some top products on offer at the stalls.

"The fundraising dinner was also a really great night, with Uncle Vic Simms singing. He wandered around the tables performing and gave a sunset tour of the fort, telling stories of growing up at La Perouse."



Connor Colquhoun and the other dancers drew a crowd.



Kayleen and Michael Terry sell a range of knick-knacks from their stall.



Tammy McKewin helps out her aunt, Sharlene Leroy-Dyer, at her market stall.



Judy Fabar, Darrell Fabar, Dennis Smith, Ann Smith and Harry Brotherhood at the market, held just off La Perouse, in southern Sydney.



“It’s up to our mob to end the abuse and silence.”

– Nyunggai Warren Mundine, page 26

Prison rates and police numbers

REGARDING the story headlined ‘Concern over Prison Rates’, *Koori Mail*, March 9.

I read the above article and your editorial and both articles fail to see the co-relationship between the rise in the number of police with the rise of inmates.

The law-and-order policies, and

increase in the size of the police force, mean there are more arrests. It does not mean the community is safer.

As First Nations people tend to be poorer, they are more likely to be harassed and charged for petty crimes and therefore more likely to end up in prison.

This is clearly seen in the Northern

Territory with the Intervention/Stronger Futures policies. Since its introduction in 2008, prison rates there have exploded, but so has the number of police! In the film *Charlie’s Country* this relationship is made clear.

EMILY BULLOCK
Glebe, NSW

Myths about the Government’s CDP

THE Australian Council of Trade Unions’ critique of the Australian Government’s Community Development Program (CDP) (Union fears over new Govt scheme, *Koori Mail*, March 9 – pictured) is based on myths.

The article quoted five people from the ACTU’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander committee who, unsurprisingly, all said there were problems with the CDP. What a surprise!

Instead of simply focusing on the hostile views of a Melbourne-based organisation, it is a pity the *Koori Mail* did not seek to balance the story with a comment from any of the many leaders in remote communities across the country who have consistently told me they want an end to welfare dependency, and for people living in the communities to be engaged in meaningful activities.

Through our CDP reforms, we are introducing exactly what community leaders in these areas have been asking for.

The union representatives quoted in the article have been able to spread a series of myths – unchallenged. These



Union members, from left, Thomas Sebastian, Steve Walsh, Patrick Nelson, Jenny Buchanan, Celeste Latta, Jo Kerr, Lara Watson and Kara Keys.

Union fears over new Govt scheme

By CHRISTINE HOWES
UNIONS are concerned that the Federal Government’s plans for the new Community Development Program (CDP) centres – the work-for-the-dole scheme is 15 hours a week for six months.
“For Aboriginal workers, or for our remote workers, which we all know have 80% or above Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations, it is 25 hours a week for 52 weeks a week.”
provides them pretty much free of cost or just minimal.”
Victorian Steve Walsh said there had been a lot of discussion in his region about how people were being treated as workers.
“It’s also that they’ve put them in a situation where they’re not

myths deserve to be dispelled.

● Myth #1: Under the CDP, people have to work five hours a day, five days a week for 52 weeks a year.

Under the CDP, no one has to ‘work’ 52 weeks a year. CDP participants are required to undertake up to 25 hours of ‘activity’ per week. This can include

work experience placements in a business, council or social enterprise, but more commonly involves community activities as well as activities to help people prepare for work, for instance vocational and non-vocational training.

Further, participants are entitled to at least six

weeks’ time off from activities, as well as cultural leave and reasonable sick leave – all on full pay. They are also entitled to the standard public holidays.

● Myth #2: The CDP is discriminatory because participants have to undertake 25 hours a week of Work-for-the-Dole compared to 15 hours a week in regional and urban Australia.

All jobseekers are required to undertake up to 25 hours of mutual obligation activity in return for their income support – irrespective of whether they live in an urban, regional or remote location.

Activity requirements differ between urban and remote areas because labour markets are different and jobseekers face different challenges and barriers to work.

● Myth #3: The CDP provides a free pool of labour for employers.

Employers are not able to use the CDP to displace real jobs. The guidelines place clear limits on how long a CDP participant can be in a work experience placement by an employer and the number of jobseekers who can be hosted in a single

workplace. These limits ensure that work experience placements provide training opportunities for remote jobseekers, but are not used by employers to displace paid employees.

I am more than happy to have a sensible debate about our reforms to remote employment services. Not everyone has to agree with them. But what I won’t cop are representatives of the ACTU deliberately peddling falsehoods in order to whip up a cheap scare campaign.

I make one other point. I have visited more than 70 remote communities on at least 100 occasions since January 2015 to find out firsthand what is happening in them and to listen to the views of people who live in them. These visits help to inform my views on a whole range of matters – in this case our remote employment program.

I challenge the ACTU to reveal how many remote communities it visited before it criticised the community-driven CDP.

SENATOR NIGEL
SCULLION
Indigenous Affairs
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POETRY

Our Way of Life

Our way of life seemed threatened
When the Greeks and
Italians arrived
On Australia’s shores in
the 1960s
Before that the whinging
“ten pound poms”
Were shown the door.

Nobody but nobody
should upset
The Australian way of life
Right?
So why then do we boo
an Australian of the
Year?
And send hate mail to
our first ever Aboriginal
Olympic gold medallist.

If this is not racial
vilification through and
through
Then what is it?
And left unchecked
poisons
Our way of life.

BRUCE DOCKER
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Re-Claim Nothing

How Can You Re-Claim
Australia
When Australia Was
Never Yours
You Stole It From The
Natives
By Using Evil Guns And
Swords
Now You Want An Ethnic
Cleansing
And You Only Want
What’s White
Like What You Did To
The Aboriginals Back
Then
Through Your Hatred And
Your Spite
Maybe What You Did To
Them
Has Come To Haunt You
Now
Because You Were Like
Pigs
Monsters, Bears And
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Tribes
And As Australians, They
Were First.

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

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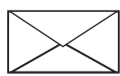
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Working to beat kidney disease



Nigel Scullion

I SPEND a lot of time in remote towns and communities across the country and it breaks my heart to see the crippling impact of kidney disease on a proud and strong people. The statistics, which

eminent experts in Indigenous kidney disease, like Professor Alan Cass of the Menzies School of Health Research, have shown me, are truly horrific. Almost 20% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians aged over 18 have indicators of chronic kidney disease and this rises to one-in-three in remote areas.

The incidence of end-stage kidney disease for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote and very remote areas is almost 20 times that of non-Indigenous Australians, and First Australians are almost four times more likely to die from chronic kidney disease.

For many sufferers a dialysis machine three times a week, for the rest of their lives, is their fate. This takes people away from their families and country which in turn affects their social and emotional wellbeing and changes their lives forever.

Last year the Government announced a \$15.3 million funding boost to Purple House to improve the quality and availability of dialysis for people in remote central

Australia. Although this is a welcome improvement in treatment and quality of life for First Australians in the region, the scale of the problem demands the root causes of this epidemic be addressed.

And there can be no doubt one of the main causes is the very high rates of diabetes and high blood pressure from excess sugar consumption, which in turn lead to the prevalence of kidney disease in Indigenous communities.

As I have said many times and without any hyperbole, the unhealthy rates of sugar consumption are killing First Australians and it is incumbent on government to work with communities to address this.

That is why it is so pleasing to be able to say that the Australian Government has just concluded negotiations on a deal with a community store in the remote south-east Kimberley to drastically reduce sugar consumption. Because as is all too typical in many community stores, the store in Balgo has in recent years sold an average of around 75,900 litres

of full-sugar soft drink a year – amounting to almost 150 litres for each person in the community!

The deal will see statutory body Outback Stores provide a commercial loan to the store (to expand its premises) conditional on a target to reduce volumes of sugar sales by 7% every year for five years. The store has agreed to reduce the size of certain full-strength soft drinks and not sell deep fried takeaway food. The deal will also see the store sign a 20-year management agreement to implement Outback Stores' nutrition policy which guarantees a constant source of fresh fruit and vegetables, differential pricing to encourage healthy eating and \$1 bottles of water.

Importantly, this is being driven by the community itself, with the strong support of the Government. The traditional owners and community members who own the store decided they would forgo a little of the profit they could have made from unhealthy foods, in particular full-strength soft drink, and make a real difference for the lives of their children. This

demonstrates great leadership and I applaud them for that.

The Prime Minister made a commitment that we would be working alongside community – doing things with First Australians, not to them. And ridding Indigenous people of kidney disease will only happen if we can work together. The community of Balgo demonstrates this spirit and should set an example for other communities to follow.

People who know me know that kidney disease is a cause very close to my heart, as it is for the countless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who have been touched by it.

If, by working together, we can reduce the high rates of sugar consumption in communities we will go a long way to closing the gap in health outcomes which continue to evade us. So I will be raising a glass of water to the people of Balgo and encouraging all other communities to work to reduce the rates of kidney disease.

● Senator Nigel Scullion is Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister.

Ending the violence

SOMETHING'S knocking on my head. We've talked about violence against women till the cows come home but I don't want to do that. That's common knowledge.

I want to talk about those who enable and protect the perpetrators. I want to talk about how we have to shatter the silent code.

Our people have a close-knit cultural kinship system. When we have this social evil permeating our kinship system, people know that you are dealing with something bigger than *Ben Hur*. This is why too many women end up in hospital every week. Because the perpetrators know they can get away with it.

White Ribbon Australia urges communities to "stand up and speak out", but for this to happen we need to address the silence on violence. We have to turn the lens on this insidious process so that the social norm becomes one where a woman cannot be violated and re-traumatised for fear of exposure. Until then, we will not make the inroads necessary to end the violence against women.

Indigenous women are over-represented when it comes to violence against women. We bear the brunt of the struggle, the brunt of the silent code.

We know the statistics: in 2012-13, Indigenous women were hospitalised for non-fatal family violence assault at 34.2 times the rate of non-Indigenous women. In NSW, Queensland, WA, SA and the NT between 2008 and 2012, the death rate from homicide for Indigenous people was seven to eight times the rate for non-Indigenous people. Between 2005 and 2015, the NT recorded the second highest increase in crude imprisonment rates of all Australian jurisdictions at 56%, compared with 19% nationally. 43% of these related to assault,

the most common being sexual assault.

We know that 93% of offenders are male. In the majority of cases, the perpetrator is known to the victim, usually within the family or community. And only 17% of cases result in convictions. The problem is people in our community – families, community workers, people in positions of trust in our health services know of these perpetrators.

As Josephine Cashman, chair of the safe communities subcommittee on the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, advocated in her International Women's Day speech, "We need the rule of law to be applied in Indigenous communities in the same measures as everywhere else".

However, the statistics show that society has a system that supports abusers, not victims.

Ms Cashman also noted in her speech that many Aboriginal women leaders who speak out against violence are frequently attacked in Indigenous circles. I am one of them. Such attacks are symptomatic of the root problem that must be addressed before we have a hope of ending violence against women.

Shattering the silence means we must look squarely in the face of these protectors because their enabling makes them complicit in the act of violence against women. They are at all levels of society. They can be media owners, prominent activists, entertainers, public personalities, educators and politicians.

As Suzanne Ingram from the Redfern Aboriginal Women's Alliance states, "Centring Aboriginal women's perspectives on violence in our communities is fraught with power and control dynamics at every level. Silencing is one of a range of tactics to enforce secrecy."



Marlene Cummins

When I chose to speak out about my own experience as a sexual abuse victim in the documentary *Black Panther Woman*, the biggest psychological hurdle for me and director Rachel Perkins, as Aboriginal women, was taking on the silent code because it meant turning the lens on our own community and leaders.

"When I realised that this story might turn a critical eye on leadership within the movement, I had to seriously consider the repercussions and the risk that it would appear we were 'bringing down the movement,'" Ms Perkins said.

"I talked to my family and sought advice from Indigenous leaders along the way, notably Sam Watson and Jenny Munro. They both felt that the Aboriginal movement was mature enough to apply the same critical eye to itself, that it applied to those it has struggled against."

For me, the most crucial prevailing factor was that we must not hand down the baton to our children and grandchildren. Otherwise, we are also complicit in perpetuating this insidious syndrome of enabling and protecting perpetrators.

I have firsthand experience of this.

In speaking out, I became the subject of a vicious and untrue attack orchestrated by prominent Aboriginal people.

Professor Marcia Langton has addressed this in a recent interview with journalist Stan Grant.

"We are trying to solve a problem and we are, in fact, joined by responsible Aboriginal men who want to solve this problem as well," she said.

"If they put their hands up and say, 'I stand with women and children. I stand with those who are opposed to violence,' that removes the stigma."

How can we address sovereignty when we have people protecting perpetrators that allow women to be abused, people who reinforce the silent code?

Coming out with my story was traumatic and hard and needed more courage than anything I've ever done. Yet some people saw fit to belittle and ridicule me and in the process re-victimise me. Because, believe me, I have relived all the trauma as a result of their attack on my character.

Black Panther Woman has been screened internationally and the reaction from women all over the world has been incredible.

After a screening of the film at Sydney University, a young Korean girl came up to me in tears. She'd been a victim of sexual violence and was an even greater victim of the silent code. She said the film helped her to find the courage to change her life.

I have had this reaction from

people from all walks of life, and across the globe.

We have to pull down the wall of silence. Enablers and protectors of perpetrators, reinforcers of the silent code – these people have lost the right to set the agenda because what we need is to nourish future generations.

I am currently studying a fine arts honours degree at UNSW and I am thrilled at the young Indigenous people I have met there studying various fields of endeavour with a view to bettering their communities. They are the light for our future. Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is about caring for your community.

The whole point of this article is we have to get past people who attack Indigenous women who speak out against violence.

Let's make it the social norm that no-one can hurt you no matter who they are. We must support people speaking out against this insidious sickness and shatter the silence around sexual violence.

We are evolving as people and we need to enrich that evolution with our youth and not pass down the baton of the silent code to our future generations. We need a crisp new outlook which involves accountability. Only then can the rule of law be applied effectively in Indigenous communities.

We have never accurately afforded ourselves that future because of the sacrifices that Indigenous women have made. Accountability and transparency must rise now. As a proud race of people who've survived insurmountable odds, let's free our future generations from the shackles of the silent code.

Let's unite for our future. We can do this together.

● Marlene Cummins was a member of the Australian Black Panther Party. She is a renowned jazz and blues musician.

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It's up to our mob to end the abuse and silence

AUSTRALIA is having a national conversation on violence and sexual abuse. It's a conversation driven by the community – ordinary people turning personal experiences to platforms for action, social media campaigns, conversations in homes and workplaces.

Australia's mindset is changing; these problems are emerging from the shadows.

But in Indigenous communities these problems are still encased in denial, secrets and silence.

The Smallbone Report is the latest example of adults, community leaders and authorities failing to deal with sexual offences against Indigenous children.

The report describes the miserable life of children in two Queensland Indigenous communities and the absence of parental care and law enforcement. Sex offences two to seven times the state average, with 85% of victims aged under 17. Sexual activity normalised for children as young as 10. Families not knowing where their children are overnight and unconcerned. Police not trusted. Community leaders turning a blind eye. People failing to intervene in known or witnessed abuse, fearing reprisals.

Those fears are why the Queensland Government didn't release the report when delivered in 2013. Community leaders asked that it remain secret. Only now have details been revealed.

Can you imagine a government withholding a report on sexual abuse of any other group of children for three years?

Over this period a royal commission has heard evidence of sex offences ignored and covered up by some of Australia's most influential institutions. The public outrage has been palpable.

But the secrecy around the Smallbone Report barely raised a whimper.

Worse still, report after report tells us Indigenous children are being sexually abused nationwide. The Gordon Report in 2002, the Breaking the Silence Report in 2006 and the Little Children Are Sacred Report in 2007, for example, found endemic family violence and sexual abuse in communities in WA, NSW and NT. Offences rarely reported. Communities protecting perpetrators but not children. Child abuse normalised, intergenerational and self-perpetuating.

The Breaking the Silence Report has a chilling account of some adults seeing sexual assault as a normal experience. One participant said: "A young mum, she said to me, 'Well, you know, she should put up with it, you know. I had to put up with it, why can't she?'" Like it's a rite of passage; like that's acceptable.

Where's the community anger? The demonstrations and campaigns? What are we doing



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

about the abuse of our children?

The Smallbone Report's author describes the problems as 'complex'; as having confounded governments with no-one knowing quite what to do.

Sexual assault is a crime. Governments deal with crime waves all the time. They don't throw their hands up saying they don't know what to do. They implement solutions until something works.

That this crime wave continues

unchecked points to one conclusion – no-one, not even Indigenous adults, thinks Indigenous children are important.

Why else would Indigenous communities protect perpetrators and ignore, even shun, their victims?

Aboriginal activist Roy 'Dootch' Kennedy recently pleaded guilty to sex offences committed in the 1990s. His victim endured years of abuse as a child with devastating impact. She's now been shunned by her community.

Kennedy was a highly regarded Elder with power and responsibility. Fear of backlash discouraged her from coming forward.

The backlash is real. I know an Aboriginal man abused by community members for saying Kennedy deserved jail.

Authorities must ensure that sex offenders experience the full force of the law and that that children are protected from sexual assault and removed from abusive environments.

Children should be educated about personal safety and told who they can safely report to.

Instead of children thinking abuse is normal and adults want their silence, they should be taught abuse is wrong and adults want them coming forward.

It's not complex.

Bravehearts, for example, has programs teaching even very young children about personal safety and how to report abuse.

Ultimately, child abuse won't end without parents taking responsibility for safeguarding their children and securing their future. This includes basic parental duties – knowing where your children are, making sure there's food at home, and sending your children to school.

Finally, we can't just blame these problems on factors outside our control – like invasion, racism, historical wrongs, the 'system' or poverty.

There's no excuse for abandoning children.

My mother would say, "If anyone touches one of my kids just give me five minutes with them." She took care of us, despite experiencing poverty, racism and injustice.

In traditional societies, breaking the law brought harsh punishment. If you didn't respect the rules and norms of society, you couldn't remain in it.

Our ancestors would be ashamed and angry to see the breakdown in behaviour and respect for the law described in these reports.

Child abuse will destroy Indigenous society. It's up to us – our mobs – to end the abuse and the silence.

● *Nyunggai Warren Mundine is managing director of Nyungga Black Group and chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council.*

The death of our young

MARCH 8 was international women's day. News broke the same day that a 10-year-old Aboriginal girl had committed suicide only two days earlier. Another sign the world is outta balance.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics states suicide as the second leading cause of death for our children aged 14 and under.

It is the leading cause of death for mob aged 15 to 35.

I remember my brother-in-law Troy Hopkins telling me about his childhood in Roebourne, a community in the Pilbara: "It used to be awesome, traditional hunting for food, ceremony and play. Then after mining came money, alcohol and no food. Hamersley Iron mob was killing it, millions of dollars, while we went hungry. I remember watching this toddler about 15 months old pulling at the leg of a goanna, no idea where the mother and father was. Ripping at the leg like a drumstick this was pure survival. He pulled and pulled and chewed at it like a dog until it ripped free and just munched on it with no emotion ... like I said pure survival."

The Pilbara is one of the

richest mining areas in the world. How on earth can we allow such disparity and then be shocked when news of catastrophe hits.

And it's ongoing. In 2014 an 11-year-old boy took his life in Geraldton, another mining town in Western Australia, again highlighting the personal tragedy occurring when such disparity continues.

I remember as a child going home to Boggabilla and Toomelah and the animosity felt knowing the comparable living conditions between our lives and the million-dollar pastoralist and cotton families living across the border in Goondiwindi. Millions built on our land and the cotton we picked.

Even now, there's the gentrification of Redfern, where my cousin Lorna Munro spoke recently on *The Point* with Stan Grant for SBS regarding ongoing anxiety for local Aboriginal families concerning disparity: "... so on one side of the street you've got people that are living off \$300 a fortnight; across the road private housing and hipsters and swanky coffee shops and pubs."

Disparity builds depression. I was hospitalised a number of



Woolombi Waters

times in my 30s. Every minute awake was misery so I tried to sleep for as long as possible.

My amazing wife would ask me in the morning if I wanted to get out of bed. I would just grunt back. She would prepare breakfast for our three kids, pack their lunches

and go to work. I would just sleep all day.

She would pick up the kids from school, come home, prepare dinner and come into the room asking me if I had got out of bed. I would just grunt back, or worse, cry.

She would ask me if I wanted a feed and I would just turn my head and go back to sleep.

My angel did that for 18 months.

It was love and compassion that got me out of bed – not hardline austerity, taking away what little money we had or denying cigarettes and drinking.

Coming out of depression I would chain smoke, my case manager would say it was okay... "right now I needed it". He explained that chemically it wasn't relaxing me but ritually as a practice it was helping me cope.

I have been to three funerals already this year – the human face of closing the gap. All three eulogies spoke of the deceased enjoying a smoke, dancing, a drink and a flutter at the pokies. When you attend funerals of loved ones the same age it takes you back to your childhood.

There was yarndi, drinking, Charlie Pride singing *Crystal Chandeliers*, Archie Roach and *Charcoal Lane*, No Fixed Address with *We have Survived*. We lived in absolute poverty. My deadly single mother struggling to maintain a mortgage in Inala, living on stew and rice, just getting by.

But you know what we did have? There was community; there was a sense of place. We knew which homes we could go to that always had a feed, and they would welcome us in and there was a sense of normality.

"Who owns you?" mob would say as you walked in and they would tell you yarns about yah family. Tell you stories about Toomelah, St George and Moree and they sounded greater places than Hollywood and all you wanted to do was get down there one day and walk on country.

What we didn't have was young people killing themselves.

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

Justice scheme expands



A REGIONAL program aimed at keeping Western Australians out of the criminal justice system has been extended into the Perth metropolitan area.

Under the program, open days are held providing 'one-stop shops' where

Government agencies offer services, free wherever possible, to the local Aboriginal community.

Those attending can obtain identity documents such as birth certificates from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages; arrange to pay off outstanding fines with the Fines Enforcement Registry; sit theory and practical driving tests through the Department of Transport; access community support services; and explore employment opportunities.

WA Attorney-General Michael Mischin said the open days had helped ensure Indigenous people, particularly youth, complied with laws and responsibilities.

"Last year, open days were held in regional areas such as Broome, Wyndham, Roebourne and Morawa, helping more than 2000 people," he said.

"Facilitating access to these services helps in diverting Aboriginal people, particularly youth, from becoming involved in the justice system."

Open days will be held in Armadale (May 20), Nullagine (April 4), Newman (April 5), Rockingham (April 29 and June 17), Beagle Bay (May 2), Balga (May 6 and July 1), Midland (June 3), and Port Hedland (June 13-14).



Members of the group working to save the Townsville Cultural Centre.

Townsville group working to reopen cultural centre

By ALF WILSON



A GROUP of Townsville's artists, entertainers, cultural practitioners and residents has been formed to try to have the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Cultural Centre reopened.

The centre lost funding and closed in November last year. It housed a cultural and interpretive gallery, performance areas for dance and music, a retail space for the works of Indigenous artists, crafts and fine arts, and a working space for artists to show their craft.

Until its closure, the centre had provided jobs for many Indigenous people. Visitors included international and Australian tourists, and locals.

Group spokeswoman Rosalind Sailor, of Big Eye Theatre, said a Facebook page called 'Save the Cultural Centre' has been created to help support the centre.

"Membership base"

"There have been several open community meetings held recently where it was decided that the best support we could give to the centre would be to increase its membership base," she said. "We held a membership drive.

"The centre is important to the Townsville community as a whole. Membership is free and all interested persons, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, are invited to join. The cultural centre is an asset which cannot be lost."

Members of the group obtained new Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags to fly outside the centre.

Back in 2005 at the official opening, Thursday Island singer Seaman Dan delighted the crowd with his guitar playing and songs.

"This is a great thing for our people and it will provide jobs and opportunities for artists," Dan said at the time.



Family & Community Services
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Expression Of Interest

Housing Aboriginal Communities Program (HACP) Title Transfer

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is inviting Expressions Of Interest (EOI) from AHO-registered Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) that believe they meet requirements for transfer of title of Housing Aboriginal Communities Program (HACP) properties.

An HACP Panel has been convened to consider applications and hear from ACHPs that are in possession of documented proof to enact the title transfer process.

The HACP Panel will travel to regional locations to meet with ACHPs that have submitted an EOI.

HACP Criteria

To apply, ACHPs **must** meet the following criteria:

1. The Aboriginal community housing provider is registered with the AHO.
2. There is evidence of a valid AHO Housing Agreement in existence, and where required, evidence of a valid Head Lease Agreement in existence.
3. The HACP properties are under the management or control of the Aboriginal community housing provider.
4. The Aboriginal community housing provider is not under any form of external administration.
5. The Aboriginal community housing provider must accept the HACP properties in their current state and condition, being clean, safe and habitable.
6. The Aboriginal community housing provider must be willing to accept the conditions of transfer outlined below:
 - a. The Aboriginal community housing provider remains liable for all rates, taxes and statutory charges.
 - b. Upon transfer of HACP properties, the AHO will register and maintain a registrable interest in the HACP properties for an indefinite period pursuant to section 21 of the *Aboriginal Housing Act 1998 (NSW)*.
 - c. The Aboriginal community housing provider must enter into an Agreement to Transfer to finalise the transfer.

Legal advice

We encourage applicants to seek independent legal advice.

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The AHO acknowledges and agrees that it will comply with the *Privacy and Personal Act 1998 (NSW)* in connection to any personal information created or held for the purpose of evaluating HACP title transfer Expressions Of Interest.

Further information

If you would like to know more about this initiative or to obtain an application form for title transfer, please contact the HACP Team on: Phone: **1800 730 869** Email: **AskaboutHACP@facns.nsw.gov.au** Web: **www.aho.gov.au/hacp**

Applications

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Grant to build new Broome facilities



YAWURU native title holders have received a Lotterywest grant of \$3 million for the construction

and fit-out of new community facilities in Broome, in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

The Liyan-Ngan Nyirruwa project is designed to provide long-term social, cultural and economic security to Yawuru and other Aboriginal people in Broome.

The proposed community

centre includes social enterprises, community development initiatives, heritage development and research projects, and a community gathering facility.

