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Anangu fight Uluru climb



ANANGU education and interpretation officer Rita Okai, from Mutitjulu, leads a plant walk at Uluru in central Australia for tourists every day. She's proud to teach visitors about bush foods, animals, trees to make tools and traditional burning, but the best thing about the job, she says, is being able to live on country and look after the land. Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles sparked controversy last month when he said he supported tourists being allowed to climb Uluru, which is against the wishes of traditional owners. Anangu people say there are plenty of other exciting opportunities for tourists without climbing Uluru, and they would like it banned. Full report page 5. Picture: Jillian Mundy

NT fund fury



THE Northern Territory's Northern and Central land councils are furious over Commonwealth plans for the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA). The Government is moving to change the management of the ABA, which administers

grants to Aboriginal organisations from mining royalties on Aboriginal land in the NT. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion is planning to reduce the number of land council representatives on the benefits fund advisory committee from 14 to 10 and possibly appoint two businesspeople. The Minister has been accused of

meddling too much in the ABA, and the latest move comes as a court appeal continues relating to Senator Scullion's controversial decision to strip the Groote Eylandt-based Machado Joseph Disease Foundation of account funds approved by the previous government. Central Land Council chair Francis Kelly

condemned the new ABA plans, saying Senator Scullion should give responsibility for Aboriginal money back to the elected representatives of Aboriginal people. "It should be our priorities that count, not the Government's," he said. ● Full report, page 5 ● Editorial, page 20

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WE'RE an active family who loves to bushwalk and take adventures together and we live close to the bush at our home in Engadine West.

We're lucky where we are because my son Bailey, 10, has found a cave in the bush where he plays for hours and I can see the kids playing in the bush when I look out the kitchen window.

He even found his totem – the tree goanna – nearby.

I wasn't allowed to identify as Aboriginal when I was younger, so it's important to me that my kids do and that they're aware of their culture.

As a group, we do a lot of family dinners to celebrate birthdays and come together with extended family, especially with my husband's mother.

Bailey plays AFL. He used to play rugby league but I didn't like the culture. It was all about winning and being the best.

I like to teach my kids to be resilient and participate and try their best, rather than win trophies.

My daughter Kyanne, 9, does Girl Guides. She also used to do gymnastics and she loved that too.

Really, I just try to be the best mum to my kids as I can be. I teach them to be respectful of their friends and to stand tall and proud.

We're also a family of sports-lovers, and together we watch the Sydney Swans Aussie rules club whenever they play.

Another tradition of ours is going to the Anzac Dawn service. We love being able to pay respects to our soldiers and the kids have been going since they were babies.

I am a Wiradjuri (western NSW) woman but we live on Dharawal land (western Sydney).



Karen Armstrong with her children Kyanne and Bailey.

We went to the Appin Massacre memorial at Cataract Dam because I thought we should pay respects to our soldiers. We should pay respects to those people who lost their lives during colonisation, too.

I try to explain to the children what happened because it's meant to be on the school curriculum, but it's not the full story, and I try to do it in soft words.

I try to teach my kids Aboriginal history and my husband and I work towards teaching them to be good people.

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OUR CHILDREN



KRYS Howard, Preston Sullivan, Samara Jones-Bohan and Sara Dynevor with an artwork painted for display during the Anzac Day ceremony at the Murri School in Brisbane. Full report and more pictures, page 32.

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Sen film to open festival

Josh (Alex Russell) and Jay Swan (Aaron Pedersen) in *Goldstone*.



ABORIGINAL filmmaker Ivan Sen's new movie *Goldstone*, starring Aaron Pedersen, David Gulpilil and Tom E Lewis, will open this year's Sydney Film Festival.

Goldstone is the fourth feature by Mr Sen and reprises Mr Pedersen's role of the troubled detective Jay Swan, who audiences first met in *Mystery Road*, which opened Sydney Film Festival in 2013.

Shot on location in the remote settlement

of Middleton (population three) in western Queensland, *Goldstone's* story weaves through a range of issues including land rights, mining, the Stolen Generations, cultural destruction, people trafficking, greed, loneliness and love.

"You get the sense you must offer something special to be invited back to open the festival for a second time, and we hope that *Goldstone* does do that," Mr Sen said. "It's an extreme privilege for everyone involved to have this exciting opportunity.

"From experience we know the Sydney Film Festival opening night is a very special screening here in Australia.

"*Goldstone* is about us, and our cultural crossroads. The first screening of the film anywhere in the world will be here, at home in our country, on country, where it should be."

Goldstone will screen at Sydney Film Festival's opening night, the State Theatre, at 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 8.

Tickets via sff.org.au or 1300 733 733.

Deadline near for human rights awards



THE National Indigenous Human Rights Awards, now in their third year, will be held on June 9 – and nominations are now open, but closing soon.

This year Yalmay Yunupingu will present the Dr Yunupingu Award for Human Rights, Gail Mabo will present the Eddie Mabo Award for Social Justice and the Anthony Mundine Award for Courage will be presented by Mr Mundine himself.

NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award and Dr Yunupingu Award for Human Rights recipient Tauto Sansbury is one of this year's judges.

"It feels great to be acknowledged for your work by your own people," he said.

"With a high suicide rate and a high incarceration rate and all those other things it's important that the people working in those areas and trying to make change are acknowledged.

"I'll be looking for a commitment to community, someone honest and transparent, when I'm judging.

"Some of these people are not even getting paid for their work. They volunteer seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

Mr Sansbury will be joined on the judging panel by *Koori Mail* columnist and academic Dr Marcus Woolombi Waters.

To nominate someone for the awards go to <http://shaoquettmoselmane.com.au/national-indigenous.php>

Nominations close at 11.59pm on May 6.

Doubts over welfare card

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHILE the Federal Government has rolled out its second trial of the 'Healthy Welfare' card in Western Australia's Kimberley, the Greens say the pilot scheme is already unravelling.

And Liberal elder statesman Philip Ruddock has conceded that there are problems with compulsory income management, if viewed from a human rights perspective.

The Healthy Welfare card, the brainchild of mining billionaire Andrew Forrest, quarantines 80% of Centrelink payments, which can only be spent on approved purchases.

The compulsory income management card is also being trialled in Ceduna, South Australia, where there is a large Aboriginal population.

WA Greens senator Rachel Siewert said there was Aboriginal community opposition to the card in Kununurra and Wyndham in the Kimberley.

"Today throughout Kununurra and Wyndham income support recipients will start receiving the cashless welfare card. There

may be recipients who still don't know that the card is coming," she said.

"The card is going to make life harder for working-age income-support recipients, including those on the Disability Support Pension and Carers Payment.

"The Greens will continue to campaign against the card and defend vulnerable Australians who are being vilified by this card.

"Attack"

"To insinuate that all income support recipients are gambling and abusing drugs and alcohol is a broad-brush attack. We must address drug and alcohol abuse, but the card is the wrong way."

In March, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, chaired by Mr Ruddock, released its review of the Stronger Futures legislation in the NT (the extension of the Intervention).

The report recommended scrapping compulsory income management.

Mr Ruddock told the *Koori Mail* that, while he wasn't across the detail of the Healthy Welfare card, if it were viewed purely from a human rights perspective, there were concerns about blanket compulsory income

management. "In relation to income management, we were arguing that a formal approach – including voluntary income management – should only be imposed when an individual has been properly assessed as not being able to manage their affairs," he said.

"I haven't examined all of the measures surrounding implementation of the Healthy Welfare card, but if it's being implemented in a way in which the community has been consulted and includes a modality that includes individual assessment, it seems to me that would relieve some of the concerns."

Mr Ruddock made the point that the committee's remit was purely to look at the Stronger Futures legislation in relation to Australia's international obligations under various treaties regarding human rights.

"The Government can, in fact, legislate measures that are not human rights compliant," he said.

"We are a country that believes in the rule of law, and our Parliament agreed to consider these impacts – but they don't in fact bind us, although they may be persuasive."



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Gamilaroy surfer walks the plank



GAMILAROY surfer Jamie Archibald walked the plank at the recent Noosa Festival of Surf in Queensland. The difficult surfing move, pictured above, involves moving down the board on a wave in order to hang five toes over the nose of the board – without overbalancing.

“I was born and bred in Newcastle, NSW, but have lived in Port Macquarie for the past 12 years,” Mr Archibald said.
 “I recently competed in the Noosa Festival of Surf, where I finished equal 13th.
 “From 2012 to 2014 I was Port Macquarie

longboard club champion – a really massive achievement for me.
 “I’ve also competed at NSW state titles as well as the Australian titles, but had no success there.”

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Suicide the target of tour

By NATALIE CROMB



WIRADJURI man and 2016 Wagga Wagga Citizen of the Year Joe Williams is continuing his

work in raising awareness of mental health issues and has taken his program 'The Enemy Within' international, recently returning from a tour of the United States.

Along with suicide awareness author Lauren Breen and US suicide survivor Kevin Hines and his wife Margaret, Mr Williams travelled to Cincinnati, Chicago, New York, Kansas and Missouri for the 'Hope, Helps, Heals Tour', which saw more than 10,000 school students taught about suicide, its effects on communities and strategies on overcoming mental health issues

that lead to suicidal thoughts.

Mr Williams captivated the students with his knack of normalising mental health issues to remove the stigma and opening dialogue that allows people to feel confident in reaching out and asking for help.

Students were moved to tears and Mr Williams was rewarded with ovations for his honest account of his history of depression, drug abuse and experience with suicide after his departure from professional rugby league.

Now a professional boxer, Mr Williams advocates healthy mind and body principles.

Back in Australia, Mr Williams says he realises the importance of his work in raising awareness of mental health issues, suicide prevention and the impact he is having nationally and internationally.

He recently ruled out running for Wagga Wagga City Council.

“My commitment to ‘The Enemy Within’ and suicide prevention is a priority with me at the moment and I will be based in America six months of the year,” he said.

“It would be unrealistic to show a full-time commitment to the community whilst spending so much time overseas.”

With epidemic levels of suicide in some Indigenous communities nationally and internationally, Mr Williams is committed to communication that removes stigma and raises awareness.

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline 13 11 14, Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged five to 25) 1800 55 1800 78.

Renowned artist and performer dies



RENOWNED artist, composer and performer David Page has died. A descendant of the Nunkul people and the Munaldjali clan of the Yugambah tribe from south-east

Queensland, Mr Page was artist-in-residence at Bangarra Dance Theatre.

His many achievements included writing

music for the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games and for many of Bangarra’s productions as well as television and film scores. He was also a performer and writer, with his autobiographical cabaret *Page 8* winning prizes.

The Page family and Bangarra have asked for privacy and respect. The *Koori Mail* will run a tribute to Mr Page in a later edition.

Anangu care for country

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Mala guided walk at the base of Uluru is just one opportunity that visitors, who come in their tens of thousands each year to the iconic site, have to learn about Anangu culture from the Anangu people, the traditional owners of the area.

For the Anangu, the Mala (or rufous hare-wallaby) is central to their tjukurpa – the basis of Anangu religion, law and moral systems.

One of the main ancestors are the Mala people, who travelled to Uluru from the north, before fleeing south and south-west to escape an evil dog-like creature called kurpany.

Ceremonies celebrating the Mala dating back thousands of years are still performed today and there are several spiritual places at Uluru associated with them, including the controversial Uluru climb.

The tjukurpa of ancestral beings, such as the Mala, play important roles in the form and features of Uluru, and other places, some hundreds of miles away in the country of other language groups. Some of these places have been destroyed or covered by Western development.

The precarious climbing path up Uluru is held to be the traditional route of ancestral Mala men, and is of great spiritual significance, so Anangu ask visitors not to climb.

Added to this, traditional owners take the safety of visitors



Traditional owner Sammy Wilson shares his culture with visitors to Uluru. Sitting to his left are interpreter Peter Wilson and retired tour guide Wally Jacob.

to their country seriously; each time a visitor has died or been seriously injured on the climb they share the grief.

Now NT Chief Minister Adam Giles, a Kamilaroi man, has told the NT Parliament he supports tourists climbing Uluru.

"I believe that we should explore the idea of creating a climb with stringent safety

conditions and rules enforcing spiritual respect that will be endorsed, supported and even managed by the local Aboriginal community," he said.

"That would see a great opportunity for local Anangu to participate in a lucrative business and create much-needed local jobs on that culturally significant site."

A source of sadness to the Anangu is the extinction of Mala in the wild, as a result of introduced animals and interruptions to Aboriginal burning practices.

In 1999 the Anangu identified reintroduction of Mala as a priority. In 2005, through a captive breeding program, 25 Mala were introduced into an

enclosure not far from the base of Uluru.

Last week Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park staff reported that the Mala population has reached 300 and the enclosure has been rabbit-free for three months.

It is hoped that they will breed in large enough numbers to eventually be released into the wild and contribute to the long-term survival of the species.

Traditional owner and chair of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management Sammy Wilson has never seen one in the wild, but has been passed stories of times when they were abundant and a food source.

He is also one of the Anangu tourist guides who shares aspects of the Mala tjukurpa and his intimate knowledge of his country with visitors.

Mr Wilson has seen Parks managers and staff come and go, but his people are still on their land.

"My people is my people, I grew up with them. I've never been to school all my life – my school is here," he says, pointing back towards Uluru.

Like other Anangu, he encourages visitors to listen to his people's wishes and learn about tjukurpa, advocating for the control of tourism to be in the hands of his people.

"There's lots of interest here, and Anangu miss out," he said.

And Mr Wilson continues to oppose tourists climbing.

"This is a sacred site that belongs to the Anangu, and some people say they want people to climb. Why? That is the big question," he asked NITV.

Land council anger over benefits fund

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Northern Territory's two largest land councils are fuming after Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has moved to reduce their input into how mining royalties are distributed.

Senator Scullion is planning to change the management of the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA), which administers grants to Aboriginal organisations from mining royalties on Aboriginal land in the NT.

He is moving to reduce the number of land council representatives on the ABA Advisory Committee from 14 to 10 and possibly appoint two businesspeople.

Senator Scullion's office refused to answer direct questions by the *Koori Mail* about what exactly the changes are and the information is not on the public record.

But the plan to reduce the number of land council representatives has drawn the ire of both the Central Land Council (CLC) and Northern Land Council (NLC), which each stand to lose two positions.

CLC delegates condemned the move,

and chair Francis Kelly said the plan was an erosion of Aboriginal control over the expenditure of the royalties-equivalent-funded ABA community grants program.

"The Minister already has the final say and often overrules our advice. It's time he handed responsibility for Aboriginal money back to the elected representatives of Aboriginal people," Mr Kelly, a former ABA Advisory Committee member, said.

"Aboriginal voters in the Territory will not stand for more top-down control over income they want to use to strengthen their communities. It should be our priorities that count, not the Government's."

Since the Coalition Government was elected, Senator Scullion has frequently been at odds with the two biggest land councils in the Territory, who oppose his strident advocacy for 99-year leases of Aboriginal land.

Senator Scullion has previously indicated he believes the NLC and CLC have too much power and in 2013 moved to devolve some of their decision-making capacity.

The Minister has also been accused of meddling too much in the ABA, overturning grant decisions of the previous Minister, and

further muddying an already opaque process.

Last year the Government lost a Federal Court case brought by the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation (MJDF) after Senator Scullion overturned a decision by former Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to award a \$10 million grant from the ABA.

The Government has appealed that decision and the next round of court action was due to start this week.

With many Aboriginal organisations in the Territory – and the rest of the country – having lost their funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, no-one was prepared to speak with the *Koori Mail* on the record, due to fear of retribution or losing further government support.

Those who spoke off the record said there was a culture of fear under the present government and a general view that there is far too much top-down interference.

Research professor at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation Jon Altman writes in the April edition of *Land Rights News* that there are serious concerns about the lack of transparency and continued erosion of

Aboriginal control of the ABA.

"ABA funds have also been deployed, after statutory amendment in 2006 and 2007, to promote ideologically-driven proposals for land tenure changes, most evident in the underwriting of the activities of the Office of the Executive Director of Township Leasing and the push for 99-year leases of Aboriginal townships lubricated with upfront sweeteners from the ABA," Prof Altman says.

"According to the latest financial statements and annual report of the ABA for the 2014-15 financial year, deeply concealed in the annual report of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, there is equity of over \$500 million held in reserve, a massive financial bucket of extraordinary developmental potential. But its use remains at ministerial discretion – one wonders what rabbit-out-of-the-hat grants the Minister might announce in the near future to maximise electoral prospects federally and in the Northern Territory, underwritten by the ABA?"

Senator Scullion refused requests for an interview for this story.

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Appin Massacre remembered



Destiny and Tanzia Dargan at the commemoration.



Joyce Davidson and Daisy Barker.



Tori Duckett and Nala Davids.



Paul Hughes, Moses Alone, Blake Ritchie and Cody Davids were among the crowd.



Members of the Bangarra Dancers at the site.



Members of the Gooboola Men's Group, front, Uncle Steve Williams, Uncle Malcolm Maccoll, Joe Dedeus, Merv Taylor, Jason Carr, Trent Allison and Dennis Smith and, back, Bob Pollard, Barry Grimmett, Steve Fagan and Dion McDermott.

Big turnout welcomed

By KEIRA JENKINS



MORE than 1000 people turned out to mark the 200th anniversary of the Appin Massacre at Cataract Dam, south of Sydney. The memorial ceremony remembered the 14 Dharawal people who were killed in 1816.

The Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group hosted the event, in hope that the massacre victims would be remembered by future generations, and to acknowledge the descendants of the survivors.

The group also wanted the memorial to be an opportunity for Indigenous and other people to "come together and get to know one another".

Sister Kerry McDermott, who has had a hand in organising the memorial for more than 15 years, said she was delighted to see so many people at the ceremony.

"It's never been that big before. It started with just 20 people going down with the descendants, then in 2000 we made it a public event and it has been growing ever since," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's about honouring the memory of those people who were killed, and the atmosphere on the day was one of recognition and acknowledging the descendants as well as the healing process. It's about saying sorry for what happened. It's a good feeling to know so many people came out to do that."

Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group member Peter Jones, who helped organise the event, said the turnout exceeded his wildest expectations.

"We were able to reach more people through social media and we had some national media attention in the lead-up," he said. "The memorial is a significant way for reconciliation to be practised in action."

"The history of this massacre has



Laraine Heath with Carole, Georgia, Bruce, David and Nerida Allen.



Pam and Billy Bell with Coral, Sue and Harold (Bucky) Davis.

been hidden and it's important for people to recognise it. Having 15 schools involved in the memorial this year will help raise awareness among school kids too."

The memorial event was also supported by Campbelltown City Council, Wollondilly Shire Council,

Camden Council, Sydney Catchment Authority, WILMA, the NSW Reconciliation Council, Campbelltown Catholic Club, Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council, Ingleburn Rotary Club, Commonwealth Bank Ingleburn, Brown Sisters Coogee and John Therry Catholic High School.



Redfern hosts Anzac march



UNCLE Harry Allie, a key organiser of the

Coloured Diggers movement and heavily involved in the **NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans' Association**, centre, marches with others in Redfern during Anzac Day. Hundreds of people turned out for the annual Coloured Diggers march in Redfern and for services recognising the sacrifices Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made during war. Commemorative events were held on April 25 around the country. For more pictures and reports, see pages 30-33.

Study is world-first



THE Lowitja Institute has released a world-first study into the health and wellbeing of more

than 154 million Indigenous and tribal peoples globally.

The report, commissioned by and published in prestigious medical journal *The Lancet*, reveals the extent of work that needs to be done if the United Nations is to meet its 2030 goals of ending poverty and inequality.

Lowitja Institute chief executive Romlie Mokak told the *Koori Mail* it was fundamental that research into Indigenous health was led by Indigenous people.

"It's highly unusual for *The Lancet* to commission work," he said. "Indigenous leadership in research like this is critical and this work was led by deadly

Indigenous researcher Professor Ian Anderson with the support of other senior academics."

The study, *Indigenous and tribal peoples' health (The Lancet-Lowitja Institute Global Collaboration): A Population Study*, brings together data from 28 Indigenous and tribal groups across 23 countries – accounting for more than half of the world's native populations.

"It's certainly ground-breaking work in every sense," Mr Mokak said. "This report goes far beyond other research into the health and social status of Indigenous people in two senses: the sorts of things they were looking at, the measures were much more extensive – life expectancy, infant mortality, education and relative poverty – and the expanse of what was looked at.

"More than 50% of the world's

Indigenous populations were picked up in this report – so it's pretty big for our small organisation and we're proudly backing this work with *The Lancet*."

Participating countries included Australia, the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Russia, China, India, Thailand, Pakistan, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Myanmar, Kenya, Peru, Panama, Venezuela, Cameroon and Nigeria.

Researchers assessed data on basic population, life expectancy at birth, infant mortality, low and high birthweight, maternal mortality, nutritional status, educational attainment, poverty and economic status. They did not make cross-country comparisons.

Mr Mokak said one of the issues the study had highlighted was that much better data

collection is needed on Indigenous health across the world.

"How can we ever know where we want to get to if we don't have proper information?" he said. "It's a fundamental right of people to have their identity recognised. If the national statistics collections keep Indigenous people invisible, then there's further marginalisation – and no way of tracking whether there are improvements or maintaining ground, which is worrying."

Key findings and recommendations include:

- outcomes are poorer for Indigenous and tribal peoples, although the level of disadvantage varies across nations;
- being Indigenous in a wealthy country does not necessarily lead to better outcomes; and

● national governments need to develop targeted policy responses to Indigenous health, improving access to health services, and Indigenous data within national surveillance systems.

The paper responds to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the stated aim "to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate changes, while ensuring that no one is left behind".

The Lancet-Lowitja Institute Global Collaboration aimed to establish a clear picture of Indigenous and tribal health across 23 countries, as well as identify gaps in knowledge and data.

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Strait meets Strait

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander artists from Tasmania and Erub Island have begun sharing island stories, culture and art practices in a collaboration that will culminate in a multimedia installation at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in



November. The Torres Strait meets Bass Strait collaboration kicks off Tasmanian Regional Art's Waterlines project, which aims to reveal common connections – 'woven threads of communities new and old' – by exploring 'the path of water and its innumerable significance, regardless of location – from the coastline to the rivers, the irrigation systems, the dams, the rain, snow and ice'.

The artists met at Iarapuna, Aboriginal land in the far north-east of Tasmania. It is an area that most of Tasmania's Aboriginal community have ancestral links to and has been leased back from the Tasmanian Government for 40 years.

Ideas

The two groups shared materials and ideas. The seven Tasmanian Aboriginal artists incorporated pieces of ghost (stray and abandoned) nets and other flotsam and jetsam into their works, while the four Erub artists incorporated Tasmanian fibres and bull kelp into their pieces.

Bull kelp, a thick leathery seaweed found in the cool southern ocean, was used traditionally by Tasmanian Aborigines to make water carriers. Today, contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal artists create traditional water carriers as well as an array of decorative objects and installation pieces.

While the Erub artists use other varieties of seaweed for craft, fertiliser and traditional medicine, they had never laid eyes on bull kelp and got busy sculpting it into seabirds and feet amongst other things, and combining it with woven pieces.

"Working together sharing knowledge and skills amongst



Florence Gutchen from Erub and Nathan Maynard from Hobart (standing) with Lillian Wheatley from Flinders Island, Janice Ross from Hobart, Vicki West from Hobart and Nancy Kiwat from Erub at Iarapuna in Tasmania with their native fibre, kelp and ghost net creations.

each other, the heart felt for their land, it touches me with the sisters sharing, how they feel for the land and sea," said Florence Gutchen, from Erub Arts, who mainly creates sculptural works from ghost nets.

"We shared saltwater stories with mob here."

Aunty Colleen Mundy, 75, a well-known Tasmanian Aboriginal basket weaver who usually makes traditional baskets, enjoyed going outside her comfort zone by incorporating ghost net pieces.

"These ghost nets are such horrific things; the things they kill and trap," she said.

"They drift and fish as they go. It's horrible. I suppose the nets last for ages.

"I hope the installation makes people more aware to take care of the environment when they see and learn what damage abandoned nets can do."

Like other artists, Aunty Colleen said the weekend left her feeling inspired and her spirit uplifted.

While producers don't see Waterlines as an environmental project, they admit it is inevitable that when one explores water, the environment is revealed as a major player.



Colleen Mundy, pictured tying her piece of weaving, which combines traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal style and ghost nests from Erub.

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Adnyamathanha disgust at nuclear waste dump move



ADNYAMATHANHA people are angry about a likely low-level nuclear waste dump near South Australia's Flinders Ranges, saying they don't want the outback poisoned again.

Federal Resources Minister Josh Frydenberg has picked a cattle station near Barndioota, 40km north of Port Augusta, as the preferred site to store medical and laboratory waste currently held in Sydney.

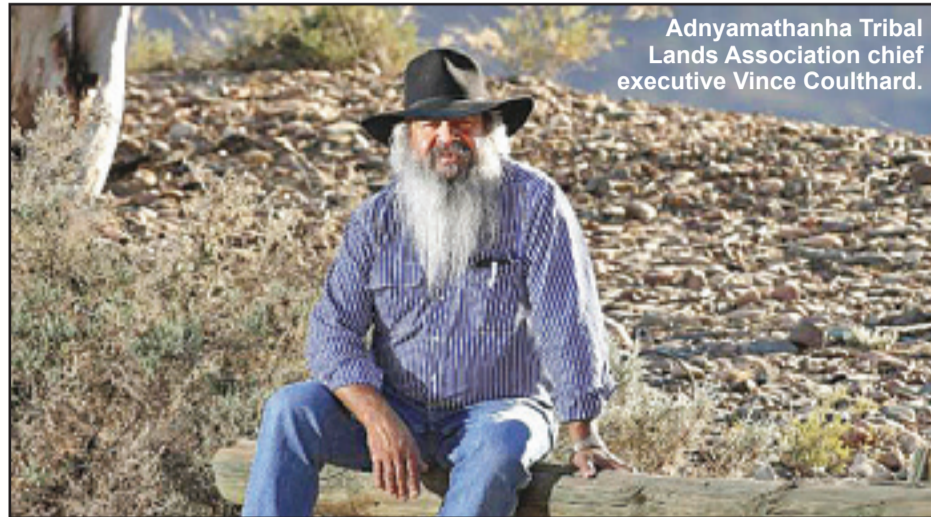
The land, co-owned by former Liberal senator Grant Chapman, has been selected ahead of five other voluntarily nominated sites, including two others in SA and others in the Northern Territory.

Adnyamathanha Tribal Lands Association (ATLA) chief executive Vince Coulthard said he was "totally disgusted" by the decision.

"This is our land, we have been here forever and we will always be here, and we are totally opposed to this dump," he said.

"ATLA is the main 'key stakeholder', yet they have shown us no respect. This is in our sacred country with a very important spring just nearby.

"This is another example of cultural



Adnyamathanha Tribal Lands Association chief executive Vince Coulthard.

genocide. This cannot happen."

Adnyamathanha woman Regina McKenzie, who lives next to the property, says the dump would desecrate Dreamtime stories.

"Storylines go through the area. There's also a massive archaeological site. It's also an ancient trading route," she said.

"This is a place where we took our children to learn to swim, where we went

with my father. This is our place of learning, where we still hunt and gather bush tucker."

Australian Nuclear Free Alliance co-chair and Kokatha-Mula Elder Sue Coleman-Haseldine said it's devastating that the Government would put nuclear waste on anyone's country.

"We've already been poisoned through the Maralinga bomb tests," she said.

"Do we really need any more nuclear, whether it's low level or not? There's always the chance of accidents.

"I feel really sorry for the (Aboriginal) people who have to go through this and the other people who have to live under a nuclear cloud."

Mr Frydenberg played down the impact of the low-level waste to nearby communities, saying it was "gloves, goggles and test tubes" that came in contact with nuclear medicine.

"The whole purpose of building a single repository is to make it safer and make it a long-term solution," he said.

SA Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis has also raised concerns about the selection process.

A final decision won't be made until safety, environmental and Indigenous heritage assessments have been completed, and that could take a year.

But Mr Koutsantonis said the selection of a former Liberal politician's land raised eyebrows.

"I'm not really a big fan of self-selection. I think it raises some serious questions," he said. "I'd much rather scientists and independent regulators choose a site rather than politicians." – *With AAP*

Dodson set for Senate



YAWURU Elder Pat Dodson, from Broome, has been endorsed as a Western Australian Labor senator, demonstrating his diplomacy by defending a Liberal backbencher's democratic right to make a "bad taste" speech.

Professor Dodson was Opposition Leader Bill Shorten's captain's pick after right-aligned union stalwart Joe Bullock quit because he opposed Labor's support for same-sex marriage.

At a special joint sitting of the WA Parliament during a four-week recess last week, Prof Dodson was resoundingly ratified as Mr Bullock's replacement, with Premier Colin

Barnett saying he would be a powerful voice for Indigenous people.

But Liberal backbencher Peter Abetz, the older brother of Liberal senator Eric Abetz, used the open floor to inject controversy into the rare moment of parliamentary solidarity.

Mr Abetz gave a speech against same-sex marriage, suggesting it was not in line with traditional Aboriginal social values and raising Prof Dodson's Catholic background.

Prof Dodson became Australia's first ordained Aboriginal Catholic priest in 1975 but left after disagreeing with the church hierarchy over his beliefs about the religion and

traditional Aboriginal spirituality.

Mr Abetz's speech prompted Nationals MP Brendon Grylls to walk out of the chamber in apparent disgust and Liberal MP Phil Edman tweeted he was "embarrassed", while applause broke out when Upper House President Barry House questioned the relevance of the commentary.

Prof Dodson said Mr House had rightly told the backbencher to stick to the topic at hand, but denied the sitting had been hijacked.

"There was solidarity and a sense of sensitivity with some of the members walking out, particularly from the National Party and others, so I don't think it detracted from it at all," he

said. "You could say it was bad taste but we live in a democracy.