The Lotterywest-supported development will include a multipurpose hall, language centre, outdoor gathering, activity and cultural healing spaces, and an art workspace and exhibition areas.

WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier acknowledged the work of the traditional owners in developing a plan aimed at

securing Yawuru culture and increasing economic participation.

"Connection to land and culture is integral to Aboriginal people's sense of identity," he said. "The community centre will be a place where local Aboriginal people young and old can come together to learn, share, teach, cook and work."

"It is important young Aboriginal people remain strongly connected to their culture, and this community hub will be central to that in years to come."

\$3m for NT community



ABORIGINAL residents in the central Northern Territory will get \$3 million from the NT Government to address

overcrowding and poor living conditions.

The town of Elliott has missed out on government funding for over a decade, and NT Housing Minister Bess Nungarrayi Price has previously said it had been forgotten by

the former NT and federal governments when funding was allocated.

But last week Mrs Price said she had made available \$3 million for housing refurbishments and to extend living areas within Elliott town camps and Marlinja homeland in the Barkly region in a bid to deal with widespread overcrowding.

"This is an important step towards addressing the housing issues ... We have listened and

we have acted," she said.

Local Aboriginal business Triple P Contracting will perform the works, and Mrs Price said there would be a large focus on Aboriginal employment and training while delivering the housing improvements.

"It's vital that we work with communities to build capacity, - and advance and develop an independent working environment," Mrs Price said.

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Walcha has community bush tucker garden



AN overgrown vacant lot in the main street of Walcha, on the south-eastern edge of the Northern Tablelands in NSW, has been transformed into a community bush tucker garden.

The garden, next door to the Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) office, was officially opened to the public last month.

The project was supported by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and funded through the Federal Government's National Landcare Program.

Before the garden renovation, Amaroo LALC chief executive Mark Davies described the site as a "bit untidy and overgrown".

"It's now a useful, educational Aboriginal place that highlights the significance of native plants as traditional sources of food, medicine, clothing and even housing for Aboriginal people," he said.

A range of bush tucker species has been planted including native raspberry, native cranberry, mountain pepper, wallum bottle brush, bulbine bulbouse lily, and native mint. A local artist has also painted the back fence of the bush tucker garden with scenes meaningful to the Aboriginal people of Walcha.

"The murals highlight important Aboriginal places in this region – Summervale, Inglebah, Woolbrook,



Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Aboriginal communities officer Harry White inspects the new Walcha bush tucker garden.

and Apsley Falls," Mr Davies said.

Seating and shelter have been installed to ensure visitors can enjoy the bush tucker garden in comfort.

"The work was done by local tradespeople as well as Aboriginal community volunteers, and we're very happy with the result," Mr Davies said.

"We've also been in discussions with local schools who are interested in bringing kids down here regularly to harvest bush herbs

and fruit that they can use in food preparation."

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Aboriginal communities officer Harry White said the organisation was proud to have helped. "This is an inspiring project that has created a valuable community asset for local people and visitors to town, while also focusing attention on Walcha's Aboriginal cultural heritage," he said.

NSWALC calls for support



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has urged the State

Government to support Aboriginal economic development in NSW by continuing to resolve outstanding land claims and mentoring emerging businesses.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said local Aboriginal land councils throughout the state were leveraging land for economic benefit.

"In the Hunter, Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council's Sand Dune Adventures is an award-winning quad bike tour business that attracts international and domestic tourists," he said.

"On the Central Coast, Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council is the largest private land holder on the Central Coast, undertaking residential development projects for the local community."

Cr Ah-See said NSWALC

understood that building an economic base was the best way to improve the lives of Aboriginal people and to contribute to the NSW economy.

"We both want economic development, we want to see regional areas share in this development and we want to protect and promote our rich and unique culture," he said. "For the Land Rights Network to realise its full potential the backlog of unresolved land claims needs to be resolved and a planning system that makes it easier for LALCs to do business must be a priority."

Cr Ah-See said the NSWALC would invest \$16 million over five years for LALCs and would support mentoring programs for communities.

"Additional support and formal mentoring programs would not only bring the best out of Aboriginal entrepreneurs and businesses, but help drive economic development and jobs where they are most needed," he said.

Administration period is over



REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has ended the special administration at the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (Jamukurnu-Yapalikunu).

WDLAC holds and manages the native title rights and interests of the Martu people, including exclusive use, occupation, possession and control of 136,000 square km in the Western Desert region of Western Australia.

Special administrators have reduced WDLAC's operating costs, returned it to profitability, disposed of unprofitable ventures, created a new liaison officer position for a local person, appointed a new, smaller board of directors, and introduced new management and service arrangements for the corporation.

New Indigenous unit for AFTRS



THE Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) has a new Indigenous unit, headed by Kyas Sherriff.

Ms Sherriff has worked across a variety of projects including movies, documentaries and TV series.

"The Indigenous unit will be implementing programs to increase Indigenous numbers in our student body and we are focused on providing professional development opportunities for mid-level Indigenous practitioners," she said.

"Our practical labs will offer deep learning experiences and, through industry partnerships, we will be offering accessible pathways to career progression."

Ms Sherriff said workshops, with special guests sharing their experiences, would be regular events for AFTRS.



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"It was an excellent supplement to my studies and granted me a much greater understanding of real world engineering."

Luke applied for the 2011 Woodside Graduate Program intake, and moved across country with his wife, to be a graduate engineer. Since completing the graduate program, Luke continues to work as a Woodside Project Engineer, delivering control systems, instrumentation and electrical projects.

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Ebony applied for the 2013 Woodside Graduate Program intake. Growing up in the southwest town of Busselton, Ebony moved to Perth and studied geology. Since accepting her offer Ebony has enjoyed working in different areas of the company as a Woodside graduate geologist.

Ebony's Woodside journey has taken her offshore on a drill ship and travelling around Australia and internationally for training and business. "I particularly enjoy being able to work on lots of different projects with locations all over the world."

Sharing her experiences with university and school students is highly rewarding. "I hope I can inspire students to consider geology, the oil and gas industry, and Woodside in their career aspirations so that they can experience the same fantastic opportunities that I have."

Geoff Drage

Geoff applied for the 2012 Woodside Graduate Program intake. Born in Geraldton, he moved to Perth at an early age and returned for his final year of high school. Geoff enrolled in Engineering at Curtin University of Technology and joined the Cadetship Program. This allowed him to "get his foot in the door" and start gaining valuable industry experience.

After graduating with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Geoff worked on a number of construction and commissioning projects throughout Australia before joining the Woodside Graduate Program. Geoff has worked in oil and gas production and project developments and continues to encourage others to go to university.

"I hope my experiences will inspire those who wish to take the extra step and gain a tertiary education because the opportunities out there are endless and it is only limited by how much effort you put in."

Betts is new ambassador for Childhood Foundation



THE Australian Childhood Foundation has announced Adelaide Football Club

star Eddie Betts as its newest ambassador.

The foundation says his motivation and positive influence will be a great asset to both the AFL community and the foundation.

"Being a father of two, I am passionate about children and their wellbeing

and I want to ensure that all children are emotionally, physically and environmentally safe," Mr Betts said.

"I want to raise awareness about the current family violence rate in Australian Aboriginal communities and continue to work with children to emphasise the importance of education and being healthy for good life outcomes."

According to a report prepared by the Australian Institute of Health and

Welfare, Indigenous children are seven times more likely than other children to be the subject of substantiated abuse. The foundation says it is relentless in advocating for the needs of children and continues to educate and empower communities to safeguard children.

Mr Betts has had a long career in the AFL, playing 229 games and was selected for the honorary 2015 All Australian Team as well as winning the Tom Hafey Heart of Football Award.



Australian Childhood Foundation ambassador Eddie Betts, with his wife Anna Scullie and their children, Lewis, 3, and baby Billy.

Vic network plan looks to the future



THE 39 Local Aboriginal Networks (LANs) of Victoria

launched their five-year plan in Werribee last week.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the LANs provide a voice for Aboriginal people across the state by building links with local services providers, local government and other organisations to help identify the needs of their communities and to promote reconciliation.

"Local Aboriginal Networks are at the heart of reconciliation and self-determination, providing a voice for Victoria's Aboriginal communities so they can lead the decision making around the important issues that directly affect their lives," she said.

"We've made it clear to all

Victorians that we have a solid commitment to self-determination for Aboriginal people as the Aboriginal Victorian community know what is best for their community."

The LANs allow Aboriginal people to lead decision making by running community gatherings which provide an inclusive,

strengthening culture, support for young people, economic participation, building a stronger LAN, community planning and partnerships, and working with local government.

The LANs work with more than 2000 Aboriginal people in Victoria.

The Government says the plan demonstrates the strong partnership between it, the Aboriginal community, local government, the Federal Government and non-government organisations.

Ms Hutchins congratulated the many people who contributed to the development of the plan, including the hundreds of LAN participants.

"Already more than 2000 Aboriginal Victorians are involved in the Local Aboriginal Networks, and as we move forward I'm certain that number will continue to grow."

"We've made it clear to all Victorians that we have a solid commitment to self-determination for Aboriginal people as the Aboriginal Victorian community know what is best for their community."

culturally affirming space in which to participate.

The five-year plan identifies six priority areas to guide government action and ensure future success and sustainability of the networks. They are:



Aboriginal women from the remote central Australian community of Ampilatwatja perform at a public ceremony in 2010 to protest against the NT Intervention. Picture: Chris Graham, At Large Media

'Nudity' ban by Facebook under attack



ARRERENTE woman Celeste Liddle has launched a campaign trying to educate social media site

Facebook about Aboriginal women practising culture.

After independent news site *New Matilda* published a speech Ms Liddle gave on International Women's Day accompanied by the above photo, which Ms Liddle shared on her Facebook account, both she and *New Matilda* were suspended from using the platform.

"Twice now, my Facebook account has been banned for posting 'nudity'," Ms Liddle writes on her change.org petition.

"On both occasions, it has been because I have posted a transcript of a professional keynote I gave which had been reproduced on a news website. The only reason I can see Facebook is doing this is because the header image on my transcript contains Aboriginal women painted up for traditional ceremonial dancing.

"This is not the first time Facebook has deemed Aboriginal women painted up for ceremony to be 'offensive'.

"In 2015, the ABC ran an ad for their new comedy show *8MMM* on social media to attract viewers. This clip was outrageously banned by Facebook due to the presence of desert women undertaking

ceremonial dancing in it while painted up."

Ms Liddle and *New Matilda* have both pointed out that censoring photographs of female Aboriginal Elders is a double standard.

"It appears that Facebook only has a problem with 'nudity' when it's female Aboriginal Elders taking part in traditional ceremony," Ms Liddle said.

"Facebook apply their alleged 'community standards' very selectively. They are continually comfortable with exploitative images of young, beautiful women being posted everywhere, even when those women are being violated, are under age or are being subjected to violence.

"Yet an older Aboriginal woman, engaged in women's culture and painted ceremoniously for the task is somehow offensive to Facebook, most likely because she is undertaking culture for herself and not for the titillation of the frat boys who run this platform.

"Facebook's standards are a joke. They are blatantly racist, sexist and offensive. They show a complete lack of respect for the oldest continuing culture in the world."

Several studies in the past few years have found that Indigenous Australians, particularly those who live in remote areas, are big users of social media, in particular Facebook.

Close the Gap Day 10-year anniversary



Oxfam staff and other supporters spread the message at the Melbourne Close the Gap Day celebrations this month. *Picture: Alfredo Prado, Oxfam*

Funding cuts fears



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander leaders say government funding cuts to health services will reverse any efforts to close the gap in life expectancy.

Last week Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, who co-chairs the Close the Gap campaign, urged political leaders to make Indigenous health funding a priority, warning failing to do so will result in Indigenous

people continuing to die 10 years earlier than other Australians.

"You can't cut the way towards closing the gap," he said.

"If you think you can cut resources and maintain a commitment to closing the gap target, we're all kidding ourselves."

Oxfam Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples program manager Justin McCaul said nearly 200,000 people participated in more than 1570 events to mark the 10-year anniversary of Close the Gap day.

Speaking at an event at The Block in Redfern, Indigenous leaders said health services needed more resources to achieve the target of equal life expectancy by 2030.

Progress stalled

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said progress on life expectancy had stalled due to gaps still present in Indigenous mental health outcomes.

"The fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians

continue to take their own lives at almost double the rate of non-Indigenous Australians is unacceptable," he said.

"It is clear the current approach is not working and a new strategy is needed."

Oxfam Australia said the "tremendous" response by participants – including 320 schools and 240 ambulance stations – shows Australians from all walks of life are coming together in solidarity with the nation's Indigenous population.

But Mr McCaul also said

political parties must make Indigenous health a priority at the upcoming federal election.

"We need state, territory and federal governments to take real, measurable action," he said.

The national day followed the latest Closing the Gap report, released in February, which showed only two of seven targets set by governments were on track.

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Close the Gap campaign co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Mick Gooda attend the anniversary event in Redfern. *Picture: Jon Love, Oxfam*



Supporters hold the banner on National Close the Gap Day in Redfern. *Picture: Jon Love, Oxfam*



The Indigenous Hip Hop Project performs at RMIT University's Close the Gap Day event in Melbourne. *Picture: Martin Wurt, Oxfam*



Talani Smith, Sienna Smith and Malahna Cavanaugh enjoy making beads at Jarjum Preschool's Close the Gap Day in Lismore, NSW.

Aboriginal Heritage Call for Interest - The Brae Subdivision, Moruya

A residential subdivision is proposed for Lots 10 and 11 in DP1008755 and Lot 62 in DP559207, Morya. An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit is required.

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Elders, youth, police and Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt enjoy the new Youth and Elders Hub in Yarrabah, north Queensland.

Yarrabah hub is for Elders, youth

By CHRISTINE HOWES



STEVEN Kynuna reckons the new Youth and Elders Hub that opened in Yarrabah, north Queensland, earlier this month is "pretty good".

"Too much smoking and drinking, no proper sleep, no houses to sleep in, so they just walk around," the 15-year-old said of his peers.

"They just want to do it for fun."

Steven said they would make use of the facility.

Mayor Errol Neal said the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council had given in-kind support by way of a venue and support workers, and hoped to attract some government support and funding.

"You can put all the financial support behind things like this and at the end of the day money can't save lives, but I'm hoping it will do this with the community Elders caring for and having a place for young people to come," he said.

"When you get the opportunity that I think we have here now, youth and Elders can come together without money; it's all about just helping each other.

"We're not experts, but we certainly got our ways of dealing with our issues - just having a place to do that."

Cr Neal said the hub would also have community police involvement.

"It certainly can save the generation - I think that's the human value I see in it," he said. "The thing is actually building a network of support for the young people."

Acting officer-in-charge at Yarrabah Senior Sergeant Andrew Pool said police saw it as an opportunity to engage, particularly with Elders.

"We have a fortnightly meeting with them where they present their concerns to us and we speak to them and also it gives us an opportunity with the youth aspect now where we can engage with the youth and reduce some crime," he said.

Celebrations also included two new businesses - Nygema Salon and Berringhi Arts and Crafts - opening in the adjacent business precinct.

"As we all know, local business stimulates the economy and creates jobs, so they're really welcome," Cr Neal said. "It's great for the community."

Nygema Salon owner Amy Neal said



Amy Neal, Yvette Pamela Mundraby and qualified hairdresser Taileen Finta try out the new Nygema Salon.



Elverina Johnson and Latonya Noble love the new Berringhi Arts and Crafts shop.

she knew nothing about hairdressing or beauty until she had nine children. "I'm not yet a qualified hairdresser, I have a couple more books to go," she said.

Ms Neal said what started with a door knock about five years ago is now a dream come true.

"The community are excited about the salon. They're tired of travelling over the hill to Gordonvale or Cairns," she said.

"We've got everything here from haircuts and colours to styling."

Berringhi Arts and Crafts owner Elverina Johnson said she saw recent developments as a springboard for local artists to be able to come and showcase their work.

"I also see it as a trigger, a prompt, to get people interested in reconnecting with culture and methods of making craft in Yarrabah," she said.

"It's good that this whole area is up and running and gives locals a chance to do something positive."

New faces weigh in for Challenge



NEW ambassador of the fifth NSW Knockout Health Challenge Laurie Daley has urged Aboriginal communities to take action in the fight against obesity.

The NSW Blue coach and fellow newcomers David Peachey, Paul Davis and Nathan Merritt will team up with regular NSW Knockout Health Challenge ambassadors George Rose, Kyle Saunders, Julie-Anne Young and Ronny Gibbs to promote the annual event, with registration packs now available online.

A joint initiative of NSW Health and the NSW Rugby League, the NSW Knockout Health Challenge is a primary prevention program that aims to engage Aboriginal communities to target NSW Health priorities of physical activity and obesity.

"Whether you are an elite athlete, like one of the NSW Blues Origin players, or a participant in the NSW Knockout Health Challenge, the benefits of being healthy and active are enormous and I encourage all the participants to enjoy the journey," Daley said.

The Challenge consists of four stages throughout the



Participants in last year's NSW Knockout Health Challenge.

year, all named after four ambassadors – the George Rose Challenge, Kyle Saunders Video Challenge, Julie Young Challenge and the Ronny Gibbs

'Above the Line' Challenge. Starting in April, participants will team up with other people in their community to lose weight. Teams can also create their own

active fitness/exercise video. Last year, more than 1200 NSW Aboriginal people across 38 teams took part in the Knockout Challenge, with a

combined weight loss of more than 2700kg.

NSW Office of Preventive Health director Professor Chris Rissel said he was pleased to work with the NSWRL, and is confident of achieving greater success this year.

"We are hoping to build on the excellent results of previous years and have more Aboriginal communities involved to get active and improve their eating habits, to reduce their risk factors for chronic disease," he said.

"We're delighted to have our ambassadors involved and keen to motivate teams participating in this year's events."

Challenge one (George Rose Challenge) will run for 10 weeks, from April 4, before the Video Challenge (Kyle Saunders Video Challenge) in June.

Challenge two kicks off on July 4, while the Ronny Gibbs 'Above the Line' Challenge runs throughout the year.

The 2016 registration pack is now available online, including all forms required for each challenge and rules and guidelines for this year's Challenge. The official hashtag of the 2016 NSW Knockout Health Challenge is #nswkohchallenge2016

Action call over FASD



PARENTS and carers raising children with lifelong brain damage from alcohol exposure

before birth have pleaded for action from the state and federal governments.

Queensland Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Support Group founding member and president Sam Pinnell said the problem was Australia's greatest challenge, with as many as 30 or more babies a day born with the disability.

"An action plan designed around prevention, awareness and education strategies along with urgent assessment, diagnosis and support for those already hurt by prenatal alcohol exposure is desperately needed," she said.

"Moreover the political parties must decline donations from the alcohol industry and address their advertising and promotion of sport.

"Urgent action is critical." Russell Family Fetal Alcohol Disorders Association (RFFADA) chief executive Anne Russell said it was also critical

to identify FASD babies in the first few years of life before secondary disabilities developed.

"Babies with FASD begin life struggling with a disability which is characterised by abnormal facial features, small head, low birth weight, poor coordination, hyperactive behaviour, inattention, poor memory, speech and language delays, with or without low IQ, lack reasoning and judgment skills, vision and/or hearing problems as well as physical abnormalities with the heart, kidneys, bones and teeth," she said.

"Model of care"

"If primary disabilities are not identified in the first few years of life and dealt with according to a specific model of care, secondary disabilities will develop, although some will not be obvious until puberty.

"Secondary disabilities are learning disabilities, disrupted school attendance, being victims or perpetrators of bullying, as well as being vulnerable to mental health problems early in their life.

"They are also at high risk of inappropriate sexual behaviour,

lighting fires, stealing, involvement with the juvenile justice system, young parenting, addictions, domestic violence, health problems, homelessness and self-harm including suicide.

"Few will live independently and even fewer will meet society's expectations of them."

Collaboration for Alcohol Related Developmental Disorders (CARD) coordinator Dr Janet Hammill said there had been no meaningful action from state or federal health ministers, despite several reports about the dangers.

"It appears neither the Prime Minister nor the premiers are aware of the immensity of FASD despite the crisis being seen in media reports," she said.

"This position must become the number-one priority for an extraordinary meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

"Our support groups are pleading with governments to intervene. It is the right of babies to be born into a society that values and nurtures them.

"Heads of government must take immediate action to stop this hideous yet preventable brain damage."

Allied Health Scholarships

The University of Sydney Poche Centre for Indigenous Health is working with communities to offer scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are interested in working as an Allied Health Assistant.

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Redeveloped Noonkanbah clinic open



NOONKANBAH Health Clinic's redevelopment has been officially opened. The clinic is in the Kimberley region, 135km from Fitzroy Crossing. About \$3.2 million was spent on the redevelopment.

WA Health Minister Kim Hames said Noonkanbah was one of eight facilities in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions selected for replacement or upgrading.

"This health service now includes an emergency treatment room, ambulance entrance, two new specialist consulting rooms, a secure pharmacy and upgraded waiting areas," he said.

Dr Hames said staff and the local community considered the service more accessible and inviting and, as a result, the number of patients receiving health care services was increasing.

WA Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said the Royalties for Regions Remote Indigenous Health Clinics initiative had significantly improved health service infrastructure at Kimberley Aboriginal communities including Mulan, Billiluna, Bayulu and Yandeyarra in the Pilbara region.

"This initiative enables each health clinic to cater to the priorities and needs of its local community," he said.

"Access to quality primary health care services is crucial to the improvement of Aboriginal health and to help close the gap in life expectancy."

Women's award to West

Award recipient Professor Roianne West



PROFESSOR Roianne West, from Griffith's Menzies Health Institute Queensland (HIQ), has been recognised with an International Women's Day Leadership Award.

She received the Leadership in Social Justice Commemorative Award at a ceremony held on the Gold Coast.

Prof West, the inspiration behind Griffith University's First Peoples Health Unit, has been a strong advocate for opening health programs in higher education.

She has a Bachelor in Nursing, Masters of Mental Health Nursing and completed a doctorate.

She says she is committed to inspiring and supporting Indigenous people pursuing higher education.

Prof West was one of three women from MenziesHIQ to receive awards on, International Women's Day, a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

MenziesHIQ director Sheena Reilly said the awards are well deserved.

"They demonstrate the outstanding commitment of these women scientists," she said.

"Each of their individual stories is truly inspirational, with each of them being fabulous mentors to other women in science. All demonstrate their commitment to leadership and excellence within the local community."

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Contact the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (Sydney) on (02) 9351 8951 email amy.traeger@sydney.edu.au

Applications close 5pm (EST) Monday April 18

The Rhodanthe Lipsett Indigenous Midwifery Charitable Fund Scholarship program is proudly supported by the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health Sydney.

Bowel cancer taking a toll



NEW Cancer Council NSW research has found that

Aboriginal people who received surgical treatment were 68% more likely to die from bowel cancer five years after diagnosis than other people.

The research, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, found that at 18 months following diagnosis, survival rates between the two groups were similar.

Researchers analysed data from the NSW Cancer Registry from 2001-2007 and identified 29,800 cases of bowel cancer, with 278 diagnosed in Aboriginal people.

Cancer Council NSW senior researcher Dianne O'Connell,

said the findings may be explained by a potential lack of long-term follow-up tests undertaken by Aboriginal people, reduced access to health services, poor support mechanisms, cultural and practical barriers within the health system, and health literacy.

"Diagnosis"

"We also found that, compared with non-Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people were younger and more likely to live outside major cities, and in areas with low socioeconomic status and to have diabetes and pulmonary heart disease at the time of diagnosis," she said.

"These findings further add to the existing data we have that outlines the large gap in cancer

survival outcomes between Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people.

"We know that there are significant cultural barriers for Aboriginal people accessing health services.

"These barriers mean that Aboriginal people may be reluctant to access a cancer service and complete their treatment due to a lack of cultural safety, inadequate support and an unwelcoming environment.

"Increasing the number of Aboriginal people working in cancer services is an important part of breaking down these cultural barriers and helping to close the gap."

For further information, visit www.cancercouncil.com.au/aboriginalcancer/

\$2.5m for uni eye health unit



THE Indigenous Eye Health Unit at the University of Melbourne has received \$2.5 million from the Federal Government. Rural Health

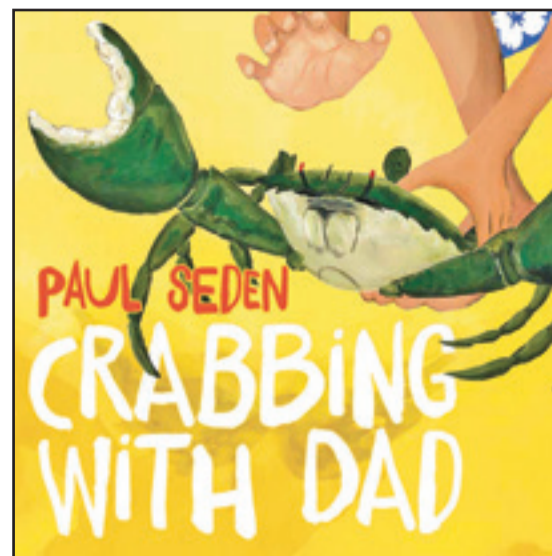
Minister Fiona Nash said the funds would help to close the gap in Indigenous eye health, given that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more than twice as likely to report having complete or partial blindness

compared with other Australians.

The funding provided over three years from July will support the unit, led by Professor Hugh Taylor, to deliver a range of services. These include providing advice to the Department of Health, developing Indigenous eye care resources, providing technical support on trachoma control, and undertaking research and support for the coordination of Indigenous eye care programs and services.



Performers attend the Melbourne Didgeridoo and Cultural Festival.



Kids' book to get your claws into

ABORIGINAL writer Paul Seden's children's picture book debut, *Crabbing with Dad*, pays homage to the Australian pursuit of fishing and crabbing with friends and family.

In the book, Seden describes the adventures of Mahli and Sam as they go out in the boat with Dad to set crab pots in the creek.

The author, who grew up in Darwin, is descended from the Wuthathi and Muralag people of north Queensland. He said he loves to draw and tell stories and has a background working with Indigenous kids in Darwin schools and remote communities in the Northern Territory.

His first children's book, *Kick with My Left Foot*, was produced through the Emerging Indigenous Picture Book Mentoring Project, a joint initiative between The Little Big Book Club and Allen & Unwin.