"He just wasn't on point.

"I just don't believe you should discriminate against people. We shouldn't be trying to tell people how they ought to think when you've never walked in the shoes that they've walked."

Mr Barnett said he apologised to Prof Dodson for Mr Abetz's comments after the sitting.

"This was Pat Dodson's day ... and I think it was inappropriate," Mr Barnett said.

Prof Dodson is filling the Senate vacancy on a casual basis and was due to be sworn in on Monday, after the *Koori Mail* had gone to press. – *AAP*



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Mirrarr welcome Ranger move



KAKADU'S traditional owners have welcomed news that the owners of uranium mine Ranger will be able to borrow \$100 million, if needed, to rehabilitate the area back into the park.

Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) said on Friday it expects to have enough money to fully fund rehabilitation itself by 2026.

But it has made a deal with a fellow subsidiary of Rio Tinto to borrow \$100 million if necessary to provide additional assurances to stakeholders it will meet its rehabilitation responsibilities so the site can be reintegrated into Kakadu, which surrounds the mine.

Senior Mirrar traditional owner Yvonne Margarula said she was happy that ERA had finally listened.

"It has taken a long time and we have had to argue a lot, but they are doing the right thing now," she said.

Ms Margarula's sister Annie Ngalmirama, chairwoman of the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) which represents traditional owners, also welcomed the news.

"We want to see ERA do a complete job and clean up the Ranger mine so it can be put into Kakadu National Park. We have been wanting this for many years," she said.

Time is of the essence, said GAC chief executive Justin O'Brien, given that mining must end by 2020 so the site can be fully rehabilitated by January 2026.

"The next three to four years will be the most important for the bulk of the Ranger rehabilitation works to be properly planned and commenced," he said.

ERA said that as of December 31, it had \$433 million in total cash resources

Senior traditional owner Yvonne Margarula of the Mirrar people in front of a Ranger uranium mine pit.



and a rehabilitation provision of \$509 million.

"Under current assumptions relevant to ERA's cash position, the company expects to have sufficient financial resources to fully fund its rehabilitation program," it said in a statement.

"However, should those assumptions

not be realised, and in the absence of any other successful developments or asset sales, the company may draw on the facility."

ERA can terminate the agreement at any time, it said.

In 2015 the Mirrar people refused an extension of the mine.

While Rio Tinto, the major shareholder of ERA, said last year that it would not support further mining of uranium at the site, the *Australian Financial Review* reported last week that Singaporean investor Richard Magides, the second-largest shareholder, is pushing to extend the life of the mine.



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Concern at NT justice move



DESPITE a damning report last year by the Northern Territory Children's Commissioner detailing shocking abuse of Aboriginal children in detention, the NT

Government is moving to give Corrections staff more power.

The NT Government's *Youth Justice Amendment Bill 2016* allows for "the provision of mechanical devices approved for use by the Commissioner of Correctional Services to restrict the movement of a juvenile offender, thereby termed an 'approved restraint'."

The Bill clarifies the circumstances in which the superintendent of a detention centre may use or authorise the use of approved restraints.

Last year, NT Children's Commissioner Colleen Gwynne released a report detailing violent abuse of Aboriginal children in detention, including the use of tear gas and hoods put over their heads.

That report followed an earlier investigation of youth detention by Michael Vita, which described poor training and management practices and characterised juvenile detention as too punitive.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice

Agency (NAAJA) chief executive Priscilla Collins said the increased powers contained in the *Youth Justice Amendment Bill 2016* that allow Corrections staff to use restraints on young people held in detention were concerning.

"These changes are unnecessary and show that the Government has not learnt vital lessons from the Vita Review or report of the Children's Commissioner that both looked into the crisis in our

"If government is serious about creating a safe and functional detention centre, it must ensure the recommendations from the Vita and Children's Commissioner's reports are implemented in full."

youth justice system," she said.

"The evidence shows that relying on the use of force is not the way to provide a safe, secure and effective detention environment. The main failures of our system have been around a lack of relational security: the poor quality of relationships between staff and the young people in their care."

NT Correctional Services Minister John Elferink said the proposed Bill would help in reducing the risk of juvenile offenders escaping from youth detention centres.

"Critical incidents in youth detention have seen some juvenile offenders become physically aggressive, with members of staff sustaining injuries from juvenile offenders who have hit, punched, kicked, spat at or bitten them," he said.

"The Bill provides that the superintendent will be legislatively empowered to authorise staff members to use approved restraints to restrict the juvenile offenders' arms, legs and body, when necessary, to engage the offender or assist the offender in safely de-escalating the behaviour.

"We will not accept this behaviour and the risk it poses to the safety of the staff, juvenile offenders and the general public."

But Ms Collins pointed out that both the Vita Review and the Children's Commissioner's report

identified the need for better and safer practices and improved training for staff.

"Staff need training in crisis de-escalation, in negotiation and mediation training specific to young persons in medium to high risk environments. They don't need more powers to us cable-ties, restraint chairs and hoods," she said.

"If government is serious about creating a safe and functional detention centre, it must ensure the recommendations from the Vita and Children's Commissioner's reports are implemented in full."

Rangers win support



DOUBLING the number of Indigenous rangers would confirm the federally funded Indigenous ranger

program as one of the nation's most successful programs of its kind, traditional owner and ranger groups have said.

In the lead-up to yesterday's (May 3) Federal Budget, Greens senators Richard Di Natale and Rachel Siewert wrote to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull asking the Government to double funding to the Indigenous ranger program and move to 15-year contracts to ensure stability.

The Country Needs People Alliance of 23 traditional owner and Indigenous ranger organisations said both the Indigenous ranger and Indigenous Protected Area programs have provided significant environmental benefits and also improvements in the lives of Indigenous people.

Mithaka man Scott Gorringe, from south-west Queensland, said the rangers have important jobs to do.

"Ranger jobs are real jobs and their work is not only protecting the natural environment we all share and value, but it is transforming lives," he said.

"The facts of this success have driven bipartisan support for the programs so far and we hope this is a sign that success like this will continue to be above politics.

"Our plan is to be able to build



Indigenous rangers on the job: Ngurrara ranger Karlas Shandley teaches Elijah Murray how to monitor the health of fresh water in the Great Sandy Desert (Picture: Kimberley Land Council), while Dhimurru ranger Daryl Lacey, from north-east Arnhem Land, releases a turtle that was tangled in a fishing net back to the water (Picture: Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation).



our own local capacity to tackle threats to our country, to create options for younger people coming up on country and to stay connected with our culture that way.

"This is how we connect up the dots on a healthier lifestyle; getting

people into real jobs, but staying connected with those things that keep us strong and that bring pride in our culture."

Mr Gorringe said uncertainty about the future of the programs, which before yesterday's Budget

were only funded until 2018, had created an artificial cap on jobs in remote and challenging areas of Australia.

"If you grow that funding and have a long-term plan for stability you are going to see more and

more positive results for jobs and the environment," he said.

"Definitely in our region we aim to put people to work as rangers if we can, but we need that kind of core funding to get started, get on our feet and get stability."



Australia Awards



Making a difference through an international Endeavour research fellowship

Overseas study and research experiences are opening up a world of learning opportunities for a growing number of Indigenous Australians and the call is out for a new cohort of postgraduates to apply for an Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians.

The Australian Government's Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships 2017 round is now open and previous recipients are encouraging others to apply for a fellowship that could see them furthering their studies around the world and improving the outcomes of future generations of Indigenous Australians.

Among them is Dr Raymond Lovett who is the first Aboriginal person to graduate with a PhD from the Australian National University in the field of epidemiology. Ray's research focus is on finding out how Aboriginal culture relates to improvements in health and wellbeing.

Ray's fellowship enabled him to attend Oxford University in the UK for six months to work alongside world renowned epidemiologists.

"My Endeavour fellowship provided me with the skills and the confidence to apply world leading knowledge and expertise in my own country and for the benefit of our mob," Ray said.

Other outstanding Indigenous alumni include Tamara Butler from the University of Queensland and psychologist Yolonda Adams from Griffith University.

Tamara travelled to the United Kingdom in 2015 to work alongside researchers at the University of Dundee to conduct important experimental social research to understand why individuals sometimes find it hard to seek social support from the groups they feel strongly connected to.

To advance her skills and expertise in the area of Aboriginal prison quality Yolonda undertook her fellowship at the Native Counselling Services of Alberta in Canada.

Joining the ranks of this exceptional group is PhD student from the University

of Tasmania, Emma Lee. Through her Endeavour fellowship Emma will travel to Spain this year to build on her research into marine protected areas, specifically Basque rights to traditional fisheries.

"Personally, the Endeavour fellowship is a reward for the decades of sustained work, while professionally it is the key to so many doors that have been previously closed to Indigenous peoples," Emma said.

The research being done by this outstanding group of individuals will have lasting benefits for the wider Indigenous population in Australia and reflects the growing education opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. More details about the research undertaken by Ray, Emma, Tamara, Yolonda and others are available on the Endeavour website.

Applications for the 2017 round close 30 June 2016. For details on how to apply, visit the Endeavour website: <http://internationaleducation.gov.au/Endeavour>



Tamara Butler



Emma Lee



Ray Lovett

Film screening a dream for Josh

By KEIRA JENKINS



JOSH Sambono, a Jingili filmmaker from Sydney, has screened his short film *Leroy's Dream* at the Global Chinese Universities

Student Film and Television Festival in Hong Kong.

Mr Sambono moved from teaching high school English to filmmaking two years ago, after completing a Diploma of Screen and Media at Sydney Film School.

"It was the creative parts of English I enjoyed more than the

teaching and the assessing," he said.

"I liked helping other people find their own creativity. That opened something in me so I took the chance and started filmmaking."

Mr Sambono said it was an honour to have his film selected for the festival in Hong Kong.

"Considering the competition, having my film on the same stage as some of those great film schools in Prague and Canada and all over the world, that's huge," he said.

Leroy's Dream is about a man from pre-colonial times who doesn't fit in with his family.

He gets transported to modern day Parramatta, experiencing technology and processed foods and trying to understand how today's people live.

"It's a comment on how the world we live in today is disconnected from the land," Mr Sambono said.

He hopes to start working on feature-length films, perhaps extending *Leroy's Dream*.

"Storytelling is part of my blood and it's helped me find part of myself," Mr Sambono said.

"I feel very at one with myself now."



Clarence Ryan in Josh Sambono's film *Leroy's Dream*, which was recently shown in Hong Kong.

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PM meets National Congress co-chairs



NATIONAL Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Rod Little and Jackie Huggins have – finally – met with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in his Sydney office.

Mr Turnbull, who rolled Tony Abbott to become Prime Minister in September last year, has been promising to meet with Congress for months.

Mr Little said that during the meeting, the co-chairs and Mr Turnbull discussed the current relationship with government, constitutional recognition and the state of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

"We will wait and see if the Prime Minister shows some courage and actually starts engaging with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' representative voice," he said.

"Let's not forget the high incarceration rates, suicide rates and low life expectancy."

Congress said there needs to be a circuit breaker in Indigenous affairs and has told Mr Turnbull they are willing to assist.

"We invited the Prime Minister to support an annual national summit, a coming together of minds and souls to get everyone working together to expedite positive and lasting change," Dr Huggins said.

"We strongly expressed our concerns about funding cuts and the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and provided him with examples of how this has impacted on our people."

Congress recently surveyed its members seeking initial views on constitutional reform.

"Congress members supported an acknowledgement in the Constitution; they also strongly indicated their support for treaty, a prohibition on racial discrimination and for a body in the Constitution," Dr Huggins said.

"The Prime Minister has promoted the need for engagement and innovation. Congress believes no area needs engagement and innovation more than the First Peoples of this country."



National Congress co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Rod Little with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in Sydney.

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Good news for Gunditjmara



BUDJ Bim, in south-west Victoria, home to the Gunditjmara people for

thousands of years, is another step closer to UNESCO World Heritage listing.

The cultural landscape in south-west Victoria has been identified by scholars as the world's first engineering project, dating back at least 6600 years, preceding the pyramids of Egypt and Stonehenge in England.

The site hosts a sophisticated farming system, in which the Gunditjmara people engineered a system of weirs that trapped eels, providing a yearly supply of food. These eels provided such a reliable food source that the local people could settle there and build stone houses, instead of living a nomadic existence.

These are the only Aboriginal stone houses found in Australia.

The Victorian Budget 2016-17 will provide \$8 million for the Gundij Mirring traditional owners to implement stages one and two of the Budj Bim Master Plan, which aims to open the natural heritage landscape to all Australians to learn about its history.

The plan identifies priority projects to ensure the area can accommodate visitors and support tourism while providing economic opportunities for the traditional owners.



Budj Bim in south-west Victoria is the world's oldest remaining engineering project, and Gunditjmara traditional owners are seeking UNESCO World Heritage listing for the site.

Victoria Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said the funding would strengthen a bid for the national heritage landscape to receive

UNESCO World Heritage listing. "We are protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage and developing statewide Aboriginal tourism experiences for all Victorians to

respect and enjoy, while upholding the Gunditjmara people's long and enduring connection to this land," she said. Gunditj Mirring Traditional

Owners Aboriginal Corporation chairman Damein Bell told the ABC members welcomed the funding.

"As Gunditjmara we believe if we share the story we help protect the story of the landscape," he said.

"With our World Heritage nomination bid, we want that listing to help protect the landscape because we've got land use change still happening, we've got climate change happening so the more people that understand the Budj Bim story, that helps us protect it."

Priority projects include visitor buildings and interpretation sites; upgraded camping facilities; accommodation infrastructure; lookouts, walkways, and bike access; highway signage and parking facilities; utilities such as toilets and running water at key locations; and construction of a Budj Bim aquaculture interpretation centre.

The Victorian Government last year announced Budj Bim as its priority nomination, after the Commonwealth sought State and Territory input for a review of its list of sites put forward for World Heritage status.

The funding, which will be delivered over four years, will also support a professional heritage expert, who is required to finalise the nomination for submission to the World Heritage Committee.

Proposed Qld law welcomed



AMNESTY International Australia says a proposed new law in Queensland has the potential to help young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people change their lives.

The *Queensland Youth Justice and Other Amendments Bill 2016* could transform young lives by giving police and courts greater ability to direct children away from detention, and into forms of restorative justice.

Over time, Amnesty says this will improve community safety in Queensland by diverting children into the support and services they need, rather than setting them on a pathway to further crime.

Amnesty Indigenous campaigner Roxanne Moore said this is important for children in the justice system who deserve a second chance.

"Diverting children away from detention at this crucial time in their young lives gives them a chance to deal with the issues that lead to offending, rather than getting stuck in

the quicksand of the criminal justice system," she said.

"This is especially so for many Indigenous children caught up in Queensland's justice system. They can turn their lives around, given more diversionary options developed in partnership with Indigenous communities and leaders."

Indigenous children are vastly overrepresented in Queensland's justice system, making up almost two

thirds of the youth detention population but only 7% of the state's youth population. Many are held in detention centres far away from their families and support structures.

Ms Moore said the most encouraging elements of the Bill focus on restorative justice, giving police and the courts the option to order

conferencing and alternative diversionary programs instead of prosecuting the child, and as an alternative sentencing option.

"It's now up to all Queensland MPs to use their vote to pass the Bill and help improve the state's youth justice system," Ms Moore said.



Roxanne Moore



Registration for Aboriginal community consultation

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Transport for NSW invites local Aboriginal people with cultural knowledge of Aboriginal objects and places along the project route to register an interest in community consultation for the project.

Registration would be for the whole project with consultation undertaken for the individual Chatswood to Sydenham and Sydenham to Bankstown projects.

Sydney Metro City & Southwest is being assessed under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as a Critical State Significant Infrastructure Project and will not require an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit in accordance with Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. However, Transport for NSW wishes to undertake Aboriginal community consultation in order to compile a list of Registered Aboriginal Parties for the project.

Anyone interested should register with Artefact Heritage Consultants.

Written registrations should provide their name, address, and phone number and be addressed to:

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Ideas wanted for Redfern 'museum'



INDIGENOUS artists have been invited to put forward ideas for a

'living museum' in Redfern that the City of Sydney says will help pass on local history to new generations.

The city will commission an artist, or artistic team, to take over an 1880s terrace house adjacent to The Block and transform it with historical and contemporary tales from residents, workers and visitors – and potentially collect contemporary stories as well.

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the city council welcomed all concepts for the 'Redfern Terrace' that would celebrate and make visible the stories and local histories of The Block and beyond.

"The project is inspired by the pride, courage and resilience of Australia's First Peoples and the history of Redfern as a hub of Sydney's cultural life and the home of Aboriginal activism in Australia," she said.

"By sharing and interweaving the important stories of Aboriginal Elders past and present, with the hopes and aspirations of young Aboriginal people today, the Redfern Terrace will be the place where Aboriginal stories converge."

Inspired by New York's Tenement Museum for immigrant stories and the Susannah Place Museum in The Rocks, the council hopes the Redfern Terrace will become an important artwork and iconic landmark in a rapidly changing urban environment.



Indigenous artists are being invited to submit ideas for a living museum in Redfern.

The terrace, at 36 Caroline Street, on the corner of Hugo Street in Redfern, was built in the early 1880s and is the only surviving terrace from a large row that was demolished.

It was saved from the wrecking ball in 2000, to be retained for potential community uses.

During 2012 and 2013 the first Eora Journey public art project, undertaken to launch the City's Eora Journey: Recognition in the Public Domain program, resulted in a mural covering its exterior.

Known as Welcome to Redfern, this major street art project was the result of work by prominent Aboriginal artist Reko Rennie and young local Aboriginal artists.

Eora Journey curatorial adviser Hetti Perkins said she was excited by the creative

potential for a museum.

"The Redfern Terrace presents a unique opportunity to document and celebrate Redfern stories – from the everyday lives of families to the enduring legacy of this heartland of Aboriginal activism," she said.

"As a living museum, where stories are creatively integrated with the building, the Redfern Terrace will become a landmark for generations to come."

The budget for the Redfern Terrace public art project is \$500,000 and Indigenous artists working independently, or with other artists and designers, are invited to submit expressions of interest by 11am on May 30.

For more information and an artist brief, visit cityartsydney.com.au



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Action urged in Kimberley



KIMBERLEY Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC) coordinator Wes Morris has challenged

Australian politicians to follow the lead of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and take Aboriginal suicide seriously.

And KALACC has called on the Federal Government to immediately implement the recommendations from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) Kimberley Roundtable Report.

Project members are due to hand down their national report later this year, but Mr Morris said action was needed in the Kimberley "right now".

"Whilst we await that national response, there is a chronic crisis

in the Kimberley," he said.

"Joe Brown and I wrote to the WA Coroner in February 2007 because we were alarmed by the suicide rates at that time. But as the Kimberley ATSISPEP report shows, the problem is twice as bad now.

"We have witnessed Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau taking a personal interest in and showing some leadership of that nation's response to Indigenous suicides. We hope that politicians of all political persuasions in Australia can learn something from Trudeau's national leadership."

Labor senator Sue Lines said local solutions needed to be fully supported, Aboriginal-led and facilitated by a mainly local Aboriginal workforce.

"This cannot be a report that sits on a shelf," she said. "The Government needs to take action

in the Kimberley now, and prepare to action the findings of the project as a matter of urgency."

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesperson Shayne Neumann said it was important to support local communities and address the social determinants of wellbeing in the Kimberley.

"Every life lost is one too many," he said. "We need to work with local communities to develop a holistic and comprehensive community-led approach to reducing the higher rates of Indigenous suicides in the Kimberley region."

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged five to 25) on 1800 55 1800 78.



Best foot forward: Participants in the IDX Summit outside the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence. Pictures: Joseph Mayers

Focus on technology



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people from across the country met at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney last week to discuss ways in which technology can empower and assist First Nations people.

The IDX (Indigenous Digital Excellence) Summit explored a range of topics, including how new technology can solve old problems and how to strengthen Indigenous participation, practice and entrepreneurship in the digital economy.

NCIE chief executive Kirstie Parker said the broad range of speakers and participants had made for an inspiring gathering.

"Everyone is on the same page. We know this is a wave that we can either ride and influence or we can miss out," she said.

"Because our communities are already in so many respects disenfranchised, we need to embrace technological advances and make sure they work for us.

"There are a lot of things to grapple with and we had members of the Digital Maori Forum present, so it was great to learn from their experiences."

Ms Parker said some of the key concerns discussed included data sovereignty, security and ownership, and ensuring culture is protected and secure.

"It was amazing to see the work being done by people in the creation of apps, virtual reality, land management, cultural practice, transmission of story – there are virtually no boundaries in terms of what technology can be utilised for," she said.



NCIE chief executive Kirstie Parker at the IDX Summit and, right, Dr Simon Dunstall (CSIRO), Paul Paton (Victorian Corporations for Languages) and Professor Peter Radoll (University of Canberra) speaking about the importance of revitalising culture through digital excellence, the key ingredients for digital excellence and how to build a future of Indigenous digital excellence.



"Our communities know what's important so we need to ensure that we have got the tools we need in our own dillybags to do what we need.

"The world will come to know us in a way that even today is unfathomable and if we get this right, that'll happen on our terms. As we've seen from history that hasn't always happened and really has been to our detriment.

"This current space provides an opportunity not just to create something new but to inform how things should be done in every other space so it's much bigger than just digital technology."

Ms Parker said the NCIE was thrilled to be able to host the summit and was working towards a national IDX strategy. She also paid tribute to Telstra for supporting the strategy with \$5 million.

"This has been approached the right way, coming from community, but we're going to need the support of government, business, the education sector and so-on," Ms Parker said.

"Access to technology should not be the territory of the privileged and lucky; it really is fundamental to society for everyone to have access to life-forming, life-saving and nation-building technology."

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Herbert honoured



INDIGENOUS education leader Jeannie Herbert has received a major honour from RMIT, being named the university's Outstanding Alumni for Australia.

The awards were presented at a ceremony hosted by RMIT vice-chancellor and president Martin Bean at the National Gallery of Victoria.

In 2003, Professor Herbert was one of the first Indigenous students to graduate with a PhD from RMIT. She is currently the pro vice-

chancellor, Indigenous education, foundation chair of Indigenous Studies and head of campus, Dubbo, at Charles Sturt University.

"Since graduating I have continued to work in the field of Indigenous education, maintaining a focus on my particular field of research – Indigenous success in education," Prof Herbert said.

"Within this context, I consider that much of what I have been able to achieve has provided a very positive role model for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, encouraging

them to take up the challenge of getting themselves a good education."

Prof Herbert has worked at all levels of education, with 20 years as a school teacher and guidance officer, and 10 years as an educational administrator across secondary and tertiary studies.

She also established an educational and training consultancy in 1994.

In 2012 she was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours and named a Member of the Order of Australia.



Professor Jeannie Herbert with RMIT University vice-chancellor and president Martin Bean.

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Funding boost for Bundian Way



THE Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in southern NSW will be given \$700,000 by the Federal Government to develop a business centre to capitalise on the tourist potential of the Bundian Way.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the funding will focus on capital expenditure and the refurbishment of premises.

The Bundian Way extended for about 360km and was an ancient pathway between Targangal (Mount Kosciuszko) and Bilgalera (Fisheries Beach).

"The Bundian Way is of great cultural significance to the Yuin people and, in 2012, was the first Aboriginal pathway to be listed on the NSW State Heritage Register," he said.

"It is an ancient pathway that links the highest part of the Australian continent with the coast and traverses some of Australia's most spectacular countryside."

August target for Big Uluru Trek



THE inaugural Big Uluru Trek is scheduled to arrive at "The Rock" during August.

The 100km, five-day desert trek from Amata to Uluru has been given a one-year commercial activity licence and is the first licence announced from the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park expression of interest process.

The park's Board of Management considered the proposals received at its November 2015 meeting, and members said they were excited by the scale and scope of the proposals they received.

Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt said it was great to see private enterprise given a chance to work with Indigenous and government partners. "These new ideas will boost tourism and investment at Uluru and in the Northern Territory while providing greater employment opportunities for locals," he said.

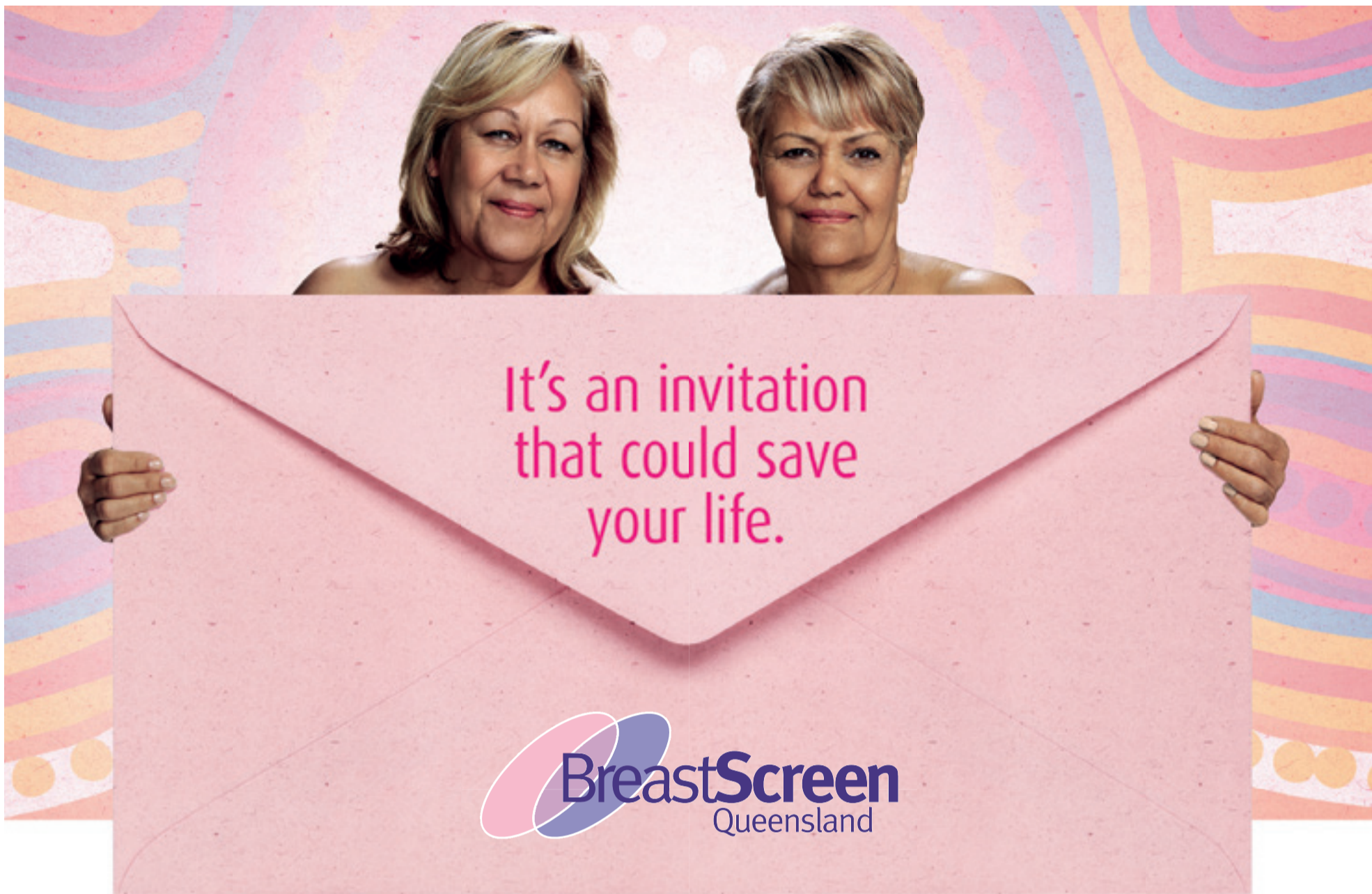
More members on WA committee



WESTERN Australia's Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee membership has been increased from six to 10.

The ACMC is an independent committee responsible for evaluating, on behalf of the community, the importance of places and objects believed to be associated with Aboriginal people, and for providing advice to the WA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

The four new members are Kimberley Land Council chairwoman Merle Carter (Miriuwung Gajerrong/Bunuba); Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation chairman Patrick Churnside; former Ngaanyatjarra Council chairman Bruce Smith (Ngaanyatjarra Lands); and Dreamtime Committee chairman Lindsay Dean (Noongar).



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Koorie youth connect



MORE than 180 young Indigenous Victorians gathered at the two-day Koorie Youth Summit to connect, discuss health and wellbeing, and help shape state policy on Aboriginal affairs.

And they also had the opportunity to hear from AFL hero Adam Goodes, who gave a keynote address.

Summit delegate Marayne Muller said the gathering was a chance for young Koories to connect with each other, celebrate their culture and generate ideas to create the future they want to see.

"The summit is not only a place where you feel cultural pride and meet other young Koories, it's somewhere that everyone around embraces you, and where your voice matters," she said.

"So often, young people are portrayed in a negative light and even more so if you are an Indigenous young person. But when you have even one person believe in you and see past the stereotype, you start to realise that you are not just a young person, you are a person who matters, and that uplifts your spirit and drive."

Mr Goodes headlined the summit with a poignant Q&A session covering his playing career and how his cultural identity has equipped him for success and given him the strength to take on life's challenges.

Young Environmentalist of the Year 2015 Amelia Telford also delivered a keynote on her journey with SEED, the Indigenous arm of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

Key issues

One of the key issues identified at the summit was the fact young people who struggle with a sense of cultural identity are more vulnerable to mental health issues. Gaining a sense of belonging and knowing where one comes from was highlighted as a crucial part of a healthy mind.

Delegates also agreed having their culture expressed and celebrated within the school system would lead to a real sense of empowerment and pride.

Koorie Youth Council state manager Greg Kennedy said summit recommendations included increased cultural education in schools, with delegates advocating for Indigenous culture to form a significant part of the primary school curriculum.