Seden was also one of 30 Australian storytellers selected for inclusion in *The Hush Treasure Book*, a collection of stories, poems and artwork commissioned by the Hush Music Foundation, an organisation that creates music compilations for children in hospitals across the country.

A fisheries officer and keen recreational fisher, Seden said he has a passion for sport and the outdoors and is inspired by the adventures he shares with his family in the creeks around Darwin.

Crabbing with Dad is the first book he has both written and illustrated.

In celebration of the didgeridoo



THIS year's Melbourne Didgeridoo and Cultural Festival will be held on April 9 at Finns Reserve in suburban

Templestowe. Organisers say the festival celebrates the didgeridoo as one of the oldest wind instruments in the world, a sacred instrument of the Australian Aboriginal people, and a true Australian icon.

The festival also aims to celebrate Aboriginal culture, and organisers say it has been endorsed by local Aboriginal

people, as well as by traditional custodians of the didgeridoo, the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land (NT).

A small group of didgeridoo enthusiasts organised the first Melbourne Didgeridoo and Cultural Festival in 2010. They have organised the festival every year since then.

Community

Organisers say the aim of the festival is to bring the community together.

The festival will feature kids' activities, including face painting, a

jumping castle, balloons, and magicians. There will also be live music and food stalls.

Performers will demonstrate a range of different playing styles and combinations of didgeridoo with other instruments.

Festival participants will have the chance to join workshops where they can try playing a didgeridoo. Stallholders will also offer didgeridoos for sale.

For more information visit: www.facebook.com/didgefestival/

Exhibition marks Appin Massacre



CAMPBELL-TOWN Arts Centre has produced an exhibition with the Dharawal community to mark the 200th anniversary of the Appin Massacre.

Curators Tess Allas and David Garneau have spent three years working on the *With Secrecy and Despatch* exhibition, which is named for the secret orders that Governor Macquarie gave his troops ahead of the massacre in the Appin region of western Sydney.

Campbelltown Arts Centre director Michael Dagnostino said the exhibition is about sharing the history of the area

on which the centre is situated.

"It is intended that this project not only speak of the Appin Massacre but also reflect on the similar colonial history and experiences by Indigenous people across Australia and Canada," he said.

Indigenous artists Vernon Ah Kee, Julie Gough, Tony Albert, Frances Belle Parker, Dale Harding and Genevieve Grieves, and First Nations Canadian artists Cheryl L Hironelle, Adrian Stimson, Marianne Nicolson and Jordan Bennett are featured in the exhibition, creating works about not only the Appin massacre but the history of colonial conflict in their own communities.

Initiated by Campbelltown

Arts Centre, *With Secrecy And Despatch* is a partnership with UNSW Art and Design, Canada Council for the Arts, Arts NSW, Australia Council for Arts and Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group to provide an opportunity to show artworks that explore themes of colonial violence.

The exhibition starts on April 9 at the Campbelltown Arts Centre, exploring the Appin Massacre, which was one of the first in Australia.

On April 17, to acknowledge and remember the Appin Massacre on its 200th anniversary, the Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group will host a memorial at Cataract Dam, the site where the atrocity took place.

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Music and more for Narana II



MUSIC, art and culture are on the agenda at this year's

Narana Unplugged II event, in Geelong, Victoria. Organised by Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre, the day-long event is on April 9.

The centre says the event is part of efforts to engage with the local community, and ties in with local NAIDOC celebrations.

This year's Narana Unplugged II will feature performances from Yirmal, Josh Seymour, Jayden Lillyst, as well as Geelong musicians including bluesman Alister Turrill, Troubadour Olly Friend and Narana's own Deadly Duo and didgeridoo player Lyndon Arthur Perry.

Tickets are available from Narana's Retail Shop on the day for \$20. Kids under 12 are free.

Cafe Narana will have a festival-inspired menu featuring kangaroo sliders, tacos, souvlakis, fish and chips, and corn on the cob.

● Pictured: Yirmal is one of the artists who will perform at the Narana Unplugged II festival in Geelong.

Art to help stop ocean pollution



A SHOWCASE of contemporary artworks by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists will feature in the European principality of Monaco from this month.

AUSTRALIA: *Defending the Oceans at the Heart of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Art*, is part of the wider exhibition *Taba Naba – Australia, Oceania, Arts of the Sea People*.

Artists and Monaco Museum staff hope the exhibition will to raise awareness of the dangers of polluting the oceans.

The Australian display, beginning tomorrow (March 24), is bringing together the work of 50 Indigenous artists until late September.

Defending the Oceans is one of three exhibitions making up *Taba Naba*, which will fill the Monaco Museum's three floors. Works will also be on show outside the building.

More than 500,000 people are expected to visit the museum during the exhibition, which will give Indigenous artists including Alick Tipoti, Brian Robinson and Jason Christopher, who is working with Ken Thaiday Snr, an international platform to showcase their work.

Associate curator Suzanne O'Connell said Indigenous artists were the obvious choice for the exhibition because "they paint a vivid picture of the cultural connection to nature".

"These important artworks remind us of the beauty of nature, and the devastation caused by the universal issue of pollution in oceans around the world," she said.

Oceanographic Institute chief executive Robert Calcagno said the exhibition is a perfect platform to raise awareness and remind people of the powerful connection of Indigenous people to the ocean.

"Here we are presenting the art of peoples who have remained in contact and in dialogue with nature, combining ancient tradition and modernity," he said.

"These peoples live and breathe the culture of the ocean in a healthy and balanced inter-relationship that can and should inspire us."

One of the artworks is a collection of more than 30 ghost net sculptures of Australian marine life, which will be displayed in the heart of the museum.

Leading pair to help at NAISDA

By BRITTA LYSTER



NAISDA Dance College is hosting two internationally renowned choreographers as

part of an ongoing cultural exchange that aims to produce more well-rounded performers.

American Iquail Shaheed and Canadian Santee Smith will work with the NAISDA teaching team to impart their knowledge and skills.

Shaheed, who was at NAISDA in 2012, is continuing his cultural residency at the college, while Smith will visit the college over two days to share Canadian Aboriginal dance styles.

Both guest teachers are accomplished artists in their own right, with

Shaheed appearing in several Broadway productions including *The Lion King* and *Hot Feet*.

He is also the founder and executive director of US dance company Dance Iquail, based in

the major US cities of New York and Philadelphia.

Smith, a multi-award-winner, is founder of the Kaha:wi Dance Theatre.

NAISDA chief executive Kim Walker has welcomed the pair.

"We are excited to once again



Iquail Shaheed and Santee Smith with NAISDA chief executive Kim Walker.

welcome Iquail to our college. He is a world-class teacher and makes such a positive impact on our students, not simply due to his skill but also his obvious passion for teaching," Mr Walker said.

Shaheed said he is excited to again see students he worked with in 2012.

"It's hard not to feel like a proud father seeing how these students have grown and developed on their journey through NAISDA College, and I can only hope that they will graduate as not only better and more accomplished dancers, but, most importantly, better human beings, prepared to perform on the world stage," he said.

"Through dance we can break down all the barriers and really show the audience that it is important to not only think of NAISDA as a school for Indigenous dancers but as also providing a unique opportunity to showcase them as better and more rounded individuals.

"I have also learnt a lot throughout my tenure at NAISDA and look forward to taking many things I have learned from my students and sharing them with my classes back home in the US."



Badge of honour for Ipswich students



IPSWICH State High School students Roesha Shields and Atahnee Simpson have participated in a special event acknowledging their Indigenous leadership role at the school.

Roesha and Atahnee are two of almost 90 Aboriginal and Islander students across the state involved in the Indigenous Student Ambassador Network (ISAN), a Department of Education and Training initiative.

ISAN leaders were given a specially created badge, designed by a local Elder.

Fifty schools throughout Queensland are involved in ISAN, which began as a trial project in 2013.

As Indigenous student ambassadors under the program, Roesha and Atahnee aim to improve relations between the school and Indigenous community, act as a voice for student opinion, encourage involvement in student-based activities, become involved in initiatives that may lead to the overall improvement of the school, support student representation of the school wherever possible, and work towards a cooperative and harmonious school environment.

● Pictured: Ipswich State High School Indigenous students Atahnee Simpson and Roesha Shields.

ACU scholarship holder graduates



AUSTRALIAN Catholic University's (ACU) first Indigenous PhD staff scholarship

holder Bindi Bennett has graduated at a ceremony in Sydney. Dr Bennett, a lecturer in social work at ACU, is one of five recipients of the university's Indigenous Staff Research Scholarships.

Her doctoral thesis 'Developing Identity as a Light-skinned Aboriginal Person with Little or no Community and/or Kinship Ties' focuses on contemporary Aboriginal identity. It also contributes to the discussion of identity for Aboriginal people

from an Aboriginal perspective.

One of the key outcomes of the research has been the development of a map for Aboriginal people who want to find their identity. It was developed in two ways: an Aboriginal map (flower) and a non-Indigenous map.

The university says the maps provide a 'guide' that Aboriginal people can use in their search for identity.

"Identity and knowing who you are is so important in the Aboriginal community," Dr Bennett said.

Professor Morag Macarthur supervised Dr Bennett's research and was among those who attended her graduation in Sydney.



Dr Bindi Bennett with Prof Morag Macarthur.

Top JCU role for Nakata



INDIGENOUS scholar Martin Nakata will lead James Cook University's (JCU) new Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre.

Dr Nakata has been appointed pro vice chancellor of the centre and will take up the position in early May.

Dr Nakata, one of JCU's inaugural Outstanding Alumni was also the first Torres Strait Islander in Australia to be awarded a doctorate, which he completed at JCU.

He grew up in the Torres Strait, undertook his schooling on Thursday Island, and has strong ties to these and many other communities across the northern and far northern areas of Queensland.

Dr Nakata is also internationally recognised as an outstanding scholar in his own right, both in terms of learning and teaching, as well as



Professor Martin Nakata

research. His work has challenged the established ways of understanding the contemporary position and possibilities for Indigenous Australians. He comes to JCU

from the University of NSW.

"The Indigenous Centre has achieved much over the past decades, but I think it is now in a position to do much, much more," Dr Nakata said.

"I have been appointed to do just that."

JCU senior deputy vice chancellor Chris Cocklin said he is "absolutely delighted" Dr Nakata will be joining the university.

"He is widely acknowledged for his work in promoting the successful participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in higher education," he said.

"Prof Nakata was the first Torres Strait Islander to be awarded a PhD degree and he earned that degree from James Cook University."

The Indigenous Centre was established last year. JCU says it will deliver improved educational outcomes for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Batchelor course a safe choice



THE latest group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to arrive at Batchelor Institute's Alice Springs campus say one of the main reasons they chose to study there is its culturally safe learning environment.

The students are undertaking the Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS) program to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence required to undertake university studies.

Batchelor says it provides a both-ways learning space that brings together Indigenous Australian traditions of knowledge and learning, and Western academic concepts that embrace the values of respect, tolerance and diversity.

All students involved expressed a passion to achieve their long-term goals.

For more information visit www.batchelor.edu.au/ACIKEcourses

● Pictured: Members of the current Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS) program.

Japanese link in Yolngu course



A COLLABORATION between a Birrkili Gupapuyngu woman and a Japanese

man is helping to teach Charles Darwin University (CDU) students Yolngu languages and culture in the Northern Territory.

Brenda Muthamuluwuy, from Galiwin'ku in north-east Arnhem Land, looks after the Master of Indigenous Knowledges course at CDU, in Darwin.

Yasunori Hayashi came to the NT from Tokyo in 2003 to follow his interest in music and learning to play the didgeridoo. That was the start of his immersion into Indigenous languages and culture, which led him to help teach Yolngu Studies at CDU.

"Travelling to several communities throughout the NT, I was told that without learning the language, it was not possible to play the didgeridoo properly," Mr Hayashi said.

"It (playing the instrument) is all about the placement of the tongue, and pronunciation is very important in that."

After completing his Masters in Yolngu Knowledge Practice at CDU, Mr Hayashi has teamed up with Ms Muthamuluwuy to assist students who are enrolled in Yolngu Studies.



Brenda Muthamuluwuy and Yasunori Hayashi are working together on Yolngu languages and culture.

"The course is for anyone who wants to learn about our languages and culture, whether you work in the public services or private enterprise, or those who are just interested to learn more about the Indigenous people of the NT," Ms Muthamuluwuy said.

"It gives us an opportunity to share our knowledge with others to increase understanding and also improve communication between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

Ms Muthamuluwuy said she had heard about Mr Hayashi before working with him at CDU.

"I had heard of a Djapang (Japanese) man who could speak my language," she said. "He had travelled around the NT living with and

learning from my people."

Mr Hayashi said there were similarities between Yolngu and Japanese cultures. "We have similar beliefs in the way we look at how the natural world is connected to our culture," he said.

Ms Muthamuluwuy said learning Yolngu was a little different to what people might expect, and understanding the kinship beliefs of Yolngu was vital to learning the language.

"For the first half of each lesson we teach students about kinship in relation to the section of language we are going to cover," she said.

"It is wonderful to hear the students speaking Yolngu. It really opens the door to many opportunities to improve communication."

Mackillop foundation gives help



TWENTY-FOUR students from across the country have this month received the Mary MacKillop Foundation's Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships. The scholarships provide financial assistance and ongoing mentoring to students.

Mary MacKillop Foundation chief executive Maree Whybourne said 76 students were now being supported by the organisation. "We want to end the disparity of access to education for Indigenous Australians," she said.

One of the foundation's new scholarship recipients, Peggy Lane, from Queensland, is in her first year of a Bachelor of Industries course at James Cook University. She was born and raised in the Torres Strait and moved to Cairns to complete her studies. "When I think back now, I can see I've always been creative," she said. "A lot of it comes from my culture where we express ourselves through art rather than the written word. I didn't realise I was learning through song and culture."

"When I applied for the scholarship last year, I never thought I'd get it. But now that I have, I can focus on my degree. "Now that I'm set on my goal, I've

started to action a plan to achieve it.

"My aim is to go back to my community. I'm doing this to get back there and bring these skills back to the community."

Mary MacKillop Foundation scholarship recipients have a high graduation rate, with almost 80% completing their qualification.

Kimberley Peckham has been supported for the past two years by the foundation. She is completing a Bachelor of Combined Law/Arts at the University of NSW.

For Ms Peckham, completing her tertiary education will not only benefit her but she says it will have an effect on her whole family. Currently she's the only person in her family to complete high school and attend university.

"There never seemed to be much hope for me to attend university," she said.

"Coming from where I was, to studying law at university, means I will be able to positively influence the younger generations that are in the same position as I once was."

"I want to lead by example, give hope for the future and show other Indigenous kids that university is an option for them."

For more information visit www.mackillopfoundation.org.au



Scholarship recipient Peggy Lane

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: Care Leavers Line. Contact 1800 994 686 from Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm or email CareleaversLine@facns.w.gov.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 or telephone (02) 6162 4750.

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

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/

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.

Until April 1: Registrations open for 2016 George Rose NSW Knockout Health Challenge. A primary prevention program run in partnership with NSW Health and NSW Rugby League to reduce the rates and severity of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities. Details: Elly Bradshaw on (02) 66202 740 or Terri Richardson on (02) 6621 4366.

Until 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.cooeeart.com.au

Until May 22: *Punuku Tjukurpa* touring exhibition. An exhibition celebrating the stories and law of Anangu culture told through carvings and artefacts. Held at Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Road Plains, Emu Plains, open daily from 9am-5pm. Free admission. Details: (02) 47351100 or visit www.penrithregionalgallery.org

March 25-August 31: *Munuk Zugubal 'Saltwater Songlines'* Indigenous exhibition. Brings together artworks that express the traditional knowledge of songlines explaining land marks, rock



Adult literacy the subject for public meeting



A PUBLIC meeting on the 'Yes, I Can!' adult literacy campaign will be held in Sydney on March 31.

The campaign, started in Cuba, has been operating in the Murdi Paaki region of western NSW since 2012.

Literacy for Life Foundation head Jack Beetson, a Ngemba man, says it has produced excellent results, with more than 100 Aboriginal adults from Wilcannia to Bourke having already completed the course.

'Yes, I Can!' draws on the mass literacy drive in Cuba in 1961 as part of the social revolution there from 1959. It has been used in 29 countries to help eight million people develop basic literacy skills

In Timor-Leste, more than 200,000

people graduated from the program in five years.

Unlike other literacy programs, the Literacy for Life campaign focus is on helping to build a community culture that values and supports learning.

By working with local groups, government agencies, councils, church groups and Elders, the campaign seeks to contribute to and build towards the common goal of enhancing literacy levels for all adults in the community.

Supported by the Australia-Cuba Friendship Society and the Literacy for Life Foundation, the public meeting will be held from 5.30pm at LT 104, New Law School, Eastern Ave, Sydney University.

More details at sydney-acfs.blogspot.com.au.

formations, watering holes, rivers, trees and seas during the dreamtime. Held at Australian National Maritime Museum, 2 Murray Street, Darling Harbour, Sydney daily from 9.30am-5pm. Cost: Included in the Free Galleries ticket. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit anmm.gov.au

March 29-April 13: Yarning About Crystal Methamphetamine (ice) community conversations. Organised in response to concerns regarding the impact of ice use in northern NSW communities. Held at Cherry Street Scout Hall, Evans Head, on March 29 from 5.30-8.30pm, New School of Arts, South Grafton, on April 5 from 9.30am-12.30pm and Jubullum Stadium, Tabulam, on April 13 from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Kim Gussy on 6627 3300 or email kgussy@ncphn.org.au

April 5: Chronic Pain Information Day. Discussing the management of chronic pain with Lismore Base Hospital pain management staff. Held at 50 Hunter Street, Lismore from 10am-1pm. Numbers limited to 15.

Details from Elly Bradshaw on (02) 6620 2740.

April 6: 1 Deadly Step health screenings. A public community event designed for the family to learn about how to prevent and manage chronic disease, includes free health screening tests and special guests George Rose and Matt King. Held at Casino Indoor Sports Stadium, cnr Farley and Jersey streets, Casino, from 10am-2pm. Details: Troy Combo on (02) 6662 3514

April 8-9: Goodomah Aboriginal Film Festival. Aims to promote joyful and positive examples of work from Aboriginal film-makers from across Australia. Includes dance and rap performances. Held at three venues – The Old Library, Café 88 and Gallery One88. Details: Jaimie Murray on (02) 4780 5462 or 0434 306 144 or email lmurray@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

April 9-June 12: *With Secrecy and Despatch* exhibition. Marks the 200th anniversary of the Appin Massacre, reflecting the country's parallel colonial histories. Held at Campbelltown Arts Centre, 1 Art Gallery Road, daily 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or visit www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

April 17: Appin Massacre 200th anniversary. Held at Cataract Dam Picnic area, Appin, from 11am-3.30pm. Details: Uncle Ivan Wellington on 0447 581 306 or Ann Madsen on 0408 026 997

Queensland

Until April 8: *If you can see me* exhibition of new paintings by Jack Wilkie-Jans. Held at UMI Arts Gallery, 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until April 8: *UMI you an' me* exhibition. An annual exhibition showcasing works by member artists of UMI arts. Held at UMI Arts Gallery, 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Until May 29: *Black Velvet: your label* exhibition, exploring a range of social, political and cultural issues affecting Indigenous women, through a showcase of works by artist Boneta-Marie Mabo.

Held at Kuril Dhugun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or visit slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

Until April 9: *Brutal Truths* exhibition. Showcasing three major installations of works covering drawings, paintings, text works and videos. Held at Griffith University Art Gallery, Qld 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/

April 17-May 21: *Heroes Too* exhibition. Highlighting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in the Australian Defence Force. Held at Queensland Military Memorial Museum, 28 Church Street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane on Sundays, 12-4pm. Cost: Family \$10, Adult \$5, child \$2. Official opening on April 17 at 1pm. Details (07) 3852 3565 or visit www.qmmm.org

May 21-August 28: *Major Sally Bagori Retrospective* exhibition. Covering more than 50 artworks by the late Bentinck Island and senior Kaiadilt woman, Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, Sth Brisbane daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.gov.au

Victoria

Until May 15: *Ngujarn and Nakun: belonging in the other* exhibition, showcasing four generations of the Mullett family. Held at Koori Heritage Trust, Level 1 and 3, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

April 9: Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre's Narana Unplugged II event. A day of music, art and culture, with performances by Yirmal, Josh Seymour, Jayden Lillyst and more. Held at Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 410 Surfcoast Highway, Grovedale, from 12-6pm. Tickets Adult \$20, kids under 12 free. Details: (03) 5241 5700 or visit www.narana.com.au

April 20-21: Koorie Youth Summit 2016. To be eligible, participants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, 16 to 28, and living in Victoria. Held at Mantra Bell City, 215 Bell Street, Preston. Cost: \$0-\$89. Details: Jirra Harvey on 0475 230 880 or email Jirra@kalinya.com.au

Employment

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New Ralpa program participants check out Rio Tinto's Gove Operations in Arnhem Land.

Ralpa program gives skills to participants



MINING company Rio Tinto has welcomed 14 Indigenous people to its Ralpa work-readiness program with a visit to its bauxite operations in Gove, Arnhem Land. The nine-week program, funded by Rio Tinto, is designed to give participants skills and qualifications and prepare them for fulltime employment in the community.

Ralpa – a Yolngu word for 'get ready, get moving' – is a partnership between Rio Tinto Gove Operations, local traditional owners and Miwatj Employment Participation Ltd. Rio Tinto Gove Operations general manager Ben Devries said he was pleased to welcome the first intake of Indigenous locals to this year's Ralpa program. "The Ralpa program introduces Yolngu people to

local employers and provides practical experience whilst also helping them to obtain qualifications for work such as first-aid training, driver's licences and construction white cards," he said.

"Confident"

"More than 110 people have graduated from the program since its inception in 2012, and we're confident this year's new starters have the capability

of securing employment.

"We are looking forward to helping these future Yolngu leaders on their path to meaningful employment."

The participants come from communities across the region, including Yirrkala, Gunyangara, Nhulunbuy and Birritjimi.

Ralpa participant Aaron Burarrwanga, from Yirrkala, said the program will provide him with a good future by helping him get organised for

work and teaching about health and safety.

"It is all about working together, learning together, two ways and the balance between two worlds," he said.

In their first week, the Ralpa participants visited the Gove refinery site, Gumatj Nursery, Gumatj Timber Mill operations, Sodexo Gove House and local Indigenous business Yolngu Business Enterprise.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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**Endorsed Enrolled Nurse (EEN1-5)
PPT 16 hpw (Aboriginal Identified)**

Classification: Nurses and Midwives/Enrolled Nurse
Location: Nowra
Employment Status: Permanent Part-Time
Salary: \$22,536.75 – \$23,968.19 pa
Enquiries: Jennifer Fogarty (02) 4424 6202
Reference No: 308625
Closing Date: 17 April 2016

To apply for this position please visit
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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- * Does helping people make you happy?
- * Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- * Join a passionate NGO providing high quality support!

The Lyndon Community has a rewarding opportunity for an Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Practice Support Worker to join their team in Orange, NSW. Reporting to the Muri Paiki Program Manager, you will play a critical role in the facilitation of, and participation in, evidence-informed, education programs aimed at minimising the harmful effects of substance use and misuse and supporting existing service providers to this end. Salary is negotiable based on skills and experience. This role also offers salary packaging, access to a work vehicle, phone, laptop and a great work/life balance. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference!

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FINANCE MANGER

Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre, Lismore

We are looking for a Part Time Finance Manager, 16 hrs per week for an established and reputable NGO with approximately \$2 million turnover.

Commencement salary range: \$33,285 to \$34,300 per annum, plus superannuation, leave loading and salary sacrifice.

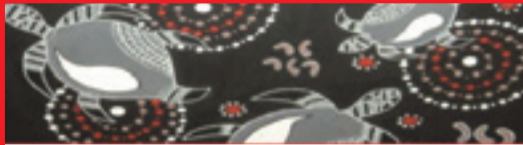
We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds to apply.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To obtain a Job Kit visit www.ethicaljobs.com.au, email nrlc@clc.net.au or call 66211000.

Applications close 4pm Wednesday 6 April 2016

KURRANULLA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



MANAGER
FULL TIME POSITION

Aboriginal Identified Position

This position has the responsibility for staff and Government funded programs.

The successful applicant is required to lead, coordinate and facilitate the program planning processes, develop and implement policies, programs and systems required to support the operations of our programs and monitor and report operational and financial performances to the funding bodies and Board of Management. Tertiary qualifications will be well regarded.

Recommended applicants will be required to have a "Working with Children Check" & "Criminal Record Check"

Essential Criteria

- Relevant experience in a similar role
- Demonstrated Understanding and commitment to Aboriginal health & Aboriginal culture
- Excellent management skills as well as verbal and written communication skills

A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

Applicants must address all the selection criteria contained in the job pack which can be obtained by emailing manager@kurrannulla.org.au

Applications close Monday 4th April, 2016 at 5pm

This position is identified for Aboriginal people



Administrative Assistant

First Peoples and Equity Pathways Directorate
Strathfield campus, NSW

To apply and obtain further information visit the ACU Careers website at
www.acu.edu.au/careers

**Applications close:
Wednesday 6 April 2016**

www.acu.edu.au/careers

Wingara Mura Leadership Program



Expressions of Interest

Academic Teaching and Research Positions
Level A and B

Closing date: 24 April 2016



For more information and to submit your expression of interest, please visit sydney.edu.au/recruitment/wingara-mura

The Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu strategy ensures and confirms the University of Sydney as a place where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are able to pursue academic interests of personal pride and purpose.

We are seeking expressions of interest from Level A and B early career academics who are interested in joining the Wingara Mura Leadership Program, and are keen to contribute to teaching and research in the faculties and centres at the University of Sydney.

As a member of staff, you will have access to an academic staff supervisor and be assigned a Wingara Mura sponsor for additional support. You will also participate in workshops and activities designed to enhance career development and leadership.

If you are interested in developing an academic career and are currently enrolled in, planning to commence, or have recently completed your PhD, please submit an Expression of Interest for consideration.

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Department of Health & Human Services

**Aboriginal Health Project Officer (VPS 5),
Eastern Metropolitan Health, East Division
1 Ongoing Full Time Vacancy available (Box Hill)**

The Aboriginal Health Project Officer has lead responsibility for the development and implementation of the Eastern Metro Region Koolin Balit Plan – the regional Aboriginal Health plan. This position will work within a population health framework and the regional operating model, liaising and negotiating with stakeholders to design innovative services and initiatives that address evidenced-based need, improving Aboriginal Health.

The project officer will prepare project documentation, manage service agreements and contracts and support funded organisations to ensure quality services and initiatives are delivered. This position will develop and foster relationships with key stakeholders such as: program areas, central office, health and welfare organisations, Aboriginal community members or groups, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and other funding bodies to ensure the regional and divisional initiatives and services are integrated, improving Aboriginal Health in the Region.

Are you

- Good at developing, building and fostering relationships focussed on health improvements?
- Always thinking of new opportunities and improvements for Aboriginal peoples' health and wellbeing?
- Able to clearly map out a course of action, get support and follow through to achieve results?

This position is 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.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit;
www.careers.vic.gov.au

Contact: Anna McKenry, 9843 1719

Job Reference number: **DHHS/EED/466719**

Applications close: **Sunday 3 April 2016**

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

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

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

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

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



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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

ACLO
Ongoing full-time appointment
Position number and location: 174274 – Batemans Bay

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The Department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Working as part of a team to support and develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

We are looking for a suitable candidate to contribute to and when required lead the development of consultative mechanisms to promote understanding between Aboriginal communities and the Department.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume in a maximum of 5 pages, which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the **focus capabilities** as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via JobsNSW. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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

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

Pre-screening Questions:

1. How do you see yourself personally working with the local Aboriginal community and highlight for us how you see yourself establishing the links between the school and the community? 300 word maximum.
2. What skills do you believe you can bring to the position of Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer and in what way will this heighten Aboriginal student outcomes? 300 word maximum.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Departments Aboriginal Education policies
- Driver's Licence

Enquiries: Jennifer Tillet PH: (02) 4267 6117

To apply online please visit JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 174274

Closing Date: 6 April 2016

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For further information
please contact Watermark
Search International
quoting reference 67980

search@watermarksearch.com.au
(02) 9233 1200

Closing date 30 March 2016



Chief Executive Officer

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is currently seeking an outstanding and accomplished leader with proven senior executive experience gained in the not-for-profit, government or private sectors.

Working closely with the Board, the CEO will lead and manage the organisation in achieving its vision and strategic outcomes. Candidates will ideally possess a sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and education, including an appreciation of the national policy context, and demonstrated ability to operate effectively within complex, multi-stakeholder environments.

This is an identified position open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates only.

Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

Uniting Out of Home Care Program (OOHC) is seeking an experienced Coordinator to join our team based in Dubbo. This position is responsible for the supervision and support of the day to day functions in our OOHC programs and the provision of quality care for children and young people. Previous experience in a supervisory role will see you hit the ground running, and a passion for ensuring the highest standards of out of home care practice will ensure your ongoing success.

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Apply online by 5pm Wednesday 30 March 2016.
Please visit our website for full details.

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FACILITIES & TECHNICAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Full time – ongoing position
convenient Surry Hills location

This position will provide effective administration and coordination services to the Facilities and Building team to ensure an organised, safe and well maintained office environment.

The Australia Council for the Arts offers a range of attractive employment conditions, including flexible working hours, salary sacrificing, training and development opportunities and employee wellbeing program.

Commencing salary \$46,119 per annum + 15.4% superannuation.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at
<http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 30 March 2016 at 5.00pm (AEDT)



Canberra Institute
of Technology

People and Organisational Governance CIT Yurauna Centre

Cultural Arts Teacher

Teacher Level 1

Salary Range: \$67,439 - \$89,984 (PN: 55556)

Under the general direction of the Director, CIT Yurauna Centre you will be required to teach up to the number of hours prescribed in the relevant industrial award. Maintain roll books, attendance records, student records including develop, establish and implement suitable lesson plans to meet learning outcomes, subject guides, assessment tasks, including regular research of current information to ensure industry standards within the classroom whilst teaching in line with Institute policy and procedures. Engage with diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that are disengaged from education – ranging from youth to mature age. Keep abreast of current issues in the VET area, particularly learning strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people disengaged from education that may be seeking a positive learning environment. Liaise across the Institute, Community, Industry, ACT and Australian Government agencies and departments to identify contract opportunities and write tenders. Perform educational and administration tasks and other duties as directed by the Centre Director.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Mandatory qualifications/registrations/licensing: New Teacher Level; 1.1 to Teacher Level 1.6 must hold or complete a Certificate IV Training and Assessment, TAE40110 qualification or its successor, within the first twelve (12) months of commencement of employment; and at commencement are required to hold a minimum of an Enterprise Skill Set as described in Clause 118 of the Standards for RTOs 2015. Teacher Level 1.7 must hold a full Training and Assessment Certificate IV level qualification (such as a TAE40110 or its successor) and a Diploma of Vocational Education and Training (or its successor). Teacher Level 1.8 and above must hold a full Training and Assessment Certificate IV level qualification (such as TAE40110 or its successor) and an Advanced Diploma in Adult Learning and Development (or its successor). Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 will be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. Desirable: Relevant qualifications in Art and Design. CIT and the ACT Public Service are committed to building an inclusive workplace through a culturally diverse workforce. As part of the commitment we strongly encourage and welcome applicants from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples and/or people with a disability.

Notes: This is an Indigenous Australian Identified position. This is a part-time temporary position available at 29.40 hours for two years with the possibility of extension. "Temporary employment offered as a result of this advertisement may lead to permanent appointment under the Public Sector Management Standards Section 53B – Appointment after Temporary Engagement – Canberra Institute of Technology – teaching offices".

Contact Officer: Caroline Hughes (02) 6207 3308 caroline.hughes@cit.edu.au

Applications Close: 31 March 2016

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Advanced Health Worker

Men's, Women's and Sexual Health Program, Cairns (travelling to Cape York communities), Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$80 213 p.a., comprising salary between \$63 780 - \$70 303 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months).

Duties/Abilities: Work as a member of the Family Health Team at an advanced level with minimal supervision and manage or assist in managing resources for the delivery of sexual health services that assist in the prevention, early detection and management of sexually transmitted infections. The position predominantly services the remote Indigenous communities of Lockhart River, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw and Coen, and works in partnership with communities and a range of service providers to develop and implement culturally safe Sexual Health Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with special or diverse needs. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and *Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check'; from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Louisa Salee 07 4082 3637

Job Ad Reference: TC207254

Application Kit: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Wednesday, 30 March 2016.

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



Family &
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Services

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

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

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

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

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

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

If so apply now! Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 0000410M

Join a team of dedicated and professional Child Protection Caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities

Note: Aboriginal Caseworker must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit
www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*, requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.

HR CONSULTANT (INDIGENOUS STAFFING)



We have an exciting opportunity within the Client Partnering team for a HR practitioner who is committed to making a real contribution in advancing Indigenous employment within Deakin University. The position also offers opportunity to partner with the Institute of Koorie Education and build strong and successful client relationships across the University.

Our ideal candidate will have knowledge of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander societies and issues; experience in delivering outcomes related to strategic initiatives within their organisation, which include promotion of the initiative; and applying their consultancy skills they will engage the managers with the program.

Faculty/School	Human Resources Division
Reference number	160185
Salary range	\$88,981- \$102,017 pa (plus 17% super)
Hours of duty	Full-time (36.75 hours per week) and fixed term for 2 years
Location	Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus
Contact for Further Information	Anita Dutt, Tel: +61 3 9246 8159, Email: anita.dutt@deakin.edu.au
Closing Date	Friday 1 April, 2016.

Candidates from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

Apply online at deakin.edu.au/careers-at-deakin

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Office of
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Aboriginal Education Officer

Office of Environment and Heritage /
Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands
Sydney City
Clerk Grade 5/6
Vacancy Ref: 000048J8
Casual (8 roles available up to 12 months)

Duties: Develop and deliver education and community programs on botany, horticulture and environmental themes with a focus on supporting the interpretation of the Aboriginal heritage of Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands sites.

Total Remuneration Package: \$42.41 per hour – \$46.79 per hour plus applicable casual loadings and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

To Apply: Applications are to be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Jody Orcher (02) 9231 8128

Applications Close: Monday, 28 March 2016, 11.59 pm

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Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service CQI Manager

Full Time

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service is looking for a lead staff member to drive organisational continuous quality improvement activities. This position will cover all aspects of the organisation's operations, but will primarily be clinically focused on achieving improved health outcomes using baseline data such as National KPI data. For this reason we are looking for someone with Registered Nurse qualifications.

The position will also be responsible for:

1. Clinical governance and ensuring compliance with
2. National standards, relevant legislation and best practice/evidence based health service provision.
3. For promoting continuous quality improvement across the service.
4. Providing training and upskilling of staff in CQI.
5. Extracting statistical data for the purpose of CQI activities.
6. Implementing, recording, monitoring and evaluating CQI activities.
7. Co-ordinating AGPAL accreditation for the Service.
8. Developing, implementing and co-ordinating the IAMS
9. Emergency Response Plan and Pandemic Plan.

The suitable applicant will require excellent communication skills and be able to liaise effectively with all levels of staff.

Essential Criteria:

1. Registered Nurse qualification and current AHPRA registration.
2. Experience working in a CQI and/or accreditation related position, preferably in an Aboriginal health setting.
3. Demonstrated experience in using statistical data and extraction tools for the purpose of CQI activities.
4. Sound knowledge of health standards and relevant legislation.
5. Experience in internal auditing processes.
6. Demonstrated effective communication skills.
7. Demonstrated record keeping and administrative skills.
8. Experience in report writing.
9. Experience providing in-house training.
10. Demonstrated computer literacy.
11. Current driver's licence.

Closing date: 5pm Friday, 1 April, 2016

Please submit a cover letter addressing all essential criteria and a Resume to:

Kylie Lawlor
HR Officer
PO Box 1161
Wollongong DC NSW 2500
Or Email: klawlor@illawarraams.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Executive Vacancy Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative (GEGAC)

Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Operative Ltd (GEGAC) is based in Bairnsdale Victoria. Bairnsdale is the gateway to Australia's Lake District and High Country. East Gippsland is part of the traditional land of the Gunaikurnai people and is rich in Aboriginal culture.

GEGAC has been proudly serving the Aboriginal and wider East Gippsland communities for over 30 years. We manage around 40 programs and have approximately 150 staff.

Our services and programs include Medical and Dental, Finance and Business Administration, Child, Youth and Family Services, HACC, Elders & Disability, Alcohol & Drug Services, Early Childhood Services, Youth Accommodation, Women's Shelter, Cultural Services and The Keeping Place (Krowathunkooloong).

GEGAC wishes to fill this exciting new Executive Management position:

Executive Operations Manager (EOM)

Full Time Fixed Term - (2 years)

The EOM is to be responsible to the CEO for the operational management of GEGAC. This involves building and improving organizational systems across all operational areas in order to promote High Performance.

This role will also screen the CEO from operational matters and provide operational support to the Executive Management Team

All interested persons should contact GEGAC reception on 0351 500 700 or email hr@gegac.org.au for a position description.

Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria in the position description on a separate attachment page along with a covering letter and a current resume that includes the names of three professional referees. (3 documents in total) Applications without this information will not be considered.

All applications are strictly confidential. If you wish to discuss this position in more detail please contact Mike Ford, HR Coordinator 0351 500 700.

Applications can be emailed to HR@gegac.org.au or addressed in writing to:

Human Resources
Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative
PO Box 634
Bairnsdale Vic 3875

Aboriginal people with relevant qualifications and experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

The closing time and date for applications for this position is:
Close of Business -5:00pm Monday April 18 2016.

ABCARE COFFS HARBOUR

COFFS HARBOUR ABORIGINAL FAMILY COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE INC.

CASEWORKER Out of Home Care (OOHC)

Identified Position

An opportunity exists to join Abcare as a Caseworker in Out of Home Care (OOHC). The key responsibilities of the role is the delivery and continued improvement of an OOHC service and program implementation for Aboriginal people and the Aboriginal community.

Support and monitor Aboriginal children and young people placed in our Out of Home Care Program. Promote self-determination of Aboriginal children/young people and carers, managing and planning for the day to day care and issues that arise. Promoting safe and protection to the children and young people in our care, in accordance with legal and best practice requirements.

The position is 35 hours per week that requires the ability to work independently whilst meeting prescribed health and activity outcomes.

Salary package of \$63,000 to \$68,000. 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

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 1 April 2016



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Barrier Local Area Command, Dareton
Clerk Grade 3/4 – Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00004B4A

Salary Package: \$79,274. **Salary:** \$65,608 – \$71,839. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 6, Clause 23 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks.
- The position is subject to the terms of the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history).
- A Working With Children Check (WWCC), is a prerequisite for this position. The applicant is responsible for applying their own WWCC (**an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker**) and if the outcome is a clearance, the Check is valid for five years and may be used for any child-related work in NSW. You can apply for your Working With Children Check here: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application; or
 - o Attach a document addressing each of the selection criteria to your application.
 - o Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the I Work for NSW website.

For the Selection Criteria, a full downloadable position description and to apply – please go to the I Work for NSW website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00004B4A

Enquiries: Elizabeth Howarth – Local Area Manager on (08) 8082 7230 or
Inspector Michael Stoltenberg – Crime Manager on (08) 8082 7211

Closing Date: Sunday 3 April 2016

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Canberra Institute
of Technology

People and Organisational Governance CIT Yurauna Centre

Student Support Coordinator

Administrative Services Officer Class 6

Salary Range: \$76,337 - \$87,366 (PN: 17035)

As the Indigenous Student Support Coordinator the focus of your role will be course completions for Indigenous students across the Institute. You will be required to develop and implement a range of customised projects to assist Indigenous students in an adult learning context to access appropriate educational opportunities, overcome barriers to complete their study programs successfully. You will be required to plan and implement a variety of activities and resources to address the varied needs of a diverse student group, then may include school-leavers, disengaged youth, mature-age learners and students from diverse Indigenous cultural groups across Australia.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Mandatory registrations/licensing:

Possession of a current driver's licence. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* will be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. Desirable: Possession of or working towards vocational or tertiary level qualifications in one or more of the following, Career Counselling, Youth Work, Teaching, Community Work, Social Welfare or Community Development. CIT and the ACT Public Service are committed to building an inclusive workplace through a culturally diverse workforce. As part of the commitment we strongly encourage and welcome applicants from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples and/or people with a disability.

Note: This is a temporary position available for 12 months. This is an Indigenous Australian Identified position.

Contact Officer: Caroline Hughes (02) 6207 3308 caroline.hughes@cit.edu.au

Applications Close: 31 March 2016

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EDUCATION OFFICER (Indigenous), Healesville Sanctuary

Ongoing part time position
(22.8 hrs/ 3 days per week).

For questions - contact Miranda Wills on
03 5957 2857.

For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.zoo.org.au/> and submit a cover letter and a resume via our recruitment page.

Applications close

5.00pm on the 7th of April 2016.

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- Team Leader
- Case Worker
- Support Worker
- Cook

Provide support to individuals and families undergoing the Bridge Program.

Full time roles to June 2018 with the possibility of an extension.

To apply, please refer to our website:
<http://careers.salvos.org.au/>

Closing date: 4th April 2016

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

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Undergraduate/Graduate Construction Opportunity

Barpa is a partnership between the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations and Cockram Construction. The company operates nation-wide and is majority-owned by aboriginal people.

We have an exciting opportunity located in Perth for an Indigenous Undergraduate or Graduate who is looking for a long-term professional career in the Construction Industry. Career paths can follow the Project Management stream or Estimating.

To be a successful candidate, you will be currently studying a building/construction management degree or be a recent graduate. You will also possess strong interpersonal skills, be self-motivated, well organised and have a strong desire to learn.

Mentoring and support will be provided to help achieve a successful transition into your career in construction and build a solid base for a long-term career with Barpa.

Please submit a CV and cover letter, outlining the particular role you are interested in via our careers website: www.barpa.com.au

Barpa builds on the contributions that Australia's indigenous people are already making to the national economy and takes a leading role in closing the gap.

East Gippsland Shire Council Employment Opportunities

ABORIGINAL BEST START COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

Position No. 5500 – Part time Limited Tenure to 30/06/2017 – Bairnsdale

A copy of the Position Description, application details and position closing dates are available on the Shire's website:

www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/employment
or by contacting Human Resources on 03 5153 9500.



ACT
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Territory and Municipal Services

Parks and Territory Services Parks and Conservation Community and Visitor Programs

Senior Indigenous Ranger

Ranger 3

Salary Range: \$63,744 - \$69,021 (PN: 03246)

The Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) is seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have the required skills and on-ground experience to fill the permanent position of Senior Indigenous Ranger in the PCS Community and Visitor Programs team. The position has responsibility to deliver a wide range of land management, heritage and cultural interpretation projects across the ACT. To fill the position you will require strong communications and public relations skills, extensive experience working on cultural heritage and natural resource management projects, a sound understanding of the Traditional Custodians and broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the region, and the ability to develop innovative community engagement and leadership programs 'on Country'.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position and it is a genuine occupational requirement that the position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. Applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered. Current driver's licence and demonstrated experience in developing and implementing a broad range of cultural, community engagement and land management activities with the proven ability to undertake relevant on-ground operational works and undertake the high profile public liaison functions required of the position. This is also a fire designated position and applicants must be willing to participate in fire training and operations and be prepared to work a shift roster which includes weekends. Cultural Heritage, Land Management, Environmental Science or similar qualifications are desirable.

Notes: This is an identified position only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants will need to provide supporting evidence with their application package. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* may be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804

Contact Officer: Odile Arman (02) 6207 5570 odile.arman@act.gov.au

Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with the collective/enterprise agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position.

Applications Close: 06 April 2016

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WACHS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation which strives to provide holistic health care to enhance the health and emotional well-being of the Aboriginal and non Aboriginal community of Wellington and surrounding districts.

WACHS are currently seeking applications for the following position:

Coordinator, Communication and Engagement

based in Dubbo

Please refer to our website for full details and position descriptions
www.wachs.net.au

Applications close Friday, 15th April 2016



Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Project Officer (Health Manager Level 2) at The Office of Preventative Health

Ref: 300416

Salary: \$44.69 - \$53.00 ph

Enq: Nageen Ahmed, (02) 8738 7234

Closing Date: 1 April 2016

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Workforce & Travel Officer (Administrative Officer Level 3) at Liverpool Eastern Campus

Ref: 310127

Salary: \$53,979 - \$55,758 pa

Enq: Luci Caswell, (02) 8738 5927

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Child & Family Health Nurse (Registered Nurse)

Ref: 301261 - Perm F/T at Community Health,
Hoxton Park

Salary: \$58,142 to \$81,649 pa

Enq: Anne King, (02) 9827 2222

This is a targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Closing Date: 5 April 2016

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Seed

is looking for a passionate
young Aboriginal or Torres
Strait Islander to join our
team!



Location: Brisbane (negotiable).

Seed is Australia's first Indigenous Youth Climate Network and we are building a movement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to protect country from the impacts of climate change and fossil fuel extraction. The position has responsibility for the supervision of State coordinators and other volunteers.

The candidate will support Seed's growing network:

Inspiring and providing practical support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples; consolidate their skills and experience, and support them to create change.

Supporting the growth of the Seed grassroots network including Seed State Coordinators and Seed volunteers

Implementing our campaigns to protect country through grassroots volunteer network.

Candidates should submit by email:

- A cover letter of no more than 2 pages addressing why you would be suitable for the role relating to the skills and experiences outlined above
- A CV of no more than 2 pages.

Seed is a youth-led organisation with all our staff and core volunteers under 30 - as such, we seek applications only from those under 30. Applications must be received by midnight (12am EST) on Sunday 3rd April 2016. Applications should be addressed to Amelia Telford, Seed National Director, amelia@aycc.org.au

Population Health Trainee (Aboriginal identified position)

- Temporary fulltime (12 month position)
- Trainee wages + 9.50% super + monthly ADO

A new and exciting opportunity has arisen for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to join Maribyrnong City Council in a Traineeship position.

The Trainee will support internal and external partnerships to develop and implement a range of projects which respond to the needs and community priorities relating to health and wellbeing, in partnership with the cohealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team.

This is an entry-level traineeship position with an opportunity for the successful applicant to complete a Certificate IV in Population Health (to be negotiated).

If you have an interest in Health and Wellbeing, Local Government operations and completing a qualification, then we'd like to hear from you. Please enquire to Terri or Catherine on the contact numbers below.

Enquiries: Terri Hareko-Samios, cohealth Program Manager, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health on (03) 9411 3525 or Catherine Hedley, Coordinator Diversity at Maribyrnong City Council on (03) 9688 0109.

To apply for this job go to:
www.maribyrnong.recruitment.com.au
& enter ref code: 2685434.

Applications close 27 March 2016



maribyrnong.vic.gov.au



Forthcoming vacancies on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners. The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians for the protection and enjoyment of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- making decisions regarding the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage

Seven positions will become vacant by August 2016.

To be eligible to be a Council member you must:

- be resident in Victoria;
- demonstrate traditional or familial links to an area in Victoria;
- have extensive knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria;
- have demonstrated the ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal Victorians; and
- have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council.

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria to:

By post: The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
Department of Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

By email: Aboriginalaffairs@dpc.vic.gov.au

By fax: (03) 9208 3292

Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm Wednesday 4 May 2016.

For further information, please telephone Maria Pizzi on (03) 9208 3280 or at maria.pizzi@dpc.vic.gov.au

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GENERAL MANAGER

The Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation (SWFWAA) is the regional body for Aboriginal art and culture on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The Alliance's objective is to position Aboriginal art and culture as the foundation for the social, economic and cultural development of the Mid North Coast Aboriginal communities. Our Board is made up of CEO's from ten local Aboriginal Land Councils providing a platform for effective community engagement and representation from across the region.

The General Manager reports directly to the Board and is required to effectively manage the day-to-day operations of the SWFWAA and to lead, implement and achieve the strategic objectives of the Alliance including overseeing and delivering the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Strategic Business Plan. This challenging position requires a professional 'hands-on' leader who is capable of working across all levels of a small not-for-profit organisation, including experience working effectively with a Board of Directors.

We are looking for an excellent communicator who is able to build and maintain strong relationships with government, funders, the community and other stakeholders. A key imperative will be to source, develop and generate the financial income and revenue streams required to support current operations and to create a sustainable future for the SWFWAA.

This position requires high-level financial and project management experience in the not-for-profit (preferably arts) sector. Strong leadership ability, high integrity and a commitment to lead, manage and develop the SWFWAA's team of staff, volunteers and contractors in accordance with the SWFWAA's values is essential.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

To obtain an application package, please visit our website:
http://www.saltwaterfreshwater.com.au/swfw_news/general-manager/

For further information regarding the position, please contact the SWFWAA Chairperson, Phillip Hall on 0498 667 295 or email bowralc@bigpond.net.au

Applications Close 5pm Tuesday 29 March 2016



Canberra Institute
of Technology

People and Organisational Governance CIT Yurauna Centre

Office Manager

Administrative Services Officer Class 4 Salary Range: \$63,744 - \$69,022 (PN: 54617)

This role is responsible for the coordination of all Centre operations, including the first point of contact for all inquiries, general counter services, student enrolments/re-enrolments and Indigenous Scholarships. Provision of administrative support, i.e. minute taking and report writing. Assisting in the delivery of support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and engage and travel as required across CIT campuses and the ACT to promote CIT and CIT Yurauna Centre to students and prospective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Mandatory registrations/licencing: Current Driver's Licence, Working with Vulnerable People Registration. Desirable: Qualifications in Business Administration would be highly regarded. This is an Indigenous Australian Identified position.

CIT and the ACT Public Service are committed to building an inclusive workplace through a culturally diverse workforce. As part of the commitment we strongly encourage and welcome applicants from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples and/or people with a disability.

Note: Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* is required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804

Contact Officer: Caroline Hughes (02) 6207 3308 caroline.hughes@cit.edu.au

Applications Close: 31 March 2016

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Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

SENIOR LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KEY POLICY AND DELIVERY ROLES INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet supports the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in the effective development and delivery of policy across the whole-of-government. The Department has primary responsibility for Indigenous affairs in the Commonwealth. The Department works with Indigenous communities and leaders, local organisations, other Commonwealth departments, and state and territory governments, to assist drive lasting change for Indigenous Australians.

INFLUENCE, SHAPE, DRIVE

SEVERAL POSITIONS

The Department is seeking to fill several SES Band 1 (Ref. No. 516) and SES Band 2 (Ref. No. 517) positions. Vacancies exist across a range of indigenous policy and program management and service delivery areas and be primarily based in Canberra, with possible future opportunities in the Northern Territory. There are also specific Regional Manager roles at the SES Band 1 level in Dubbo, Townsville and Brisbane. As a senior executive within the Department you will be a key member of the senior leadership team and play an integral role in delivering the outcomes and priorities required for Indigenous Australians.

SIGNIFICANT REMUNERATION PACKAGE

SEVERAL LOCATIONS INCLUDING CANBERRA, DUBBO, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, AND POSSIBLY NORTHERN TERRITORY LOCATIONS

To be a strong contender for these important and challenging roles you will have a strong background in policy and/or program management, development and implementation, be forward thinking, self-motivated, resilient and adept at building relationships in a complex and fast paced environment. You will have the confidence, maturity and capability to participate as a vital member of an executive leadership team. You will want to be part of a dynamic collaborative agenda, working closely with Indigenous communities to support change. We are looking for people with critical analysis skills, the vision and the pragmatism to contribute significantly to one of the government's key areas of reform.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Before applying, please obtain selection documentation from the vacancies page <http://www.executiveintelligencegroup.com.au/>, after obtaining the selection documentation further information can be obtained by contacting **Karina Duffey** or **Tricia Searson** on (02) 6232 2200. Applications close at midnight on Thursday, 7 April 2016.