"Our summit has really matured and I'm proud of that," he said.

"Previously we've used it as an



At the Victorian Koorie Youth Summit in Melbourne, from left, participants Kyeema Coombs, Naomi Bamblett, Maylene Slater Burns, Sofii Belling, Edward Bryant, Tracey Onus and Nikayla Bamblett.



Indi Clarke, Will Austin, Dylan Murphy and Wade Austin discuss ideas.

opportunity to connect young people and inspire them. Now they're developing and pitching policy recommendations to government in response to issues that are important them."

Another idea put forward was for the creation of an elective Indigenous Studies subject in high schools combining classroom learning and field trips to connect to country.

The lack of young Aboriginal voices at policy-making level was also discussed, with delegates suggesting the creation of a Koorie youth policy adviser network, to help shape and sometimes challenge the policies targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and help ensure they are written by and for Indigenous people, with a strong youth voice.

To support resilience in identity,



Koorie Youth Summit participant Douglas Briggs with former AFL star Adam Goodes.

delegates proposed the creation of an Aboriginal youth support network and online forum allowing individuals to raise issues, learn more about their culture and connect with one another in a safe online space free from racism.

The Koorie Youth Summit is organised by the Koorie Youth Council, the advocacy body supported by the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria.



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Jordan shaves for sister



Jordan 'Buzz' Edwards before and after his close shave.



WATHAURONG (Geelong) resident Jordan 'Buzz' Edwards has sacrificed his afro for his sister. Jordan, 17, an Aranda (NT)/Gunditjmara (Vic) man, held a fundraising 'Shave for a Cure' at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital on black Friday last year to raise funds and awareness for Cancer Council Victoria.

He aimed to raise \$1000 and decided to shave his 'fro off in support of his sister Louise, who had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Jordan said he wanted to shave his head before Louise started

chemotherapy and lost her hair.

Louise was diagnosed in October with rhabdomyosarcoma, commonly referred to as RMS, which is a type of cancer, specifically a sarcoma (cancer of connective tissues).

Louise assisted the hairdresser at the Salon Royale at the Royal Children's Hospital and within three weeks Jordan had exceeded his fundraising target, collecting \$8958.

The money will go towards Cancer Council Victoria's lifesaving research, cancer prevention programs and support services.

Jordan was supported by family and friends, Victorian Aboriginal communities, his school community

at Geelong College and an extensive network of social media as well as Triple J radio.

Cancer Council Victoria head of fundraising and communication Andrew Buchanan said the organisation is thrilled to have such a passionate supporter.

"We work to reduce the impact of all cancers for all Victorians, but it simply isn't possible without the hard work of people like Jordan," he said.

"Cancer affects everyone in some way, with 84 Victorians diagnosed with cancer every day.

"Jordan had a great deal of support, in such a short timeframe, and his impressive efforts helped Jordan reach his target."

NACCHO has new chief executive



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has announced the appointment of a new chief executive, Patricia Turner.

NACCHO chairperson Matthew Cooke welcomed Ms Turner and said he looked forward to working with her to build on NACCHO's successes and continue work to improve the health of Indigenous people across Australia.

"She has experience in regional communities, in the cut and thrust of government in Canberra, and has travelled extensively throughout Australia in her various roles," he said of Ms Turner. "This gives her an excellent appreciation of challenges facing our member services in remote, regional and urban settings and how best to serve their interests."

Land council pair face ICAC inquiry



THE NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) will hold a public inquiry from today (May 4) as part of an investigation into allegations concerning former Casino Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land Council (CBLALC) chief executive Linda Stewart, and former administrative assistant Veronica Skinner.

ICAC is investigating allegations that between June 1, 2010 and October 12, 2011, Ms Stewart and Ms Skinner defrauded the CBLALC by issuing fraudulent invoices and certifying documentation to enable them to cash cheques drawn on the CBLALC bank account for their own benefit.

It is also alleged that between October 13, 2011 and September 5, 2012, Ms Stewart defrauded the CBLALC by issuing fraudulent invoices and certifying documentation to enable her to cash cheques drawn on the CBLALC bank account for her own benefit.

The alleged fraud totalled close to \$80,000.

Applications open for scholarships



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Favourite music?
Reggae, particularly Bob Marley.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Rugby league – I have played in many Allblacks carnivals – and pool.

Favourite read?
Torres News and *Koori Mail*.

What are you watching on TV?
As many action movies as I can.

What do you like in life?
Boats and peace.

What don't you like?
Discrimination and divisions between people.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Any three members of the Queensland rugby league State of Origin forward pack.

What is your ultimate goal in life?
I am a worker on Thursday Island and want to complete as many construction certificates as I can.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Encourage our young people to get a good education. I'd also like to see more NRL talent scouts up here. We have so many quality young footballers.

Quote



“So often, young people are portrayed in a negative light and even more so if you are an Indigenous young person. But when you have even one person believe in you and see past the stereotype, you start to realise that you are not just a young person, you are a person who matters, and that uplifts your spirit and drive.”

– Vic Koorie Youth Summit delegate Marayne Muller

● See page 18

Unquote

Old thinking has to change now

THE arrogance of people in positions of power insinuating that Aboriginal people can't manage their own affairs is insulting, offensive, racist and patently untrue.

And it needs to stop.

Yet we see what's almost a return to mission-manager style edicts from the Federal Government.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion is moving to reduce land council input on how Aboriginal money in the Northern Territory is spent (see story page 5).

The Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) is supposed to benefit Aboriginal people – but Senator Scullion's actions seem to suggest only he knows what those benefits should be.

NT Central Land Council chair Francis Kelly has characterised Senator Scullion's plan as an erosion of Aboriginal control.

“The Minister already has the final say and often overrules our advice. It's time he handed responsibility for Aboriginal money back to the elected representatives of Aboriginal people,” Mr Kelly said.

And that's exactly right.

The assumption that Aboriginal people shouldn't be responsible for their own affairs and assets is so deeply offensive and hurtful that it beggars belief. It's colonial racist thinking that has no place in a smart country.

And it's the same attitude that's



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driving the ill-conceived thinking behind compulsory income management under the thought-bubble of one of Australia's richest people, Andrew Forrest.

It's no accident that the 'Healthy Welfare' card is being rolled out in areas with a high Aboriginal population. It's a deliberate assault on Indigenous human rights, due to an underlying arrogant and simply wrong attitude that Indigenous people can't manage their own affairs.

It's a tired, old and wrong approach – and it's time for it to stop.

The Lowitja Institute deserves huge accolades for its world-first research on Indigenous health (story, page 7).

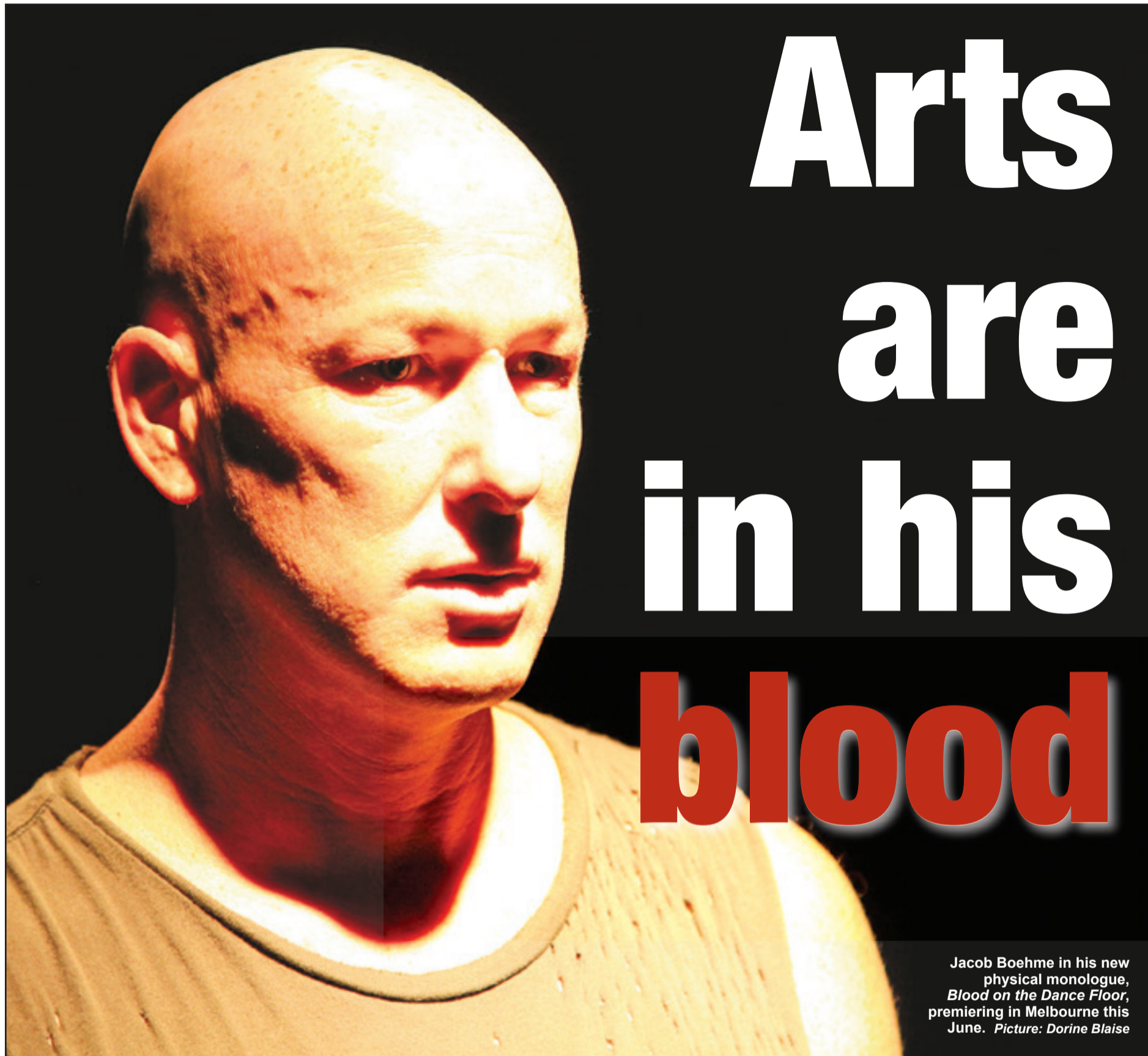
Indigenous-led research into Indigenous issues clearly has huge advantages, including cultural appropriateness and empowerment.

For one of our own organisations to be leading the worldwide conversation on Indigenous health is a proud and important step.

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Arts are in his blood

Jacob Boehme in his new physical monologue, *Blood on the Dance Floor*, premiering in Melbourne this June. Picture: Dorine Blaise

By KEIRA JENKINS

JUVENILE detention was “on the cards” for Melbourne-born Jacob Boehme when his mother decided to put him in touch with a social worker.

Mr Boehme remembers being picked up in a little red buggy by the social worker, getting ice-cream and talking to him.

For the 13-year-old boy, the moment of change was when the social worker said to him “You’re not troubled, you’re bored.”

So the Narangga and Kaurna man began his journey into performance through the Foot and Mouth Program at the Footscray Art Centre.

Since then Mr Boehme has trained as a dancer at NAISDA, delved into puppet theatre, and completed masters degrees in puppetry and writing, moving into various roles within the arts.

He’s also the creative director for next year’s

Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival.

“I’m loving being able to talk with my peers about new ideas, thoughts and directions for Indigenous art,” he said.

Mr Boehme attributes his wide experiences within the industry as a result of the people in his life.

“The catalyst for change for me has been strong women. I’ve always had strong women in my life who’ve guided me,” he told the *Koori Mail*.

“I’ve also had influential men in my life who’ve guided me, but there’s been really strong women around me all my life.”

Mr Boehme’s upcoming solo performance piece, *Blood on the Dance Floor*, will premiere at Arts House in Melbourne next month.

“It’s kind of biographical but mostly it’s about the stories and the memories we hold in our blood,” he said.

“It’s about stigma and discrimination, not just from the Aboriginal perspective, but from the perspective of someone who is HIV positive.

“It’s about looking for love and wanting to be loved and what we have to do and say to have that right.”

In 2013, two milestones

“I’m loving being able to talk with my peers about new ideas, thoughts and directions for Indigenous art.”

inspired Mr Boehme to write *Blood on the Dance Floor*: the 30th anniversary of the ‘HIV pandemic’ in Australia, and the other a more personal landmark – 15 years since he had been diagnosed with HIV.

“I wanted to look at the stigma that still exists around HIV and connect it through that thing we all share: we all want to be loved,” he said.

“The conversation about HIV has not been open for our mob. It’s something that we’ve been dealing with silently.

“I’ve lost a few friends who were HIV positive and thought there was no other way but to suicide because of that stigma, so this is also a kind of love poem to those people who’ve been lost to the virus too.”

Mr Boehme said that although *Blood on the Dance Floor* is a solo performance, he has not been on his own through its creation.

“For years I’ve had people behind me and now that I’m not 20 years old any more, I don’t feel like I have to take on the world alone because I have something to prove,” he said.

“That’s too tiring. I’ve been supported the whole time by my collaborators and peers, who are a great team of people.

“And none of them are gay

or HIV positive and that’s really interesting because we can talk about a personal issue for me in a more universal context.”

Mr Boehme said the best advice he could give a young person is to listen to their Elders in both a cultural sense and an industry sense.

“Listen to the people who have a body of work behind them, who say something important and have a deep practice in what they do,” he said.

“Choose your role models as people you want to be like because there’s no being original or the first to do something any more.

“Everything’s already been done and the job now is to bring it into contemporary times.”

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged five to 25) on 1800 55 1800 78.



The late TIGA Bayles behind the microphone and ready to broadcast on 98.9FM in Brisbane.

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Obituary

TIGA Bayles, a Birri-Gubba/Gungalu man and a Dawson River Murri, passed away peacefully on April 17 at his home in Dutton Park, Brisbane, surrounded by family and friends, after a long battle with cancer. He was 62.

Tiga, born Harold James Phillip Bayles on October 6, 1953, was raised in Theodore in central Queensland, and lived in Sydney, Dubbo, Coonamble and later Brisbane.

He moved to Brisbane at age 15, where he finished his schooling to Year 10. During his time in Theodore he held down odd jobs, including as a gravedigger with his father Harold, and worked chipping cotton and in the wheat fields.

At the age of 19, Tiga answered a national call to travel to Canberra to help defend the newly formed Aboriginal Tent Embassy, which the Australian Government was attempting to close. It was his first major act of political dissent, something that would become a defining chapter of his life.

Tiga played a leading role in the Aboriginal rights movement nationally, and was instrumental in protests at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games, and at the Bicentennial celebrations in Sydney in 1988.

Tributes from around the nation

TRIBUTES have flowed from all over the country recognising the life and work of the late TIGA Bayles.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council, which Tiga chaired in 1987, said Mr Bayles "is a land rights legend and leaves a lasting legacy for today's leaders".

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples paid tribute, with co-chair Rod Little saying Tiga was "an inspirational individual who strived for success for community".

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said: "As one of the original members of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra in 1972, Mr Bayles should be remembered as a pioneer of the modern Aboriginal rights movement." Federal Labor Indigenous Affairs spokesperson Shane Neumann also paid tribute.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)

After settling in Sydney, Tiga was elected chairman of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), an organisation he led for a year. He relocated the NSWALC from a small premises in Liverpool to a major property in Parramatta city centre, where the NSWALC is still based today.

Tiga also started a career in the music industry, touring the country as a band manager with Murri Jama.

During his time in Sydney, Tiga – along with his mother Maureen Watson – helped to

establish Radio Redfern, the first Aboriginal radio program (and later dedicated station) to broadcast First Nations content. It was a career move that would also come to define Tiga Bayles.

He returned to Brisbane in the early 90s, after the creation of the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association (BIMA) by his uncle, Ross Watson. Upon Ross's retirement, Tiga took the reins and oversaw BIMA's expansion to become a nationally recognised training

organisation for First Nations people working in the media. More than 1000 First Nations people have been trained in broadcasting through BIMA, via an innovative school-based traineeship program.

BIMA, the home of 98.9FM, is one of the nation's most popular and successful community radio stations.

Tiga's morning program, *Let's Talk*, was broadcast five days a week around the nation for almost two decades, via the National Indigenous Radio

praised Tiga, describing him as Australia's most prominent Aboriginal broadcaster. AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan said the wider game owed a great debt to Tiga. "The broadcasts from the National Indigenous Radio Service take AFL matches across the country, and in particular to those remote Indigenous communities where no other media regularly reach," he said.

The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia said Tiga provided a strong voice for so many First Nations peoples, and in doing so gained great respect from black and white Australia.

Indigenous Land Corporation chair Eddie Fry said Tiga "was instrumental in carving out a space in Australian media for Indigenous Australians from all walks of life".

And NITV said Tiga's passing "is a great loss to both our community and Indigenous Australia".

Service (NIRS) network, an organisation Tiga also helped establish, and led as its chairman until his passing.

Tiga led the move of 98.9FM to a state-of-the-art multimedia centre in West End in 2011, securing the future of First Nations media for generations to come.

In addition to NIRS, Tiga served on many community controlled boards. He was heavily involved in the renowned Murri School and served as the Murri School chairman until his passing. He also served on the National Vocational Education and Training Equity Advisory Council.

Tiga's work wasn't just limited to Australia. He was the Asia Pacific representative of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasting, a role that saw him travel the world advocating for First Nations media.

Among his many honours, Tiga was Australia's most prominent – and awarded – First Nations broadcaster. He was the inaugural winner of the national Deadly Award for Indigenous Broadcaster of the Year, and his work around decolonisation and invasion was recognised by Amnesty International's inaugural media awards in 2014.

He was also named Queensland Father of the Year in 2005. Tiga raised nine girls. He will be deeply missed.

The story of the British is just the same as the story of Australia

HAS there ever been a benevolent, peaceful formation of a kingdom and royal control?

If there has I'd like to know about it. Most kingdoms arise from the aggressive, violent invasion by outside forces, usually over more tribal, naturalistic, gentle civilisations.

Take Britain, for example. The Queen and her control arose from a lineage of invasions of warring, undemocratic

perpetrators from Europe with the intent of colonising and taking control over foreign land.

In essence, the story of Britain is identical to Australia. The original, tribal, pagan inhabitants were mercilessly overrun by war-loving, barbaric perpetrators who had no respect for the existing property rights of those original inhabitants who lived off the land.

Today, Britain and Australia are still

ceremonially governed by violent perpetrators who have no respect for the property rights of their original inhabitants.

This simply confers the energy that 'might is right' is still the leading influence on planet Earth and United Nations laws, norms and policy are irrelevant.

LEON LESTER
Hunters Hill, NSW

POETRY

He's Not There

The loneliness keeps creeping back to me,
in this Godforsaken night.
My lover is all but an image,
tormenting my sleep.

This fallacy of vision, radiates your warmth,
engulfing me in an illusory sense of rapture.

My skin shivers from the memory of your tender touches,
imprinted sensually on my skin.

Your kisses are left lingering on my lips and my memories' desire.
The aroma of your sexual scent that had ignited my insatiable yearning,
still lingers deliciously, tantalising, erotic.
Now diminishing,
Vaporising into the cruel night air.

In my mind, your face hovers in the translucent darkness of the night.
I search for your eyes, just to gaze into again.

Eyes...
That could entice me into passionate desire.
But now,
blinded by my tears I roll over.
Lonely: just darkness.
Eyes I cannot see.

I can barely keep together the splintered shards of my heart of glass.
If only you could linger.
But the night is now creeping away, morning light beams across my cold bed.

Your image faded, a love gone.
Emotions numb, tears dried up.
Empty.
He's not there.

IRENE HOWE
Browns Plains, Qld

History

My Uncle is so wise and so old
I sit and listen to the stories he told.
I sit and listen and look and learn
One story at a time does he let me earn.
He teaches about historical things
While he speaks softly of historical things.
He speaks of history happened long ago
He talks of resistance, the people said 'No'.
I think of how things used to be
Of Warriors proud, not bent at the knee
Only one thing at a time he always taught
Of resistance and heroes that never got caught.
I sit here under a tree in the shade
I think of our history that has been waylaid.

LUA PENRITH
Yuin

Educating our own children is the key

I WOULD like to ask about starting a debate on why we should educate our own children.

I am not referring to secondary or university level education, but primary school-aged children. Because history proves if you re-educate children you can destroy culture, language and create a myriad of other social problems.

So it seems we may be able to reverse this process, by education, and the effects of these former policies, truancy levels, education outcomes, as shown by (Aboriginal educator) Dr Chris Sarra's accomplishments, maybe even incarceration rates, suicides, while making impacts with language and culture programs.

It may seem too simple to be true, but can we afford not to?

WINSLOW JACKSON
Townsville, Qld

Right skills for young people

IT'S a chilly 19-degree evening as I write this and I've only just put my fingers to my keyboard after taking a preview look at The New Basics Report from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA).

I can't believe what I've just read: "In recent international testing by PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) when it comes to problem solving, Indigenous students were more likely to be low performers, with 62% of Indigenous students recording low proficiency.

"On digital literacy, Indigenous students also report lower levels of belief in the importance of working with computers, signalling weaker understanding of the workforce of the future."

I'm going to call these stats for what they are: a joke.

To say I'm concerned is an understatement. To say I'm angry, yeah. But not even that describes it.

Poor education is letting

Indigenous young people down. And what are we doing about it?

We cannot wait any longer to invest in the future of our nation's young Indigenous mob. We deserve to be afforded the same opportunities and prosperity that everyone else enjoys in this great country.

In 2015, the overall attendance

"Houston, we have a problem every time we don't talk about how we are going to set up young people with the right skills at school, now."

rate for Indigenous students nationally was 83.7%, compared with 93.1% for non-Indigenous students.

Yes, there may never have been a more exciting time to be an Australian, but let's capitalise on this. Let's deliver something that will start a revolution.

Why can't we introduce a 'National Enterprise Skills Strategy' to allow for young people to begin learning the appropriate enterprise skills for the future, today?

When we have jobs of the future that demand enterprise skills 70% more than the jobs of the past, we need to do something.

Houston, we have a problem every time we don't talk about how we are going to set up young people with the right skills at school, now.

You can talk to anyone and they will tell you that education is the key to Closing the Gap.

Let's grasp this opportunity and build the

problem-solving, digital and financial literacy skills that our future economy is looking for and requires.

Until we do this, our education system is letting us down.

WYATT COOK-REVELL
Gatton, Qld

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Tiga will be missed

I WAS blessed to have a personal relationship with Tiga Bayles, who passed away this month.

I first met him when I was 15 years old and he claimed me immediately, telling me that his girls were Waters through their mother Cathy Reily.

What Tiga didn't know was that he was already one of my heroes.

All I wanted was to be like Tiga Bayles. Over the next 33 years he became instrumental in forging my Aboriginality.

He was tall and massive, intimidating, ruggedly handsome and wore this large-rimmed leather hat that added to his appearance. His voice would bellow deep from within the bounds of oppression and create hope in our future.

Long before Aboriginal public servants meeting behind closed doors, us Brisbane Blacks would meet as 'One Mob' at Musgrave Park. My mum would dress us in our best clothes as if going to church and drive into South Brisbane, where I witnessed people such as Don Davidson, Merv Reily, Santa Uniopa and Tiga in heated discussions.

It was from these meetings that our community-controlled health, housing and legal services were born.

Behind the scenes it was our forgotten women holding things together... Alice James, Beryl Wharton, Jane Arnold and Eunice Watson meeting in their family homes, with the very first Indigenous health service run out of Alice James' lounge room.

The impact all this had on me as an Aboriginal teenager was significant. We were part of a movement and we had purpose.

By my early 20s, Tiga had taken me under his wing, educated my mind on issues of sovereignty and strategic resistance against oppression, helping me to better understand my cultural obligation and responsibility as a First Nation man.

Upon reflection, I believe it was Tiga who first introduced me to that term 'First Nation', such was his understanding of international struggle and politics long before others rallied behind its call.

I really feel for this current generation that has grown up not knowing their local and political history, or the fight we possessed through men like Tiga. Where now public service culture runs our lives, people having to wait three, sometimes four, hours on the phone to speak to Centrelink or Abstudy, only to be cut off.

I have a number of nieces and nephews around nine years old who have only ever known growing up under 'the Intervention', living under the public shame of basic welfare cards with their parents denied access to cash. Yes, the dark cloud of the Intervention seeps beyond the Northern Territory, with Logan one of many towns controlling people's lives as more than half a billion dollars is slashed from our community-controlled organisations.

I reflected whether making such comment was appropriate in writing an article on Tiga, and then knowing the man, he wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

He fought to the very end. He would tell me over and over again, no matter how successful we become as individuals, as



Woolombi Waters

blackfellas we must always represent those mob hit the hardest.

He was furious that money taken from community-controlled organisations that served our mob was now instead being given to organisations like the Brisbane Broncos, the North Queensland Cowboys and the Queensland Reds. But towards the end Tiga found himself in an even bigger fight which, as throughout his whole life, he faced with dignity, and with the love of his family. He continued to inspire all around him.

His greatest fear was that what we are witnessing would eventually spell the end of the community-controlled organisations he fought so hard to

establish in his youth. If that is the case, I am glad that Tiga will not be around to see it... he deserves so much more than that.

I remember sitting at Tiga's family home in Dutton Park directly opposite Boggo Road Jail, now redeveloped as 'Brisbane's new cultural hub, a village lifestyle with a mix of residential, commercial uses, markets and dining'.

Tiga's mother, Auntie Maureen, would face the jail in the morning and send spiritual and cultural prayer across to the prisoners inside. She, like Tiga, was a remarkable human being. I have never met anyone who could articulate better in so few words the true meaning of our Burruguu-ngayi-li (Dreaming...) than Auntie Maureen Watson.

It was in being introduced to my Burruguu-ngayi-li where I became multilayered in my critical thinking, able to see beyond the surface and probe deeper towards hidden meaning and reality in seeing the world as a First Nation person.

Tiga would always discuss how brilliant the Aboriginal mind was, our reading of the stars, in understanding tides thousands of years before the white man.

How we were able to create the greatest land estate seen on the planet, based on biodiversity and eco-management beyond comparison of any other civilisation in the world.

It was Tiga who first told me of our trade agreements with the Maccassans through Indonesia, who traded Aboriginal goods with the Chinese and spices to the Dutch and Portuguese long before the British invasion, all of which has been denied in our

written history.

It was Tiga who first told me about the holiday island resort of Rottnest Island in Western Australia, where whitefellas today holiday and party but where once a concentration camp stood and hundreds of our mob died in brutal captivity, just as with the true and very horrific history of Boggo Road Jail, now built over to remain hidden from history.

It was this denied history, and Tiga's want to generate truth as testimony of our brilliance and our endurance to survive, that motivated his legacy in creating a National Indigenous Radio network, to give us a voice from where before there was none.

We used to talk, at times once a week, on the phone. Around the New Year the calls stopped.

It was time to step back and leave Tiga alone with family. I realised then that such an influential relationship for me personally was only one of many for Tiga.

Rather than being remembered for what he achieved, Tiga wanted to be remembered simply as a "Dawson River Murri" born from a river shack with a dirt floor and corrugated iron walls.

With his passing I became suddenly aware of my own insignificance and mortality in understanding the privilege I had experienced in knowing someone so very special.

Nguru gi-gi garrawaa-li (He will be missed...)

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Managing our natural foods

Rights Matter

A column from Amnesty International Australia



This column is written by Amnesty International Indigenous Rights Adviser **RODNEY DILLON**, a Palawa man from Tasmania.

WHEN I was a young boy in Tasmania I'd often go out with my brothers and sisters hunting and gathering – for swan eggs, kangaroo, crayfish, scallops and mutton fish, now known as abalone.

Our families told us these native foods were the healthiest options for our people, rather than too much European food, which causes sugar diabetes.

Traditional foods are part of our

make-up, and that make-up has taken 70,000 years to develop. Abalone shells can be found in every ancient midden, so we shouldn't go changing that too quickly. We don't want to be fish-and-chip blackfellas.

If we don't keep hunting and eating our own food, we'll end up dying 15 years younger than everybody else.

These foods were free and easy for us to gather, and nobody worried about us taking them. In fact, abalone was so common that people would harvest them and feed them to their pigs!

Then, across Australia, governments decided they could make an income from selling abalone. They set up licensing systems, but I didn't want to buy a licence just to hunt the foods my people had eaten for thousands of years.

Fifteen years ago it changed to a free permit system, which still restricts where you can gather food. There are strict quotas, and governments of the day did not involve Indigenous people in setting these quotas.

There are also harsh fines for breaching the laws, and the more abalone is worth on the market, the harsher the fines.

When I continued hunting and

gathering, I got caught up with those fines, treated as a criminal and taken to court.

My kids suffered in school because of that perception of me, but I didn't back down – I needed to show my family I would stand up for my responsibilities.

The role of provider is a standard that Indigenous parents need to meet. It's not just about eating the food, it's about your responsibility as a parent to provide good, fresh, healthy food for your family; not fill their stomachs with salt and fat.

Heritage

It's part of keeping your heritage, your culture and who you are.

Hunting and gathering is a skill that we pass down through the generations. We teach our kids not only to eat the fish, but how to catch it, and where, at what times of year.

I took my kids hunting and gathering with me, and by the age of 10 they knew it inside out. Now they are starting to pass that knowledge on to their grandchildren.

Governments know that native food is an essential part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and hunting and fishing rights have come a long way since those early days.

For example, Indigenous peoples now have joint management of national parks. And in Tasmania, traditional owners now can decide at the start of mutton bird season what our quota is and how we divide that up amongst ourselves. If there aren't enough mutton birds, we don't harvest them.

Australia also signed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which states our right to practise our cultural traditions and customs, including maintaining our traditional health practices.