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Tricia Searson | Karina Duffey

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Canberra Institute
of Technology

**People and Organisational Governance
CIT Yurauna Centre**

Cultural and Community Studies Teacher

**Teacher Level 1
Salary Range: \$67,439 - \$89,984 (PN: 51218)**

Under the general direction of the Director, CIT Yurauna Centre you will be required to teach up to the number of hours prescribed in the relevant industrial award. Maintain roll books, attendance records, student records including develop, establish and implement suitable lesson plans to meet learning outcomes, subject guides, assessment tasks, including regular research of current information to ensure industry standards within the classroom whilst teaching in line with Institute policy and procedures. Engage with diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that are disengaged from education – ranging from youth to mature age. Keep abreast of current issues in the VET area, particularly learning strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people disengaged from education that may be seeking a positive learning environment. Liaise across the Institute, Community, Industry, ACT and Australian Government agencies and departments to identify contract opportunities and write tenders. Perform educational and administration tasks and other duties as directed by the Centre Director.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Mandatory qualifications/registrations/licensing: New Teacher Level; 1.1 to Teacher Level 1.6 must hold or complete a Certificate IV Training and Assessment, TAE40110 qualification or its successor, within the first twelve (12) months of commencement of employment; and at commencement are required to hold a minimum of an Enterprise Skill Set as described in Clause 118 of the Standards for RTOs 2015. Teacher Level 1.7 must hold a full Training and Assessment Certificate IV level qualification (such as a TAE40110 or its successor) and a Diploma of Vocational Education and Training (or its successor). Teacher Level 1.8 and above must hold a full Training and Assessment Certificate IV level qualification (such as TAE40110 or its successor) and an Advanced Diploma in Adult Learning and Development (or its successor). Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* will be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. Desirable: Tertiary qualifications relevant to teaching Community Services, Mental Health, Aboriginal Studies. CIT and the ACT Public Service are committed to building an inclusive workplace through a culturally diverse workforce. As part of the commitment we strongly encourage and welcome applicants from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples and/or people with a disability.

Notes: This is an Indigenous Australian Identified position.
Contact Officer: Caroline Hughes (02) 6207 3308 caroline.hughes@cit.edu.au
Applications Close: 31 March 2016

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Tobacco Action Worker (Female Aboriginal Identified)

Ballina, NSW.

- * Great remuneration of up to \$60,600 + super & salary sacrifice up to \$15,950!
- * Make a real difference in Indigenous health and your local community!

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service has an exciting opportunity for a Female Tobacco Action Worker (Aboriginal Identified) to join their team based in Ballina, NSW, on a full time basis. Reporting to the Regional Tobacco Coordinator you will be responsible for assisting in the delivery of culturally safe regional smoking prevention activities and promoting smoking cessation, as well as coordinating social marketing campaigns and events.

On offer is an attractive salary up to \$60,000 plus super, salary packaging options up to \$15,950, a mobile phone and a laptop. You'll enjoy great work/life balance with structured hours, as well as opportunities for career progression and growth!



Apply Online
ApplyNow.net.au/Job77254



Aboriginal Youth and Family Worker Reconnect and Getting It Together (GIT)

Be part of a warm and supporting team working with young people and their families to facilitate improved relationships, by enabling young people to identify strengths and work toward future goals and overcome barriers. The position involves both group and individual work.

This position will provide support to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families to provide holistic intensive case management to young people 12 – 18 who have recently become or are potentially homeless and the focus for GIT is reducing A& OD use.

The position is located in Grafton

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Part Time: 21 hours per week

Applicants must obtain Application Package: www.nrsdc.org.au (Employment Opportunities).

Applications Close: 5pm Wednesday 30th March 2016

Applicants to address all criteria and submit in PDF or WORD format.

Inquiries to: Sonya Mears-Lynch Mob: 0427317595 Email: reconnectgrafton@nrsdc.org.au

* Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as specified under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.



**Health
Sydney
Local Health District**

Aboriginal Dental Assistant (Grade 2)

Aboriginal Oral Health

F/T at Sydney Dental Hospital

Ref No: 298829

Salary: \$56,959 – \$62,716 pa

Enq: Marianne Weston, (02) 9293 3262

Aboriginal Health Worker

F/T at Redfern Community Health

Ref No: 309101

Salary: \$49,121 – \$72,346 pa

Enq: Jacqueline Sherry, (02) 9395 0444

Closing Date: 8 April 2016

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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The Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre is seeking to appoint a new

Centre Manager

to a permanent position of 28 hours per week. We are looking for candidates with a social justice perspective who have experience in supervising a large

team of staff, writing successful funding submissions and in public relations.

Salary range: \$62,630 to \$66,135 pa plus super and leave loading. Salary packaging is available.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. NRCLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To obtain a job-kit contact the Centre on 6621 1000 or nrclc@clc.net.au

Applications close 4pm 18 April 2016

Support people out of homelessness at Way2Home

Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

Full-time, ongoing based at Darlinghurst

- Provide culturally appropriate support and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are experiencing homelessness or have in the past
- Work closely with homelessness and mental health clinical case managers and other partner organisations
- Develop trusting and professional relationships, taking into account individual and cultural needs

Applications Close Wednesday 30 March 2016

www.neaminational.org.au/careers



**Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District**

Applications can be lodged online at liveandworknswhealth.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.

Registered Nurse – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital
Reference ID: 309977

Enrolled Nurse – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital
Reference ID: 309978

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Chris Sharkey, (02) 4921 4477

Closing Date: 3 April 2016

Registered Nurse (Mental Health)

Reference ID: 311995

Enrolled Nurse (Mental Health)

Reference ID: 310992
Mental Health, Maitland

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Sarah Webber, 0434 363 626

Closing Date: 17 April 2016

Joint Investigation Response Team Health Clinician (Level 3)

Tamworth
Enquiries: Sophie Scott, 0408 461 655
Reference ID: 312118

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*.

Closing Date: 6 April 2016

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.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Ngunnawal Centre Opportunities

The Ngunnawal Centre has a distinctive place in the University of Canberra and plays a key role in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students both directly and indirectly, by working with faculties and central areas to form and achieve relevant plans and targets, and by engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Ngunnawal Centre aspires to be a student support centre of excellence that is nationally active and locally responsive. We have three exciting opportunities for suitably experienced Indigenous candidates to join our team, as Student Engagement Officers (2) and an Administration Officer. These are designated positions, and we invite applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates only.

About The University of Canberra

The University of Canberra is committed to enhancing the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in higher education. The University of Canberra strives to be both an educational provider of choice and an employer of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To this end, we aim to align our policies, procedures, strategic and operational planning and our activities with the goal of making the University a welcoming and culturally safe place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff. We have big plans, and we welcome you to be a part of our future.

We are a recognised employer of choice offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation and an environment that is safe and welcoming. Interested? If so, you are invited to submit your resume, along with an optional covering letter (of no more than 2 pages).



**UNIVERSITY OF
CANBERRA**

Student Engagement Officer – Two positions

• UC6, Salary Range \$74,560 - \$80,260 pa, plus 17% Super

The Student Engagement Officers have a direct role to improve the participation, retention and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through a range of initiatives, programs, activities and case-management designed to support students' wellbeing and academic success.

Administration Officer

• UC4, Salary Range \$60,360 - \$64,665 pro rata pa, plus Super

The Administration Officer is a part time position (17.5 hours per week) that supports the smooth functioning of the Ngunnawal Centre.

For job specific information: please contact Ms Anthea Mahoney (Centre Manager, Ngunnawal Centre) on 02 6201 5894, or email ngunnawal@canberra.edu.au

To apply and for the Position Description: Please click on the URL below which will redirect you to the University of Canberra website: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/work-at-uc/vacancies/all>

Closing Date: 11:59pm, Tuesday 29 March 2016

Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer
Melbourne Assessment Prison



- **Great opportunity to make a difference in the community**
- **Ongoing, full-time position**
- **Salary range \$60,551 - \$73,521 plus superannuation**

Located in West Melbourne, the Melbourne Assessment Prison is a maximum-security facility providing state-wide assessment and orientation services for all male prisoners received into the prison system.

As the Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer, you will provide ongoing welfare, advocacy and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners, including assisting in the access of appropriate pre- and post-release programs and entitlements to assist with their reintegration into the community.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal (Koori) community
- excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- superior problem solving skills.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Sunday 17 April 2016.

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.

NSW OFFICE OF WATER

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

LACHLAN FOLD BELT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from CABONNE SHIRE COUNCIL for an existing bore on road reserve adjoining Lot 10 Section 33 DP 758693 for town water supply purposes to the town of Molong, Parish of Molong, County of Ashburnham (Ref: A007811).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to NSW Office of Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

LOWER MACQUARIE ZONE 1 GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from GREGORY COLIN JOB & CINDY JEAN JOB for one new bore on Lot 292 DP 800363, Parish of Wentworth, County of Narromine for irrigation on Lots 292 & 293 DP 800363, Lot 1 DP 1046775 & Lot 1 DP 1190815 (Ref: A007826).

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

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER
MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from ADRIAN GORMAN, JOHN GLENN, COLIN & HELEN DALTON, KERI KERI PASTORAL CO PTY LTD, GANERA PTY LTD, NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICES AND ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES for 7 pumps on the Murrumbidgee River, 25/751203, Parish Mamanga, County Caira for supply of stock water. (A7830)

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

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2611 Tracie Scarfone, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from GARTH GRAHAM HURLSTON for a bore on 196//752296, Parish of Tocumwal, County of Denison, for irrigation purposes. (A7812).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Department of Primary Industries, Water, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer.

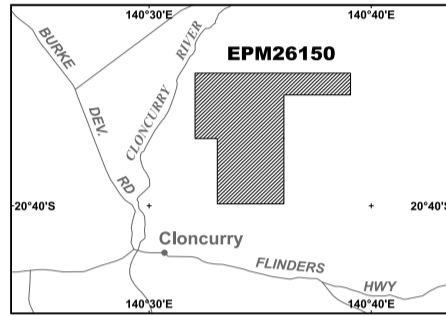
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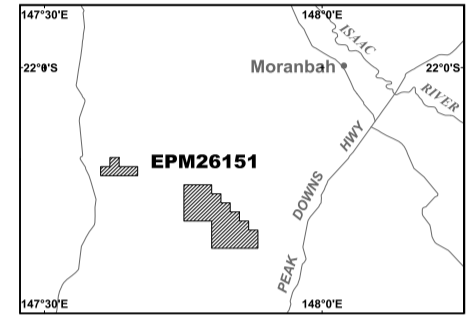
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

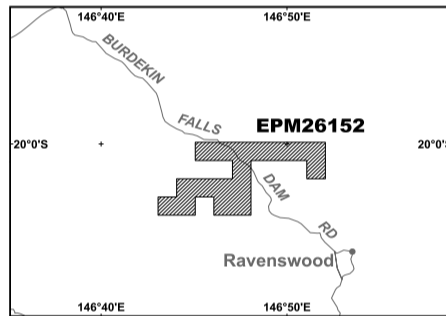
Exploration Permit 26150 sought by Mount Isa Mines Limited, ACN 009 661 447, over an area of 24 sub-blocks (77 km²), centred approximately 13 km North East of Cloncurry, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.



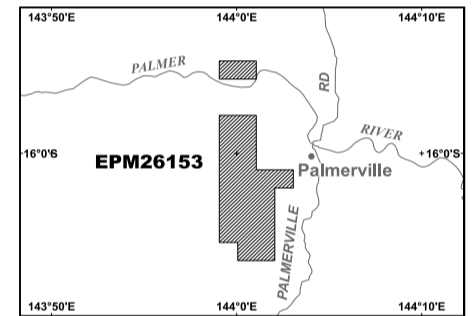
Exploration Permit 26151 sought by Abercorn Mine Management Pty Ltd, ACN 151 894 432, over an area of 37 sub-blocks (113 km²), centred approximately 40 km South West of Moranbah, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



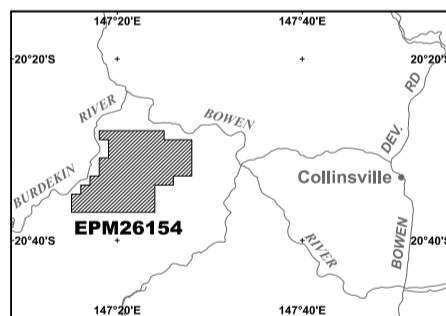
Exploration Permit 26152 sought by Ukalunda Pty Ltd, ACN 129 017 723, over an area of 17 sub-blocks (55 km²), centred approximately 13 km North West of Ravenswood, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



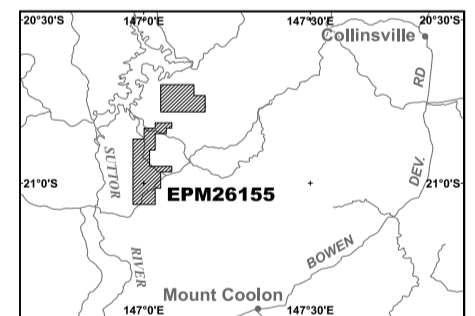
Exploration Permit 26153 sought by Delfos Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 130 258 570, over an area of 23 sub-blocks (76 km²), centred approximately 6 km West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



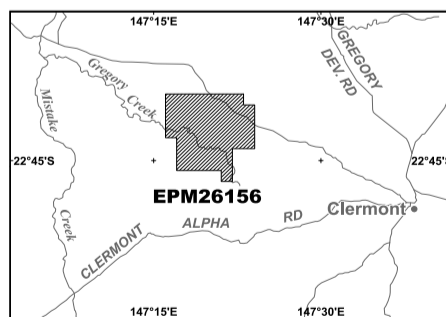
Exploration Permit 26154 sought by Adelaide Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 097 387 918, over an area of 80 sub-blocks (257 km²), centred approximately 50 km West of Collinsville, in the locality of the Whitsunday Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26155 sought by Adelaide Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 097 387 918, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (307 km²), centred approximately 67 km North West of Mount Coolon, in the locality of the Whitsunday Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26156 sought by Blackdown Mine Management Pty Ltd, ACN 151 894 530, over an area of 49 sub-blocks (155 km²), centred approximately 35 km North West of Clermont, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 13 April 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.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day



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NSW OFFICE OF WATER

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **F S FALKINER & SONS PTY LTD** for a pump on Lot 64 DP756268, Parish Conargo, County Townsend for feedlot purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A7785)

Any queries please call (03) 5898-3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09593

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

LOWER MACQUARIE ZONE 2 GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ALAN ROSS ELDER** for one new additional bore on Lot 1 DP 755120, Parish of Nelson, County of Narromine for irrigation (Ref: A007756).

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

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z09644

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MALCOLM WILLIAM CARTER AND MICHAEL BRUCE OSBORNE** to add an additional bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 119568.(A007834)

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.

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1470, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z09758

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER WARRAH CREEK WATER SOURCE AND GUNNEDAH – OXLEY BASIN MURRAY DARLING BASIN GROUNDWATER

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **J A McDONALD** for 1 x bore on Lot 51 DP1168698 and for 1 x 50mm pump within an easement on Lot 53 DP1168698 with a capacity of 16 litres per second county of Buckland and parish of Warrah. (A007671)

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 and specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call (02) 67631470 Water Regulation Officer Ben Hanks.

Z09556

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER WATER ACT 1912

An application under Section 10 of the Water Act 1912 for a 150 Megalitre dam & 150mm pump on UNNAMED WATERCOURSE has been received from **HARJAP SINGH DOSANJH** for irrigation and farming purposes (150 megalitres) on Lot 137 DP 751362 Parish Clarence County Clarence. (30SL067326)

An application under Section 10 of the Water Act 1912 for a 150mm pump on ORARA RIVER has been received from **DOSANJH INVESTMENTS PTY LTD** for irrigation and farming purposes (66 megalitres) on Lot 262 DP 751383 Parish Rushforth County Clarence. (30SL067327)

Objections to the granting of this licence must be registered in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Peter Hackett, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09756

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

STUARTS POINT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

Applications to amend three WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVALS under section 107 of the Water Management Act 2000 have been received from **IAN HASTINGS TOLSON AND ALISON LORETTA TOLSON** for groundwater excavations on Lots 1, 4 & 6 DP 260197, Parish of Yarrahapinni, County of Dudley, for Irrigation and Farming purposes.

(A007849, A007850, A007851)

Objections to the granting of any of these approvals must be registered in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Bart Kellett, Water Regulation Officer.

Z09769

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

BLACK CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **HANTOM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD** for an existing bywash dam and 100 mm centrifugal pump to be used for irrigation purposes on Lot 1072 DP 810564.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 2213, Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008755)

Any queries please call (02) 4904 2516, Hannah Grogan Water Regulation Officer.

Z09709

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

MOONEE CREEK WATER SOURCE – UNNAMED WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from **JINDERPAL SINGH RAI AND MOHINDER KAUR RAI** for 2 100mm pumps, for irrigation of Lot 312 DP 1009330, Lot 3 DP 520472, Lot 223 DP 862326 & Lot 306 DP 1006490, Parish of Moonee, County of Fitzroy. (Additional lands to be irrigated). (A007629).

BOAMBEE CREEK WATER SOURCE - UNNAMED WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from **JINDERPAL SINGH RAI AND MOHINDER KAUR RAI** for a dam & 80mm pump on Lot 101 DP732172, for irrigation of Lot 101 DP 732172, Lot 4 DP 1049350, Lot 15 DP 861057 Parish of Bonville, County of Raleigh. (A007870).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds for objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Peter Hackett, Water Regulation Officer

Z09757

NSW OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER

LOWER LACHLAN GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK & USE APPROVAL has been received from **RON POTTER (FARMS) PTY LTD** for a Bore (capacity 25ML/day) on Lot 37 DP752315, Parish Carilla, County Dowling, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO 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. (A007707)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

Z09610

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

This is a notice of the upcoming meeting to consider authorising a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the Wangan and Jagalingou People (**W&J People**), Adani Mining Pty Ltd (**Adani**) and the State of Queensland, for the development of Adani's Carmichael Project.

Adani's Carmichael Project includes the development of green-field open-cut and underground coal mines, infrastructure, and rail facilities connecting to coal export terminals (**Project**).

Under Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), Adani proposes to enter into an ILUA (area agreement) with the W&J People, for that part of the Project located within the external boundaries of the W&J People's native title determination application (NNTT No. QC2004/006; Federal Court No. QUD85/2004) (**W&J Native Title Claim**).

Members of the claim group to the W&J Native Title Claim who identify with the name Wangan and Jagalingou are descendants of the following persons:

1. Billy & Lucy (parents of Jimmy Tarpot, Mary Ann Alboro and Mary Ellen)
2. Daisy Collins
3. Nellie Digaby
4. Dan Dunrobin (also known as Dunrobin, Christopher Dunrobin and Dan Robin)
5. Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont
6. Annie Flourbag
7. Jimmy Flourbag
8. Katy of Clermont
9. Charlie McAvoy of Logan Downs
10. Liz McEvoy of Alpha
11. Maggie of Clermont (also known as Maggie Miller and Nandoo)
12. The mother of Jack (Girrabah) Malone and Jim (Conee) Malone
13. Mary of Clermont (also known as Mary Johnson)
14. Momiija

ILUA Area

The area the subject of the proposed ILUA is shown within the map below and is approximately 180 kilometres northwest of Clermont, Queensland.



The ILUA will provide for the W&J People's consent to certain defined future acts required for the Project within the ILUA Area, including the grant of mining leases and the grant of certain property rights for the Project. The ILUA will also provide for the extinguishment of native title through the surrender and/or taking of native title within the ILUA Area for an area of up to 2,750 hectares. A second, related agreement, referred to as the "Ancillary Agreement" will set out the benefits that will be provided by Adani to the W&J People in return for their consent to the Project.

Authorisation of the ILUA (and Ancillary Agreement) by all persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area is now sought.

The Authorisation Meeting will also address the outcomes (if any) of the meeting of the W&J People that was advertised in the Courier Mail on 27 February 2016 to occur on 19 March 2016. At a recent meeting of the Applicant to the W&J Native Title Claim concerns were raised that the meeting of the W&J People advertised to occur on 19 March 2016 was not properly notified and may not be properly convened. The Authorisation Meeting will consider whether it is necessary to address and, if necessary, rescind or revoke any resolutions purportedly made at that meeting.

Authorisation Meeting - the Authorisation Meeting for the proposed ILUA and Ancillary Agreement (and to address the outcomes (if any) of the 19 March 2016 meeting) will be held as follows:

Date Saturday, 16 April 2016
Time 9:00 am (registration from 7:30 am)
Place Maryborough City Hall
388 Kent Street, Maryborough

All adult members of the W&J People and all other adult persons who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA Area are invited to attend the Authorisation Meeting for the purpose of authorising the ILUA and Ancillary Agreement.

To register to attend the Authorisation Meeting please contact:

ARCHAEO Cultural Heritage Services
Phone 07 3229 1455
Email admin@archaeo.com.au

Please provide your name and contact details and the name of your Wangan and Jagalingou ancestor or (if you are not a member of the W&J Native Title Claim group) the basis upon which you assert that you hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area.

Travel assistance will be made available to attendees who satisfy eligibility criteria and register with ARCHAEO by close of business on **Monday, 4 April 2016**. If you wish to obtain travel assistance please ensure that you register by this date.

For all your advertising needs
email: advertising@koorimail.com

or call
02 6622 2666

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **BOSS URANIUM PTY LTD ACN 069 420 462** (“**BOSS**”) of Suite 23, 513 Hay Street Subiaco WA and any of its respective successors or assigns proposes to undertake mining operations in an area located within Exploration Licences Nos 5043, 5215 and 5621 (including any extensions, renewals, grants, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Exploration Licences and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held over the area of the Exploration Licences or any part of that area) on the following land held by **BOSS**:

EL 5043 GLENORCHY AREA - Approximately 60 km northwest of Olary, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°38'S and longitude 139°53' E, thence east to longitude 140°04'E, south to latitude 31°47'S, west to longitude 139°53'E, south to latitude 31°53'S, west to longitude 139°48'E, south to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 139°44'E, north to latitude 31°53'S, west to longitude 139°39'E, north to latitude 31°43'S, east to longitude 139°53'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 778 square kilometres approximately.

EL 5215 - SOUTH EAGLE AREA - Approximately 50 km northeast of Olary, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°40'S and longitude 140°36'E, thence east to longitude 140°40'E, south to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 140°31'E, north to latitude 31°50'S, east to longitude 140°36'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 379 square kilometres approximately.

EL 5621 - YARRAMBA AREA – Approximately 70 km northeast of Olary, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°35'S and longitude 140°35'E, thence east to longitude 140°40'E, south to latitude 31°38'S, east to longitude 140°50'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 140°40'E, north to latitude 31°40'S, west to longitude 140°35'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 452 square kilometres approximately.

(All the above latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 6 October 1966 (AGD66))

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

BOSS proposes to carry out exploratory operations on the Land to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. Those operations may include reconnaissance; gridding; geological mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation, mud rotary or diamond core drilling and include all things necessarily incidental to any such operations.

The proposed operations are authorised by the Exploration Licence Nos. 5043, 5215 and 5621 (including any extensions or renewals of the exploration licences and any future exploration

authorities under the Mining Act over the Land or any part of it).

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, **BOSS** may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponents, **BOSS**, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months of the initiation of these negotiations, **BOSS** and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Boss Uranium Pty Ltd
C/- Teneman Consulting
PO Box 115
KENT TOWN SA 5071
Ph: 08 8342 4914
Contact person: Teena Coppin



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	04/2357	GUNDARA ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	7BL	11km NE'ly of Broome	Lat: 17° 53' S Long: 122° 18' E	BROOME SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2798	SQUADRON RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	23km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 50' S Long: 115° 8' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2167	HURRICANE PROSPECTING PTY LTD	6BL	152km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 51' S Long: 116° 42' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2168	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	36BL	125km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 40' S Long: 116° 22' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/197	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	6BL	20km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/560	NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	6BL	63km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2586	NEWMONT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	62km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 122° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/965	DALLA-COSTA, Melville Raymond	13BL	97km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 120° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1911	AC MINERALS PTY LTD	46BL	90km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4651	WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	7km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 119° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4657	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	68BL	51km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 31' S Long: 120° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4667	YANVAREX PTY LTD	70BL	96km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 37' S Long: 120° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4670	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	1BL	58km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 119° 11' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4672-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	11BL	60km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 119° 34' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4681	SORRENTO RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	61km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 119° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4685	MASINI, Raymond John POTTS, John Samuel	11BL	49km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1103	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	40BL	22km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 4' S Long: 120° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3371-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	23BL	8km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 13' S Long: 117° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3392	BORAL RESOURCES (WA) LTD	40BL	39km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 116° 34' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3395-I	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)	4BL	27km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 44' S Long: 116° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1716	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	3BL	46km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 118° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1717	CNN INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	1BL	42km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 55' S Long: 118° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1718	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	29BL	34km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 118° 37' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1725	MIDDELEN PTY LTD	70BL	116km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 57' S Long: 119° 25' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1726	MIDDELEN PTY LTD	17BL	65km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 16' S Long: 119° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3399	CALLNET NOMINEES PTY LTD	13BL	170km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 10' S Long: 120° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1045	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL	112km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 118° 49' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/2714	JURIEN INDUSTRIAL MINERALS PTY LTD	62BL	13km W'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 115° 8' E	CARNAMAH SHIRE, IRWIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3456	JAPAN ALUMINA ASSOCIATES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD SOJITZ ALUMINA PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (WORSLEY) PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (RAA) PTY LTD	35BL	33km SE'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 28' S Long: 116° 28' E	WEST ARTHUR SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3537	BAUXITE RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	21km W'ly of Toodyay	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 116° 14' E	TOODYAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4803	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	11BL	16km W'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 55' S Long: 115° 58' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE, DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/575	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	39BL	17km SW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 43' S Long: 119° 58' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4991	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	20BL	28km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 28' S Long: 127° 36' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2280	WILSON, Gregory David	8.03HA	10km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 117° 59' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/733	ROLFE, Antony John	8.80HA	27km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 117° 55' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	26/4148	GOLDENMILE MILLING PTY LTD	191.13HA	9km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	31/2046-9	HORN, Cedric Murray STEEL, Nicholas LYNCH, Aubrey KOS, Vaso	695.91HA	99km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 122° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8633-8	SANDHU, Tanvanth Singh	1066.38HA	22km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8642-3	LORENTZ, Wolfgang Michael	49.42HA	23km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8644	LORENTZ, Wolfgang Michael	23.92HA	29km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8645	LORENTZ, Wolfgang Michael	9.12HA	24km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4200-S	FENTON, Michael	8.78HA	16km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1873	MERKS, Gijbertus Marinus John	177.33HA	33km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 120° 24' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1877	AYRES, Warren John	52.99HA	33km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 120° 23' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1390	BENNETT, John Paul	9.57HA	6km NW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 119° 15' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2085	GRANT, Rachel Gail CRAWFORD, Christopher Ernest ARGOW GOLD PTY LTD	15.99HA	2km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 23 March 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 **23 June 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 23 July 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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

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AFL retains daytime grand final



THE Australian Football League (The AFL) Commission remains divided on when the grand final should start, meaning it stays a

2.30pm game.

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan confirmed on Friday that this year's MCG premiership decider would not move to a twilight or night-time slot.

There is considerable debate about

the prospective change, all the way up to commission level.

"It was an evenly split conversation," McLachlan said.

"Probably half the room are very keen for it to stay as it is and half the room want to have a look at a twilight (grand final).

"So in the end, I think when the room is divided, incumbency prevails and that's the best way to articulate where we are.

"Personally, I'm looking forward to a 2.30 grand final."

McLachlan said it was a long discussion at the commission.

Money irrelevant

"Money is irrelevant – it's creating the best-possible sporting event for our supporters," he said.

"Clearly, there are some aspects of twilight or not that would mean the broader event could be better.

"On the other side of the fence, our game is one of the oldest competitions in the world and we've been playing at 2.30 on Saturday for a long time.

"That's important to a lot of people, as well."

MCG chief executive and former Carlton boss Stephen Gough backed the decision.

"I'm happy with the 16 premierships we've won during the day," he said.

– AAP



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

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
38/2951	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	480801	76.85HA	19km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2951	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	481300	349.43HA	19km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3022	DUKETON MINING LTD	480906	60.83HA	84km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
74/379-1	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED	481657	75.25HA	11km NE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 33' S Long: 120° 7' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
77/2210	GOLDEN IRON RESOURCES LTD	482848	156.47HA	37km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE

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

Notification day: 23 March 2016

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **23 June 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

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Message book sets out on slow journey



A MESSAGE book aimed at reconciliation has begun a slow journey from the quiet Victorian town

of Harrow to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The Mullagh Wills Foundation 'Journey to the G' project was launched on Sunday, March 13, at the Johnny Mullagh Reserve in Harrow, Western Victoria.

It celebrates the 150th anniversary of one of the most remarkable achievements in Australia's sporting and cultural history – the Aboriginal cricket team of the 1860s.

The 'Journey to the G' launch included the presentation of the commemorative message book and a Welcome to Country by Aboriginal Elder Richard Kennedy who spoke in the traditional Wergaia language on Jaddwajali and Wotjobaluk land.

The message book will be presented at a further 10 municipalities on the journey to the MCG – the venue of the Aboriginal cricket team match against the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) on Boxing Day, 1866.

The March 13 launching was part of the annual Johnny Mullagh championship weekend in Harrow and was the result of more than two years planning and research in conjunction with the MCC.

The Mullagh Wills Foundation was established to recognise the tremendous achievements of the Aboriginal cricket team in the 1860s and named in honour of Johnny

Mullagh, the star of the team, and Tom Wills, the original coach of the team.

Both Mullagh and Wills played in the team against the MCC on Boxing Day in 1866.

In 1868, the Aboriginal cricket team became the first Australian cricket team to play in England – the first Australian Test team of cricketers.

Johnny Mullagh scored many runs on that tour.

"The foundation is about the involvement of communities and recognising the incredible achievements of the Aboriginal cricket team 150 years ago, as well as helping to bring communities together," said Mullagh Wills Foundation Chair Jane Nathan.

First message

A highlight of the launching was the writing of the first message in the commemorative message book that was presented to the mayor of the West Wimmera Council.

Each municipality along the route, starting with West Wimmera, will be invited to pass a formal motion of reconciliation and support of the Aboriginal cricket team at a council meeting during 2016. The message book will be in each of the municipalities for up to three weeks and, during this time, schools and local sporting and community groups will be invited to include a message of reconciliation and support in the book.

Tom Wills is credited with being the country's first cricketer of significance and a pioneer of Australian rules football.

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

Notification day: 6 April 2016



National Native Title Tribunal

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 5 July 2016. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **5 July 2016**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003, on or before 5 July 2016.** After 5 July 2016, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Townsville Rockwheelers Mountain Bike Club Inc v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD16/2016

Non-native title interest: The Applicant holds a Permit to Occupy number 233510, and has been provided with and signed, a formal Agreement to Offer a Term Lease by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

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

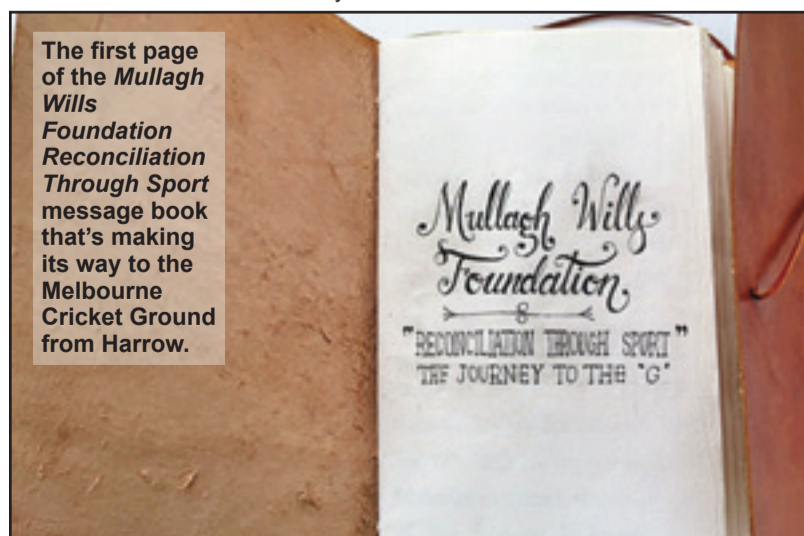
Description: The application area covers about 116.0 Ha and is located approximately 1 kilometre east of Rasmussen.

Relevant LGA: Townsville City Council

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

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Fifth team for TS competition

By ALF WILSON



NEW team Buccaneers will contest the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) competition on Thursday Island against last year's clubs Mulga Tigers, Roosters, Suburbs and Torres Eels.



The competition will start on May 7 at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval and the fifth side will result in a bye for one team each week.

The local season draw will be out on April 8.

Reigning premiers Mulga Tigers will be again coached by Barry Nona.

Stalwart and local rugby league legend Terrence Yusia may be entering his last year as a player and will be at the helm at the Roosters.

Suburbs will be led by the inspiring Thomas Loban, who, for the past two years, has been mentor of the Northern United representative team which has played Queensland Outback on Thursday Island.

Kura Stephens will have the reins of the Torres Eels and Marsat Ketchell will be the brain trust at the new team Buccaneers.

Official Terry Abednego said with the shortened season late start, players will be out to impress and gain selection for the Zenadth Kes representative team that will travel to Cairns at the end of June to take part in the FNQ Challenge.

The junior rugby league will have a sign-on/come-and-try day on Saturday, April 23, at the Ken Brown Oval and their season will also kick off on May 7.



From left are Barry Nona, Canberra Raiders player Brenko Lee and Terry Abednego, who were with Kulpiyam at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival at Redcliffe.

Badu side Mulga Tigers won the 2015 grand final, beating Roosters 32-20.

Roosters were the 2014 premiers and Suburbs took out the previous title.

This looks like being one of the most competitive KRL seasons in years.

Meanwhile, a game between KRL premiers Mulga Tigers and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) champion side Injinoo Crocs looks set to be held next month on Thursday Island.

It is understood that such a game

could become an annual event.

This clash would be of huge interest on Thursday Island and the outer islands as well as at the NPA communities of Injinoo, Bamaga, Umagico, New Mapoon and Seisia.

Badu side Mulga Tigers won the 2015 KRL grand final, beating arch rivals Roosters 32-20.

Injinoo Crocs defeated New Mapoon Warriors 30-18 in the grand final of the NPA competition at Bamaga last October.



Aboriginal XI captain Clarrie Moran, Armidale Dumaresq Mayor Herman Beyersdorf and Mayor's XI captain Cody Graham hold the Mayor's Reconciliation Cup.

Aboriginal side beats Mayor's XI



FOR the first time in the 15-year history of the Mayor's Cup Reconciliation Cricket game, the Aboriginal XI came away with victory over the Mayor's

XI at the Armidale Sportsground on Thursday, March 3.

The annual fixture in support of reconciliation is a highlight of the New England cricket season and pairs up a representative Mayor's team against a representative Aboriginal side in a game of T20 cricket.

The Mayor's side won the toss and elected to bat, scoring a healthy 5-101.

Brandon Landsborough led the way for the Aboriginal XI, taking 2-14 off three overs.

In reply, the Aboriginal XI established a solid start with captain Clarrie Moran and veteran Barry Lockwood (eventually top scoring with 22) putting on 35 runs in the opening partnership.

The Aboriginal XI showed consistency in their run chase, reaching the target in the 19th over.

Brothers Brandon and Kai Landsborough each scored 21 runs for the Aboriginal side.

"It was an outstanding game of cricket and thoroughly enjoyable," said Armidale Dumaresq Mayor Herman Beyersdorf.

The Deb Walford Memorial man of the match award went to Brandon Landsborough, from the Aboriginal XI side.

Marngrook is back for 10th season



THE Marngrook Footy Show will return to NITV tomorrow (March 24). Indigenous hosts Grant

Hansen, Gilbert McAdam and Chris Johnson are back on the desk with Leila Gurruwiwi and Shelley Ware, combining footy news, interviews and analysis with a spotlight on the Indigenous contribution to AFL.

Now in its 10th season, every Thursday night, the Marngrook team discusses AFL issues – will Hawthorn make it a historic 4peat? Will Buddy bounce back to form after withdrawing from the 2015 finals series? Will Gilly's beloved Saints make the eight?

Women's competition

Opening the series, Western Bulldogs player Lauren Arnell talks about the exciting growth of the women's competition and her work helping to set up a women's team at Carlton Football Club for the 2017 season.

In the second round (Thursday, March 31, 7.30pm), Essendon's David Zaharakis, Hawthorn's Sam Mitchell and Western Bulldogs' Marcus Bontempelli will be in the studio to chat about all the action from the first week's clashes.

Marngrook also features live music – showcasing some of Australia's emerging talent and music legends.

Marngrook boasts that it is a footy show with a difference that celebrates and embraces Australia's diverse multicultural society and aims to be accessible and enjoyed by a wide audience. It recognises the huge contribution made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders throughout the game's history and also the significant representation of Indigenous players in the present day.

Viewers can follow the Marngrook website, or join in the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using #Marngrook and #NITV.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 6 April 2016

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

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6848 on or before 5 July 2016. After 5 July 2016, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

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



Application name: Muuki Taylor & Ors v State of Western Australia (Kulyakartu #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD720/2015

Date filed: 4 December 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application area covers about 3,540 sq km and is located in the Great Sandy Desert in the vicinity of Lake Dora and Percival Lakes, approx 260km east of Marble Bar.

Relevant LGA: Shire of East Pilbara.

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

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Rival carnival on the cards

By ALF WILSON



A RUGBY league All Blacks carnival in Cairns that would be in direct opposition to the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival looks set to be called the Northern Murri carnival.

The *Koori Mail* can reveal that at a Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division conference in Cairns, it was decided that a steering committee would be set up to organise such a 'super North Queensland' carnival.

QRL Northern Division divisional manager Scott Nosworthy said the conference was positive for rugby league.

"We are going to set up a committee to look at the feasibility of a Northern Indigenous carnival with discussions still ongoing with the QRL and the Arthur Beetson Foundation regarding the event," Mr Nosworthy said.

The Beetson Foundation runs the big Murri carnival in the south of the state.

The *Koori Mail* believes that such a carnival is already going ahead with so

much interest from teams around the region and could provide a financial windfall for stakeholders.

In the week after the conference, nomination forms for potential committee members were sent to all regional leagues.

The Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival held at Redcliffe last October 1-4 was by far Queensland's biggest, with 28 sides in the open men's section, 10 in the women's division and 17 in the under 15 division.

While far north Queensland and Torres Strait Island sides contested the carnival, the costs were prohibitive.

Organisers of Badu island side Argun Warriors, which reached the quarterfinals, told the *Koori Mail* it cost most than \$30,000 to be there.

Some of the attendants at the Cairns meeting included Thursday Island's Thomas Loban, Terry Abednego and Tali Frank, along with Palm Island Barracudas coach Roy Prior.

Cairns-based operations manager Sheron McDougall said consensus was reached to form a steering committee to explore the staging of a north

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carnival.

One delegate said the carnival would include a woman's and junior competition.

Hosting such a carnival has been a hot topic of conversation around North Queensland since late last year.

At the last Beetson Foundation Murri carnival, Torres Strait sides Saguci Tigers, Kulpiyam, Argun Warriors and Malu Kiwai reached the final eight in the men's division.

Saguci Tigers were beaten 22-20 by Southern Dingoes in the final and Kulpiyam was narrowly eliminated by the same side in a semifinal.

Badu teams Kulpiyam and Argun Warriors were previous winners of the Murri carnival.

One question would remain if a carnival goes ahead.

In recent years, the winners of the NSW Knockout and Queensland Murri carnival had met to decide the champion Australian non-elite Indigenous side.

So would a Queensland play-off be needed between the winners of the Cairns and Redcliffe carnivals to decide who meets the NSW victors?



A file picture of John Porch.

Porch double helps Aust down Fijians



TWO tries to Indigenous newcomer John Porch allowed Australia to beat Fiji 19-12 in the play-off for third place at the HSBC Canada World Sevens rugby tournament in Vancouver on March 14.

The largely inexperienced Australian men's sevens squad did well, coming into the tournament with seven players in its squad with five World Series caps or less.

Australia defeated Scotland 24-17 in the Cup quarterfinals before losing 28-19 to New Zealand in the semis.

However, Australia roused themselves to stun current world champions Fiji in the third place play-off.

Head coach Andy Friend said: "We had to show unbelievable character in that last game (against Fiji). I'm not too sure how we stayed in the contest, but you either have that level of courage, or you don't, and we had it in spades."

"It was another good tournament for us and very encouraging with the level of depth we have in the program. The only way players are going to get experience is by exposing them to the top level and we managed to do that this weekend."

"It's the little moments that count: Conor Mitchell, on debut, taking the restart in the final seconds that led to us winning a crucial penalty against Scotland; John Porch scoring two against Fiji – these are the moments that count and it's so good to see players stepping up."

New Zealand won the first-ever Canada Sevens at BC Stadium, seeing off South Africa 19-14 in the Cup final. Samoa, meanwhile, finished fifth after beating the USA 31-14 to take the Plate.

After six rounds of the 2015-16 Sevens World Series, Fiji remains top of the standings with 106 points, just one clear of South Africa. New Zealand are a further point back (104 points) in third with Australia in fourth spot (90 points).

The 2015-16 Sevens World Series is on a three-week break before heading to Asia for the 41st edition of the Hong Kong Sevens.

New management sought



THE ACT Government is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations interested in contributing to the future of Canberra's Boomanulla Oval.

The ground has been a sporting and cultural centre for Canberra's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community for 30 years.

The ACT Government said that it was looking to identifying a new management organisation that was passionate about the prosperity of the oval and was

committed to managing Boomanulla as a facility that the community could use for a range of activities.

"Since Boomanulla Oval closed in December, 2014, we have been working closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body, as well as a specially appointed interim advisory group, who have provided advice and guidance to government on the future use and vision for Boomanulla," the Government said.

"Last year we also invited the community to share their views about Boomanulla Oval and what it should and could be.

"We heard from more than

150 individuals during the consultation process, and from this we have determined how new management could continue to meet the needs and expectations of the local community.

"We are very aware of the significance of this oval, and are committed to reopening Boomanulla Oval as soon as possible so that it can once again be used by the local community and the region."

Boomanulla Oval is widely used by Canberra's Indigenous sporting teams and athletes as a place to train and play, as well as by the broader community for cultural activities and education and training

opportunities.

The Government said it wanted to hear from organisations that were committed to engaging with the Indigenous community to preserve their connections to the site and to ensure that Boomanulla reached its full potential to meet the needs of the community.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations or service providers are encouraged to submit an expression of interest by April 14, 2016, if they want play a role in reopening of Boomanulla Oval.

Further information is available at www.tenders.act.gov.au

Mills, Jawai in Boomers squad



INDIGENOUS basketballers Patty Mills and Nate Jawai are in an extended Australian men's basketball squad for the Rio Olympics.

Boomers coach Andrej Lemanis has named 26 players ahead of the team's one and only pre-Games camp in July.

Lemanis' squad includes all 12 players who competed in the Oceania Olympic qualifying series against New Zealand last year, headlined by Andrew Bogut, Patty Mills and Matthew Dellavedova.

The squad will be cut to 16 for the selection camp from July 5-10, once the Boomers' commitments in the NBA and Euro finish.

Mills plays with the San Antonio Spurs in the US National Basketball Association (NBA), while Jawai has just completed a season with the Perth Wildcats in the Australian National Basketball League (NBL).

The Boomers will face defending champions the USA in the group stage of this year's Olympics, delaying a possible meeting in the knockout rounds.

The world No 1 outfit have eliminated the Boomers in the quarterfinals of the past two Games, in London and Beijing, denying them a crack at an elusive Olympic medal.

But being drawn in the same group gives them a chance to progress before potentially facing the Americans again deep in the finals phase.

Australia have been drawn in Group A, alongside the USA, China, Venezuela and two teams to be decided at qualifying tournaments in July.

Spain, Argentina, Brazil and Lithuania headline Group B, which also includes Nigeria and one qualifier.

Andrej Lemanis' men will open their campaign against two qualifiers on August 6 and 8, before the USA on August 10, China on August 12 and Venezuela on August 14.

The Australian women's team are scheduled to play Brazil first up, followed by clashes with two qualifiers, then Japan and another qualifier.

The Opals are aiming to win their sixth consecutive Olympic medal – but first gold. – *With AAP*

Burgoyne heads advisory board



HAWTHORN veteran Shaun Burgoyne is the new chair of the Australian Football League (AFL) Players' Association's

Indigenous Advisory Board, taking over from founding chair and retired Sydney Swans player Adam Goodes.

The player board, which was formed as a result of discussions at the 2011 biennial AFLPA Indigenous Camp, provides a player voice to help make the AFL a supportive workplace for Indigenous players.

A founding member of the Indigenous Advisory Board, and entering his 16th season in the AFL system, Burgoyne said he would continue to provide the strong leadership and direction that Goodes brought to the group.

"With more Indigenous footballers playing football at the highest level than ever before, it's really important that we always look to improve programs and services within clubs to make the transition for Indigenous players in and out of the AFL system as seamless as possible," he said.

Burgoyne understands the importance of Indigenous players having the support of their clubs and the leadership and guidance of developing the next generation of Indigenous leaders within the AFL industry.



Shaun Burgoyne

"We'll continue to chat with all 74 Indigenous players in the system about the issues affecting them and provide advice and guidance to the AFLPA about implementing and promoting cultural connections and awareness within clubs and the broader AFL industry."

Burgoyne's appointment comes as part of a recent changing of the board, with Goodes and his brother Brett leaving the board due to retirement, and Patrick Ryder, Matthew Stokes and Lance Franklin also stepping down.

Replacing the departing members are Allen Christensen, Danyle Pearce, Shane Edwards, Neville Jetta and Jarrod Pickett – all joining existing members Burgoyne, Chad Wingard and Michael Johnson.

To support Burgoyne in his new role, Melbourne player Neville Jetta was also elected deputy chair.

AFL Players' Association CEO Paul Marsh said he was thrilled to have Burgoyne as chair and such passionate advocates for Indigenous players supporting him on the board.

"We couldn't ask for a stronger leader to represent Indigenous players within the AFL industry and he will do a fantastic job building on Adam's fantastic advocacy," he said.

"It's also great to see the younger players joining the board keen to develop and influence the direction the AFL Players' Association takes in creating a better and more supportive workplace for all Indigenous players."

Fresh start for Bennell

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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HARLEY Bennell has been offered a fresh start at the Fremantle Dockers and already he has shown he has the potential to make a difference to the club.

That said, he is no guarantee to make his debut for the Dockers in their round 1 clash with the Western Bulldogs on Easter Sunday.

Despite the former Gold Coast Sun having 17 touches in his first hit-out for his new club, a 12-point win against Geelong at Domain Stadium, coach Ross Lyon wouldn't assure him a start against the Bulldogs.

"I thought he contributed strongly. He hit the scoreboard. He was selfless, handball over the top. A bit to like," he said.

"He's been in full training for a while and we're preparing him really well."

Plenty of ability

There is no doubt that Harley has the ability, but Lyon will be testing his commitment to ensure he earns a second opportunity.

I feel this is important for Harley because a new start does not mean you just draw a line through the past.

As a wise friend once told me about his 'fresh start', you take yourself with you to a new club.

Opinion is divided on Harley's signing, with many hoping he is the missing piece to their premiership struggle.

The Dockers have made a grand final, a semifinal and a



Harley Bennell has moved on from his days at the Gold Coast Suns.

Picture: Getty

preliminary final in the three seasons before recruiting Bennell.

In 2016, only veteran defender Luke McPharlin will be missing from the core group that achieved those three results.

Defending has not been the Dockers' issues in finals.

The Dockers kicked just eight and 10 goals in those games respectively, therefore the recruitment of Bennell is seen as a possible solution.

Damaging

Many will point to the Dockers' inability to find another key forward to support Matthew Pavlich as the major flaw, but their lack of midfield goals has been equally damaging to their premiership chances.

Bennell has averaged 18 goals a season for Gold Coast in a side that has never played finals, and he has only played no more than 15 games in one of those seasons.

Harley can add another dimension to the Dockers' midfield that has been sorely missing.

He will also release Fyfe to play forward more throughout the year and in the finals.

His detractors recognise his talent, but doubt that he can be the simple answer to the Dockers' problem.

Why?

Because the Dockers' deficiencies start with a key forward-sized hole in attack.

Freo is still desperately lacking an influential tall to

partner Matthew Pavlich.

There's no doubt Bennell will add some firepower, but many question whether he will be able to play with the same attacking freedom at Freo as he did at Gold Coast.

Unspoken in this is the question whether Harley will get his off-field life on track.

I believe he needed to make the move and have confidence he can make the most of his new opportunity.

Lyon has been happy with Harley's development.

"We're not rushing him.

We're building him really strongly. He's put on five kilos, his skinfolds are as low as they've ever been and he's in really good shape," Lyon said.

"We're excited for him to join the group.

"Guys who have done a full pre-season have got a good jumpstart on him. So he'll have to reel that in. We just don't gift games here. He's got to earn it."

Harley has been given some timely advice from new teammate Michael Walters.

Walters has laid down the Fremantle law to Harley, drawing on his own misadventures as a warning to the troubled ex-Sun.

Walters was banished to the WAFL at the start of 2012 after he came back from the break out of shape.

Now one of Fremantle's most reliable contributors, Walters and key defender Michael Johnson warned Bennell of the consequences of failing to toe the team line.

"We had a catch up over coffee, sat him down and told him what we want and what we expect at Fremantle," Walters said.

"We made sure that if he does come to Freo that he's ready for a pretty tough regime.

"I spoke to him about when I got sent back to (WAFL team Swans Districts) and Johnno spoke to him about his past."

His teammates are confident Bennell can live up to his potential as a former No 2 draft pick now that he's back in his home state, surrounded by family.

Early-season injury

But first the 23-year-old must overcome a minor calf injury.

"For the first couple of weeks of pre-season, he was training hard and looked good," Walters said.

"He's been working hard ... and you can't fault his attitude since he's been at the club."

Bennell is smart enough to realise that this could be his last chance.

He has undoubted talent and has shown the capacity to put in the hard work.

All he needs to achieve now is consistency in his life – on and off the paddock.

A fresh start is only a real opportunity if you leave the past behind you

Harley has his own destiny in his hands.

I look forward to him making every turn a success.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Ugle named Peel captain

By CHRIS PIKE



GERALD Ugle might not have made the most of his opportunity in the Australian Football League (AFL), but his growth in the years since has been stark and that's best highlighted with his appointment as captain of WAFL club Peel Thunder for 2016.

Ugle was drafted by the Greater Western Sydney Giants from WAFL club Perth in 2010 and he played three AFL matches with the fledgling club at the top level, but found himself delisted and wondering where his future lay at the end of 2013.

A sense of loyalty led to him return to his original club Perth Demons in 2014.

While Ugle played well through the season, the Demons had not won a premiership since 1977 and not played finals since 1997, and things were showing no signs of improvement.

That's why Ugle was looking for a brighter prospect to continue his career and while Peel Thunder had also been devoid of WAFL success, there was plenty of reasons for him to head to the Mandurah-based club in 2015.

Leroy Jetta had also signed up for 2015, coming back from Essendon.

The club has a state-of-the-

art facility and is the affiliated WAFL club to the Fremantle Dockers.

Ugle was excited to join Peel and he delivered an outstanding season where he didn't miss a match, kicked 38 goals and helped lead the Thunder to a historic first ever finals campaign.

That left Ugle delighted with his decision to join Peel and he has committed long-term to the Thunder unless he receives another opportunity to play in the AFL.

With inspirational captain Brendon Jones retiring at the end of the 2015 season and then Jetta being suspended for all of 2016 after being caught up in the Essendon supplements saga, Ugle has been named the new skipper.

Show of faith

At just 23 years of age, that's a significant show of faith in Ugle and a great illustration of just how much he has grown since his days in the AFL with the Giants.

Ugle is excited and honoured to have been named captain, but more importantly, he wants to be part of some success after getting a taste of finals action in 2015.

Peel's first ever finals appearance saw them lose to West Perth and East Perth.

Now Ugle wants to lead the Thunder to at least a win in September and he sees no

reason why they can't shoot all the way for the premiership.