But there is much more that state, territory and federal governments need to do for us to fully realise those rights in the declaration.

There needs to be more government goodwill towards working with Indigenous people in this area.

The native title system has been established to cover land, but only covers oceans in some parts of Australia. Native title needs to be extended to cover all oceans off the coast of traditional lands.

Governments need to buy back fishing licences for Aboriginal people so they can start their own businesses and be self-reliant, without needing government funds.

The fisheries industry needs to involve Indigenous people in setting quotas.

The Fisheries Research Development Council (FRDC) must allocate a budget to researching Indigenous cultures. There needs to be an Indigenous representative on that body, and the FRDC must consult with Indigenous people in deciding the total allowable catch.

Australia could learn a lot from other countries on this topic. For example, Indigenous people in Canada have a lot more say in their industry, and are actively involved in the research and data collection. In New Zealand, the Maori people have half ownership in the Sealord fishing company.

Meanwhile, here in Tasmania I still need to get a separate permit for each type of food I want to harvest.

It's the white man writing out the piece of paper saying I can practise my own culture. That's not his job – they're our fish and animals.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to be making these decisions for themselves, not asking for a handout.

We can no longer be fringe dwellers. We must be part of the management of our native foods and our natural resources.

Has your federal electoral division changed?

As a result of the recent redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Western Australia, you may be voting in a different electoral division at the next federal election.

Following the determination of the names and boundaries of the 16 federal electoral divisions in Western Australia on 19 January 2016, some addresses have moved electoral division and some electoral divisions have been renamed.

A new electoral division, the Division of Burt, has been created in the Armadale and Gosnells area.

A list of the areas which have moved between electoral divisions is provided in the table below. Further information about the redistribution can be found at www.aec.gov.au/WA-redistribution

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Which areas have moved between electoral divisions?

The table below lists the areas which have moved divisions as a result of the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Western Australia.

| From | To |
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| Division of Brand | • the Division of Canning in the Mandurah local government area. |
| Division of Burt | ⚠ The Division of Burt is a new electoral division. |
| Division of Canning | • the Division of Burt in a portion of the Armadale local government area. |
| Division of Cowan | • the Division of Moore in the localities of Woodvale and the western portion of Kingsley from Goollelal Drive, and • the Division of Pearce in the locality of Mariginiup and a portion of the locality of Banksia Grove. |
| Division of Curtin | • the Division of Perth in portions of the of the Vincent and Perth local government areas, and the localities of West Perth and Kings Park. |
| Division of Durack | • no electors were moved from Durack to another electoral division. |
| Division of Forrest | • the Division of O'Connor in the Collie local government area. |
| Division of Fremantle | • the Division of Tangney in the localities of Bicton and Willagee, and a portion of the locality of Kardinya. |
| Division of Hasluck | • the Division of Burt in a portion of the Gosnells local government area, • the Division of Canning in localities of Orange Grove and Martin, • the Division of Pearce in the locality of Middle Swan, and • the Division of Swan in the localities of High Wycombe, Perth Airport and that portion of Forrestfield west of the Roe Highway. |
| Division of Moore | • the Division of Pearce in the localities of Banksia Grove, Carramar, Clarkson, Mindarie, Neerabup and Tamala Park. |
| Division of O'Connor | • the Division of Durack in the local government areas of Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Quairading, Westonia and Yilgarn. |
| Division of Pearce | • the Division of Canning in the outer suburban localities of Carmel, Canning Mills and Pickering Brook, • the Division of Cowan in the localities of Whiteman and Bennet Springs, and • the Division of Hasluck in the Mundaring local government area, the localities of Bickley, Hacketts Gully, Paulls Valley, Piesse Brook, Reservoir, and portions of the localities of Walliston, Lesmurdie, Gidgegannup, Jane Brook, Stratton, Swan View and Red Hill. |
| Division of Perth | • the Division of Cowan in the localities of Beechboro, Kiara and Lockridge, and • the Division of Stirling in portions of the localities of Dianella and Morley. |
| Division of Stirling | • the Division of Curtin in the locality of Innaloo and portions of the localities of Scarborough, Doubleview and Osborne Park, and • the Division of Perth in the localities of Coolbinia and Menora. |
| Division of Swan | • the Division of Burt in the locality of Langford, • the Division of Hasluck in the locality of Beckenham, and • the Division of Tangney in the localities of Ferndale, Lynwood and a portion of Riverton. |
| Division of Tangney | • the Division of Burt in the locality of Canning Vale. |

The changes listed above provide an overview of the results of the redistribution of Western Australian federal electoral divisions.

Further information

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Has your federal electoral division changed?

As a result of the recent redistribution of federal electoral divisions in New South Wales, you may be voting in a different electoral division at the next federal election. Following the determination of the names and boundaries of the 47 federal electoral divisions in New South Wales on 25 February 2016, some addresses have moved electoral division and some electoral divisions have been renamed.

The former Division of Throsby is now the Division of Whitlam, in honour of the former Prime Minister, the Hon. Edward Gough Whitlam AC QC (1916–2014). The former Division of Hunter has been abolished. However, the former Division of Charlton has been renamed the Division of Hunter.

A list of the areas which have moved between electoral divisions is provided in the table below. Further information about the redistribution can be found at www.aec.gov.au/NSW-redistribution

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Which areas have moved between electoral divisions?

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| Division of Banks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Cook in the area of Kyle Bay, and in parts of Blakehurst and Connells Point, and • the Division of Watson in parts of Punchbowl, Riverwood and Padstow. |
| Division of Barton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Cook in the areas of Beverley Park, Kogarah Bay, Carss Park, Sandringham, Sans Souci, Dolls Point, Ramsgate, Ramsgate Beach and Monterey, and in part of Kogarah, and • the Division of Watson in the area of Kingsgrove. |
| Division of Bennelong | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of Berowra | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of Blaxland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Fowler in the area of Fairfield East and Carramar, • the Division of McMahon in the areas of Woodpark, Guildford West, Old Guildford and Yennora, and in parts of Guildford and Smithfield, and • the Division of Parramatta in parts of South Granville and Merrylands. |
| Division of Bradfield | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Berowra in parts of Asquith, Hornsby, Normanhurst and Thornleigh. |
| Division of Calare | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Riverina in the Parkes and Forbes local government areas. |
| Division of Charlton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Newcastle in the areas of Lambton, Rankin Park, Jesmond, Maryland, Fletcher and Minmi, and in parts of Cardiff Heights, Elmore Vale, Glendale, New Lambton Heights and Wallsend, • the Division of Shortland in the areas of Speers Point, Boolaroo, Macquarie Hills, Lakelands, Garden Suburb, and Warners Bay, and in parts of Cardiff, Cardiff Heights, Cardiff South, New Lambton Heights, and • the remaining electors from the former electoral Division of Charlton have been transferred to the new Division of Hunter. <p>▲ The former Division of Charlton has been renamed as the Division of Hunter.</p> |
| Division of Chifley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Greenway in part of Blacktown, and • the Division of McMahon in the areas of Minchinbury and Huntingwood, and in part of Eastern Creek. |
| Division of Cook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Hughes in the areas of Bonnet Bay, Como, Oyster Bay, Kirrawee, Loftus and Grays Point, and in part of Sutherland Shire. |
| Division of Cowper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Page in part of the Clarence Valley local government area and the northern part of the Coffs Harbour local government area from Lowanna, Coramba and parts of Karangí and Sapphire Beach. |
| Division of Cunningham | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Hughes in part of the Sutherland Shire, and • the Division of Whitlam in the area of Unanderra between the Illawarra and Moss Vale–Unanderra Railways. |
| Division of Dobell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Robertson in the area south of Wamberal Lagoon. |
| Division of Eden-Monaro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Gilmore in part of the Eurobodalla local government area generally north of Bodalla, the Deua River and Little Bumbo Creek. |
| Division of Farrer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Parkes in the local government areas of Broken Hill, Central Darling and Unincorporated NSW, and • the Division of Riverina in the Lockhart local government area. |
| Division of Fowler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Werriwa in the areas of Ashcroft, Cartwright, Miller, Sadleir, Heckenberg, Busby, Green Valley, Hinchinbrook, Middleton Grange, Elizabeth Hills, Cecil Hills, and in parts of Austral, Bonnyrigg and West Hoxton. |
| Division of Gilmore | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Whitlam in part of the Shellharbour local government area. |
| Division of Grayndler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Division of Barton in the area of Tempe, and in parts of Canterbury, Dulwich Hill, Marrickville and Hurlstone Park, • the Division of Reid in parts of Ashfield and Croydon, • the Division of Sydney in parts of Camperdown, Newtown, and St Peters, and • the Division of Watson in parts of Canterbury, Ashbury, Ashfield and Hurlstone Park. |

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| Division of Greenway | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Chifley in part of Blacktown in the area of the former Ashlar Golf Course, and the Division of Parramatta in the areas of Toongabbie and Pendle Hill. |
| Division of Hughes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Banks in the areas of Panania, East Hills, Picnic Point and Revesby Heights, and in parts of Revesby and Milperra, the Division of Blaxland in parts of Milperra and Revesby, and the Division of Fowler in the areas of Chipping Norton and Warwick Farm, and in parts of Liverpool and Moorebank. |
| Division of Hume | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Calare in the Cabonne local government area in the area of Canowindra, the Division of Eden-Monaro in the Yass Valley local government area, and in part of the Palerang local government area, and the Division of Riverina in the local government areas of Weddin, Cowra, Young, Cootamundra and Harden. |
| Division of Hunter (this electoral division has been abolished) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Calare in the areas of Kandos, Rylstone and Bylong, the new Division of Hunter in the Singleton, and Muswellbrook local government areas and in that part of the Cessnock local government area that includes Aberdare, Cessnock, Edgeworth, Elrington, Kearsley, Keimbah, Lovedale, Mulbring, Nulkaba, Seahampton and West Wallsend and parts of Cardiff, Glendale and Richmond Vale, the Division of New England in the Upper Hunter local government area, and the Division of Paterson in the Maitland local government area south of the Hunter River and in that part of the Cessnock local government area that includes Neath, Abermain, Weston, Kurri Kurri, Pelaw Main, Stanford Merthyr, Heddon Greta, Sawyers Gully, Loxford, Cliftleigh, Buchanan, Buttai, Stockington and part of Richmond Vale. <p>▲ The former Division of Hunter has been abolished.</p> |
| Division of Kingsford Smith | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of Lindsay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of Lyne | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Cowper in parts of the Kempsey and Port Macquarie-Hastings local government areas. |
| Division of Macarthur | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Cunningham in the Darkes Forest area, the Division of Werriwa in the area of Badgerys Creek, and in parts of Bringelly and Rossmore, and the Division of Hume in the areas of Greendale, Luddenham, Wallacia, Warragamba, Silverdale, Cobbitty, Ellis Lane, Kirkham, Grasmere, Bickley Vale, Camden South, Camden Park, Camden, Elderslie, Spring Farm, Mount Annan, Narellan Vale, Narellan, Cawdor, Menangle, Douglas Park and Appin, and in part of Bringelly. |
| Division of Mackellar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of Macquarie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of McMahon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Fowler in the areas of Edensor Park, Greenfield Park, and in parts of Abbotsbury, Bossley Park and Prairewood. |
| Division of Mitchell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Berowra in part of the Hornsby local government area. |
| Division of Newcastle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Paterson in part of the Port Stephens local government area. |
| Division of New England | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Page in the area of Hernani, and the Division of Parkes in the Gunnedah local government area. |
| Division of North Sydney | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Bradfield in the area of Castle Cove, and in part of Chatswood. |
| Division of Page | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Richmond in that part of Ballina local government area east of Alstonville including Teven, Cumbalum, Ballina, East Ballina, South Ballina, West Ballina, Keith Hall, Pimlico and Pimlico Island. |
| Division of Parkes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Calare in the Wellington and Mid-Western Regional local government areas, the Division of New England in the former Yallaroi Shire and part of the former Bingara Shire, and the Division of Riverina in that part of Ungarie in the Bland local government area. |
| Division of Parramatta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of McMahon in parts of Merrylands, Merrylands West and Guildford, and the Division of Mitchell in parts of Old Toongabbie and Northmead. |
| Division of Paterson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Lyne in the Dungog and Great Lakes local government areas, and in parts of the Maitland and Port Stephens local government areas. |
| Division of Reid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Blaxland in part of the Auburn local government area, and the Division of Watson in the Lidcombe and Rookwood areas east of Joseph Street and Olympic Drive. |
| Division of Richmond | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Page in part of the Lismore local government area. |
| Division of Riverina | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Eden-Monaro in the local government areas of Tumut and Tumbarumba, and the Division of Farrer in the local government areas of Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera and Carrathool. |
| Division of Robertson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division. |
| Division of Shortland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Dobell in the area of Lake Haven, Charmhaven and Gorokan. |
| Division of Sydney | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Grayndler in the areas of Cockatoo Island, Birchgrove, Balmain, Rozelle, and Annandale. |
| Division of Throsby | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Cunningham in the areas of Port Kembla and Warrawong, and in parts of Lake Heights and Unanderra, and the remaining electors from the former Division of Throsby have been transferred to the Division of Whitlam. <p>▲ The former Division of Throsby has been renamed as the Division of Whitlam.</p> |
| Division of Warringah | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Bradfield at the Roseville Bridge Marina, and the Division of North Sydney in parts of the Cremorne and Neutral Bay areas. |
| Division of Watson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Barton in the areas of Clemton Park, Canterbury and Campsie, and the Division of Reid in the areas of Strathfield and Burwood. |
| Division of Wentworth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Sydney in the areas of Woolloomooloo and Potts Point, and in part of Darlinghurst. |
| Division of Werriwa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Division of Fowler in the area of Liverpool, and the Division of Macarthur in the areas of Denham Court, Varroville, Kearns, Raby, Eschol Park, Claymore, Eagle Vale, Leumeah, Minto, St Andrews, Minto Heights, Bow Bowling, and Catherine Field, and in parts of Leppington and Ingleburn. |

The changes listed above provide an overview of the results of the redistribution of New South Wales federal electoral divisions.

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Indigenous recognition linked to republic

By NATALIE CROMB



THERE has been a renewed push for Australia to become a republic, which would effectively mean Australia would be wholly independent of England and have an Australian head of state, as opposed to the British monarch.

There is considerable support for this campaign, despite the failed referendum in 1999, which saw none of the states vote in favour but only 45.13% of voters overall support the proposition – well short of the

'double majority' (a majority in more than half the states and also overall) needed for a successful referendum.

Writer and chairman of the Australian Republic Movement Peter FitzSimons told the *Koori Mail* that a push for a republic will occur after Indigenous Australia's recognition in whichever manner Indigenous Australia seeks to be recognised.

He said the Australian Republic Movement supports constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australia, the people, history, culture and knowledge.

"When we become a republic, we don't

want to be talking in terms of 200-odd years of history but rather be unified that this country is some 60,000 years old and the vast majority of our history is Indigenous," he said.

Mr FitzSimons has been resolute in his position since his appointment as chair of the movement that it is out of place for a modern and multicultural nation like Australia to have a foreign aristocratic head of state. He considers becoming a republic a fundamental step to achieving a true sense of nationhood in which Australia can resolve its troubled past and create a more unified nation.

At the recent Men Speak out for Treaty event in Redfern, Sydney, Indigenous Senior Counsel (barrister) and Wiri man Tony McAvooy said that Indigenous Australia's push for a treaty needs to occur in conjunction with the republic movement because if there were a republic before entering into a treaty it would diminish the chances of meaningful reform after the fact.

There remains division in the community between the constitutional recognition campaign, which has governmental support, and the sovereignty campaign, that would see reform through treaties.

System is a winner for jobseekers

By KEIRA JENKINS



FRUSTRATED with seeing Aboriginal people – including himself – miss out on job opportunities,

Gumbaynggirr man Les Delaforce has developed a way to remove 'unconscious bias' from the hiring process.

People are more likely to hire someone of the same gender, culture and age group as themselves, and Mr Delaforce said qualifications are often more highly regarded than experience in many industries.

"Watching our mob miss out on heaps of jobs was so frustrating. I missed out on about 13 jobs myself because I had no qualification," Mr Delaforce, who is based in Perth, said.

"They didn't take into account the experience I had. In a lot of places it's a matter of 'no degree, no job'."

Mr Delaforce's system, Covocate.com, uses a computer algorithm to match people with jobs.

He said with so many companies talking about diversity but not many able to enact that diversity in the workplace, he wanted to take matters into his own hands.

"Rather than talk and complain about not being able to get a job, I thought I'd do something about it," Mr Delaforce told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's exciting but it was a massive risk jumping into an industry I had no experience in.

"I worked 16- to 18-hour days for a while but I saw the potential and I was not going to stop."

Under the system, the company sets the parameters for what its looking for in an employee. For example, it may be looking for someone who works well alone, is task-oriented, and can adapt to a new situation quickly.

Then the applicants fill out a questionnaire that measures



Gumbaynggirr man Les Delaforce has developed a system that he says will help more Aboriginal people get jobs.

each of these traits against the employer's parameters, and the system will 'match' people for the interview based on their answers, regardless of gender, age, qualifications or culture.

"I am passionate about making tangible changes. So it's an awesome feeling to have people say to me that this system is a game-changer," Mr Delaforce said.

Door-opener

He said that his system, launched last year, is simply a door-opener for people to get into the interview process.

"It's a way to give people an opportunity to talk about their experiences; people who might not usually get to the interview process," Mr Delaforce said.

"The companies we've been trialling it with have said they've received more Aboriginal people and people of diverse backgrounds in the interviews." Mr Delaforce said he's

surprised at the interest his system has gained from companies, the media and venture capitalists.

"I was super nervous going into it because these people are interested in whether or not your idea is viable – not whether it's simply a good idea," he said.

"I was so worried because this is something I've put my heart and soul into. I guess our next step after this will be to keep pushing it forward. It's been a challenge to get it going, but I was never going to give up on it. Sometimes it's a bit daunting, but mostly it's exciting."

Mr Delaforce also feels passionate about encouraging Aboriginal people into the tech industry.

"There's also not many people from diverse backgrounds in the tech industry so I want to encourage more people to do start-ups like this – I've got no technical expertise and I've done it," he said.



Dubs Yunupingu, who plays Nina in *Sugarland*, which is currently touring the country.

Life's sweet for Sugarland pair



DUBS Yunupingu was only meant to be the poster girl for Australian Theatre for Young People's *Sugarland* when it

was devised in 2014.

Eighteen months later, the Yolngu woman is touring the country as Nina for the play.

"I was brought up in dancing. After I did the photoshoot for the posters they asked me to come in for an audition," Ms Yunupingu told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'd never done any acting before but I decided to give it a shot and I got the role. There's lots of different ways to get into acting."

Ms Yunupingu was joined by Narek Arman, who plays Aaron, for the original performance of *Sugarland* in 2014.

They spent time in Katherine, where the play is set, developing their characters and learning from local teenagers what it is like to live in a remote community.

Mr Arman said the play is a demonstration of what life is like for teenagers in communities like Katherine.

Mr Arman and Ms Yunupingu were school students when they got the roles in *Sugarland*.

Ms Yunupingu said this helped not only in developing realistic characters but also in the workshops they're doing now as part of the tour.

"We have a better understanding of each other and a common

ground with students than someone older would," the 18-year-old said.

"There's so many issues that are not spoken about and this play brings them out in a real way."

Ms Yunupingu and Mr Arman, also 18, left their schooling to pursue the opportunity that *Sugarland* presented.

Both want to finish their school qualifications and speak of TAFE or university.

"My plan was to finish the play, do TAFE and finish my schooling there, but every time I'd get into it I'd get another acting job," Mr Arman said. "I want to finish one day, but *Sugarland* was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Mr Arman said the play has matured along with the actors, developing along with their growth.

"It's been intense. I've had lots of acting work over the last 18 months. We've transitioned into adulthood and the play has transitioned with us," he said.

"It's surprising how well kids so far away from Katherine can relate to the play and how familiar they are with some of the darker themes.

"These kids have gone through a lot of hardships."

The pair is joined by Eliza Logan as Penny, Xanthe Paige as Erica, Calen Tassone as Jimmy and Jonas Thomson as Charles for this year's tour.

Ms Yunupingu said the group has helped to develop the story and each brings something different to the project.

Anzac Day 2016 – Canberra



Karen Walker stands proud at the front of the march with her daughter Possum on her shoulders.



Royal Australian Air Force fighter jets fly over the Frontier Wars march in Canberra.



Emily Barnblett and Nicola Barker remembering the massacres.



The Frontier Wars march on Anzac Day in the national capital.



Mybarnj Walker, Dylan Wood and Damien Fred were among the marchers.



Laurence Sprockett-Coghlan and Hazel Davies lay wreaths.



Binnah Powanrr, Tania Griffiths and Risah Vox in Canberra.



Lewis Walker says a few words in front of the memorial after the wreaths are laid.



Dharawal man Jeff Timbery played didgeridoo as people placed floral tributes at the memorial.



Johnny Huckle's performance brought smiles to those gathered for the service on Mount Ainslie.



Ngunnawal man Michael Bell welcomed visitors to country and to the site of the Indigenous memorial.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association national president Gary Oakley.



Jason Orchard, whose father Raymond was a Vietnam War veteran, shared some memories of his dad.

Frontier Wars remembered

By KEIRA JENKINS



FOR the first time, marchers honouring the lives lost in the Frontier Wars during the early years of white colonisation were allowed to lay a wreath at the National War Memorial on Anzac Day in Canberra.

Marking its sixth year, the Frontier Wars march shadowed the 'official' ceremony, with community members and Elders standing together and marching down Anzac Parade.

Organiser Ghillar Michael Anderson said the march aimed to raise awareness and seek justice for those who had been murdered.

"Australia is one big crime scene, and that crime is now called genocide. This side of history does not get told," he said.

"How can you reconcile when there are people who have been murdered who are not even buried yet.

"This is about reverence for the dead. The Aboriginal people who came back from those wars were still treated like second-class citizens."

Last year the marchers were stopped away from the crowd and the memorial by what Mr Anderson said was police force.

"The police stopped us and silenced us. It just shows that there is a continuation of abuse," he said.

"We started in 2010 with 20 people; it's grown a little bit since then."

The annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commemoration Ceremony also followed the theme of recognising the Frontier Wars.



Children with wreaths at the Aboriginal Memorial on the side of Mt Ainslie near the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The ceremony was held at the Aboriginal Memorial on the side of Mt Ainslie, following the Dawn Service.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association (ATSIVSA) national president Gary Oakley said it is a quasi-memorial to the Aboriginal soldiers, but it is not enough.

"Defence tried to have their NAIDOC celebrations here, but the site's not big enough," he said.

"We're pushing for something on Anzac Parade and we've been told it'll be considered if we come up with a huge amount of money."

ATSIVSA secretary Garth O'Connell said having a separate Indigenous ceremony is not about creating difference or making the Indigenous veterans seem 'special'.

"It's about saying 'thank you' to the community who come here," he said.

"It's about saying 'thank you' to the Defence Force on the work they've done towards reconciliation.

"It's about acknowledging the bad treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans, recognising it happened and making sure it can never happen again."

Anzac Day 2016



Guests, students, visitors and staff who made up the official party for the Murri School's Anzac Day commemorations.

Murri School joins in

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community (Murri) School held an official Anzac Day ceremony in the

lead-up to the day with the help of the Community Links Program run by the RSL.

It was only the Brisbane school's second ceremony, and parent and community engagement officer Jeffery Locke, a veteran, said it had grown significantly since the first year.

"It was just me last year. But this year I rang up the boys who I fought with in Somalia," he said. "Some of the aunties at the school also knew people who'd fought in different wars so they came too."

"Then I called the army to see if anyone who was currently serving could come along, and it just kind of fell together."

Before the Murri School began participating in Community Links, Mr Locke would simply bring his slouch hat to the school and go from class to class, telling the students about Anzac Day.

He told of the sacrifices made, not only by the veterans in the room and during the



Murri School social science teacher Patrick McHugh said students engaged with learning about Indigenous veterans.

recognised wars, but also made a point of mentioning the Indigenous lives lost during the Frontier Wars.

"We need to remember the Aboriginal people who died defending their own country," he said. "We need to recognise the torment and suffering they endured. There were Aboriginal people involved in every conflict but they were not recognised because they weren't considered citizens until Vietnam."

The Community Links Program in which the Murri School is involved allows students to research one of 27 Indigenous soldiers who have been identified from World War I and represent them at the school's Anzac ceremony.

The program, the idea of Steve Eaton, was offered to the Murri School in late 2014, making it the first school to participate. It now runs in 20 schools across Queensland.



Val and John Burns (front) with Ruby and John Luder at the service.



● Above: Darren Thompson, Jim Cridland and James Mi Mi at the Murri School.

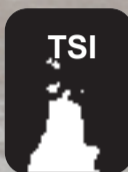


Olivia Ah Wang, Isabella Fiore, Megan Peterson and Sylah Costelloe, four of the Year 9-10 Murri School students who participated in the Community Links Program. They represented an Indigenous veteran who died in World War I.



● Left: Serving Australian soldiers, corporals Kieran Marr and Hayley Robinson, were guests at the Murri School.

Services held in Torres Strait



ANZAC Day memorial services were held across Far North Queensland and on the Torres Strait Islands.

Rain failed to dampen the Anzac spirit during an emotional dawn service on Thursday Island's Green Fort Hill, overlooking the ocean and other islands.

MC Marsat Ketchell asked the crowd to close their eyes and imagine being in Gallipoli for 10 seconds, to imagine horrors of war.

Sarpeye Commanding Officer Major C De Laine gave an address highlighting the contributions of Torres Strait Islander people in the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion during World War II.

Torres Shire mayor Vonda Malone said Anzac Day wasn't a celebration of war but rather a day to remember the sacrifices that soldiers made.

● Pictured: The main Anzac Day march on Thursday Island. *Picture: Torres News*

Major services in Townsville

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people were a big part of two large Anzac Day services in Townsville.

Crowds attended dawn services at the Townsville event on the Strand and at Thuringowa in the suburbs.

Thousands marched from the

Willows Shopping Centre to the cenotaph near Thuringowa Library during the morning, where the Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian flags flew.

Mer women Elsie Lui, Maria Takurit and Mary David were in the crowd.

"My grandfather Eric served and this is a time we remember him and all others," Ms David said.

Kevin Toby of Boigu Island descent, Saravina Lalara

(Numbulwar, NT) and Laura Jentian (Bagot, NT) got a ride in a historic Army Jeep during the march. Scores of their fellow Shalom pupils from around Australia marched along with more than 2000 others.

Litisha Baker (Galiwinku), Celine Baker (Milingimbi), Elliot Clarke (Kalumburu, WA), Ezekiel Baker (Galiwinku) and Zeanne Murrungun (Numbulwar) led the Shalom section of the march, proudly carrying the banner.



Locals gather around the new memorial on Palm Island during this year's Anzac Day service. *Picture: Sondra Gorringer*

New memorial on Palm Island



A NEW Anzac memorial was unveiled on Palm Island on April 25. Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey told the *Koori Mail*

it was one of the biggest turnouts in recent times for an Anzac Day event in the large Aboriginal community.

The memorial was unveiled

by Edna Coolburra and Cr Roy Prior. Mrs Coolburra is the widow of Bill Coolburra, who served for many years in the Australian Army including during the Vietnam War.

After the unveiling, Noel Cannon Snr blessed the memorial and then soldiers conducted the Anzac service around it.

— Alf Wilson



At the Anzac Day memorial service in the Townsville suburb of Thuringowa, from left, Elsie Lui, Maria Takurit and Mary David (Mer Island).

Aurukun artworks proving popular



SCULPTURES and paintings from Aurukun in far north Queensland are being snapped up by Brisbane art

lovers, with seven pieces bought on the first day of an exhibition at the Woolloongabba Art Gallery.

Aurukun mayor Derek Walpo said Wik and Kugu artists David Marpoondin and Lex, Bevan, Leigh and Garry Namponan created 20 sculptures and paintings which included birds, a crocodile and the Aurukun dogs.

The exhibition, called *Kang*

ka nam – old one, Ying ka nam – new one, Phi in – big one, was officially opened by University of Queensland's Associate Professor Sally Butler and will run until May 14.

Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch said that from an arts perspective, the Aurukun dogs had made the community stand out from the rest.

"While the other works in this exhibition will be greatly appreciated, it has been the unique nature of the Aurukun dogs which has attracted discerning collectors from around the world to travel to Aurukun, hoping to secure one of these unique and magnificent

pieces of art," he said.

The Woolloongabba Art Gallery exhibition is the Wik and Kugu Art Centre's first show this year and will be followed by shows in Melbourne and the Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair (CIAF) in July.

Garry Namponan is currently creating some development works for his upcoming solo show with Kick Arts Contemporary Art in Cairns during CIAF 2016.

He is using the markings he created for his dog sculptures as the basis for a design on new pre-stretched canvas from Create Art, which he is painting with ochre and acrylic binders.



Aurukun artworks on display at the Brisbane exhibition.



Kaydence Ryder, who won Noongar Radio's selfie challenge.

Kaydence rises to challenge



NOONGAR Radio had no idea its social media selfie challenge would take on a bigger picture during Harmony Week, with entries over the 100 mark, a whopping 60,000 views and thousands of Facebook

likes day and night.

The Perth-based station said community interest and engagement is a core principal of community radio, but thinking outside the box and keeping up with the times is a key factor in the delivery of messages.

For one week selfies were posted daily, with likes and views recorded until 4am, then at sunrise the action repeated.

The challenge was to get the most likes to become the Noongar Radio Selfie Champion.

Winner Kaydence Ryder attracted hundreds of them.

Her mother Kita said Kaydence was surprised at the reaction to her selfie.

"She's not a confident girl, but seeing the reaction to her selfie made her happy and proud," she said.