"It's a big change for me. It's only my second year at the club and it's an absolute honour to take the reins from Brendon Jones. I'm really looking forward now to the challenges that lie ahead," Ugle said.

"We are definitely aiming to get to the finals again. A lot of boys got a taste of their first final last year and for me personally, it still burns with the desire to play in a premiership team.

"Getting beaten by East Perth like we did on our home ground last year still burns, so now we want to take the next step and hopefully get to play in the grand final."

Peel coach Cam Shepherd also had no hesitation in endorsing Ugle as new captain even though Rory O'Brien returning from East Fremantle was a viable candidate as a 200-game, five-time fairest and best and Sandover Medal winning WAFL veteran.

"Brendon retiring has opened the door for a new group of leaders and Gerald Ugle has really stood up in that area. It's a bit of excitement and real enthusiasm," Shepherd said.

"Rory will give some mentoring there as well. You look at most sides, they've got eight or 10 players who have played 100 games or 90 games or more. We're a really young squad, so we recognise we've got to get a bit stronger."



Gerald Ugle will captain Peel in this year's WAFL competition.

Kyesha gets her chance



Kyesha Christensen

Story and picture by PETER ARGENT



LYNDOCH lass Kyesha Christensen has made the team to represent South Australia at the national under 18 girls' Australian football championships in Melbourne from May 2-6.

"Kyesha is respected by her teammates and is a second-year player," Croweaters coach Bill Economou said.

"Along with a strong skill set, she is a great decision maker and versatile.

"She played a half forward role last year and we believe Kyesha will develop into premium midfielder.

"We're looking for Kyesha to generate a lot of drive from the centre of the ground."

A Year 11 Faith Lutheran College student at Tanunda, Christensen is looking to make her senior South Australian Women's Football League (SAWFL) debut as well with the Salisbury Magpies during the opening round in early April.

She has played three years at SAWFL under 18 level, mainly as a midfielder who can go forward and kick goals.

Last year she was a member of the South Australian side that finished first in the Pool B national competition. That tournament was held at Mandurah, south of Perth.

South Australia went through the four games in Pool B undefeated and dominated the final against NSW/ACT, winning by 38 points 9.4 (58) to 3.2 (20).

Christensen, who turns 17 during the 2016 nationals, still has another year in this level of competition.

Apart from football, Christensen plays basketball locally, and this year is playing her first netball season with the Barossa District Football and Netball Club.

"Our home is actually in Altona, which is between Lyndoch and Tanunda," Christensen said.

"Before having a kick at the Salisbury Magpies, I played for Salisbury West.

"My mum Kylie, where I get my Indigenous heritage from, is a

tremendous support and gives me very honest feedback.

"It's hard to explain yourself as a footballer – but I reckon I read the play pretty well, and have a solid set of skills, along with some footy smarts.

"I'm really excited about the fact there in a national women's AFL competition planned for next year.

"Naturally, my dream is to play at the top level."

Before moving to Faith College, Christensen also played women's football for Nuriootpa High under the guidance of Ross Lambert.

Women participating in Australian football soared by 46 per cent in 2015, further emphasising the need for the AFL to launch a national women's competition.

Across the nation, there were 163 new female football teams last year, with the number of women now taking part in the game exceeding 280,000.

There is expected to be at least one Adelaide-based team in the national competition, which has been pencilled in for the 2017 calendar year.

His own man

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

ONE of the great legacies of the All Stars has been the development of a new generation of players who have an improved support system in place and some great Indigenous leaders to look to as they progress their careers.

I will profile some of their stories across the season, but there is little doubt that the player who has caught the immediate attention of all is Latrell Mitchell.

Despite his talent, the thing that has impressed me most about Latrell has been his maturity for such a young man.

From the start he has established that he wants to be judged on his own merits.

A lot of people have compared him with Greg Inglis and although Latrell has shown great respect to GI, he has made it clear he wants to be his own man and for people to make their assessment on his performances as an individual.

Typical bush story

Latrell's story is similar to a lot of young talent from the bush.

His father Matt was a talented footballer who never realised his true potential and who is trying to ensure that Mitchell and his brother Shaquai make the most of their opportunities.

"I didn't have any family down there; it was hard," Matt recalled.

"At times I was sleeping on Maroubra Beach. That's not what I want for my boys."

Homesickness wasn't the only challenge Matt failed to overcome.

Not long after being sent to Sydney, his father died at the age of 43.

"I didn't have anybody to give me advice," said Matt, who coached his sons at club team Taree Red Rovers.

"My old man had five other sons he had to raise.

"He said, 'Son, I'll send you down to the big smoke. There's a bloke there to pick you up.'

That was it, see ya later. No advice."

Ask Latrell about his heroes and he names Greg Inglis and his father in the same breath.

"When we get stuck with something, we just ask him because he's been here and lived the two lives – city and country," Latrell said of his father.

"When he talks, we listen because he's been there and experienced it."

But that does not mean that Latrell has had it all his own way.

Not everyone recognised his undoubted talent.

Mitchell turned up for a trial with Newcastle's Harold Matthews team, but didn't make the cut.

"I had a go with them and they thought I was too lazy," Mitchell said.

But he has found a home at the Roosters who have been nurturing his talent, but with the departure of key players and injuries he has found himself on the top grade.

To the point

On that comparison with GI, Latrell was straight to the point.

"It's good that I'm being compared with him, but I don't want to be him. I just want to be myself," he said.

"People say this and that, but I'm not him."

Latrell did not lessen the spotlight when he starred in the Auckland Nines.

A 90m runaway try was enough to justify the hype, but he already knew that there was more to success than the pre-season demands which had the 18-year-old pondering his choice to be a professional footballer.

The Australian Schoolboys representative had a tough initiation before the tournament, struggling with the step up to full-time training in the off-season.

So much so, he questioned his desire to continue.

"The running was pretty mental," Mitchell said after finishing his first pre-season.

"It was all in my head and I was thinking, 'Why am I doing this? Why did I choose to play footy?'"

'Stuffed'

"It was tiring at first. I was stuffed. The long-distance running – I'm more short distance. When it's time to run long, I run, but it's an effort.

"They are starting to get me into practising running long and still being able to keep going during endurance."

He will now be looking back and appreciating putting the effort in given Trent Robinson's decision to let Latrell take over the fullback position after giving Blake Ferguson the initial opportunity.

Not that Ferguson was complaining counting down to last Thursday's daunting game



Latrell Mitchell holds his 2015 NSW Rugby League (NSWRL) Junior Representative Player of the Year award. Mitchell, who last year completed his Higher School Certificate at Maroubra, moved to Sydney from Taree about 12 months earlier to further his rugby league career. He attended Chatham High School in Taree before the move to Sydney. He is on a three-year contract with the Sydney Roosters.

against Cowboys, with the 25-year-old admitting he felt more comfortable back in the centres.

Asked if Mitchell would be staying at fullback, Ferguson said: "I think so. That is his position; he has played there all his juniors.

"I think it is second nature for him to be playing there. It is up to the coach obviously, but it would be good to see him grow more into the role and just get more comfortable each week."

And while wearing the No 1 jumper comes with a lot more pressure, Mitchell can take comfort in the fact that plenty of

great names have started out their careers the same way.

Names like Darren Lockyer, James Tedesco, Josh Dugan, Karmichael Hunt, Brett Stewart, Corey Norman and James Roberts all cut their teeth in the NRL as teenage fullbacks.

Asked if he feared Mitchell could be blinded by the spotlight, Ferguson added: "He is fine with that. He is a humble kid.

"For him, it is just to turn up every day and learn his position and learning the players around him."

And that's the way Latrell wants it.

He is his own man.

Women join rugby league players' group



THE Rugby League Players Association (RLPA) has welcomed women players

as members.

RLPA chairman Clint Newton said the women's game had been growing, especially in recent years, but in comparison with other codes there was a lot of ground to make up.

"Our elite women have to deal with a range of issues, some of which they share with the men and others that are unique to their game," said Newton.

"We're delighted to represent them as part of our playing group and we look forward to providing them with advice and support to empower them so they can influence the decisions that are made about the women's game."

In talks with the Australian and New Zealand national teams during the recent Auckland Nines, the players highlighted, as a major concern, the impact playing the game had on their personal and professional lives.

"Some have to take leave without pay to represent their country and most are funding equipment and fitness support out of their own pockets," said Newton.

"They also have limited playing opportunities and that impacts on their development potential and the growth of the sport.

Jillaroos captain Steph Hancock hopes the association's support will help the players grow the women's game.

"It's another step forward for us to join the RLPA and it's important that the Jillaroos are represented when issues are discussed and decisions made," said Hancock.

"We're excited to be members of the RLPA and we're looking forward to working closely with the association to further strengthen the professionalism of women's rugby league," she said.

Her sentiments are echoed by Kiwi Ferns captain Sarina Fiso, who said the RLPA membership was welcome recognition of the importance of women playing the game.

"It's another sign that women's tuggy league is being taken seriously alongside the men's game and another step down the path towards rugby league becoming a viable professional career for us," said Fiso.

"The RLPA approach shows the game really values the participation of women as athletes."

Ella 7s a runaway success



SKINDOGS, a team with links to La Perouse, easily won the Ella Sevens rugby union tournament at Coffs

Harbour, beating newcomers South Coast Wanderers 40-21 in the final.

The two-day tournament, which in recent years had been dogged by heavy rain, was a runaway success after two glorious days.

The nucleus of the Skindogs last won the tournament about four years ago.

Former Wallaby Andrew Walker played with the South Coast Wanderers.

In the women's final, Redfern continued their domination of the Ella Sevens, beating Queensland side Highlanders 36-0.

The Redfern girls have won the carnival every year.

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) spokesman Tom Evans said the

carnival was one of the best.

It attracted 24 men's teams and 11 teams in the women's division.

He said there was scope to accommodate more teams, but organisers were happy with playing numbers.

"We could take up to 32 men's teams and 16 women's teams, but 24 men's and 12 women's teams is comfortable," Evans said.

In the Shield final, La Pa Bummers beat Team of the Century 45-0, while in the Bowl final, Redfern All Blacks overran Clarence Valley Dolphins 38-7.

Anaiwan beat Pindarri 31-12 in the Plate final.

In the women's Shield final, Cabbage Tree Island scraped home 5-0 against Nambucca Valley Jiindas.

Barbarians beat Lower Clarence Magpies Doobs 32-0 in the women's Bowl final, while in the Plate final, Mindaribba beat Toomelah-Boggabilla 41-5.



● ABOVE: Skindogs are winners of the 2016 Ella 7s.



● LEFT: From left, former Wallaby Glen Ella, Kari Aboriginal Corporation chairman Gary Potts and Terrance Murphy, from the Redfern All Blacks after the Redfern All Blacks overran Clarence Valley Dolphins 38-7 in the Bowl final.

● BELOW: Anaiwan's (Armidale) Steven Ford is lifted by Mike Te Mona in a game against South Coast Wanderers. The Anaiwan team came from the Armidale district. The South Coast Wanderers players are Greg Davis and lifter Joel Tubbs.



Raymond Baira Dreamtime Development from Sunshine Coast.



● ABOVE and BELOW: Action from the women's games. In the picture below, Latai Simon and Nakia Davis, playing for Redfern, are tackling a Highlander player.



The Skindogs' Maurice Longbottom is the male player of the tournament. Pictures: Rob Cleary/Seen Australia



AFL boss apologises



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) chief executive Gillon McLachlan has apologised to retired Sydney great Adam Goodes for last year's

racism controversy.

McLachlan said in the league's annual report that the game took too long to respond when fans were booing Goodes during matches.

The Indigenous star, a two-time Brownlow Medallist, retired at the end of last season.

Significantly, he did not take part in the annual grand parade of retiring players.

Goodes had a break during the season because of the controversy.

"By the time Adam retired, he had been subject to a level of crowd booing and behaviour that none of our players should ever face," McLachlan said.

"The debate that occurred about whether or not the booing was due to racism put further pressure on this great Indigenous leader and one of our game's greatest champions.

"Adam stood up to represent Indigenous people and he took a stand on racism.

"For this, I believe he was subject to hostility from some in our crowds.

"As a game, we should have acted sooner and I am sorry we acted too slowly."

Proud of support

McLachlan added he was proud of how the community, players from all clubs, and Swans fans supported Goodes during his break and when he returned to the game.

"The national conversation about racism taught me how important our role is to partner with all players to fight racism," McLachlan said.

"Adam has led with courage and humility

and I look forward to the day our game can properly celebrate the retirement of this great champion."

As always, the AFL season launch in Melbourne last Thursday night featured a video presentation commemorating last year's grand final.

The video focused on Hawks star Cyril Rioli and his Indigenous background.

Rioli won the Norm Smith Medal for best afield in the grand final as the Hawks beat West Coast for their third straight premiership.

Meanwhile, Sydney Swans defender Ted Richards said Gillon McLachlan's apology to Goodes had come far too late.

"It's great to see that Gillon has acknowledged that now, but it really would have been appreciated a lot earlier last year," Richards told SEN Breakfast.

"The apology (acknowledged) that Adam was doing it tough and he wasn't getting the

respect.

"I really do think it was needed because Goodes needed help and he wasn't getting it."

Richards also suggested that opposition teams did more to support Goodes at the time than the sport's governing body.

Missed final parade

McLachlan last year suggested anyone who booed Goodes was a racist, but failed to set up plans to deal with the drama which ultimately saw the Sydney veteran skip the grand final parade of retiring players after walking away from the sport.

"As a playing group, we were disappointed that the AFL didn't act earlier," Richards said.

"We really respected and appreciated the support that a lot of the other opposing captains showed throughout the season, especially after things got worse." – AAP

Jawai breaks Breakers

By CHRIS PIKE



NATE Jawai had an eventful return to the National Basketball League (NBL) for the 2015-16 season, but what he delivered in Perth Wildcats'

championship victory showed just why he remains in the mix to represent Australia at the Rio Olympic Games later this year.

Jawai last played in the NBL in the 2007-08 with the Cairns Taipans, where he was the league's Rookie of the Year.

Since then, he has played in the NBA and right throughout Europe while also being a regular with the Boomers.

But there have been plenty of hiccups along the way, including a heart complaint and then a nasty neck injury that threatened the career of the monster big man.

However, he has continued to bounce back from adversity and the opportunities he continues to receive are because of his enormous natural ability and his rare traits of being able to play unstoppable basketball and getting the ball in the right position.

His bounce back from a nasty 2013 neck injury came full circle when he represented the Boomers at the 2014 FIBA World Cup and that ended up leading to his return to the NBL this season with the powerhouse Perth Wildcats.

Jawai had worked with Wildcats coach Trevor Gleeson while Gleeson was an assistant with the Boomers and with the club's physiotherapist Dave Philpot with the national team, so it did make sense for him to come to Perth and not because of the immense resources they possess.

Fitness question mark

It wasn't all smooth sailing for Jawai with the Wildcats. For the entire season, he was playing catch-up on his fitness, but he remained the starting centre for the team the whole campaign and had some standout performances along the way.

That included 20 points and seven rebounds in his first match against the Taipans and more importantly, he had periods right throughout the season where he dominated games in patches.

But a back injury late in the season meant he was battling coming into the Wildcats' 30th straight NBL finals appearance.

He struggled in the three-game semifinal series against the Illawarra Hawks and

despite the Wildcats ending up winning at Perth Arena in the third game, he had struggled against fellow Boomers big man candidate AJ Ogilvy.

That meant that him having a significant impact in the grand final series against the New Zealand Breakers was far from a guarantee, but he soon answered those queries emphatically in the opening game at Perth Arena.

Jawai dominated the Breakers in the second quarter to have 13 points by half-time and New Zealand had no answers for him in the post.

Jawai was given the ball down low and allowed to go to work, and powered his way to the basket where the Breakers fouled him continuously, but had no hope of stopping him.

That set up Perth winning game one at home 82-76, but two days later in Auckland, New Zealand prevailed 72-68 to set up the decider again just two days later back in Perth.

Little down time

That huge travel with no time to recuperate was undoubtedly not good for Jawai's back condition, but he powered through and had a strong first half to set up the Wildcats for a commanding 75-52 victory as they beat the Breakers in the finals for the first time to secure a seventh NBL championship.

It was Jawai's first NBL title and he showed plenty of heart to fight through his troubles, and the way he was able to play some unstoppable basketball in the grand final puts him in the mix to play for the Boomers at the Rio Olympics.

He has been named in the initial 26-man squad.

Jawai himself was left delighted with what he achieved this NBL season and for what he helped the Wildcats accomplish.

"I came here to win. People say I've been coming here to recover or to try and get myself back to the form that I used to play at. There's a bit of truth to that, but the most important thing was about winning here," Jawai said.

"I haven't won a championship in a while, since I was back in Spain (2011), so to win something here in the NBL is really special. Winning this championship means a lot to me because I know how much hard work has gone into it, not only for myself, but the whole club, to finally beat the Breakers."



Nathan Jawai shoots for goal for the Perth Wildcats.

Jack of all trades



SHORE (Church of England Grammar School) student Jack Meyers is making a name for himself in two sports – soccer and rowing.

Jack, a Year 12 student from Coffs Harbour, was a member of Shore's winning First Fours at the NSW AAGPS (Athletic Association of Great Public Schools) Head of the River regatta at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith on March 12.

Newington College tried to steal the race

by pushing hard early.

But Shore held their nerve and took the lead about the halfway mark of the 2000m race and forged ahead to win by 2.8 seconds, or about 1.5 boat lengths.

Jack also played a key part in Shore winning the GPS soccer competition and was named winner of the GPS Golden Boot award. It was just the second time Shore had won the competition.

The 6ft 3in (190cm) striker has a scholarship at Shore and has been at the school since Year 8.



The winning Shore First Fours after their GPS Yaralla Cup Head of the River win at Penrith. Jack Meyers is at the far left. Rowing pictures: Melba Studios



The Shore team crosses the line at Penrith. Jack Meyers is the bow rower.



Shore's winning GPS soccer team. Jack Myers is second from the left in the back row.

Beach volleyball becomes a Commonwealth Games sport

BEACH volleyball will make its Commonwealth Games debut on the Gold Coast in 2018 after a successful appeal by the Queensland Government.

The sport had been set to debut at the 2022 Games in Durban, South Africa.

However Queensland Games minister Stirling Hinchliffe appealed to bring it forward four years, wanting the event to showcase the Gold Coast's great beaches.

The Commonwealth Games

Federation's endorsement means the 2018 Games will have the most number of sports ever contested – 18 – in the 21 editions of the Games.

Beach volleyball debuted in the Olympics in 1996 and Australia won gold at the home Olympics in Sydney 2000.

Now Volleyball Australia president Craig Carracher is confident Australian beach volleyballers can reap a similar reward at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. – AAP



Taliqua Clancy, right, with Indigenous coach Steve Tutton and teammate Louise Bawden. Picture: Peter Argent

Taliqua bows out in Brazil



INDIGENOUS Australian Taliqua Clancy and teammate Louise Bawden turned around their

fortunes on the second day of the Rio beach volleyball Grand Slam at Copacabana Beach, but missed out on advancing to the next round.

Bawden and Clancy are almost assured of a place in the Rio Olympic Games later this year and the Copacabana Beach tournament was an opportunity for them to experience the Olympic venue.

World under 23 champions Mariafe Artacho del Solar and Nikki Laird, ranked 30th at this event, pulled off a convincing 21-18, 21-18 win over American 19th seeds Jennifer Kessy and Emily Day to finish third in their pool and advance to the elimination round.

There was also a good result for the top ranked Australian team of Bawden and Clancy, who, like del Solar and Laird, had lost both their opening pool matches.

Sixth-seeded Bawden and Clancy finished on top in their third three-set match of the tournament, beating hometown favourites Maria Antonelli and Liliane Maestrini

21-18, 14-21, 15-10.

But the win was not enough to lift the Australians from the bottom of their pool, with three of the four teams all finishing with just the one win.

Artacho del Solar and Laird had to win their way through qualifying to make the main draw in Rio, with their form confirming their favouritism for this month's Asian championships at Manly Beach.

Bawden and Clancy had a frustrating opening day.

They started positively in both their pool matches before being overrun in three sets.

They took the opening set 21-18 over German 27th seeds Chantal Laboureur and Julia Sude before losing the next two 16-21, 12-15.

In their second pool match against Chinese 22nd seeds Fan Wang and Yuan Yue, Bawden and Clancy once again started strongly, winning the opening set 21-17 before dropping the next two 17-21, 13-15.

While Bawden and Clancy are almost certain to qualify for the Olympics, based on current world rankings, Laird and Artacho del Solar will need to win the Asian Continental Olympic qualifiers, to be held in Australia in June.

Tjimarri to tackle Stawell Gift



SOUTH Australian beach sprinter and track athlete Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera, pictured, will start off 5.75m in this month's Stawell Gift.

Sanderson-Milera was a finalist last year.



Matildas eye Rio glory



STAR striker Kyah Simon believes a first-ever Australian Olympic Games medal in football for either gender is a realistic target after the

Matildas completed a highly successful Asian qualifying tournament.

Australia held on to top spot after Emily Van Egmond equalised with five minutes remaining against China in Osaka on March 9.

The 1-1 draw ensured Australia completed the intense 10-day tournament undefeated with four wins from five matches, shoring up a ticket to Rio along with China.

Simon and goalkeeper Lydia Williams are Indigenous players.

With confidence at an all-time high, the Matildas are now focused on a podium finish in Rio.

"After the past ten days, we have a belief that we are genuine medal contenders," said Simon.

"And we have further scope to grow and improve.

"We are definitely going there to compete for a medal, not to make up the numbers."

The Matildas best showing at an Olympic Games was to reach the last-eight at Athens 2004, while their male counterparts peaked with a fourth-placed finish at Barcelona in 1992.

Australia made it to the quarterfinals at last year's World Cup in a spirited performance that captured widespread media attention.

Top goalscorer

But Simon, whose four goals saw her finish as the tournament's top goalscorer, says the team has improved markedly in recent months.

"We have improved in leaps and bounds since the World Cup," Simon said.

"A lot of that goes down to being on the same page defensively, and having an aggressive mindset in defence.

"We have a lot of quality attackers in our team, so when you have the

defensive stuff worked out, you are in good shape.

"We put a lot of focus on our physical condition ahead of the tournament, and that meant we could play at a high intensity throughout all five matches.

"We have shown that we can beat some of the best teams in the world, and it is just so exciting for the Olympics."

The Matildas received a message of support from Sydney 2000 gold medallist Cathy Freeman following their booking a passage to Rio.

Despite that inspiration, Australia were relatively flat against China, but still found a way to earn a share of the spoils thanks to a trademark comeback.

"It was probably our worst performance of the tournament, so it was disappointing from that standpoint," said Simon.

"But to cap it off by finishing top is a huge achievement and we are very proud of what we achieved."

Matildas coach Alen Stajcic says the sky is the limit for his exciting young team, targeting a world top three ranking and a World Cup title, as well as Olympic success in Rio.

Better to come

Stajcic and his world No 9 Matildas were saluted by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in Sydney on March 7 following their unbeaten run through the Asian Olympic qualifying tournament in Japan.

Stajcic was quick to declare there was much better to come, pointing to the youthfulness of his squad.

Of the 20 players at the Olympic qualifying event, co-captain Lisa De Vanna was the only one aged over 30, with seven under 23 and another seven no older than 25.

"There's just so much talent within this group," Stajcic said.

"They are still so young, that's the best part.

"The majority of players are still between 20 and 24 years of age so the world is our oyster if we keep improving and working hard and we'll be ranked five or six come the next rankings.

"Our goal is to push ahead by the next

World Cup, to be in the top three.

"The sky is the limit for this team.

"There's a lot of pats on the back this week and we accept all those, but we know we're not the finished product yet.

More work to be done

"We know there's a lot of work to be done to get to the level that we think we're capable of and we're not setting any limits on this team.

"Our goal is to be a world champion one day."

The Matildas are bullish about fulfilling

a prediction from Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull that they will play in the Olympic gold medal game in Rio.

Mr Turnbull told the team: "Australia is proud of you. All the very best for Rio. We will be playing for gold absolutely."

Matildas co-captain Lisa De Vanna did not shy away from the high expectation being heaped on the team.

"This time it's different. This time we're actually going there to win things," said De Vanna, the only member of the squad who played in the 2004 Athens Games.

-AAP



● LEFT: Kyah Simon attacks the ball during Australia's 1-1 draw with China in the final Rio Olympics Asian qualifying match in Osaka, Japan.



● BELOW: Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and his wife Lucy with the Matildas after their return from Japan. Kyah Simon is second from the left in the front row.

Small communities 'don't stand a chance'

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May 7, Coffs Harbour on May 21, Newcastle on June 4 and Sydney on June 25.

The Knockout began in 1971 when six young Aboriginal men – Bill Kennedy, Bob Smith, Vic Wright, Dan Rose, Bob Morgan and George Jackson (deceased) – were connected to the now defunct Koorie United Rugby League Club.

The founders said the Knockout was a cultural and sporting phenomenon that had grown over its 46-year history to become the most eagerly awaited event on the Aboriginal calendar in NSW.

"One of the defining principles and objectives of the original Knockout was to create a space within which the tremendous rugby league skill and talent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players could be put on display," the founders said.

"Another equally important objective was to host a carnival where culture, and what it means to be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, could be celebrated.

"The annual Knockout is a sporting and cultural event like no other in Australia. The esteem it brings to the winners and their communities and the dignified manner in which the other competitors accept their performance are some things that all the

founders are immensely proud of.

"In recent years, the founders have been approached on a number of occasions by individuals and teams who have expressed their concerns about a variety of issues, including the apparent privileging of a minority of teams that are able to attract NRL and other professional players over the majority of other teams and communities who cannot.

"They argue that the Knockout has become driven by money concerns and that only those teams that are able to attract and/or raise money stand a reasonable chance of winning the Knockout."

Community concerns

The founders said they decided that in the lead-up to the 50th anniversary of the Knockout that something needed to be done to ease community concerns and to provide a greater level of transparency and equity.

They said they had met on a number of occasions to consider what options were available to them and to consider how there could be a broader community and team-based discussion about the future of the Knockout.

They have drafted a paper titled Future Proofing the Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. The paper canvasses a

number of the issues and concerns and offers a possible way forward.