Kaydence has severe teeth crowding and needs braces. Kita thought it would be a great way to boost her daughter's confidence and perhaps get braces for Kaydence, so her parents have now created a gofundme online fundraiser – 'Please Help Us Get Kaydence Braces'.

SA problem addressed



FILLING in forms to access government services or to even apply for a licence or register a car can be a bit of a chore.

But when you don't have a house number or street name, it can become even more problematic, and in some cases near impossible.

This is especially so when using online services and has proved a real problem for communities on South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands and a number of other Aboriginal communities where many homes haven't been formally marked in records or on maps.

Until now, that is.

The South Australian Government has recently completed a \$272,000 program to allocate house block numbers and to name 143 roads across 13 communities covering about 100,000 square kilometres.

About 2500 people live in these communities and, while local knowledge of

where people live is often sufficient, SA Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan said the allocation of street names and numbers is also about providing services and programs that others across Australia take for granted, and allowing those communities to be better serviced.

"With no recognised addressing system, Aboriginal people living on the lands were unable to provide a valid address when interacting with the wider world," he said.

"Online forms for everyday use such as registration, banking and Centrelink access were out of reach."

Benefit

The program is also a benefit for people coming onto the lands, including emergency services, who can have access to maps that will allow individual streets, houses and businesses to be located.

Copies of those maps have been distributed in the communities. Streets have been named using local landmarks

and sites and also Aboriginal words for Australian animals.

The program was completed in about 12 months while others in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory have been ongoing for several years.

But the project has stopped short of actually installing street signs on the lands, which drew criticism from the South Australian Opposition.

Health spokesman Stephen Wade also questioned if the money spent was the best use of taxpayer funds, given other issues facing the APY communities, including health concerns.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said the project should not be seen as limiting other work on the APY Lands.

"I don't think it is a case of by doing one thing you are necessarily detracting from everything else you do," he said.

"I think the more we can provide services and deliver programs that everyone else around Australia has come to expect, it is a good thing." – AAP

Book reveals Olga's story

By KEIRA JENKINS



OLGA Collis-McAnespie thought she was just writing a book when she started documenting her life five years ago.

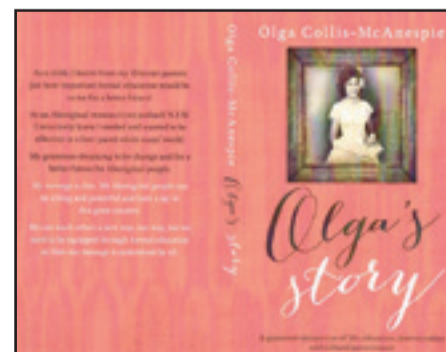
Now the Muruwari woman has launched that same book, which is being heralded as 'a grassroots perspective of life, education determination and cultural perseverance', in the western NSW town of Bourke.

"I never thought it would come to this. There's been highs and lows, sadness and laughter," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm calm. I'm not overexerting myself with emotions because it has been a heavy journey.

"I feel good about the book, but I'm happy the journey has ended."

Ms Collis-McAnespie chose the Bourke Art Gallery for last week's book launch simply because the town and surrounding



areas feature so heavily in the story.

"I've lived in Bourke, and my children completed high school here. These places have brought us through tough times," the mother-of-four said.

Ms Collis-McAnespie said the inspiration for *Olga's Story* came from her time working in Aboriginal health and education as well as her parents' passion for learning, which they passed on to her.

"Education has always had a special place for me. My book is about education right through," she said.

"It was a dream when I was young to reward – give something back – to my parents who raised us during the good and bad times."

Ms Collis-McAnespie, the youngest child of eight, grew up on the banks of the Culgoa and Bokhara rivers in western NSW.

"My parents were both deprived of an education but that didn't take away anything from the people they were," she said.

"They went forward with strong ethics and had a strong connection to culture.

"They always made sure the family had skills for life and taught us the importance of togetherness and supporting each other."

Ms Collis-McAnespie said her hopes for the book are that people will see the importance of education when they read it.

Applicants sought for ACCELERATE



THE British Council is seeking applications for its annual ACCELERATE leadership development program.

Designed to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the skills and networks to excel in leadership positions within the creative industries, the program is open to those who have at least five years' experience in the creative industries and can demonstrate a vision for where they want to take their career and community.

Applications for ACCELERATE 2016 are open until June 3.

On completion, participants form part of the national ACCELERATE alumni network, with access to continued support, training and international opportunities.

Since 2009, ACCELERATE has developed an alumni of 29 Indigenous arts leaders across the creative disciplines. The program covers all creative industries including music, theatre, fashion, design, literature, writing, visual arts and dance. Alumni have gone on to excel in their fields, including photographer and 2013 ACCELERATE participant Michael Cook, who participated in the 19th Biennale of Sydney and has held solo exhibitions around the world, including at the British Museum, and is this year participating at the global art fair, Art Basel Hong Kong.

Others are in senior positions in institutions from the National Gallery of Australia to the Blak & Bright Festival, in regional communities and international showcases.

Experience

The program offers a blended learning experience. This year's participants will join intensive training workshops in Australia before travelling to Britain to develop skills in consultation with high-profile individuals and organisations in their artistic fields.

British Council director Helen O'Neil says ACCELERATE is a unique opportunity that not only helps talented Indigenous future leaders reach the next stage in their careers but also creates pathways that allow others to follow in their footsteps.

"By drawing upon connections with the UK's vibrant creative industries, it allows



Last year's ACCELERATE program participants, from left, Emma Loban, Angela Flynn, Carly Sheppard, Teagan Cowlshaw and Marcus Corowa.

participants to develop valuable international networks in order to drive their own careers and flourish in leadership positions," she said.

"We are working with UK trainers, expert in developing more diverse leadership groups, who have drawn on the rich cultural base of ACCELERATE alumni to ensure the program is tailored to help participants meet the challenges and realise the opportunities before them."

2015 participant, Adelaide producer and arts manager Angela Flynn, said

ACCELERATE was "an incredibly intense program but in the best possible way".

"I was able to confront issues that had been troubling me about my career, in a positive proactive manner, with excellent resolutions or at least with progress," she said.

"But I also realised that I don't need to have all the answers now as long as I remain focused on my purpose."

This year's participants will be announced in Melbourne on August 16.

More details at www.accelerate.org.au

Peacock, Simms in residency



BIDJIGAL singer-songwriter Vic Simms and Erub performer Luke Peacock are

taking up a residency at the Campbelltown Arts Centre.

They are coming together to write music for a new release for Simms after their collaboration on 2014's *Selections from The Loner*.

Simms and Peacock will also spend their residency mentoring young Indigenous musicians.

The two-week residency will culminate in a concert with the young musicians alongside Simms and Peacock on May 14.

Mr Simms said he is glad to be taking on the program as his first residency with an arts centre.

"I want to encourage kids to do well and to perform. This is about teaching young people about the longevity of artists," he said.

Peacock is a newcomer compared with Simms, but has been writing songs since he was a teenager.

Exhibition in Lismore



LOCAL Aboriginal artists are invited to apply to be part of the *Ngarakal*

Githabal Dialect exhibition, to be held at Lismore City Hall, on the NSW North Coast, this month.

The exhibition is the culmination of the Bundjalung Project, developed by Arts Northern Rivers and designed to reconnect artists with early mark-makings.

For this exhibition, artists are asked to explore Bootheram Lore, which uses landscape and the sky as a reference for the creation lore.

For information or to apply, visit artsnorthernrivers.com.au

GRANTS FOR INDIGENOUS ARTISTS

APPLICATIONS OPEN 2 MAY TO 14 JUNE 2016

Have you got an arts project in mind that you would like funding for?

The City of Melbourne invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and arts organisations to apply for an arts grant or residency.

Grants up to \$20,000 available for activities that will take place in the City of Melbourne in 2017.

Applications open 2 May to 14 June 2016.

For more information visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/annualartsgrants or call our grants team on 9658 9658



CITY OF MELBOURNE

Starting place for songwriters

NSW

UP-AND-COMING Aboriginal songwriters in NSW's Orana region will have the chance to attend a

two-day skills development workshop, run by APRA AMCOS.

Taking place at TAFE Western Institute in Dubbo from May 16-17, the Starting Ground workshop is an opportunity for musicians to develop their careers under the guidance of award-winning artists and music industry professionals.

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Leah Flanagan will mentor participants alongside soul and hip hop artist Radical Son and music producer Neal Sutherland, who has worked with The Presets, Bertie Blackman, Megan Washington and Sarah Blasko.

Rob Scott from Source Music will provide music industry insight along with APRA AMCOS ATSI (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) national representative Michael Hutchings.

The hands-on workshop will cover songwriting and live performance along with business

management, touring, radio and marketing.

It will be the third Starting Ground workshop, with events held in Tamworth in November last year and Byron Bay in March.

Award-winning music producer Magoo, who was a mentor at Starting Ground Byron Bay, said he would like to see more such events.

"There are significant disadvantages for performers from regional areas, and talking with a group of industry people who have achieved something can be a great inspiration," he said.

Tamworth-based songwriter and producer Athol Munro, a participant at the Byron Bay event, said he gained a huge amount at Starting Ground.

"I had an awesome time meeting new people and learning heaps," he said. "I encourage anybody who loves music to attend these workshops."

● Pictured: Leah Flanagan will mentor Aboriginal songwriters at a Starting Ground workshop in Dubbo.



Ceramics at Shepparton

VIC

SHEPPARTON Art Museum has announced the seven artists and arts

collectives to present an exhibition in the 2016 Indigenous Ceramic Art Award (ICAA).

The award celebrates and supports the diverse use of the ceramic medium by Indigenous artists and acknowledges ceramic art.

The winner of the \$20,000 acquisitive prize will be announced at the exhibition official opening of the event on August 20.

This year's shortlisted artists are Janet Fieldhouse (Torres Strait); Deanne Gilson, Wadawurrung/Wathaurung (Victoria); Sean Miller, Kamilaroi (NSW); Raymond Young, Gunnai/Yorta Yorta/Gunditjmara (Victoria) and Alison Murray, Giramay (Qld). Also on the shortlist are the Gallery Kaiela Artists (Victoria – Jack Anselmi, Yorta Yorta and Cynthia Hardie, Yorta Yorta) and the Ernbella Women Potters, Pukatja Community (SA – Lynette Lewis, Yartiji Jack, Marissa Thompson,



2014 Indigenous Ceramic Art Award winner *After the Rain Bungle Bungle*, by the Bankstown Koori Elders Group. Courtesy the artists. Picture: Jamie Durrant.

Anne Thompson, Tjimpuna Williams, Janelle Thompson, Rachael Mipantjiti Lionel, Alison Milyika Carroll and Carlene Thompson).

The 2016 ICAA attracted applications from around the country.

The shortlisted applicants have been invited to enter a substantial body of new work for display in Shepparton from August 6 to September 25.

The exhibition will also feature

a series of cultural programs.

ICAA judges are Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby, Melbourne Museum South Eastern Australian Collections senior curator Kimberley Moulton, and Shepparton Art Museum director Rebecca Coates.

The 2016 ICAA will be curated by project curator Joanna Bosse and curatorial assistant – Indigenous visual arts Belinda Briggs.

Mad Magpie the latest in a series by Gregg Dreise

VIC

MAD MAGPIE is the story of Guluu, an angry magpie who is being teased by a gang of butcher birds. The more he is

teased, the angrier he becomes.

His Elders tell him to stay calm like the river and to be strong on the inside.

Guluu tries, but the cheeky birds just laugh at him.

One day, when Guluu is at the river looking for worms, the butcher birds steal his food.

He remembers the words of his Elders and tries again.

And this time Guluu has a different outcome.

Guluu remembers how he used to sing when he was having a bad day. He sings so loudly he cannot hear the birds laughing at him and so they eventually give up and fly away.

From that day on, the animals use music to create a happy mood

and work together to stop bullying.

Mad Magpie features illustrations by Gregg Dreise. Raised in St George, Queensland, Dreise grew up in a family that was passionate about the arts and sport.

A descendant of the Kamilaroi and Yuwalyayaay people of south-west Queensland and north-west NSW, he is a storyteller

and musician who uses the didgeridoo and guitar in his performances at schools and festivals.

Most recently, he was a guest author at this year's Perth Writers Festival. In 2015,

Dreise's book *Silly Birds*, the second in the series, was awarded Speech Pathology Australia's Indigenous Children's Book of the Year.

Dreise is a teacher in the Noosa hinterland in south-east Queensland.

Mad Magpie will be available from May 16.



Technology tackled at Wellington



INDIGENOUS students in Wellington, western NSW, have been

the first to participate in this year's Flint Program, which explores ways technology can aid the preservation of culture and history.

The initiative has been developed by IDX (Indigenous Digital Excellence) with the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) and The Telstra Foundation.

A focus of the workshop was the link between new digital technologies and storytelling.

Held at Wellington High School with the support of Orana Arts and NASCA (the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy), students were taught how to build, program and manoeuvre robots.

Youth leadership program coordinator and co-facilitator of the Flint Program, Grant Cameron, was responsible for running the workshops.

"It was great to see these young people learn the fundamentals and develop new skills, as we all know technology is the future and these kids are our future leaders," he said.

"I would also like to think that they're now more confident using the technology that we showed them, and that we have ignited new interests and hobbies that these kids can pursue."

Wellington High School Aboriginal education support and community ambassador Adam Ryan agreed.

"The kids were a bit hesitant to start with – they didn't know



Student Tyreek participating in the IDX Flint Program at Wellington High School.

what it was about, especially the robotics – but when they learned to build the robots, they found it awesome; they loved it," he said.

Students in Wellington will now be helped to continue working with digital technology.

Support

The Flint Program provides in-kind support for regional communities in the form of workshops, the development of local facilitators and the equipment and educational resources that stay in each community.

NCIE chief executive Kirstie Parker said the IDX Flint Program could equip a new generation of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander young people with the skills and confidence to navigate a new era in digital excellence.

"We want our children and young people to have the best of both worlds – to enable them to embrace the digital technology of the future while maintaining a strong sense of cultural pride," she said.

The Flint Program will also run at Helem Yumba CQ Healing Centre in Rockhampton, Queensland; Gunbalayna Community School in the Northern Territory; and Barkly Regional Arts at Tennant Creek, Northern Territory.

For more information on IDX, visit idx.org.au

NT Govt says Arnhem region schools, students will benefit



THE Northern Territory Government says schools and students in the Arnhem region are set to benefit as part of the \$100 million 'Boosting Our Economy' package.

Education Minister Peter Chandler says a \$2 million allocation for schools across the region will provide enhanced learning environments for students and local school communities.

"The education projects were identified by schools as current priorities to improve the learning environment for their students," he said.

Six schools in the Arnhem region – Nhulunbuy Primary School, Numbalwar School, Angurugu

School, Milyakburra School, Ramingining School and Umbakumba School – will receive funding.

Angurugu School principal Ben Slocombe said the funding will make a huge difference to the school.

"This aligns to our school values – we are safe, we are learners, we are respectful and we are proud," he said. "Repainting the front office will create a welcoming entrance and make the students, parents and community proud of our school."

Milyakburra School principal Sarah Harrison said the project there involves enlarging a classroom.

"This will enable us to maintain small groups to deliver our Direct Instruction program," she said.



MURRA program success story Jasmin Herro.

BP helps out Indigenous entrepreneurs



MELBOURNE Business School and global oil and gas company BP have formed a new two-year

partnership to support Indigenous business owners, entrepreneurs and managers to develop capability and expand their businesses.

Through the partnership, \$100,000 has been allocated to the MURRA Indigenous Business Masterclass program by BP in 2016 and 2017, supporting 20 to 30 Indigenous business leaders to join in the program each year.

The MURRA program, delivered by Melbourne Business School's Asia-Pacific Social Impact Centre, comprises three four-day modules over a year, focusing on developing leadership, strategy, business acumen and negotiation capabilities.

Centre director Ian Williamson said MURRA is an example of what is possible when people work together.

"By bringing together academics, business leaders, entrepreneurs, government, not-for-profit organisations and philanthropy, we create an environment in which new ideas are generated," he said.

"There are thousands of Indigenous businesses nationally and we can expect to see the demand for these businesses grow exponentially

as governments commit to Indigenous procurement policies, businesses focus on supplier diversity and Indigenous businesses explore international exports.

"The MURRA program provides participants with the skills and capabilities to grow and sustain their businesses to meet this demand."

BP chief financial officer Asia-Pacific, Brooke Miller, said the company was proud to be partnering with Melbourne Business School and helping to strengthen the skills and capability of Indigenous leaders.

Professionals

MURRA program participants are typically established professionals with at least three to five years' business experience, or equivalent senior level organisational positions.

Westpac 100 Women of Influence finalist and Outback Global Australia chief executive Jasmin Herro, a 2013 MURRA graduate, said the experience has helped her business, which supplies workwear and equipment products, to expand.

"MURRA has been critical to the growth of my business," she said.

"It gave me the chance to step back and think strategically about the business's long-term direction with the support of an amazing faculty.

"Not only that, it has opened up new areas for me."



Students, teachers, role models and CONNECT staff at Kadina High School in Lismore, northern NSW, for the 'Yarnin' Up, Lookin' Ahead' day.

Students look ahead



YEAR 10 students from schools in Lismore and Casino in northern NSW have met with local role models for 'Yarnin' Up, Lookin' Ahead' days as part of CONNECT's Future Tracks Program.

The program aims to help Indigenous students through their education, be it at school or further studies.

Eleven role models from a range of industries and backgrounds spoke to students about their experiences at Kadina High School in Lismore, while 12 shared their stories at Casino High School.

The casual forums ended with a

lunch where students were free to ask the visitors questions and talk about their own goals.

CONNECT youth support officer Adam Hollis said the Future Tracks Program is about keeping kids engaged in school or in further education and employment.

"If school's not for them we connect them with opportunities for further education, like TAFE courses and traineeships," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We'll try to support the kids one-on-one through Year 11 in their study periods so they're not missing classes.

"We also want to help pay for some short courses like barista or responsible service of alcohol certificates and do

some driver training for kids with their L plates."

Southern Cross University Indigenous Australian Student Services team leader Anthony Olive was one of the mentors in the program.

He said Future Tracks was a great idea and a good incentive for kids to stay in school, with people from their own communities coming to speak to them.

"It's good for students to find out what the people in their community do – whether they know them or they don't know them – and listen to the interesting life stories of these people," he said.

"It's a good program and it was beneficial even to me, not only talking

but listening to the stories of the other mentors."

Lismore Base Hospital Mental Health Unit administration officer trainee Isobelle George agreed that she would participate in the program again any time.

"I wanted to give kids an insight into the future and let them know they didn't have to be stuck in a small town," she said.

"There's plenty of opportunity out there and if I can do it – or any of the speakers could do it – they can do it too."

The Future Tracks Program is funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

Western Sydney Uni honour for Hodges



KOOMA man Jarred Hodges has been honoured at the recent Western Sydney University Alumni Awards. He was awarded the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award for his work with young Aboriginal high school students, who he brings to university camps from across the country.

Mr Hodges was the head coach of the Phillipines Rugby Team and now works with the Eastwood team in Sydney.

"It's very humbling to receive this award," he said. "Advancing the cause of Aboriginal people is something I'm passionate about.

"I was born and raised in Western Sydney, and it's something that I constantly promote in my life, be it in my working career or in my career in rugby union.

"I once went for a job at an elite private school for a coaching role, and although they said I interviewed well, I missed out on the position as I didn't fit their culture because of all the work I'd done with the disadvantaged.

"I thought well that was fantastic, as I'm passionate about social justice, and I continually thank that gentleman every day as I couldn't be prouder than when I'm working with Aboriginal people in Penrith."



Jarred Hodges with Western Sydney University students and staff.

These men have come a long way



TWO Aboriginal students from the Northern Territory have travelled to

Melbourne for the first time to accept their awards at the recent Swinburne Apprentice of the Year Awards celebration.

Currently studying a Certificate III in Remote Area Building, Repairs and Maintenance, Jason Wanambi and Jasper Wanybarrnga are from the islands of Millingimbi and Ramingining, about 500km east of Darwin, where the training is offered.

Mr Wanambi and Mr Wanybarrnga were presented with a Learning and Training Leadership Award, in recognition for their work and dedication.

Terry McEvoy from Swinburne University of Technology's Department of Trades and Engineering Technology said both students are leaders in their community who take a lot of pride in their work.

The course the students are currently undertaking has expanded from the humble Doors 2 Jobs program piloted in 2014 to a large-scale



Jasper Wanybarrnga and Jason Wanambi with keynote speaker, AFL legend Kevin Sheedy, at the awards night.

operation creating employment opportunities and boasting 300 enrolments.

As part of the program, Mr Wanambi and Mr Wanybarrnga have gained skills in building headstones, operating hand tools, making bed frames, fitting

doors, door handles and locks, and general maintenance, all of which they say contribute to supporting their communities.

Both men want to become teachers so they can pass on the skills and knowledge they have learnt to the next generation.

Sugar tax backed



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Congress has applauded British health campaigners and the country's Parliament on the promise of a sugar levy to help tackle the nation's mounting obesity crisis.

The Alice Springs-based organisation says it may encourage the Australian Government to consider a similar policy, which it says will relieve the economic burden caused by obesity and improve the health and wellbeing of more than half the nation.

Chief executive Donna Ah Chee said Congress has been urging successive governments to implement a national glucose tax in Australia.

"Here in Australia, our

"It is time for government to use effective financial levers to support a change in consumption, otherwise obesity and diabetes rates and related costs will continue to rise."

— Congress chief executive Donna Ah Chee



population is characterised by largely separate remote and urban populations dispersed over vast distances," she said.

"Due to the difficulty accessing affordable fruit and vegetables, obesity and other diseases related to poor diet such as

diabetes and kidney failure are found to be more prevalent in rural and remote areas compared to urban areas.

"It is also more common amongst lower socio-economic people who can least afford quality, fresh food and are

often more susceptible to sugar addictions for a range of reasons.

"At present, there are more than 300 people on renal dialysis in Central Australia.

"While Aboriginal people living in remote Australia are at greater risk of suffering from health

problems such as obesity, the last Census found that more than half of all Australians aged 18 and over were overweight or obese.

"There is a need to consider public health taxes and incentive schemes to support healthier lifestyles for all Australians more broadly, in the same way that tobacco taxes and campaigns have helped reduce smoking.

"This includes the need for a volumetric tax on alcohol and a minimum unit price.

"Such measures have the greatest benefit on the health of the most disadvantaged.

"It is time for government to use effective financial levers to support a change in consumption, otherwise obesity and diabetes rates and related costs will continue to rise."

Collins takes ambassador position with Red Cross



DIANE Collins, a Kalarie woman of the Wiradjuri nation in central-western NSW, has a long record of working to improve the lives of Indigenous people. She has now been named as an ambassador for the Australian Red Cross in the ACT and south-east NSW for her work.

Ms Collins, who chairs the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB), says she's excited about becoming a Red Cross community ambassador.

"I was attracted to the role after being impressed by the way Red Cross respectfully works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," she said.

"I would like to continue to build stronger relationships between Red Cross and Indigenous people and organisations in Canberra.

Volunteer

"I would also like to see more Indigenous people who need support access the range of programs Red Cross provides in the ACT and encourage more Indigenous people to volunteer with the organisation."

Ms Collins has worked for more than 10 years across various sectors including education, housing, community services, and more recently for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

She currently works with the Department of Health, providing strategic advice on a range of policy issues aimed at creating better futures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The ATSIEB, which she leads, was established to give Indigenous people in the ACT a strong, democratically elected voice.

In 2013, Ms Collins attended a high-level international meeting at the United Nations human rights body, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People.



Prominent Canberra-based community worker Diane Collins, centre, has been named a new ambassador for Australian Red Cross in the ACT and south-east NSW.

She is also a strong voice for the promotion of equal rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Red Cross ACT/SE NSW executive director Wenda Donaldson said Ms Collins is a tireless worker and volunteer in the community and her passion,

expertise and connections will further support the organisation's work with Indigenous people.

"We take a holistic place-based approach, which means working closely with the Aboriginal community to build their capacity to identify and respond to

their issues," Ms Donaldson said.

"Local people have developed a series of initiatives to improve their health and wellbeing, from reducing family violence and improving the nutrition of Elders, to providing a cultural education for their young children."

Screening move in Goldfields



PEOPLE with diabetes in remote areas of the Goldfields region in Western Australia will now be able to access advanced retinal screening closer to home under a new partnership between the WA Country Health Service and the Lions Eye Institute.

WA Health Minister Kim Hames said the initiative provided patients with early screening for diabetes-induced vision impairment and used telehealth or communication technology to deliver screening results to regional patients.

Aboriginal health workers and nurses in Leonora, Laverton and Norseman as well as doctors at Kalgoorlie Health Campus have been trained by staff from the Lions Eye Institute to use a Digital Retinography System (DRS) to carry out retinal screening.

Dr Hames said diabetes was a concern in regional areas because the incidence of disease was higher in Aboriginal communities.

"Diabetic eye disease has the potential to cause severe vision loss and blindness, but early detection can be the difference in preventing or delaying vision loss," he said.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said telehealth provided regional patients with timely access to specialist and emergency care.

"Goldfields residents will now directly benefit from having access to specialists for retinal screening," he said.

The retinal screening project is part of the \$500 million Southern Inland Health Initiative through the WA Government's Royalties for Regions program.

Trachoma targeted



YAMBA the Honey Ant and Milpa the Trachoma Goanna are central in a campaign to keep Central Australian

children's eyes healthy and strong.

The TV characters feature in the Trachoma Healthy Living Roadshow, which will soon appear in five remote Central Australian communities.

Yamba and Milpa are just back from a Trachoma Roadshow in Barkly, where hundreds of children returned to school in the first week of term to see the characters.

The roadshow travelled 3500km to seven communities and performed to more than 800 children and adults.

Trachoma is easily spread by infectious eye and nose secretions in young children, so the take-home message from Yamba and Milpa is "clean faces, strong eyes".

Health authorities say trachoma screening, treatment and health promotion programs are having great success.

Casino hosts chronic disease campaign



A STATEWIDE campaign aimed at increasing awareness of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities came to Casino, northern NSW, where locals got to meet NRL ambassadors and sporting and health heroes last month.

The event was rolled out in partnership with the Northern NSW Local Health District, North Coast Primary Health Network, the University Centre for Rural Health (Sydney University) and Solid Mob Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program (Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service).

Partner organisations provided in-kind support with about 40 staff required for the clinical component of the event.

Called 1 Deadly Step, the event provided mini health checks, health referrals and follow-ups, and used rugby league to attract local participants.

Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Corporation Richmond Valley NSW Healthy for Life and programs manager Troy Combo said the program was developed to raise awareness of chronic diseases in Aboriginal communities.

With support from local service providers hosting 20 stalls, 129 Casino locals were screened during the event.

Results showed that 37% of people



Health workers taking part in the chronic disease campaign.

screened were younger than 29, and 110 of those screened identified the Aboriginal Medical Service as their usual provider of care.

The Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Corporation is home to the Grafton Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), established in 1990 to provide health

services to the Aboriginal communities of the Clarence Valley, in Grafton, NSW. The service also provides outreach clinics to Baryulgil, Malabugilmah, Yamba and Maclean communities.

The service is mainly funded by the Federal Department of Health and NSW Ministry of Health.

Concern raised on lung cancer



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are almost eight times more likely to die from lung cancer

than other Australians in remote areas, according to new University of Sydney research.

In the first and largest study of its kind, PhD candidate Kalinda Griffiths, from the Sydney Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics, investigated disparities in lung cancer care and outcomes among at-risk communities in NSW.

"It's important to take into consideration the compounding effects of socio-economic disadvantage and geographic locality when considering treatment and outcomes," the former NT Young Australian of the Year said.

"You can't look at Aboriginal disparity in isolation; we need to consider the complete picture.

"Existing studies into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lung cancer rates usually

"Being isolated from services, not having trust in the healthcare system and family responsibilities may prevent Indigenous people from accessing treatment options."

— Cancer researcher Kalinda Griffiths



only estimate for one measure: Indigenous status. But this neglects the fact that Aboriginal people often have multiple social statuses, which can be measured in different ways."

As part of her PhD thesis, Ms Griffiths examined linked data for 20,846 people diagnosed with lung cancer from the NSW Central Cancer Registry between 2001 and 2007.

She then investigated the relationship between incidence, treatment, survival and mortality, based on socio-economic status,

Indigenous status and geographic location.

The results also revealed a gap in available data into lung cancer treatment for Indigenous patients.

"This might be due to people not accessing services, and this may depend on the patient's remoteness or socio-economic status," Ms Griffiths said. "Being isolated from services, not having trust in the healthcare system and family responsibilities may prevent Indigenous people from accessing treatment options."

Ms Griffiths, an inaugural Wingara Mura Leadership Program fellow, said she would continue to explore new ways to tackle such disparities in health outcomes for Indigenous people.

Launched in 2016, the leadership program aims to assist Indigenous early career academics with guidance and support as they complete their PhD studies.

The full results were presented at the World Indigenous Cancer Conference in Brisbane.

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.gov.au

Until May 29: National Trust Heritage Festival 2016. Details: (02) 9258 0143 or email heritagefestival@nationaltrust.com.au or visit www.nationaltrustfestival.org.au

Until June 3: Applications open for ACCELERATE 2016, the British Council's annual leadership development program, designed to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the skills and networks to excel in leadership position within the creative industries. Details: www.accelerate.org.au

May 27-June 3: National Reconciliation Week: Our History, Our Story, Our Future. Details: (02) 6273 9200, email enquiries@reconciliation.org.au or visit www.reconciliation.org.au

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Until May 22: *Punuku Tjukurpa* touring 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 9am-5pm. Free. Details: (02) 47351100 or visit www.penrithregionalgallery.org

Until May 22: *Collective Works* exhibition by the Gumbaynggirr felt artists. Also exhibiting two solo exhibitions in the front gallery, *Grandmother's Country* by Charmaine Davis and *Works* by Bronwyn Bancroft. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal



Gumbaynggirr Collective members in Sydney with Boomalli chairperson Euphemia Bostock. Picture: Sharon Hickey

Exhibitions feature at Boomalli gallery



BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Cooperative in Sydney is hosting two solo exhibitions – *Grandmother's Country* featuring works by Charmaine Davis and *Works* by Bronwyn Bancroft.