Their next move is to host a series of team/community consultations across NSW to gauge community/team views and to establish if there is an agreed position on the future of the Knockout.

"The founders wish to make it clear that they are not attempting to take over the Knockout – rather their objective is to help craft a model for the organisation and conduct of the Knockout that attempts, as much as possible, to give all teams and their communities the opportunity to win the Knockout," they said.

Prof Morgan told the *Koori Mail* that the founders were not opposed to having elite players take part in the Knockout.

What concerned him was the 'clustering' of elite players in just a few teams.

"It's reached the point where there are just a few teams that have a real chance of winning the Knockout," he said.

"All the small communities that send teams don't stand a chance.

"Money seems to play too big a part these days."

Prof Morgan said he wanted the Knockout to return to the days when young players from small and large communities could show their potential to rugby league talent scouts.

He said the founders planned to establish a web page so that people could view their paper Future Proofing the Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

The *Koori Mail* will publish the web link address once it has been established.

Knockout a game for the people – Burney

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professional and high quality it can be, for example, through the provision of referees, insurances and professional medical services.

"There is no move nor any motivation in the Knockout to be anything other than a game for the people.

"The press release issued regarding these consultations contained a work in progress paper of the ALRIC which was released without discussion or authorisation from the ALRIC. This is unfortunate as the council's advice will invariably be sought at the conclusion of this round of consultations.

"The council looks forward to continuing to support the Redfern All Blacks in hosting another successful Knockout in 2016 and any future winners of the Knockout."

2016 AFL season:

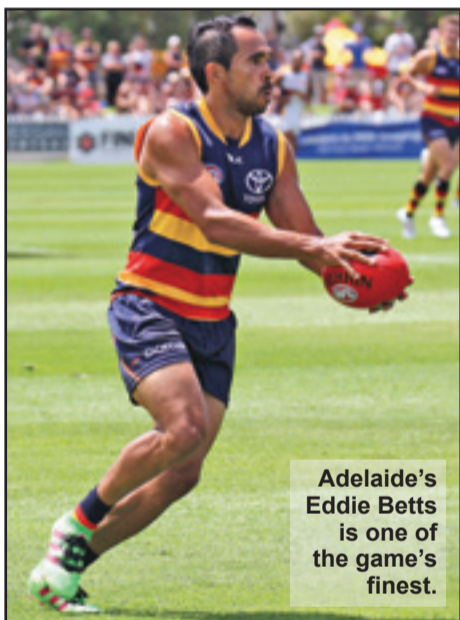
KOOORI Mail Australian football correspondent Peter Argent runs his ruler over the Indigenous players lining up in this year's Australian Football League (AFL) competition. The season kicks off tomorrow, March 24, when Richmond takes on Carlton at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

ADELAIDE (5)

Eddie Betts (45 games, 114 goals for Adelaide; 184 AFL games, 290 AFL goals), Charlie Cameron (29, 38), Cam Ellis-Yolmen (12, 3), Curtly Hampton (0, 0; 51,10), Wayne Milera (0, 0).

Adelaide are expected to have one of the most dynamic forward lines in the competition, led by Eddie Betts, an All-Australia small forward from last year.

Wayne Milera, a silky smooth first year player from Central District, who showed great polish in the pre-season, is vying with West Australian lad Charlie Cameron for the other small forward role.



Adelaide's Eddie Betts is one of the game's finest.

Curtly Hampton arrives at Adelaide with a desire to force his way into the midfield, while after five years on the list at West Lakes, Cam Ellis-Yolmen will be hoping for a big year and winning a consistent position in the best XXII at the Crows.

During the final one-third of the 2016 minor round, Betts is expected to join the 200-club.

BRISBANE (2)

Allen Christensen (22, 19; 87, 75), Josh McGuinness (0, 0).

Allen Christensen, a Geelong premiership player in his initial season of AFL football in 2011, played all 22 games last year and was fifth in the best and fairest award, despite coming off a back operation. He is seen as one of the new generation leaders at Lions.

McGuinness will be looking for his initial opportunities at senior level after playing 13 NEAFL games with the Brisbane reserves side last winter, displaying athleticism and strong decision-making skills.

CARLTON (3)

Liam Jones (9, 7; 75, 75), Clem Smith (7, 0), Andrew Walker (191, 130).

Andrew Walker, a stalwart of the Blues who debuted in 2004, can play at either end of the ground. Capable of a big grab,



Brisbane's Allen Christensen could have a big year.

Walker captured mark of the year in 2012. He is set to become a 200-game player with the club this season.

Nuggety and explosive small defender Clem Smith enters his second season after showing glimpses of his immense talent at AFL level and with the Northern Blues in the VFL.

It is a critical campaign for Blues tall forward and second-generation AFL football Liam Jones.

He made his debut in 2010 with the Bulldogs, and was inconsistent in his first season with the Blues.

COLLINGWOOD (1)

Travis Varcoe (22, 10; 160, 140).

With two September flags and a pre-season title with Geelong, Travis Varcoe reinvigorated his career with Collingwood last year, playing every game.

He was a consistent performer last winter and finished in the top 10 in the



Travis Varcoe will be in his second season at the Magpies.

Copeland Medal (Collingwood's best and fairest).

Varcoe, who originated from South Australia, is versatile, being able to play in all three zones on the ground – forward, back and through the middle.

ESSENDON (6)

Courtenay Dempsey (119, 31), Yestin Eades (0, 0), Shaun Edwards (9, 8; 21, 10), Jake Long (0, 0), Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti (0, 0), Mathew Stokes (0, 0; 189, 203).

Having been at the Bombers since 2006, Courtenay Dempsey is now in the twilight stage of his career. He secured a one-year deal, but will spend the first three rounds on the sidelines completing a suspension. His experience will be invaluable to the hastily put together squad for 2016.

Darwin export Mat Stokes arrived as a 'top up' player for 2016. He has natural speed and had a great awareness around the goals. He just needs 11 games to join the 200-AFL game club milestone.

Shaun Edwards – another Northern Territorian – started to find his feet at the top level last year and is expected to get more opportunities.

Jake Long, the son of club champion Michael, is a second-year rookie, while Tiwi talent Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, after playing with the Bombers' VFL side last year, had originally been rookie-listed, but is chance to be upgraded.

FREMANTLE (9)

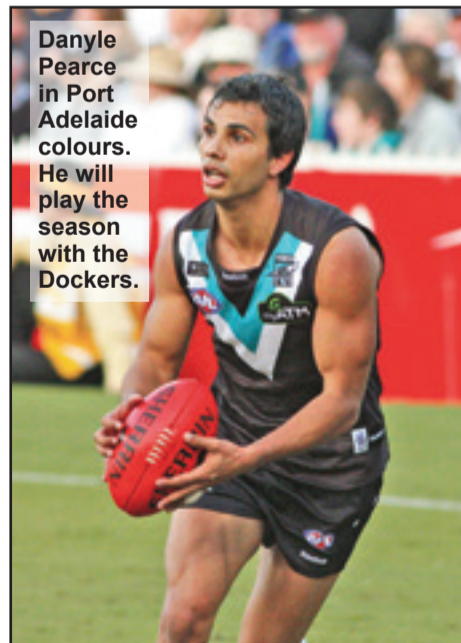
Harley Bennell (0, 0; 81, 92), Brady Grey (1, 0), Jonathon Griffin (36, 20), Stephen Hill (151, 100), Michael Johnson (205, 63), Alex Pearce (13, 3), Danyle Pearce (72, 43; 226,119), Michael Walters (72, 141), Shane Yarran (0, 0).

With a league-high nine Aboriginal players, The Dockers – preliminary finalists last year – are seen as contenders again.

Running wingman Stephen Hill and damaging small forward (and leading goal kicker) Michael Waters were among the top five in the Doig Medal best and fairest count. Both are key components of a grand final charge this year, as is veteran defender Michael Johnson.

Returning home after a tumultuous 2015, Harley Bennell is expected to add run and excitement to the midfield, while former South Australian Danyle Pearce is entering his 12th year after starting in 2005 with Port Adelaide as a rookie.

Jono Griffin will be vying for the second ruck/forward role, supporting the biggest man in the code Aaron Sandilands.



Danyle Pearce in Port Adelaide colours. He will play the season with the Dockers.

Tasmanian exports Alex Pearce (13 games) and Brady Grey (one game) grabbed their first taste of senior football last winter and will be looking to consolidate this year.

If Shane Yarran can transition to an AFL footballer this season, it will be a remarkable journey for the 2015 Bernie Naylor Medallist (WAFL leading goal kicker).

GEELONG (3)

Zac Bates (0, 0), Nakia Cockatoo (11, 3), Steven Motlop (88, 115).

After a brilliant second half of the year, Steven Motlop was runner-up in the Carji Greeves Medal last season and with his X-factor, Motlop is now a marquee player in the competition.

Nakia Cockatoo – another Top End talent – displayed plenty of promise in his



Nakia Cockatoo is about to embark on his second year with the Cats, and is a rising star.

initial year at the Cats and looks like he'll develop into a prime mover in the club's midfield over the next couple of years.

West Adelaide lad Zac Bates – listed in 2014 and now going into his third year as rookie – played 12 VFL in 2015 and needs a strong campaign.

GOLD COAST (7)

Callum Ah Chee (0, 0), Jarrod Garlett (9, 4), Jarrod Harbrow (93, 27; 163, 40), Sean Lemmens (36, 6), Jack Martin (23, 21), Brandon Matera (74, 78), Steven May (71, 15).

Jarrod Harbrow – one of the three most experienced footballers at the Gold Coast – is an on-field leader for the Suns.

Key position player Steven May and small forward/midfielder Brandon Matera debuted in 2011 and need to take their footy to the next level.

Running defender Sean Lemmens has progressed nicely in his first two years, and Jack Martin has displayed attributes that suggest he could be a superstar of the competition.

WA lad Jarrod Garlett grabbed his first taste last year with nine appearances, while Callum Ah Chee is an exciting prospect and should get game time in his first season.

GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY (5)

Paul Ahern (0, 0), Jeremy Finlayson (0, 0), Jarrod Pickett (0, 0), Zac Williams (31, 9), Nathan Wilson, (32, 9).

The Giants – the AFL's 18th franchise – have five players still in the embryonic stages of their careers.

The trio of Paul Ahern, Jeremy Finlayson and Jarrod Pickett were drafted

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players to watch

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at the end of 2014 and spent their initial season in the NEAFL with the Giants reserves, but expect them to make big strides this winter.

Zac Williams and Nathan Wilson played 31 and 32 games respectively and will be looking to consolidate their positions.

HAWTHORN (5)

Shaun Burgoyne (138, 73; 295, 244), Bradley Hill (75, 47), Kieran Lovell (0, 0), Jermaine Miller-Lewis (0, 0), Cyril Rioli (157, 221).

Looking to move the current generation of Hawks into football immortality with a fourth successive title, Hawthorn has two of the current Aboriginal champions of the game.

Shaun Burgoyne, who started at Port, needs just five games to join the special group of 300-game AFL footballers, while Cyril Rioli is the most explosive player in the competition, along with being the reigning Norm Smith Medallist.

Brad Hill has been in the AFL for just



Shaun Burgoyne is just five games short of making the 300-game club. He and Cyril Rioli are keys to Hawthorn winning four premierships on the trot.

four seasons and already a three-time premiership player, being an elite ball carrier with terrific speed and endurance.

Tasmanian lad Kieran Lovell proved to be a ball magnet at under-age level last year and is expected to ply his trade at Box Hill initially, while rookie listed Jermaine Miller-Lewis displayed his versatility with the Hawks VFL affiliate Box Hill last year.

MELBOURNE (3)

Jeff Garlett (22, 40; 129, 233), Neville Jetta (73, 21), Jay Kennedy-Harris (22, 11).

Jeff Garlett – another of the many talents to have departed from Carlton – finished second on Melbourne's goal-kicking list last year with 40 goals, proving he is still a capable forward.

Neville Jetta – a player the Demons have persevered with – played 16 games last winter and looks to have found his niche in the side.

Jay Kennedy-Harris had a bit of second-year blues last season, but, with his pace and footy smarts, expect him to rebound this season.

NORTH MELBOURNE (3)

Jed Anderson (0, 0; 10, 4), Lindsay Thomas (174, 283), Daniel Wells (224, 145).

After a frustrating run with injury last year which restricted Daniel Wells to just a pair of AFL games, having the silky smooth dual best and fairest winning midfielder on deck in 2016 will be a real bonus for the Roos.

Now in his 10th year at the top level, Mallee Park junior Lindsay Thomas performed his role admirably as a half forward and was one of five North forwards who kicked more than 30 goals.

After failing to get a consistent game



Lindsay Thomas is entering his 10th year with the Kangaroos.

time at the Hawks over the past three years, Jed Anderson has crossed town to Arden Street in an endeavour to become a regular AFL footballer.

PORT ADELAIDE (8)

Brendon Ah Chee (11, 6), Karl Amon (7, 5), Jarman Impey (35, 4), Aidyn Johnson (0, 0), Nathan Krakouer (54, 12), Jake Neade (34, 30), Patrick Ryder (18, 18, 118, 135), Chad Wingard (89, 148).

Ken Hinkley's Power side has the second highest contingent of Indigenous players on its list, but unfortunately due to the Essendon 2012 scandal, key ruckman-forward Paddy Ryder will be on the sidelines.

Port Adelaide will still have a potent forward line, with marquee talent Chad Wingard a lynchpin and Jake Neade



Chad Wingard is one of the best players in the AFL.

looking to consolidate in his fourth year.

Brendan Ah Chee and Jarman Impey moved up the pecking order last year and are looking to be regular members of the side.

Left-footer Karl Amon is another who will be pressing for more game time this year, while Aidyn Johnson will start with the Magpies in the SANFL.

Port has upgraded the versatile 27-year-old Nathan Krakouer to the senior list, from his spot as a rookie, and he now needs to overcome a hamstring issue and a suspension to be considered.

RICHMOND (4)

Nathan Drummond (1, 0), Shane Edwards (168, 114), Daniel Rioli (0, 0), Chris Yarran (0, 0; 119, 90).

As the Tigers endeavour to go deep into the major round this year, they have increased their running power, trading for Chris Yarran from Carlton. Now 25, he is in the prime of his career, but will be out of action for up to six weeks with a foot injury.

Shane Edwards was set for a blockbuster 2015 and was a leading performer before breaking his leg in round 15. A broken collarbone in the final trial will delay his start to the season by six weeks.

Nathan Drummond – enduring a knee



Chris Yarran is looking for a fresh start at the Richmond Tigers.

reconstruction last year on debut – must ensure he is fully recovered before returning to the demands of AFL football.

Daniel Rioli, despite his famous name, is looking to put his own mark on the competition and could be playing early in the season.

ST KILDA (1)

Jade Gresham (0, 0).

A big chance to play early for the Saints, Jade Gresham is a natural footballer who can play a variety of roles from small forward to defence and go through the middle.

As captain of the Northern Knights under 18s team last season, he is expected to quickly develop into a young leader.

SYDNEY (2)

Abe Davis (0, 0), Lance Franklin (39, 126; 221, 706).

While Abe Davis didn't play an AFL game in his initial AFL season, he did don

the Aboriginal All Stars jumper last year and was among the best players in eight of the 17 games in the NEAFL.

Competition superstar Lance Franklin missed the finals with a health issue, but still was the club's leading goal kicker, with 47 goals from 17 games.



Abe Davis is set to step onto the AFL stage and make a big impression.

Early indications are he's fit and raring to go. Expect a bumper season from 'Buddy'.

WEST COAST (5)

Jamie Bennell (28, 1; 85, 24), Josh Hill (73, 111; 139, 186) Lewis Jetta (0, 0; 127, 99), Malcolm Karpany (0, 0), Sharrod Wellingham (47, 17; 139, 72).

West Coast, grand finalists in 2015, have engineered the return of local WA product Lewis Jetta, a 2012 Swans premiership player, to add speed to the midfield.

After receiving limited opportunities last year, Jamie Bennell showed signs he could be used as a small forward during the NAB Challenge, while Josh Hill kicked 40 goals last season as a medium forward to compliment Coleman Medallist Josh Kennedy.

Sharrod Wellingham had a top 10 place in the John Worsfold Medal and looked comfortable in his role as a defender.

Now in his third year on the Eagles list, Moonta lad Malcolm Karpany needs to make some inroads this season.

WESTERN BULLDOGS (3)

Joel Hamling (11, 0), Brad Lynch (0, 0), Koby Stevens (51, 27, 62, 29).

After three seasons with the Cats in the VFL, versatile talent Joel Hamling had a breakout 2015, playing 11 games. He is expected to develop further under Luke Beverage.

Fearless midfield type Koby Stevens has been in AFL programs since 2010 and has settled in the Bulldogs line-up.

Rookie Brad Lynch, who doesn't turn 19 until July, will spend his time in the VFL with Footscray.

This raw-boned WA lad from Swan Districts rebounds strongly from defence.

Women's team to tour India



INDIGENOUS cricket history has been made with the selection of Australia's first national Indigenous women's team to tour India in May.

The squad of 14 will travel to Delhi and Mumbai from May 20-30 for two 50-over matches and four T20s against Delhi, Mumbai, Payadde Sports Club and Global Cricket School women's teams, as well as the Cricket Club of India and Bombay Gymkhana men's teams.

Coinciding with International Women's Day, the team was announced at a reception in Canberra hosted by Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove.

The team has been selected based on performances at the recent National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Alice Springs – which had a record number of female participants – as well as performances at club level around the country.

Eighteen-year-old Commonwealth Bank Shooting Star and Sydney Sixer Ashleigh Gardner will captain the side, supported by former Australia under-19 and ACT Meteor Sally

Moylan as vice-captain. Gardner and Moylan attended the reception at Government House in Canberra on March 8, joined by Faith Thomas – the first Indigenous Australian to represent Australia in sport when she made her Test debut in 1958.

Former ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year and four-times Australian Women's Cricketer of the Year Shelley Nitschke will coach the team on the tour.

Opportunity

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland said: "It's a fantastic opportunity for each of the women selected."

"The team will build on the success and opportunities that the men's national Indigenous side has enjoyed, helping our most talented female Indigenous cricketers reach new heights through additional high-performance opportunities."

"The first national Indigenous women's team comes at a time when Indigenous and female cricket are thriving. Indigenous cricket participation has hit a record 26,000 participants and female participation – as cricket's fastest growing area – is also at record numbers of

290,000. We wish the team every success for the tour."

The tour of India is supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Australia-India Council as a program that will build awareness and understanding between Australia and India, in this instance through sport and Indigenous culture.

Two secondary school students and one teacher from the Stars Foundation will join the squad on tour as part of the partnership between Cricket Australia and the Foundation, through which 500 Indigenous girls play cricket as part of their education.

The squad was selected by Cricket Australia (CA) national female pathway manager Shawn Flegler, CA head of community engagement Sam Almaliki, and CA Indigenous cricket officer Paul Stewart.

The squad is: Emily Bowden (WA), Sara Darney (NSW), Carly Fuller (Qld), Ashleigh Gardner (NSW), Jacinta Goodger-Chandler (Vic), Samantha Gordon (NSW), Haylee Hoffmeister (NSW), Febi Mansell (SA), Sally Moylan (NT), Kavita Pepper (WA), Natalie Plane (Vic), Roxsanne Van-Veen (NSW), Taylor Wigg (Tas), Samara Williams (WA).



Victorian Natalie Plane is in the touring side. *Picture: Peter Argent*



Kavita Pepper, from Western Australia.



Samantha Gordon has been a fixture in the NSW women's team at the NICC and is one of Australia's best Indigenous cricketers. *Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty*



● LEFT: Rising West Australian player Samara Williams is in the team to tour India.



● RIGHT: Former ACT Meteor player Sally Morgan, who played for the NT at the NICC, has been named vice-captain of the touring Indigenous women's team.



Australian Indigenous national women's cricket team tour captain Ashleigh Gardner played in this year's National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs. *Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty*



Roxsanne Van-Veen's form at the NICC carnival in Alice Springs made her an automatic selection for the tour of India. *Picture: Graham Hunt*

Beale deal looks real



THE NSW Waratahs won't stand in Kurtley Beale's way as odds firm on the Wallaby star backline utility packing his bags for Europe at season's end.

Beale is weighing up a \$2.7 million offer to join London Wasps for two years, a deal neither the Waratahs or Australian Rugby Union can match.

Waratahs and Wallabies defence coach Nathan Grey says the decision is entirely Beale's, but believes the 27-year-old – now a 60-Test veteran – is mature enough to cope overseas after a turbulent career dogged by off-field controversies.

Beale openly admitted when he returned to Sydney in 2014 after an ill-fated

two-season stint with the Melbourne Rebels that he welcomed his family support to help keep him on track.

"Everyone's different when they go overseas," Grey said ahead of the Waratahs' hosting of Super Rugby champions the Highlanders last Friday night.

"Having lived in Japan for five years personally and knowing a number of people who do travel overseas, it's a case-by-case situation.

"But he's a strong young man and he's someone who would handle that without a problem."

Grey, though, admits losing Beale – who would remain eligible for Wallabies selection after reaching the 60-Test criteria

during last year's Rugby World Cup – would be a huge blow for the Waratahs.

"But that's the landscape of international rugby these days," Grey said.

"Those opportunities present themselves for KB and if him and his family and his management decide that that's the best for him, we'd be very supportive of him.

Great contributor

"He's been an outstanding contributor to the Waratahs and Australian rugby over a number of years.

"No doubt he's going to continue doing that for the 2016 season so I'm looking forward to working with him."

Beale also has the backing of code-hopping teammate Israel Folau.

"All that stuff is Kurtley's business and for us, as players around him, we've got nothing to do with that," Folau said.

"He's got his management to deal with that and I think his mindset is definitely on the game on Friday."

Grey says regardless of what lay ahead, Beale's focus was very much on the here and now for the Waratahs.

"He's been probably our most consistent trainer throughout the pre-season leading into the first couple of rounds," Grey said.

"So there's no doubt in terms of his commitment to the Waratahs.

"He's executing at training and he's executing at the game, so you can't ask for any more than that from your playmaker."

– AAP

Title No 31 for Saint Mary's

By PETER ARGENT



IN a heart-stopper, St Mary's beat the favourites, the Muk Muk Wanderers by two points in the

2016 Northern Territory Football League grand final last Saturday night at TIO Stadium, Darwin

In a low-scoring game of attrition, Saints won 7.8 (50) to the Muk Muks' 7.6 (48).

Dean Rioli's Wanderers looked in control through the middle stages of the match and entered the final stanza with an eight-point lead.

But Rival coach Rick Nolan gambled late in the game by moving some of his players forward.

The move paid off, with Shannon Rioli, being in the forward 50 and in a position to kick the match-winner.

"It's the first time I've done that (kicked the game sealer)," Rioli told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was unbelievable, and it (the ball) just went though.

"I didn't know where the goals were and threw my boot at it."

This match started with plenty of physicality.

After a defensive first quarter with Saints' Justin Cooper kicking the only goal,

the Wanderers hit top gear with four goals in the final 12 minutes of the second term, taking a six-point advantage into the main interview.

Both defences stood up stoically in the humid conditions.

"It was our hardness at the contest and self-belief that got this win," St Mary's defender Jack Long said.

"The boys were prepared to throw their bodies on the line for the cause.

"It just shows the character of this group and our club."

Former St Kilda footballer Raphael Clarke was among the Saints' best, while key defender Daniel Weetra led the way for the Wanderers.

For St Mary's, this was their 31st NTFL premier league flag since the club's inauguration 64 years ago.

In the division one grand final, AFL and Northern Territory great Michael 'Magic' McLean coached the Tracey Village Razorbacks to their inaugural premiership.

Players in the first Razorbacks premiership included former Brisbane Lion Anthony Corrie and his brother Martin. Magic's son Gavin, Christopher Kickett, Francis Vigona-Daniel and Dermott Tipungwuti were other Indigenous players in this victory.



The Wanderers' Josh Cubillo attempts a mark as the Saints' Darren Ewing tries to crash the pack. Pictures: Peter Argent



Former St Kilda AFL player Raph Clarke celebrates St Mary's win in Darwin.



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Push to revamp NSW Knockout

Little to crow about



Roosters National Rugby League (NRL) newcomer Latrell Mitchell is tackled by the Cowboys' Johnathan Thurston and others during the round three NRL match at Townsville last Thursday night. The Roosters were thumped 40-0 and are 0-3 after three rounds. Picture: AAP
● Latrell Mitchell is his own man, says Preston Campbell – page 55



THE founders of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout are behind a push to establish a body to better plan and coordinate future Knockouts.

The six founders are planning a series of meetings around NSW to allow team and community consultation.

They are concerned that the Knockout is losing its connection with its grassroots and that there is too much focus on winning.

Spokesman Bob Morgan told the *Koori Mail* the founders were in no way trying to take over the Knockout.

They want the event to remain in the hands of the Aboriginal communities.

"The founders of the Knockout wish to stress that they are only interested in making the Knockout the event that everyone would like it to be," they said in a press release.

"The founders are firmly of the

view that none of the established rugby league organisations (NRL, NSWRL or CRL) should have a controlling influence or role with the Knockout.

"It was started as the people's Knockout and it should remain so."

The founders said there were committed to helping create a vision and a model for the Knockout that built on its wonderful history and tradition so that it remained linked to its original community base and its sporting objectives.

They wanted to see a model that would take the Knockout into the next 40 years and beyond.

To give people the opportunity to express their views, the founders will hold a series of meetings, starting at Dubbo on April 9 at the Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council offices.

Other meetings will be held in Griffith on April 16, Batemans Bay on April 30, Tamworth on

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Knockout a game for the people – Burney

RUGBY league officialdom has no intention of taking control of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, according to Linda Burney.

Ms Burney is the chair of the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council (ARLIC), made up of eight Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders who advise the National Rugby League on Indigenous matters.

Responding to moves by the founders of the Aboriginal Knockout that they were calling a series of meetings across NSW to discuss the future of the Knockout, Ms Burney said:

"Let us be very clear about a few things.

"Firstly, the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council welcomes any community consultations on improving the opportunity for Aboriginal people to participate in rugby league.



Linda Burney

"The game has no desire or interest in having any control over the Knockout, but is integral to making it the most

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