"I was born in Grafton, NSW. I am a Goori woman of Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung descent," Davis said.

"This area is in northern NSW, and I draw inspiration for my artwork from my family and homelands.

"*Grandmother's Country* springs from the research I have conducted of my grandmother's family history and its connection to place, being Nambucca Heads.

"*The Words are like Weapons* installation represents Nambucca Heads School in 1915 and its segregation of students of Aboriginal descent."

Works by the Gumbaynggirr Collective will also feature at Boomalli this month.

The collective is a group of Indigenous artists from the Nambucca

Valley of northern NSW.

All members have worked together on different art projects and exhibitions in NSW, the Northern Territory, Queensland and Victoria.

Members include Beryl Wilson, Annalisa Wilson, Aunty Janet Marshall, Aunty Loretta Riley, Cecelia Wilson, Donna Brown, Janice Brown, Claude Teyssier and Margrit Rickenbach.

The exhibition will continue until May 22.

More details at www.boomalli.com.au

Co-op, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until May 22: *Celebrating Philanthropy* exhibition. The works on display have been selected from a total of 52 Aboriginal works donated by Robin Gurr under the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program. Held at Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Road Plains, Emu Plains. Free. Details: (02) 47351100 or visit www.penrithregionalgallery.org

Until May 27: Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op 300 Dollar Day. Seeking donations of artworks in any medium, exceeding the value of \$300. Details: Boomalli, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, Sydney, on (02) 9560 2541, email

boomalliartgallery@gmail.com or visit www.boomalli.com.au

May 10: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sports Coaching Forum. A community forum focusing on Indigenous people's experiences in sport coaching. Includes an interactive panel discussion featuring five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sport coaches from community and high-performance settings. Held at Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus, from 6pm. Details: (02) 9859 5222 or visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/sports/

May 11-July 2: *Colours of Australia* exhibition. An exhibition by Bronwyn Bancroft, it includes an official opening and artist talk on May 26 at 10.30am. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158

Fitzroy Street, Grafton, from Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

May 13-22: *Ngarkbal Githabal Dialect* exhibition, the culmination of the Bundjalung Project, with artists exploring Bootheram Lore using landscapes and the sky as a reference. Held at the Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty Street, Lismore. Details: Mark Cora on (02) 6628 8120 or email mark@artsnorthernrivers.com.au

May 14: Vic Simms and Luke Peacock performing new material. Simms is an Australian singer/songwriter and Peacock is a First Nations artist living in Brisbane. Performance held at Campbelltown Arts Centre, 1 Art Gallery Road, Campbelltown, from 7pm. Cost: Tickets \$10 adult or \$8

concession from the C-A-C Box Office on (02) 4645 4100.

May 15-22: Varuna Sydney Writers Festival. The program of award-winning national and international authors includes free and ticketed events. Held at Katoomba. Details: (02) 4782 5674, email program@varuna.com.au or visit www.varuna.com.au

May 16-17: Starting Ground music workshop. A two-day skills development workshop for Aboriginal songwriters, working under the guidance of award-winning artists and music industry professionals. Held at TAFE NSW Western Institute, Yarradamarra Centre, Dubbo, from 9am-5pm. Details: Michael Hutchings on (02) 9935 7874 or email mhutchings@apra.com.au

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May 21-22: The Kinship Festival. Includes dance, song and ceremony, children's activities, art and craft workshops and more. Held at Knox Park, Murwillumbah, from 10am-3pm. Free. Details: Danielle Blomeley on (02) 6672 3003 or 0401 782 311, or Lara on 0431 951 162.

May 23-24 and 26-27: Reconciliation Week Film Screenings at NFSA. Films include *Bitter Springs* on May 23, *Dead Heart* on May 24, *The Fringe Dwellers* on May 26 and *Yolngu Boy* on May 27. Held at Arc Cinema, National Film and Sound Archives (NFSA), Canberra, at 2pm daily. Cost: \$5 per person. Details: (02) 6248 2000 or visit www.nfsa.gov.au/arc

May 27: Homeground Talks, putting Indigenous debate on stage and art on sails. Topics covered include Open for Business: Diverse Economies in First Nations Communities and Unfinished paperwork: Recognition and Sovereignty. Held at The Playhouse, Sydney Opera House, from 5pm. Cost: Full price \$30, insiders \$24, concession \$27, multipack \$22.50. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com/about/

Queensland

Until May 13: Registrations open for the Kanji Waiburra: Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages forum. Held at Sofitel Hotel, Broadbeach, Gold Coast, from May 30-31. Cost: \$200. Details: (07) 3807 6155 or email accounts@tyugambah.com

Until May 14: *Kang ka nam (old one) Ying ka nam (new one) Phi in (big one)* exhibition. With artists from Wik-Kugu Art Centre (Aurukun) featuring 20 sculptures and paintings that include birds, a crocodile and Aurukun dogs. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley Street, Woolloongabba, Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Details: (07) 3791 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until 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, Sundays, noon-4pm. Cost: Family \$10, adult \$5, child \$2. Details: (07) 3852 3565 or visit www.qmmm.org

Until May 29: *Black Velvet: your label* exhibition, exploring a range of social, political and cultural issues affecting Indigenous women through works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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



Artist Peter Farmer with his painting commissioned for *They Served With Honour: An Exhibition*.

Exhibition honours WA Aboriginal servicemen



A NEW exhibition at Edith Cowan University (ECU) highlights the stories of Western Australian Aboriginal servicemen during World War I. *They Served with Honour: An Exhibition* marks this year's Anzac centenary.

It also recognises the 2016 National Reconciliation Week message 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'.

The exhibition, a joint effort between ECU and the WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs, draws from the book *They Served With Honour: Untold Stories of WA Servicemen at Gallipoli*.

ECU art collection curator Sue Starcken said the exhibition includes pictures of the soldiers in the book.

The exhibition continues until June 22 at ECU Art Gallery. Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 10am-4pm.

May 27: Kick On: An Epic Good fundraiser. Raising awareness for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation featuring live auction. Held at The Fox Hotel, Melbourne Street, South Brisbane, from 7.30pm. Cost: \$60 per person. Details: Karen Williams at karen@ilf.org.au or buy online via Ticketmaster.

May 28-29: Restoration Rally. Church and community leaders join as one in a process of reconciliation and restoration of the Australia's First Nations people. Held at Koobara Kindy, 421 Beams Road, Zillmere, from 4.30pm on May 28 and 10am on May 29. Free. Details: Sammy Leone on 0458 281 464 or email passonthefireministry@gmail.com

May 31: Revitalisation through Fashion forum. Join designers, label owners, fashion students and merchants of garments as they share their experiences. Held at State Library of Queensland Auditorium, Stanley Place, South Brisbane, from 6.30-7.30pm. Cost: \$10 per person. Bookings: slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on. Details: (07) 3842 9824.

Victoria

Until May 15: *Ngujarn and Nakun: belonging in the other* exhibition, showcasing four

generations of the Mullett family. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 1 and 3, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

May 10-27: Victorian Statement on Self-Determination forums. Involves discussions on issues around self-determination for Aboriginal people, constitutional recognition and treaty. Forums held at Bairnsdale RSL, Bairnsdale, on May 10 and Melbourne, location to be set, from May 26-27. Details: www.consult.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au

May 12: Victorian Aboriginal Men's Gathering. Topics include parenting, men's health, services for men, family violence and more. Includes panel and guest speakers. Held at AAMI Stadium, Melbourne, from 9am-4.30pm. Details: 1800 435 799, email info@dardimunwurro.com.au or visit www.dardimunwurro.com.au

May 17-22: *BlaaQ Catt* performance. A journey through several generations of Indigenous women, told through a comic one-woman show. Held at Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote, Tue-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 3.30pm and 7.30pm, Sun 6.30pm. Cost: \$28/\$23 per person.

Details: (03) 9329 9422 or www.nextwave.org.au

May 17-22: *(Mis) Conceive* by Thomas E S Kelly. Explores misconceptions of Indigeneity. Held at Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote, Tues-Sat 9pm, Sun 2pm and 8pm. Cost: \$23/\$18 per person. Details: (03) 9329 9422 or www.nextwave.org.au

May 21: *Close to You: The Lisa Bellea Picture Show*. Includes photos from an activist's archive. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 1 Gallery, Yarra Building, Federation Square from 2-4pm. Details: (03) 8662 6336.

May 25-June 1: *Shooting Stars* exhibition. A pop-up solo exhibition by Gavin Wanganeen. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 3, Yarra Building, Federation Square. Includes artist talk at 1pm on May 26. Bookings: (03) 8662 6336.

May 28: The Long Walk 2016. Enjoy free cultural and family activities, community stalls and live performances, then walk with AFL legend Michael Long on the annual Walk to Dreamtime at the G game. Held at Federation Square, Melbourne, from noon. Long Walk starts at 4.30pm. Dreamtime and on-ground packages available. Details:

www.thelongwalk.com.au or dreamtime@essesdonfc.com.au

May 28: Pine Needle Weaving workshop with Marilyn Nicholls. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Level 3, Yarra Building, Federation Square, from 1pm-3.30pm. Cost: \$33 per person. Bookings essential. Bookings: (03) 8662 6336.

Western Australia

Until May 29: *Revealed* exhibition. Features Mangkaja artists Issac Cherele, Billy Chestnut, Mervyn Street and Illium Nargoodah. Held at Fremantle Arts Centre, 1 Finery Street, Fremantle, daily 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (02) 9432 9555 or visit www.fac.org.au

Until May 29: *Ngayuku ngura - My Country* exhibition. This exhibition focuses on the artists of Amata in APY Lands. Held at Short Street Gallery, 7 Short Street, Chinatown, Broome, Mon-Fri 10am-4pm and Sat 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 9192 6118 or visit www.shortstgalkery.com

Until May 22: *Standing On Ceremony* exhibition. Highlighting the history and importance of the Utopia artists who have been documented over the past several decades. Held at Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle, Wed-Sun, 11am-5pm. Details: Anna on (08) 9336 7787, email info@artitja.com.au or visit www.artitja.com.au

Until Sept 27: *Mowaljarlai Vision and Voice* exhibition. Explores the life and legacy of Ngarinyin Lawman, Elder, philosopher, storyteller, bush professor, statesman and artist Bungal (David) Mowaljarlai OAM (c.1925-1997). Held at the University of Western Australia's Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, from Tues-Sat 11am-5pm. Details: (08) 6488 3707 or visit www.lwgallery.uwa.edu.au

Northern Territory

Until May 8: *Hidden Arrernte* exhibition. A first solo exhibition by Emma Stuart showcasing the natural beauty of the landscape around Alice Springs. Held at Araluen Art Centre, 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs, Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au/araluen

Until May 30: Applications open for Bush Bands Bash. The biggest celebration of Indigenous music in Central Australia is calling for applications to perform at the 14th annual Bush Bands Bash concert and gain skills and mentoring at the three-day Bush Bands Business Skills development camp in Alice Springs from August 24-28. Details: Amy Hetherington on (08) 8981 1995 or visit www.mucisnt.com.au/BBB

Employment

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Georges River Combined Councils' Committee (GRCCC Inc) Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team project trainees and officials.

Riverkeeper Team trainees celebrate

NSW FOUR Aboriginal trainees have completed traineeships with the Georges River Combined Councils' Committee (GRCCC Inc) Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team project, backed by Federal Government funding and Eco Logical Australia (ELA). And now two have started new jobs. The trainees, who spent more than a year restoring 15 hectares of bushland along the Georges River, have received

certificates in conservation and Indigenous land management from TAFE NSW. They learnt how to restore bushland habitat to protect native plants and animals in the Georges River catchment by controlling invasive weeds. They also planted almost 40,000 trees. The trainees say they enjoyed the experience. "I am very lucky to learn what I have, and given that I am still young, I want to learn more so that we can keep our cultural knowledge, which is very important to me," one said.

GRCCC chairperson Naji Peter Najjar congratulated the team. "I commend them for their high quality work and congratulate each trainee," he said. "The experience gained by the trainees over the last 18 months through this project will give them a solid foundation for their future careers and has opened up further employment opportunities." Two trainees have already found work. Nick Arends will be a bush

regenerator with Eco Logical Australia, while Larissa Cooper, who received a State Training Services Award, secured two jobs – as an Aboriginal education officer with the Royal Botanic Garden and at the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. Shannon Beale-Bogg is undertaking environmental studies this year. The Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team project is funded by the Federal Government and managed by the GRCCC and ELA, which employs, manages

and develops trainees throughout their course. The GRCCC is an incorporated association of nine local government councils working with state and federal agencies and community representatives in the Georges River catchment of NSW. Member councils include Bankstown City, Campbelltown City, Fairfield City, Hurstville City, Kogarah City, Liverpool City, Rockdale City, Sutherland Shire and Wollondilly Shire. The GRCCC is hosted by Hurstville City Council.

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Senior Research Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10
Full-time ongoing appointment
Position number and location: 178681 – Sydney

Total remuneration package valued to: \$122,556 p.a. (salary \$100,330 to \$110,560 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role: Supports the Manager Research and Evaluation to manage the agency's research and evaluation work to build the evidence base for state and Commonwealth policy responses that promote the well-being of Aboriginal people in NSW.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experience researcher. You will be used to undertaking evidence based assessments and data analysis with limited supervision and have extensive experience in public service practice and advising government.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe an analysis problem you have recently encountered and how you solved it. 300 word maximum
2. Describe the methods used in the last research or evaluation study you have had a significant role in and why these were chosen above others. What challenges did the methods pose for you and how did you address these? 300 word maximum

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Degree or equivalent in statistics, epidemiology, psychology or another discipline with a strong statistical component.
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Enquiries: Trish Malins PH: (02) 9561 8637

To **apply online** please visit JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 178681

Closing Date: 23 May 2016

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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Manager, Business Systems

Clerk Grade 11/12
Full-time ongoing appointment

Position number and location: 192504 – Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

Total remuneration package valued to: \$148,763 p.a. (salary \$116,042 to \$134,202 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role: This role provides high level strategic advice and manages business systems to ensure the effective operation of the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit.

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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.

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Pre-screening questions:

1. Outline your experience in developing and managing effective business systems for policy, finance and administration. (300 words maximum).
 - a. How you implemented the business systems?
 - b. What were the risks and issues in implementing the business systems?
 - c. How you mitigated those risks and any resolved issues?
2. Outline your experience in managing projects and include the approach you take in doing this. (300 words maximum).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Enquiries: Mary Senj PH: (02) 9244 5417

To **apply online** please visit JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 192504

Closing Date: 18 May 2016

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Z10452

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Z08830



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service Inc.

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax office regulations and organisational policy.

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A copy of the Position Description and Selection Criteria can be obtained from Roseanne Longford by telephoning 02 6284 6259 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au.

All applications should be addressed and mailed to Julie Tongs, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Cres Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au.

Applications close Friday 3rd June 2016

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

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SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

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Salary Range:

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This position is an identified role and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the UTS Wingara Indigenous Employment Strategy 2015-2018.

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Specific enquiries or issues with your application may be directed to the UTS Recruitment Team on recruitment@uts.edu.au or +61 (02) 9514 1080.

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- Salary Range \$83,022 pa - \$90,646 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Role Description:
Front line delivery functions of a community office, providing a quality range of externally and internally sourced services to youth justice conferencing clients, victims of crime, court mandated young people and their families, as part of a multi-disciplined team.

The primary focus is to reduce re-offending of young people and enhance their functioning and reintegration into their families and the community.

Aboriginal Identified, "An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

To apply, please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Reference: 00004DE1
Enquiries: Mike Wheaton on (02) 4720 3600
Closing date: Friday 13 May 2016

NSW GOVERNMENT | **Justice**
Juvenile Justice

Serious Young Offenders Review Panel
Department Of Justice
Juvenile Justice

Reference No: 00004A33

The Minister for Corrections is seeking expressions of interest from individuals with expertise relevant to serious violent offenders within the juvenile justice system

Key Objectives:
The Serious Young Offenders Review Panel provides independent advice to the Minister and Executive Director Juvenile Justice on issues related to serious violent offenders detained in juvenile detention centres in compliance with Part 4B of the *Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987*, and the Provisions issued under the Regulation.

Job Notes:
There are five (5) temporary positions to be filled. These are temporary roles for a 24 month term - convening the first Friday of each month.

Applications are invited from men and women. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The Minister is seeking to appoint individuals in the following areas:

- Acting Magistrates (2 positions)
- a member of the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Island community
- a child psychologist with expertise in the treatment of serious violent offenders
- a community member who can represent victims of crime

Current employees of Juvenile Justice are not eligible to apply for these positions.

Applying for the role: To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Requisition No: 00004A33
Enquiries: Gail Kelleher on (02) 8346 1920
Closing Date: Sunday, 22 May 2016

ABORIGINAL ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANT TRAINEE

South West Healthcare's Aboriginal Employment Strategy aims to develop and deliver increased employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across South West Healthcare. As part of this strategy, there is an opportunity for a 12 month full time position as a Trainee Allied Health Assistant.

The Trainee will assist the Allied Health team by undertaking a range of clinical and non-clinical tasks while completing their Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance.

This role is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This action/activity constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010

For the full advertisement, position description and application process please visit our website under Careers.

WARRNAMBOOL CAMPUS RYOT STREET WARRNAMBOOL 3280
www.southwesthealthcare.com.au

Department of Justice and Regulation

Aboriginal Community Corrections Officer

VICTORIA
State Government

- Make a difference in the Koori community
- Full-time, fixed-term position until February 2017
- Salary range \$60,551 - \$69,630 plus superannuation

A great opportunity now exists for a motivated individual to join our Warrnambool Community Correctional Services team in this fantastic role.

As the Aboriginal Community Corrections Officer, you will monitor and supervise complex and high profile Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal), and non-Aboriginal offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community corrections orders. You will also provide culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to offenders, assisting them to participate in programs and community work by developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- an understanding of the Koori community, with proven ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members
- excellent problem solving and influencing skills
- experience in case management and report writing.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Sunday 22 May 2016.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

NSW GOVERNMENT | **Education**

Project Officer - Aboriginal Affairs

Clerk Grade 7/8
Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to: 30 June 2017
Position number and location: 178642 - Coffs Harbour

Total remuneration package valued to: \$107,997 p.a. (salary \$88,015 to \$97,426 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The role of Aboriginal Affairs is to work with Aboriginal communities to increase their confidence, capacity and opportunity to determine their own futures. We will do this by facilitating partnerships between Aboriginal communities and others that recognize and affirm their position and power as the first peoples of NSW by:

- supporting effective Aboriginal community governance;
- increasing Aboriginal peoples' preparedness to achieve improved economic and social prosperity; and
- reinforcing Aboriginal people's confidence and expertise in their own cultures.

About the role: We are seeking a highly experienced Aboriginal Project Officer to work across Government agencies in facilitating partnerships that address Aboriginal Affairs priorities, and broker solutions to issues requiring cross agency collaboration with and for Aboriginal communities.

How to apply
If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the **focus capabilities** as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via 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.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a project that you have managed, including its aims, resources, stakeholder expectations, challenges encountered, and how you managed each of those elements including any variations that arose during the project. 300 word maximum.
2. This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations, emphasising aspects of your past experience and your capabilities that equip you to meet the demands of this position. 300 word maximum.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Current NSW Driver's licence
- Commitment to working With Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people

Enquiries: Tracy Singleton Ph: (02) 5622 8869 or 0425 324 117

To apply online please visit JobsNSW website and refer to the following keyword: 178642
Closing Date: 18 May 2016

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL CAREERS

CAREERS @ COUNCIL

Working for Council is a stimulating and rewarding career option, providing the opportunity to be part of a team contributing to shaping the success and future of our Region.

Current career opportunities are:

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR - CASUAL**
- **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY**

Please visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers for further information and to apply.

DAREBIN community health

JOIN THE BOARD

Darebin Community Health (DCH) is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, providing high quality health and community services in Darebin and surrounding areas. We recognise that good health is more than the absence of disease; it requires a 'whole of community' approach towards addressing social, environmental and economic inequalities.

We are seeking a highly capable and motivated individual to join our Board on a voluntary basis. It's an exciting opportunity to contribute to the organisation's governance and assist with our future strategic directions, in a rapidly changing and competitive environment.

We value diversity and seek to reflect the diversity of our community in the composition of our Board. In addition to demonstrated leadership experience, skills, knowledge and experience which will be considered favourably include:

- Business and commercial
- Strategic development
- Legal, financial and other professional skills
- Marketing and communication

If you are interested in this opportunity to join an active and effective Board please email your CV and expression of interest to Heather McGiddy Executive Assistant to the CEO at: heather.mcgiddy@dch.org.au.

Applications close on Friday 13th May 2016.

BlueCare™

Registered Nurses Ref No: 23220 & 23221

Blue Care is after **Registered Nurses** to join our teams in Indigenous Services teams in **Cairns and Townsville**.

The purpose of your role is to provide holistic care to our clients in a residential rehabilitation setting to improve their overall health. You will be responsible for general nursing care including assessment, supervising detoxification from alcohol and other drugs, wound dressing and medication. Your role will also provide strong leadership and support to our team.

If making a difference every day in a very dynamic challenging environment is what you're after, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information and to apply, please visit our website

<http://bluecarecareers.com.au>
Applications close Friday 13th May, 2016.

UnitingCare Queensland www.bluecare.org.au

MISSION AUSTRALIA | together we stand

ABORIGINAL GAMBLING COUNSELLOR

- Located in either Wagga, Cootamundra or Narrandera
- Full Time

Mission Australia is a Christian community service organisation with a nationwide team of over 2,900 that helps people to regain their independence.

We are currently looking for a full time Gambling Counsellor to join our dedicated team based in Wagga. In this role you will be responsible for providing counselling to individual clients and families working with Aboriginal communities with gambling problems via face to face, telephone and other media as required.

This position can be based in Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra or Narrandera.

As the Gambling Counsellor you will be responsible for:

- Develop and facilitate group support workshops to meet the needs of the service, clients and the local community
- Arrange appropriate referrals for clients to other services as required
- Develop quality relationships with a range of key stakeholders including community organisations, rehabilitation providers and other health professionals to allow for the effective provision of support and information to clients

For further info and to apply, please go to <http://careers.missionaustralia.com.au>
 Job Ref: 977649
 Applications closing date is Midnight Wednesday, 11 May 2016

Mission Australia is dedicated to increasing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

NSW GOVERNMENT Health
 Western NSW Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker

Classification: Dependent on qualifications
 Salary: Dependent on qualifications
 Employment Status: Temporary Part-Time
 Location: Dubbo
 Enquiries: Jenny Johnson, (02) 6809 6506
 Email: jenny.johnson4@health.nsw.gov.au
 Reference Number: 314126 (TPT) and 313898 (PFT)
Closing Date: 11 May 2016

Please apply online by visiting:
ynotmakeityou.com.au
 (click on *Our Vacancies*)

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

The Multicultural Network Inc (ex BAMN)- is a community organisation working to bring about positive social change and improve the lives of vulnerable people in our community.

We are seeking motivated skilled and experience candidates to fill in the following positions:

The Gathering Project Officer
 28hs/week (SCHADS 6: \$38.32 p/hour), NSW- Based at Bankstown

This position focuses on systemic change, influencing Aboriginal policy, advocating on Aboriginal issues and promoting collaboration within the community sector. Requirements: skills/qualifications in policy analysis, networking and systems advocacy.

Aboriginal Ageing & Disability Sector Support Development Officer
 21 hs/week (SCHADS 6: \$38.32 per hour), Sydney South West

This position supports the A&D sector to deliver Aboriginal appropriate services. Requirements: social services/community work qualifications and understanding of ageing and disability services programs.

To apply:
 Please request a Job Package from eo@tmn.net.au or by ringing Roxana Rascon, EO, on 0404156465.
All positions close on C.O.B on 20/5/2016.

SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER
 Salary \$125,097 to \$129,803 p.a.
 Parramatta Based

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking to fill the role of a Senior Legal Officer within its Legal Service Unit, for a period of twelve months to cover a maternity leave vacancy.

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and a range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options. This, together with working in a dynamic, progressive organisation offering a rewarding and challenging career and great potential for development and advancement, provides a unique opportunity.

The Senior Legal Officer's role is to assist the Principal Legal Officer (PLO) to deliver a wide range of legal services to the NSWALC including:

- The provision of high level plain English advice to the Council, Executive and Business Units;
- Preparation of briefs detailing legal options and recommended directions;
- Review, advice and negotiation of a variety of commercial contracts and transactions;
- Reviewing and drafting of NSWALC policies;
- Reviewing land claim refusals and instructing external solicitors in relation to land claim appeals in the Land and Environment Court and Court of Appeal;
- Instructing external solicitors and counsel in other matters as required;
- Providing information and support to Local Aboriginal Land Councils on a wide range of legal matters;
- Drafting correspondence to external parties as required;
- Providing training and assisting in the professional development of NSWALC staff; and
- Some supervision of the work undertaken by Legal Officers and Legal Interns.

For further information regarding this position please contact Mark Dupuis on 9689 4407.

To apply for the position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria by contacting Kody Boney by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4490.

We will require a cleared National Criminal History Check.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of diversity.

Applications close Monday, 9 May 2016.
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

NSW GOVERNMENT Health
 South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Manager – Aboriginal Health Unit

Permanent Full-Time
 Enquiries: Greg Stewart – (02) 9540 8862
 Ref No: 316896
Closing Date: 13 May 2016

All applicants must mandatorily address the selection criteria as asked in the position advertisement.

Apply online at:
<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=316896>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Melbourne Water

Melbourne Water is owned by the Victorian Government and has provided safe, secure and affordable water services to Melbourne for over 120 years. We treat and supply drinking and recycled water, remove and treat most of Melbourne's sewage, and manage waterways and major drainage systems in the Port Phillip and Westernport region. In doing so, we strive to deliver solutions that are financially and environmentally sustainable and achieve the best outcomes for the community.

We value strong relationships with our customers, stakeholders, Traditional Owner Groups and suppliers in community, government and industry, and care for the health and wellbeing of our people – which includes nurturing a diverse and inclusive working environment.

At Melbourne Water, our most valuable asset is our people. We are always looking to attract, develop and retain the best people regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, race or disability.

For a list of current vacancies, please visit the Melbourne Water careers page - careers.melbournewater.com.au

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Limited

4 Established in 1979 Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd. is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) that provides a range of high quality holistic community health and social support programs principally to the aboriginal community and other residents in Warrnambool and surrounding areas. Gunditjmarra is offering the following exciting employment opportunities:

Closing the Gap Male Family Support Worker
 (Part Time 4 Days a Week)

An opportunity to join one of the most creative, innovative, rewarding programs within the sector, Close the Gap Program aims to provide a coordinated approach and greater care coordination to individuals and families in need of health care around Drug and Alcohol, Family Violence and Social & Emotional Well-being. The role will have an active role in various health programs and will liaise closely with other services across the region to result in improved outcomes for clients.

Applications close 13th May 2016

Aboriginal Family Services Worker
 (Identified Indigenous Part Time 4 Days a Week)

The Integrated Family Services Program works in conjunction with disenfranchised families by providing support, in a culturally safe environment and provides an opportunity for a contemporary approach to responding to vulnerable and at-risk children and their families. The role aims to work in highly flexible and innovative ways in order to meet the changing needs of families.

Applications close, 13th May 2016

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Applicants for the above position must be able to demonstrate their relevant experience and/or qualifications and address all Key Selection Criteria. For more information, and to apply, please contact Annette Ludeman on 03 5559 1234 or email annette@gunditjmarra.org.au



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position
Business Support Services Unit – State Crime Command
Parramatta/Sydney Metropolitan Area
Clerk Grade 1/2 – Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No.00004E12

Salary Package: \$70,404. **Salary:** \$58,687 – \$63,801. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Executive Assistant provides secretarial, administrative support and assistance to the Commander/Manager. This includes diary and records management, document tracking, routine correspondence, liaison on behalf of the Commander/Manager and facilitates meetings and administrative duties. The position is also involved in corporate credit card purchases, accounts payable processing and fleet recording activities.

Job Notes:

- **This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only** in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality criteria.
- **For your application to be considered, you must:**
 - o Give written responses addressing each of the selection criteria in text boxes provided in the online application.
 - o Attach an up-to-date Resume/CV to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- It is a requirement to obtain and maintain a security clearance as determined by the NSW Police Force at the level appropriate to the position held and/or information/data accessed.
- **Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the I Work for NSW website (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au).**

Enquiries: Melissa Heggie – A/Manager, Business Support Services Unit on (02) 8835 8606

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to I Work for NSW (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00004E12

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: SUNDAY 15 MAY 2016

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Department of Health & Human Services

Project Manager – Screening and Preventative Health

The project manager will oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of the Working Together for Health regional collaborative project in the Gippsland. In consultation with key regional stakeholders, the project manager will undertake a region wide consultation and develop a report detailing strengths of current prevention practices and opportunities to strengthen delivery of detection and prevention services in ACCHOs and partner agencies. The project manager will work with ACCHOs to plan, design and implement activities to strengthen early detection and prevention services in ACCHOs with a focus on oral health, sexual health, smoking cessation and cancer prevention and screening services.

Can you

- Lead a Working Together for Health regional project team?
- Proactively establish and maintain positive relationships?
- Keep accurate and complete records of your work activities?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit; www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact

Thomas Mitchell – 0351 772 560

Job Reference number: **DHHS/SSD/00473626**

Applications close: **Thursday 12th May 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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Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2017 GRADUATE PROGRAMME CANBERRA, ACT

There may be positions in some State Office locations.

SALARY: \$60,885

ONGOING | FULL TIME

CLOSING DATE: 31 MAY 2016 17:00 (AEST)

Have you recently graduated from University or will you graduate before February 2017?

The Department of Education and Training is seeking enthusiastic and talented graduates to join our department's graduate programme.

You will meet a great group of like-minded people and develop the skills you need to launch your career in the Australian Public Service.

Successful applicants will work with us to deliver national policies and programmes that help all Australians access quality and affordable education.

The department promotes a culture where Indigenous business is everyone's business—across its work practices, values and business.

Want more information or to apply?

Visit us at www.education.gov.au/

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Australian Government
Director of National Parks

PARK MANAGER BOODEREE NATIONAL PARK EL2 (SPECIAL MEASURES)

The Director of National Parks is looking for an exceptional Indigenous leader to take Booderee National Park forward in its vision for sole management.

Are you passionate about protected area management? Does working hand in hand with the Traditional Owners towards their vision of park management resonate strongly with you? Do you believe excellent people management is the key to a successful and productive team? If your experience, skills and passion speak to these questions then this is the job for you.

Parks Australia is seeking a highly motivated Indigenous leader with protected area and operational management experience to be the next Park Manager for Booderee National Park. This amazing opportunity will see you provide leadership, strategic direction and management of Booderee National Park and Booderee Botanic Garden, in conjunction with the Board of Management, Traditional Owners and Parks Australia.

You will be responsible for managing successful relationships with a range of partners and key stakeholders, building on strong science and biodiversity conservation links as well as negotiating the marine and terrestrial conservation challenges faced by the park. Knowledge of sustainable tourism development is an advantage as the park experiences a growing demand in tourism.

Salary Range \$117,360 - \$136,354 plus 15.4% superannuation.

How to apply

Please apply through the department's online recruitment system, where you will find a full position description and the selection criteria:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html>

For more information please contact:

Agnese Hubbard

Director – People and Workforce Development

02 6274 2342

This position is open only to Indigenous applicants. Applicants must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such in the community in which they live or have lived.

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Looking for a meaningful new role?



Manager, Business Development & Partnerships (Identified)

At The Benevolent Society, we believe in a society where everyone can live their best life. Our Strategic Plan reaffirms our commitment to boldly innovate and courageously advocate for a better Australia.

You will position TBS as a well regarded partner in service delivery and advocacy particularly within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This newly created opportunity is for you if you want to:

- Build genuine and trusted partnerships with communities
- Drive our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan and shape our engagement with Aboriginal communities
- Inform our service models and practice to ensure they aligned with expectations of the community and culturally appropriate

As an experienced leader, you will be recognised by the community as a respected, culturally safe person and have demonstrated experience translating relationships into opportunities to partner.

For an informal discussion call Paul on 0421 891 259. Email applications to paul.harkin@benevolent.org.au. Closing date 3rd of June. For more information go to www.benevolent.org.au/jobs

The Benevolent Society considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Join our passionate team and make a real difference

The Benevolent Society is a not-for-profit and non-religious organisation and we've helped people, families and communities achieve positive change since 1813.

Civil Works & Workshop Manager

Maningrida, NT. (Arnhem Land Reserve).

* Attractive salary circa \$100k + salary packaging, relocation assistance & 6 weeks' annual leave!

Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation have an opportunity for a motivated Civil Works and Workshop Manager to join their close-knit team in Maningrida, NT, on a full-time basis.

Your primary responsibility in this role will include managing three distinct teams consisting of mechanics, senior mechanics, road works Site Supervisors and traffic control crew, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge and resources required to execute their daily tasks.

On offer is an attractive remuneration package circa \$110,000 - \$120,000 including super. You'll also receive benefits including salary sacrificing options, relocation assistance, free accommodation, and 6 weeks' annual leave!

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Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Workforce Coordinator

Classification: Health Manager Level 2

Location: Cumberland Campus

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$88,612 - \$105,101 pa

Enquiries: Kevin Fernandez, (02) 8860 4336

Email: Kevin.Fernandez@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference No: 316471

Closing Date: 19 May 2016

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



BDAC
BENDIGO & DISTRICT
ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BDAC is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) delivering services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the Dja Dja Wurrung catchment in Victoria.

Section 18 Project Manager

The Project Manager will be responsible for the development of the Section 18 model and reporting the progress to the Chief Executive Officer. They will also supervise two case managers throughout the course of the pilot program.

- Full Time Employment for 6 Week Period then Part Time Employment (24 Hours per week)(Fixed Term 12 Months)
- \$80,000-\$90,000 per annum pro-rata (based on experience)
- Access to Salary Packaging

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1) Ability to interpret and apply authorities and delegations pursuant to the Children's, Youth and Families Act 2005
- 2) Knowledge of development, implementing and evaluating projects including policies, procedures and guidelines.
- 3) Establishing and maintaining effective high level working relationships with all key stakeholders both internal and external.
- 4) Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Culture and the ACCHO environment
- 5) Implement, monitor and evaluate intervention strategies for clients.
- 6) Assess and endorse case plans and monitor effective case management
- 7) Evidence of advanced report writing skills
- 8) Formal Qualification in Social Work or equivalent
- 9) Demonstrated experience in Project Management

Child Services Case Manager

(2 Positions)

The Child Services Case Manager will work with Aboriginal children in care guided by Section 18 (1) of the Children's, Youth and Families Act 2005. This will be a pilot project for a 12 month period.

- Full Time Employment (Fixed Term 12 Months)
- \$60,000-\$75,000 per annum (based on experience)
- Access to Salary Packaging

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1) Demonstrated understanding of the Children's, Youth and Families Act 2005
- 2) Knowledge of child and adolescent development and strategies for working with vulnerable children, young people and their families
- 3) Provide professional, effective and timely case management
- 4) Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Culture and the ACCHO environment
- 5) Respond to and investigate children at risk of harm and undertake assessment of the child and their circumstances
- 6) Demonstrated negotiation and advocacy skills
- 7) Strong computer, written and verbal communication skills
- 8) Formal Qualification in Social Work or a recognised Diploma of Community Services or equivalent

For more information, or a copy of the Position Descriptions, contact BDAC's HR Team via email recruitment@bdac.com.au or phone 0354424947

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 18th May 2016

Aboriginal Applicants are encouraged to apply



CSS ADVANCED KOORI CASE MANAGER

Magistrates' Court of Victoria
VPS Grade 4

Role No: MC1924
(Ongoing, full time)

Working within the context of a multi-disciplinary team, the Court Support Services Advanced Koori Case Manager provides case management to accused persons who have complex and multiple needs and who are participating in court support programs during their bail period or while on summons. Currently, the court support programs at this court are the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and the Assessment and Referral Court (ARC) List.

The Advanced Koori Case Manager will conduct screening and comprehensive psychosocial assessments, and work with program participants to develop individual case management plans that link them into culturally appropriate treatment and support services to address their offending behaviour. The position will have a particular focus on Koori participants, but will also work with non-Koori participants. The Advanced Koori Case Manager will play an important role in ensuring that accused persons who present with complex and multiple needs receive a range of responsive, coordinated and integrated services and will provide specialist advice and mentoring to other case managers.

The aim of the Advanced Koori Case Manager is to address the issue of the over-representation of Koori people in the Victorian justice system by working with Koori clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Koori people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention. This is an Aboriginal Identified Position; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Further information: Glenn Rutter on (03) 9032 0794

Applications to: careers@vicgov

Applications close Sunday, 15 May 2016



Community and Youth Support Worker: Community Liaison

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Identified Position

Part time, 15.2 hrs per week, 1 Year contract.

Educational Services General Staff Award Level 4.1. Above award conditions.

Jabiru Community College (JCC) is based in Bracken Ridge, North Brisbane. We are a young, small community that provides education for 75 young people seeking a flexible, caring and holistic approach to learning. 20% of our current students identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The purpose of this position is to:

- build and maintain strong connections with external partners and communities who can help support and nurture young people and our learning community and,
- to provide direct emotional, social, practical and spiritual support for young people from our Learning Community both on and off the campus.

We are looking for a **Community and Youth Support Worker: Community Liaison** to come on the journey with us as we reimagine quality education for young people on the margins.

This is an identified position, open to people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Workers in our learning community aspire to the following:

- Contributing to reconciliation processes and working together with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities for the benefit of all of our community members;
- A willingness to listen to and share the diversity of experience of the young people and workers in the community, including those who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, those who come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those from marginalised or disadvantaged backgrounds and those who have a diversity of gender or sexual identities.
- Listening out for the hopes, dreams, capacities and skills of young people and the colleagues we work with;
- Working in a trans-disciplinary way - sharing with and learning from colleagues from other disciplines and backgrounds;
- Taking care of ourselves and holding on to hope and optimism;
- Being able to work hard to lovingly put our ideas into action.

Applicants must have:

- A current manual drivers licence
- Certificate IV or above in a relevant discipline
- A current Paid Working with Children Check Blue Card or ability to apply for one

If you are interested in finding out more or applying for the position, please email Emma@jabiru.org.au for a copy of the position description and the steps to apply. You can also call Emma on 07 3269 0044 for further information.

Closing date for applications is Monday 30th May 2016



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Physiotherapy Assistant (Technical Assistant Grade 1)

Ref: 310213 - Perm F/T at Macarthur

Salary: \$47,649 to \$49,705 pa

Enq: Renee Fortunato (02) 4634 3886

Closing Date: 17 May 2016

Child & Family Health Nurse (Registered Nurse) at Community Health (Hoxton Park), Permanent Full-Time

Ref: 318527

Salary: \$58,142 to \$81,649 pa

Enq: Anne King (02) 9827 2222

Administrative Officer (Level 3) Permanent Full-Time at Liverpool Hospital

Ref: 312924

Salary: \$53,979 to \$55,758 pa

Enq: Helen Orcher (02) 8738 5933

Closing Date: 18 May 2016

These are targeted positions 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.

Please apply online by visiting:
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Government of South Australia

Department of Planning,
Transport and Infrastructure

PASSENGER SERVICE ASSISTANT

Vacancy No: 2016-10863

Location: Various

Ongoing Role

More than one role

\$835.19 - \$995.56 per week (Weekly Paid)

The Division

The Passenger Service Assistant:

- provides customer service duties on public transport by rendering assistance required to passengers and resolving conflicts and problems that may occur.
- delivers quality customer service to ensure public transport customers enjoy a high level of safety, reliability and punctuality.
- performs regular and relevant revenue protection duties across the rail network to ensure customers comply with ticketing and travel requirements specified by legislation.

Special Conditions

To be eligible for this role, candidates must:

- be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia
- be willing to work shift work in accordance with a 7 day rotating roster, including early mornings, nights, weekends and public holidays
- be willing to undertake a pre-employment medical and criminal history clearance
- provide adequate details of employment and life history
- provide two work-related references
- be proficient in spoken and written English

Eligibility

These roles will be filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people as an equal employment opportunity program as per Section 65 of the *Public Sector Act 2009*.

Enquiries to:

Please contact Ms Grace Miller, Cultural Consultant on (08) 7109 7622 or 0447 286 762.

An information session will be held. To register your interest for this session please contact Ms Miller on grace.miller3@sa.gov.au

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

Applications

Applicants must email their applications to DPTI.Apply@sa.gov.au quoting the vacancy number. Applications must include a letter of no more than two pages addressing the essential minimum criteria, a curriculum vitae and completed coversheet, employment declaration and confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent form. The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety is a core value.

Closing Date: 5.00pm 20 May 2016

**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
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**NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29**

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Tenement Type | No. | Applicant | Area* | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Exploration Licence | 08/2796-I | ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LTD NORTH MINING LIMITED MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME) | 3BL | 55km W'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 115° 47' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 25/538 & 28/2580-I | SERENDIPITY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 95BL | 60km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 122° 4' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 25/540-I | SERENDIPITY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 10BL | 57km NE'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 122° 6' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 25/543 | HBJ MINERALS PTY LTD | 5BL | 33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 47' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2583-I | SERENDIPITY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 35BL | 96km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 122° 26' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 36/868 | SILVER ASSET PTY LTD | 9BL | 61km NE'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 121° 4' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 36/869 | CARNEGIE EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 10BL | 68km N'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 120° 54' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 36/871 | ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED | 1BL | 36km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 121° 3' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1255 | BAKER, Glenn William | 18BL | 19km W'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 8' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3101 | MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL | 6BL | 16km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 14' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3104 | WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 10BL | 121km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 123° 52' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3105 | WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 21BL | 132km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 124° 2' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3106 | WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 44BL | 133km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 123° 57' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3109 | GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED | 67BL | 50km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 123° 7' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1899 | NARNOO MINING PTY LTD | 37BL | 174km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 123° 32' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4684 | VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED | 61BL | 77km W'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 119° 2' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4692 | VENTUREX SULPHUR SPRINGS PTY LTD | 5BL | 53km W'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 119° 14' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1049 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 31BL | 123km SW'ly of Telfer | Lat: 22° 19' S Long: 121° 14' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1053 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 35BL | 119km SE'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 22° 32' S Long: 121° 2' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1104 | FORRESTANIA PTY LTD | 47BL | 24km S'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 120° 4' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1105 | FORRESTANIA PTY LTD | 26BL | 27km SE'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 120° 19' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1107 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 15BL | 122km E'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 22° 18' S Long: 121° 12' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3205 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 20BL | 75km N'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 117° 41' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3258 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 13BL | 18km S'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 117° 36' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3350 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 9BL | 31km NE'ly of Tom Price | Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 118° 3' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3438 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 4BL | 83km SE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 116° 50' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1714 | GOLDEN LIFE NATURE PRODUCTS (WA) PTY LTD | 22BL | 128km NW'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 119° 50' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1728 | GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED | 57BL | 109km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 5' S Long: 119° 26' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1735 | MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD | 35BL | 54km SW'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 55' S Long: 118° 5' E | CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1739 | KONG, Eric | 4BL | 25km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 23' S Long: 118° 37' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3233 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 4BL | 42km W'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 21' S Long: 119° 19' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3365 | OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD | 28BL | 38km W'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 26' S Long: 119° 22' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3369 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 70BL | 44km SE'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 118° 4' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3371 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 16BL | 31km W'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 20' S Long: 119° 25' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3373-I | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 17BL | 46km W'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 19' S Long: 119° 17' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3398-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) | 1BL | 103km W'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 118° 43' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3400-I | GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD | 156BL | 50km S'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 48' S Long: 119° 47' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3413-I | BHP IRON ORE (JIMBLEBAR) PTY LTD | 4BL | 42km E'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 120° 8' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1880 | BULLSEYE MINING LIMITED | 4BL | 91km SE'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 121° 21' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2172 | SMITH, Bruce McDonald | 1BL | 72km E'ly of Morawa | Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 116° 44' E | PERENJORI SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2173 | DEFLECTOR MINING LTD | 5BL | 56km SW'ly of Yalgoo | Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 116° 20' E | YALGOO SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 69/3419 | MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD | 135BL | 120km NW'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 120° 9' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4792 | STROTHER MINING PTY LTD | 4BL | 47km E'ly of Hyden | Lat: 32° 32' S Long: 119° 21' E | KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4824 | LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL | 18BL | 18km W'ly of Manjimup | Lat: 34° 13' S Long: 115° 57' E | MANJIMUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2353-54 | CGM (WA) PTY LTD | 95BL | 47km SW'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 119° 2' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4976 | NATURALISTE HOLDINGS PTY LTD | 6BL | 21kms SE'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 18° 19' S Long: 127° 50' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4998 | BARACUS PTY LTD | 15BL | 72km SE'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 18° 45' S Long: 127° 15' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/5002 | LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL | 19BL | 149km NE'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 17° 5' S Long: 128° 25' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6025 | RAMSDALE, Ian LINAKE, Stephen Robert ANDRUSIAK, Alexander James | 6.63HA | 61km E'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 120° 9' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2934-7 | BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD SIMMONDS, Paul John | 618.71HA | 43km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 53' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2938 | BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD SIMMONDS, Paul John | 23.76HA | 42km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 120° 54' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2939-42 | LYSANDER RESOURCES PTY LTD | 786.93HA | 36km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 120° 54' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5063-71 | SIBURAN RESOURCES LIMITED | 1587.04HA | 59km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 120° 58' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/4090-91 | MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 380.10HA | 31km NE'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 52' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/4092-93 | MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 373.39HA | 31km NE'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 55' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8666 | NORREGAARD, Johannes Stig | 21.72HA | 49km SE'ly of Leinster | Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 121° 2' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4201 | MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL | 23.83HA | 17km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 18' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5602-S | MUNRO, Garry Raymond | 9.98HA | 65km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 122° 6' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5603 | SULLIVAN, Oliver Jordan | 198.87HA | 50km E'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 50' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4347 | LARSEN, Jake Thomas | 12.65HA | 6km SE'ly of Bullfinch | Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 119° 9' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4350 | MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony MANSEN, James Karl | 168.49HA | 18km N'ly of Bullfinch | Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 119° 3' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4351-56 | EXTERRA RESOURCES LTD | 1129.45HA | 138km E'ly of Paynes Find | Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 119° 5' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 80/1838 | ROCKETT, Georgina Mary Inett | 9.99HA | 18km W'ly of Kununurra | Lat: 15° 46' S Long: 128° 34' E | WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Retention Licence | 51/2 | GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD | 4652.28HA | 60km N'ly of Cue | Lat: 26° 52' S Long: 117° 52' E | CUE SHIRE |
| Retention Licence | 77/3-I | POLARIS METALS PTY LTD | 1519.24HA | 51km N'ly of Bullfinch | Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 118° 55' E | YILGARN 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 retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 4 May 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 **4 August 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. 4 September 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²
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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
WATER**

LOWER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (amendment) has been received from **EDENMORE FARMS PTY LIMITED** for 2 X 660 mm centrifugal pumps, on Lot 37 DP 750301.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A8040)

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
PEEL VALLEY REGULATED, UNREGULATED, ALLUVIUM AND
FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND/OR WATER USE approval of the Water has been received from **SCOTT ALLAN WOODS & VICKI MAREE WOODS** for a Well within the Peel Fractured Rock Water Source, Lot 88 DP755334 County of Parry, Parish of Nemingha, for the purpose of irrigation.

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 the objection. (A008075)

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1470 Ben Hanks, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY
INDUSTRIES WATER**

**LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP
GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **DALLAS PETER STOTT & ELISABETH JANE STOTT** for 1 x bore, at/adjacent to Lot 2//1184635, Parish of Dallas, County of Copper, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A8065)

Any queries, please call (02) 6951 2611, Phillip Killen, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER**

**LOWER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, NAMOI
RIVER**

An application for a water supply work and use approval (amendment) has been received from **NAMOI VALLEY FARMS PTY LIMITED** for 1 X 1500 mm diversion pipe, on Lot 19 DP 750301.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water PO Box 382 Narrabri 2390 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)67996626, Peter Cuell

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER
SURAT GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **LOUISE ALICE MACCUE** for a 150 mm diameter bore, on Lot 9 DP 753941.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A8062)

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

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**NSW OFFICE OF WATER
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY
INDUSTRIES WATER**

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **ANDREW CHARLES BEATTIE AND JAMES CHARLES WILCOX** for one new 37MM submersible pump on Lot 1 DP 710591, Parish of Wardry, County of Dowling for stock and domestic purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A007453)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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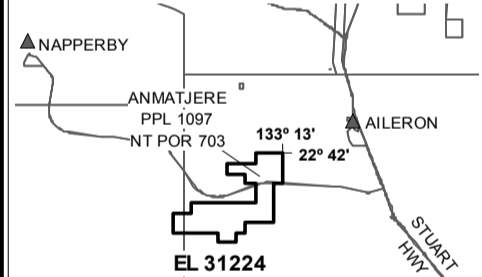
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tollner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

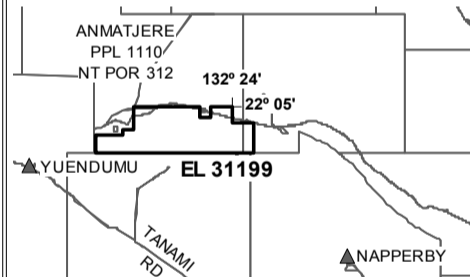
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 31224 sought by **ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED**, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 47 Blocks (149 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **AILERON** locality.



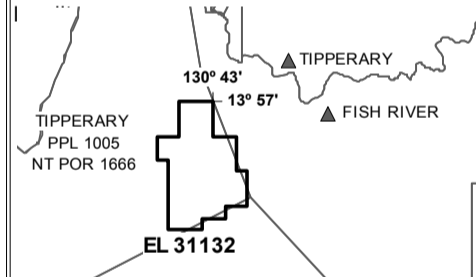
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Exploration Licence 31199 sought by **EXCEDO EXPLORATION PTY LTD**, ACN 607 686 322 over an area of 183 Blocks (583 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **DENISON** locality.



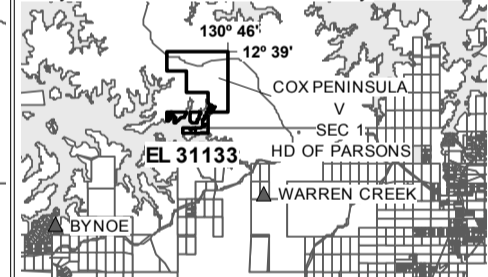
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Exploration Licence 31132 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 58 Blocks (194 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **WINGATE MOUNTAINS**



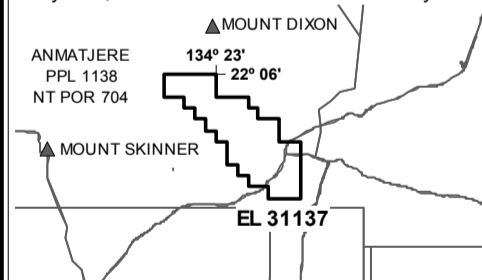
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Exploration Licence 31133 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 8 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **BYNOE** locality.



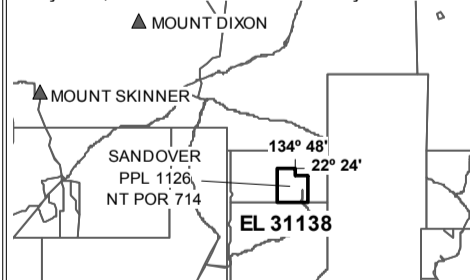
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Exploration Licence 31137 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 63 Blocks (201 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **WOODGREEN** locality.



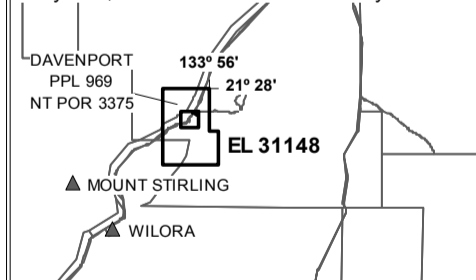
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Exploration Licence 31138 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 23 Blocks (74 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **UTOPIA** locality.



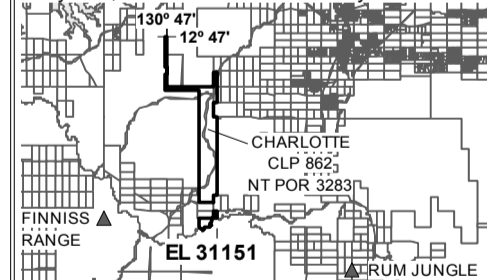
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Exploration Licence 31148 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 58 Blocks (173 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **BARROW** locality.



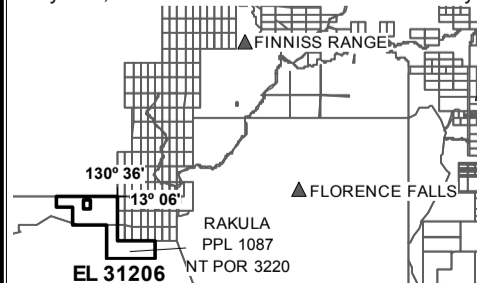
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Exploration Licence 31151 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 13 Blocks (26 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **BYNOE** locality.



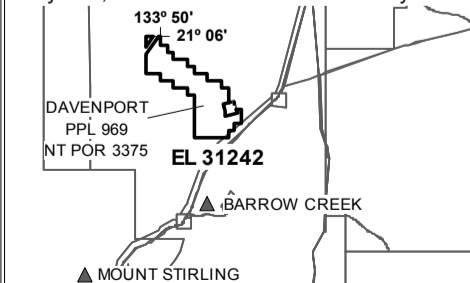
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Exploration Licence 31206 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 13 Blocks (30 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **REYNOLDS RIVER** locality.



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Exploration Licence 31242 sought by **SLIPSTREAM RESOURCES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**, ACN 600 237 625 over an area of 78 Blocks (237 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the **CRAWFORD** locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5655

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to

in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 4 May 2016

Cathy the catalyst, says Simon



MATILDAS striker Kyah Simon says competing at the Rio Olympic Games will be the pinnacle of her career and gives her the chance to follow in the footsteps of her childhood idol.

"I've been to two World Cups and obviously been in a lot of major tournaments as well, but this is my childhood dream," Simon told reporters at Sydney airport after the team returned from the Olympic Asian qualifying tournament in Osaka, Japan.

"Playing for Australia was one, going to World Cups another, but then being at the pinnacle of sport is just another next step.

"It resonates so much with me (the Olympics) because that's how my dream began, watching that 2000 Olympics, and that's really what inspired me.

"I'm just super proud as a team to be able to say we're going to be Olympians and we're going there with the rest of Australia's elite athletes and mingling with the rest of the world's best athletes."

Simon pinpointed the moment she wanted to be an Olympian. It was seeing Cathy Freeman win gold in the 400m at the Sydney Games.

In fact, many Matildas have spoken of Freeman's famous performance and the influence it has had on their careers.

And the squad was thrilled when they received a congratulatory message from the Aussie legend after their qualification.

For Simon, being of Indigenous heritage, Freeman's example has been a constant source of inspiration and the striker plans to continue her legacy in Rio.

"I think that just really resonated with me. I remember the race like it was yesterday," Simon said.

"For her (Freeman) to acknowledge what we've achieved 16 years down the track is massive and definitely brought a tear to my eye.

"It took me back to when I was an eight-year-old girl watching her run that race. Now I've got that chance to do that for young girls around the world and young Australian and Indigenous girls.

"I'm just so football-minded at the moment I just want to keep going, I just want to keep growing.

"As a footballer, it's a major opportunity to play at the Olympics and if there's one thing that I want, it's to be able to hold a gold medal around our necks with the other girls."

— Damien Bellemore



Kyah Simon

PUBLIC NOTICE

DARUMBAL PEOPLE MEETINGS TO AUTHORISE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS AND THE CONSENT DETERMINATION OF NATIVE TITLE

The **Darumbal People** are currently described as those people:

(a) who are descendants of the following deceased persons:

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Brothers John McPherson and Harry Bauman; | 7. Mundabel; |
| 2. Kate Reid and James Hector; | 8. Mary Jones; |
| 3. Clara McKenzie; | 9. Maggie (Mitchell); |
| 4. Jack Naylor (Jnr); | 10. Yorky; |
| 5. Maria McKenzie; | 11. Kitty Mulway and Pompey of Stanage; |
| 6. Clara Wallace; | |

AND

(b) who are recognised by the living Darumbal People according to their traditional laws and customs as Darumbal People.

This Notice invites all members of the **Darumbal People** to attend authorisation meetings at the time and location below:

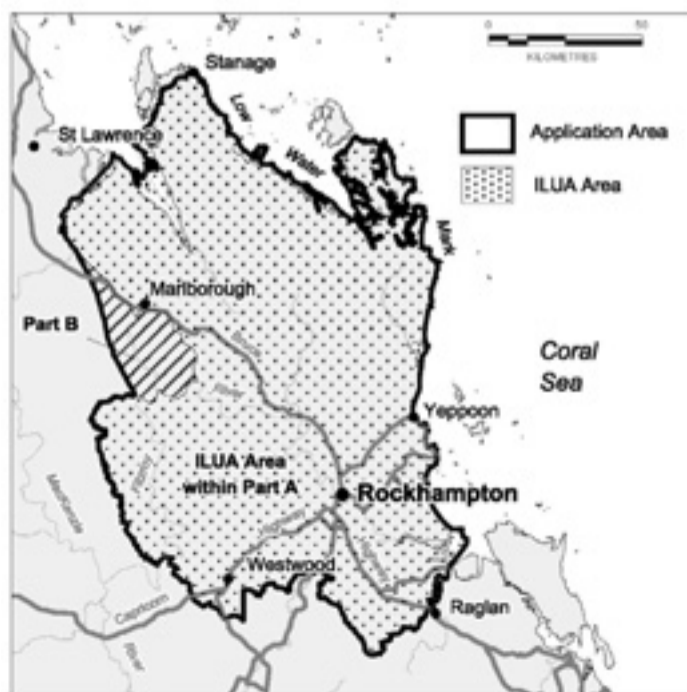
Date of Meeting: Saturday 21 May 2016
Venue of Meeting: Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton (Parkhurst) QLD 4702
Time of Meeting: 8:00am registration (for 8:45am start)

The purpose of the Authorisation Meetings are to:

1. Authorise an ILUA with the State of Queensland (**the State**) relating to the exercise of native title rights and interests in the national parks and state forests within Part A of the Darumbal Application area and which provides for further agreements to be reached in relation to those protected areas (**the Protected Areas ILUA**);
2. Authorise an ILUA with the State to resolve tenure issues within Part A of the Darumbal Application area (**the Land Tenure ILUA**) and which involves consenting to the surrender of native title over some parcels in exchange for freehold parcels for transfer to the Darumbal People or a share of sale revenue.
3. Authorise the terms of the consent determination of Part A of the Darumbal People's (QUD6131/1998) native title determination application (section 87A agreement).

ILUA Areas

The areas subject to the Protected Areas ILUA and Land Tenure ILUA are all within the external boundary of **Part A** of the Darumbal People claim, indicated on **Map 1**.



Note:
Between Latitude 23.000°S and Latitude 23.365037°S at Longitude 150.791624°E
Application and ILUA Area extends to the High Water Mark.

Map 1

Any persons who claim to hold native title over the area subject to the ILUA **other than as a member of the Darumbal People** should contact the Community Relations Unit, QSNTS on **1800 663 693**.

Information Sessions

To assist members of the Darumbal claim group to prepare for the authorisation meetings and make informed decisions at the authorisation meetings, information on the ILUAs and the terms of the consent determination (section 87A agreement) will be provided at a number of pre-authorisation information sessions in Brisbane and Rockhampton. Details of the time and dates for the information sessions have been mailed to all members of the Darumbal People who have provided contact details to QSNTS. If you have not received the information, please contact the QSNTS Community Relations Section on **free call 1800 663 693**.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the authorisation meeting and information sessions or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the authorisation meeting.

All Darumbal People are invited to contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer Richard Sporne on (07) 4921 1090 or free call 1800 663 693 to register your intention to attend an information session and/or authorisation meetings.



Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 18 May 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, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane, QLD, 4003 on or before **17 August 2016**. After **17 August 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: Kurtijar People
Federal Court File No: QUD483/2015
Date filed: 18 June 2015
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
Description: The application area covers about 15,000 sq km and is located about 20 km east of Normanton.
Relevant LGA: Carpentaria, Croydon and Mareeba Shire Council.

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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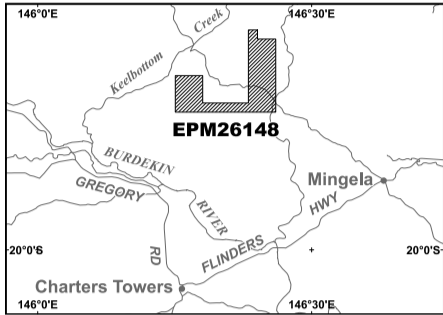
Shared country, shared future.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND A MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE

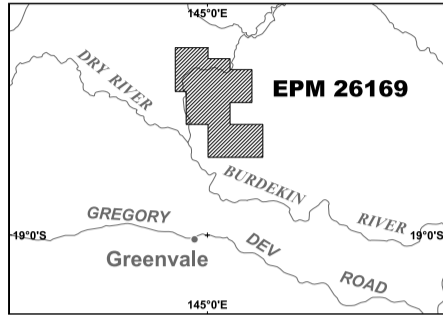
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals and the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

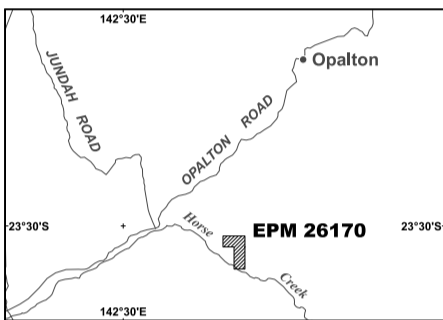
Exploration Permit 26148 sought by Blackdown Mine Management Pty Ltd, ACN 151 894 530, over an area of 42 sub-blocks (135 km²), centred approximately 32 km North West of Mingela, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



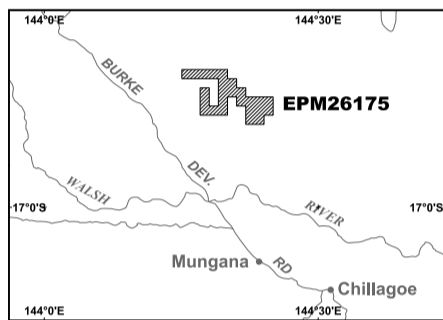
Exploration Permit 26169 sought by Moggie Mining Limited, ACN 104 324 576, over an area of 51 sub-blocks (166 km²), centred approximately 25 km North of Greenvale, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



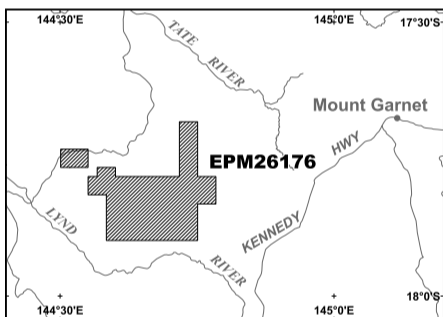
Exploration Permit 26170 sought by Maxwell Jackson, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 33 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



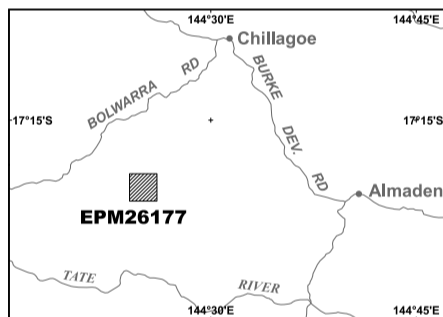
Exploration Permit 26175 sought by Perlite Suppliers Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 095 851 077, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (82 km²), centred approximately 34 km North of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



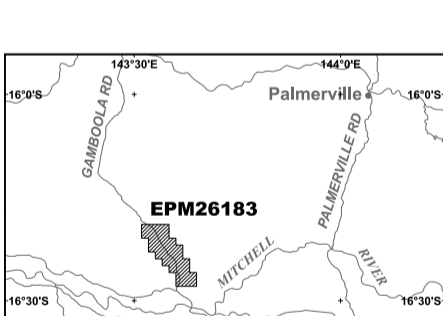
Exploration Permit 26176 sought by Monax Mining Ltd, ACN 110 336 733, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (326 km²), centred approximately 50 km West South West of Mount Garnet, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



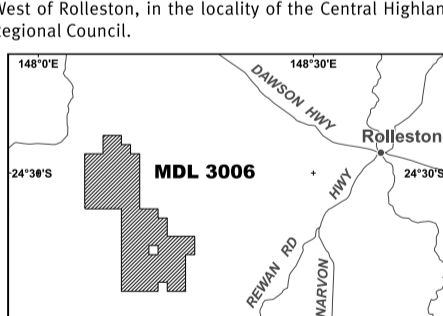
Exploration Permit 26177 sought by Pacific Consulting Services Pty Ltd, ACN 055 502 648, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 22 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26183 sought by Gamba Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 809, over an area of 34 sub-blocks (112 km²), centred approximately 65 km South West of Palmerville, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Mineral Development Licence 3006 sought by Peabody West Rolleston Pty Ltd (90%), ACN 117 316 775 and CITIC West Rolleston Pty Ltd (10%), ACN 117 281 651 over an area of 30212 ha, centred approximately 45 km West South West of Rolleston, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 3, June 2014, pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and s. 194AAA of that Act.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits and Mineral Development Licences. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native

title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit and Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit and Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit or Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 25 May 2016



Xavier Clarke in advisory group



NORTHERN Territory Thunder coach and former Australian Football League

(AFL) player Xavier Clarke has been appointed to a women's football advisory group.

Chaired by AFL Commissioner Major General Simone Wilkie, the 10-member group will meet quarterly to provide input in the inaugural national women's competition that will start in 2017.

AFL general manager game and market development Simon Lethlean said the panel would help shape recommendations for the new league.

"We feel there is a diverse mix of business leadership, coaches, players and football industry experience amongst

the members to help guide our key decisions in the coming months," he said.

"Concepts will be presented to the group and their feedback will assist in the development and operations of both the league and the continued expansion of the female football pathway."

The Women's Football Advisory Group will first meet tomorrow (May 5).

Last Friday was the deadline for AFL clubs to submit applications for a women's team.

The Sydney Swans announced they would not be fielding a team.

This year a series of women's exhibition matches have been played featuring players who were members of state-based talent academies.



Xavier Clarke



Native Title Services Victoria Ltd

MEETING OF WURUNDJERI TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Native Title Services Victoria with the support of Wurundjeri people is organising a meeting of Traditional Owners for Woiewurrung/Wurundjeri country on **15 May 2016**.

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. to update Traditional Owners on the Threshold Statement (Part A) lodged with the State of Victoria on 18 December 2015 to commence negotiations with the State of Victoria under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*; and
2. to discuss next steps, including the requirements for completing a "Part B" Threshold Statement.

Under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act* the State Government is able to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with a Traditional Owner Group to formally recognise and acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners of their traditional country.

A Settlement also resolves matters under the Native Title Act and confirms that a Traditional Owner Group's corporation is entitled to be registered as the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) responsible for Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area.

As with previous meetings - NTSV invites all people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in Woiewurrung/Wurundjeri country and have traditional and cultural associations to this country to attend a meeting on:

Date: Sunday 15 May 2016

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Aborigines Advancement League, Croxton Hall, 2 Watt Street, Thornbury

Purpose: To provide an update about the Threshold Statement that authorised and lodged in December 2016 and to discuss next steps – in particular the requirements of "Part B" of the Threshold Statement process.

Please contact Drew Berick on (03) 9321 5300, freecall 1800 791 779 or dberick@ntsv.com.au to register your intention to attend this meeting or for further information about the meeting, including assistance to attend the meeting.

World title beckons



THE Australian women's sevens are on the brink of a World Series title after finishing third in the Canada leg of the series.

Fielding a squad with an average age of just 22, Australia saw off Spain (28-0) in the Cup quarter-final before falling just short against England (15-5).

The girls in gold bounced back to see off France (19-12) in the third place play-off.

Indigenous player Mahalia Murphy was part of the Australian campaign.

Australia's 16-point haul at Westhills Stadium, Langford, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, means Tim Walsh's side needs to finish in sixth position or higher in Clermont, France, this month to take the country's maiden Sevens World Series crown.

Head coach Walsh said: "I was pleased with a

few players who stood up over the weekend, but the England game was one I really think we should have won. We created enough opportunities.

"We would be a very proud team and honoured if we do win the title – it would be the perfect preparation as we head to

the Rio Olympics in August."

Elsewhere in Langford, England – playing in its first Cup final since 2013 – won the title after beating New Zealand 31-14, while hosts Canada defeated Spain 21-5 to take the Plate and finish fifth.

Australia leads the series standings with 76 points – 12 clear of second-placed New Zealand.

The 2015-16 World Rugby Women's Sevens Series heads to France for the final leg of the season in Clermont-Ferrand from May 28-29.

...But the men find the going tough

THE Australian men's sevens team finished seventh in the Singapore leg of the World Series after losing to powerhouses Fiji and New Zealand on finals day.

An inexperienced Australian team, with seven players having six caps or less coming into the tournament, lost to world champions Fiji 19-14 in the Cup quarter-final and then New Zealand 31-7 in the Plate semi-final.

Indigenous player John Porch was a member of the Australian team.

Head coach Andy Friend said: "We are losing too many big moments, crucial moments, in the big games which is hurting us.

"Against New Zealand, we simply didn't have enough of the ball.

"I think we only made it into their half once with the ball and that comes down to our restarts and our accuracy."

Summarising the last two tournaments in Asia, Friend said: "There has been some positive elements to come out of the last couple of weeks. We've played good rugby and got into some very good positions. At the moment, we just don't have the mental capacity to finish off some of the positions we are getting ourselves into.

"Heading towards the next two tournaments and then Rio, we have to get that right and I'm confident we will."

Elsewhere in Singapore – and after 114 tournaments – Kenya won a World Series event for the first time after turning on the style to beat ladder leaders Fiji 30-7 in the Cup final. South Africa came third having beaten Argentina 28-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOONTHAMURRA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE and INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Boonthamurra People** are the descendants of one or more of the following people:

- (a) Kangaroo; or
- (b) Dick Ray

who identify and are accepted as **Boonthamurra People** according to Boonthamurra traditional law and custom.

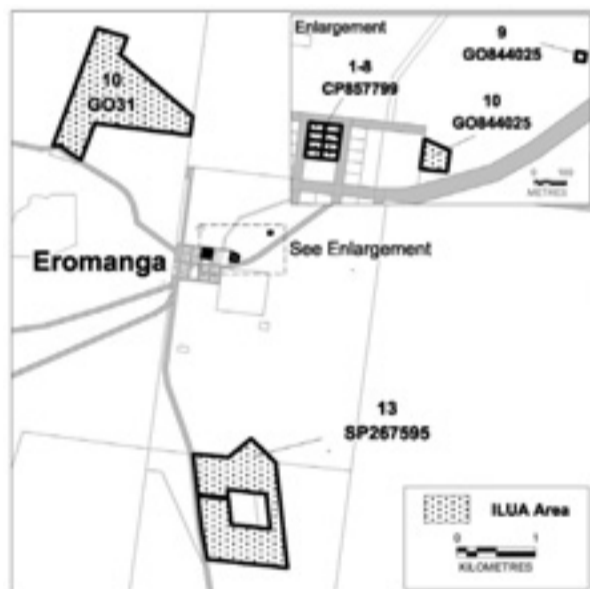
AUTHORISATION MEETING

This Notice invites all **Boonthamurra People** to attend an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 28 May 2016
Venue of Meeting: Roma Explorers Inn & Function Centre, 44778 Warrego Highway, Roma QLD 4455
Time of Meeting: 9:00am (for 9:30am start)

The **purpose of the Authorisation Meeting** is for the Boonthamurra People to:

- 1) **Authorise and consent** to the entry into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('ILUA') between the Boonthamurra People, the Boonthamurra Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (**the Boonthamurra RNTBC**) and the State of Queensland (**the Parties**). Under the terms of the ILUA, the Parties will agree to:
 - a) the surrender of any native title over the following nine (9) lots within the township of Eromanga, QLD: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on CP 857799; and Lot 10 on GO 844025;
 - b) the sale by the State of Queensland of Lot 13 on SP267595 and, upon sale, the surrender of any native title over that lot;
 - c) the grant of any interest, including a lease, over Lot 13 on SP267595 prior to surrender of any native title over that lot;
 - d) the creation of a reserve over Lot 9 on GO844025 for Township Purposes;
 - e) the grant of Aboriginal freehold over Lot 10 on GO31 to the Boonthamurra RNTBC; and
- 2) **Authorise** the Applicant to make an application to the Federal Court seeking the discontinuance of the Boonthamurra People's native title claim (QUD435/2006).



Map 1

The ILUA Area

The ILUA area, depicted in **Map 1**, is the area of 12 parcels of land within the township of Eromanga being Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on CP 857799; Lots 9 and 10 on GO 844025; Lot 10 on GO 31 and Lot 13 on SP 267595.

INFORMATION SESSION

So that members of the Boonthamurra People can make informed decisions at the Meeting, information on the ILUA and the proposed discontinuance of the native title claim will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting. Sufficient opportunity will be given for meeting participants to discuss any issues relevant to the purpose of the meeting before any decisions are made.

QSNTS regrets to advise that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the Authorisation Meeting, or with accommodation costs. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants.

All Boonthamurra People are invited to contact the QSNTS Client Relations Unit on **free call 1800 663 693** for further information or to register their intention to attend the Authorisation Meeting.

Any person who claims to hold native title over the area subject to the ILUA other than as a member of the Boonthamurra People should also contact the QSNTS Community Relations Unit.

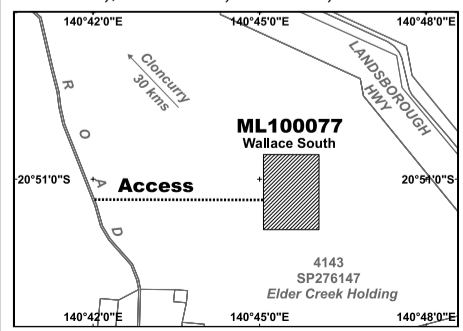


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

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 Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 100077 sought by Exco Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd, ACN 103 214 740, over an area of 432.9000 ha, centred approximately 30 km South East of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



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

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville QLD 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

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 the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 25 May 2016



\$17m for sport program

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

Notification day: 11 May 2016



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12016/006 Ergon Energy & Darumbal People ILUA State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers approximately 14,843 sq km west of Yeppoon

Relevant LGA: Banana Shire Council, Rockhampton Regional Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Isaac Regional Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

12.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)] does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, in this Agreement.

12.3 The Native Title Party consents to Ergon Energy and its

contractors undertaking the low native title impact activities.

Schedule 2 Low Native Title Impact Activities

1 The low native title impact activities are: (a) inspecting, maintaining, repairing and reinstating electricity infrastructure or access tracks; (b) tree lopping and tree clearing; (i) in the immediate vicinity of electricity infrastructure; (ii) required for the safe operation or use of the electricity infrastructure; or (iii) required for public health or safety; (c) installing street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing power line system in urban areas/town precincts; (d) the performance of statutory duties and responsibilities under the Electricity Act [Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)], Electricity Regulation [Electricity Regulation 2006 (Qld)] or other laws; (e) the grant of a lease, easement, permit, licence or other interest to Ergon Energy from the owner or occupier of land for a use of or incidental to the performance of statutory duties and responsibilities under the Electricity Act, Electricity Regulation or other laws; (f) the exercise by Ergon Energy of any rights or obligations under any way-leave agreement, easement, license, permit or other interest over land or waters; (g) accessing the Native Title Agreement Area for the purpose of undertaking any low native title impact activity.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

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Rodney William Mann, Vanessa Ross,
Amanda Meredith and Pauline Cora on behalf of
the Darumbal People
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Brisbane QLD 4000

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, NSW, 2000 by 11 August 2016.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Shared country, shared future.



MORE than 10,000 West Australian Aboriginal children belong to sport or recreation clubs, according to the West Australian Government.

It said Aboriginal children now make up one in five participants of KidSport, part of the Government's \$17 million investment to help Aboriginal children join a sporting club.

Sport and Recreation Minister Mia Davies said there were now 1317 clubs with at least one Aboriginal KidSport child as a member.

"In terms of numbers, you could say the program has created the equivalent of 384 new footy teams, 640 basketball teams and 437 netball teams – made up of Aboriginal KidSport kids – since the program began in 2011," she said.

"It shows just how many children want to get involved in sports, but who may be missing out due to financial circumstances."

The program helps those families by paying for club fees, making it easier for children to get involved in sports.

The top clubs with Aboriginal KidSport kids are Murlpirrmarra Connection (Wiluna), Armadale Junior Football Club, Broome Basketball Association, Balga Junior Football Club, Meekatharra Community Resource Centre and Northam Amateur Basketball Association.

The most popular sports are AFL, basketball, netball, soccer, swimming and athletics.

Overall, the program celebrated 50,000 children – who were new to the program – in September 2015 and, to date, 54,449 individual children had accessed 90,903 vouchers.

The KidSport program gives eligible five to 18-year-old children \$200 towards their sporting club fees. Accessing it can be done through local government via a health care card or a referral agent.

The KidSport program began in 2011.

Of the Aboriginal children signed up for the program, 59% are boys and 41% are girls

Through KidSport, the Government has invested \$988,035 in football (AFL), \$455,294 in netball and \$449,119 in basketball.



Aboriginal children now make up one-fifth of KidSport participants in Western Australia.

Teha proud member of team

BUNDJALUNG girl Teha Kalkale has been named in the Australian Indigenous under 16 netball team. The team will contest an international carnival on the Gold Coast from July 9-12.

Teha, from the Coffs Harbour region, started playing netball at the age of seven with Lismore Workers Club.

She then moved to Coffs Harbour with her family and started playing for the Coffs Harbour Netball Association.

That's when her skills took her to a new level and she began playing representative netball with Coffs Harbour. Teha plays for her local club Westside.



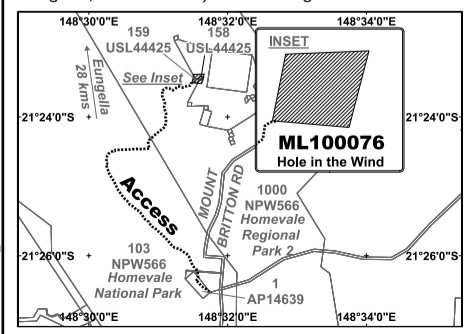
Teha Kalkale

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

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 Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease 100076 sought by Terry Dee Consulting Pty. Ltd., ACN 090 386 137, over an area of 5.9520 ha, centred approximately 28 km South South East of Eungella, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville QLD 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

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 Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 25 May 2016



Experience comes first, says Daley



LAURIE Daley's early, upsetting State of Origin experiences will have the NSW coach again leaning on the side of conservatism at the selection table ahead of this year's interstate series.

One of the Blues' greatest players, Daley said he wasn't ready for rugby league's most exacting arena when he made his debut in the 1989 series, in a year Queensland secured an Origin clean sweep.

Still holding that bad experience close to his heart, Daley indicated at the annual True Blues dinner at Sydney's Star Casino on April 20 that his Blues incumbents would hold the inside running in selection for this season.

That comes despite increasing calls for the likes of James Tedesco, Blake Austin and Bryce Cartwright to be given their NSW debuts.

"It is important that going into Origin, you have a bit of form, you have a bit of confidence, but it is also important that you have been there and you know what to expect," Daley said.

"Origin is a different rugby league field and if you have never experienced it before, there are many challenges that you do face and you have to be ready. I know when I first got called to play State of Origin, I thought I was ready, but I wasn't.

"That is probably one of the reasons why I don't want to put men into those positions when they are not ready. I would rather they be over-ready than



NSW State of Origin rugby league coach Laurie Daley.

be under-cooked."

Daley was criticised for showing loyalty to his players last season despite some indifferent efforts as NSW relinquished the Origin Shield they had reclaimed the previous season after eight years of Queensland dominance.

NSW's greatest coach Phil Gould was a strident critic, for one, of captain Paul Gallen's continued involvement with the Blues.

The Maroons wrested back Origin supremacy in the most-

emphatic fashion when they handed out the biggest hiding in interstate history during the series decider, winning 52-6 at Suncorp Stadium.

The humiliation of that experience still sits sorely with the Blues.

"We have made some tremendous steps forward (in recent years) but game three, we took some steps backwards and we have to rectify that because we will be judged on how we do that," Daley said.

- AAP



Coach Richie Garard passes on some tips at the JBA school holiday camp at Redfern.

New opportunities for Redfern youngsters



TWENTY Indigenous youngsters from Sydney's Redfern region joined 30 other inner-city children at a three-day camp to introduce them to basketball.

They were at the Junior Basketball Academy (JBA) inaugural school holiday camp at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence.

The JBA camp is a new program that emphasises fun and skills development and embraces nutrition, fitness and exercise, leadership and teamwork. It is run by JBA founder and head coach Richie Garard.

He said he wanted to create something for kids of all ages and skills to be able to play - not just the elite.

Scholarships for local Aboriginal children were part of Mr Garard's plan to do something for

the local community.

He told the *Koori Mail* that the camp went "really well".

There were six coaches on hand.

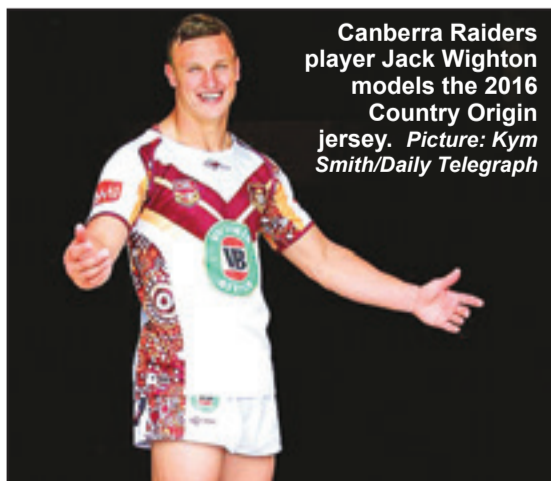
Garard was impressed with the development he saw over the three days as their shooting, passing and dribbling skills improved.

Aboriginal sporting icon Claude Williams was at the camp on day two and spoke about what it was like being an Aboriginal athlete growing up and the importance of education and playing sport.

Williams played first grade rugby league with South Sydney before switching to a successful basketball career, representing NSW in 1976, 1977, 1979 and 1981.

He became assistant coach of the Sydney Supersonics and went on to become coach of the Sydney Kings and later assistant coach of the Newcastle Falcons.

Country unveils Aboriginal-themed jersey



Canberra Raiders player Jack Wighton models the 2016 Country Origin jersey. Picture: Kym Smith/Daily Telegraph



THE NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) has unveiled its first ever Indigenous jersey for the VB Country Origin team.

Created by 2015 NAIDOC Artist of the Year Darren Dunn, the jersey celebrates the contribution that Indigenous people have made to rugby league in regional NSW and features a design inspired by Gamilaroi culture.

CRL CEO Terry Quinn believes the jersey is a great acknowledgement of Indigenous culture in rugby league.

"This jersey has been designed to acknowledge the tremendous contribution that Indigenous people

make to rugby league, not only at NRL level, but right throughout CRL competitions," said Quinn.

"Some of the game's greatest Indigenous players, including Laurie Daley, Ricky Walford, Preston Campbell, Nathan Blacklock and many others, started their careers in Country Rugby League and went on to represent Country Origin, and we're proud to acknowledge their efforts with this design."

CRL Indigenous programs manager Ricky Walford said the new jersey is a great sign of respect for Indigenous people.

"Rugby league plays a significant role in Indigenous communities and

having the Country Origin team acknowledging Indigenous culture is a great initiative and sign of respect from Country Rugby League," Walford said.

The jersey's design pays homage to the Gamilaroi nation, which encompasses Tamworth, where this year's AAMI Country v City Origin clash will be played at Scully Park on May 8.

The shorts also feature the 'Recognise' logo in a show of support for the campaign that aims to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and ensure there is no place in it for racial discrimination.



Skipjacks and Australian Army Thunder players after the game.

Ran out of steam



A COURAGEOUS Palm Island Skipjacks lost the ninth annual rugby league clash for the prestigious Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield 36-24 to Australian Army Thunder.

Rain did not deter a large crowd from turning up at the local football oval on April 14 to watch the match.

Skipjacks is an historical Palm Island club, more than 80 years old.

Army players and officials arrived on Palm Island by air after a ferry which was to leave Townsville at 8am broke down. The service was cancelled.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire councillor Eddie Walsh told the *Koori Mail* there was a memorial ceremony before the game at the Palm Island cemetery around the grave of the late Bill Coolburra.

"Those included some of the Army brass and Bill's family," he said.

Cr Walsh said it was a very exciting game.

"Skippies were leading for a while, but most people agreed that the Army fitness showed towards the end," he said.

"It was played in good spirit.

"Special guests were Obe Geia Jnr and former Cowboys champion Matt Bowen," he said.

Army now leads the series five games to four.

Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan rated Fred Bulsey, Raoul Miller, Costa Sam, Caleb Oui, Frank Palmer and Jono Cazalet as his side's best.

"Jono is a school teacher who would be about five feet tall – may not even be that – who just tackled his heart out," Morgan said.

"We scored the first two tries then they hit back with a couple. The score changed a couple of times in the second half and the Army's fitness was the difference towards

the end and they ended up winning," Morgan said.

The late Palm Aboriginal Elder Bill Coolburra served in the Australian Army for many years.

He was a regular soldier in the Royal Australian Engineers after enlisting in 1964. His overseas service included Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam, serving as a member of 1 Field Squadron and also 3 Field Troop.

Vietnam tunnel rat

He saw action in Vietnam as a tunnel rat in the tunnels of the infamous Hobo Woods while attached as an engineer to the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR) and the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR) in 1965 and 1966. It was while serving in the Army that he received the nickname 'Kookaburra'.

He served 16 years in the Army.

He also loved his rugby league and his

favourite Palm Island team, the Skipjacks. It was his wish that the Army and Palm Island play an annual game that would forge friendships and closer ties.

Meanwhile, five clubs will compete in the 2016 domestic rugby league competition on Palm Island, starting on May 28.

Officials of the clubs have been urged by Palm Island Community Rugby League president Algon Walsh to ensure players insurance premiums were paid soon.

"All of the insurance has to be paid well before the competition starts," he said.

Premiers Jets, runners-up Butler Bay Bulls, Skipjacks, Bwgcolman Brothers and Mount Bentley Raiders will battle it out.

Players are allowed to be dual registered to also line up for teams in the eight-club Townsville and District Rugby League (TDRL).

Many Palm Islanders play for various TDRL teams. – *Alf Wilson*

Lui shines in Super League



Robert Lui when he played for Torres Strait side Eastern Warriors at last October's Bindal All Blacks carnival in Townsville.

By ALF WILSON



FORMER Cowboys and West Tigers National Rugby League (NRL) back Robert Lui, of Mer descent, has been shining for Salford Club in the English Super League competition.

In the round 12 match shown in Australia on Pay TV on April 24, Lui was one of the best, setting up two tries when Salford lost 42-32 to second-placed Catalan Dragons.

Catalan had the services of former NRL players Todd Carney, Dave Taylor, Pat Richards and Willy Mason.

"Lui takes opportunities which present themselves and has been a good player today. He laid one of their tries on a plate for an outside back," one of the commentators said.

Lui has many family and friends living in the Torres Strait as well as Cairns and Townsville, and most follow his progress in English League on cable television.

He lined up at five-eighth for Salford, where he signed a two-year deal after leaving the Cowboys following last

season, when he was not picked in their grand final and premiers-ship-winning 17.

Lui played 46 A-grade games for the Cowboys over four years and before that had been with the West Tigers under coach Tim Sheens, who is Salford's director of coaching.

During his time with the Cowboys, Lui and Ray Thompson, of Saibai heritage, became the first two players of Torres Strait Islander descent to partner each other in the halves in an NRL game.

They started playing for Centrals Junior Rugby League club in Townsville as 11-year-olds. They were selected for various school and club competitions and at the ages of 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17, they played halves combinations in junior club level.

Lui is proud of his Torres Strait bloodlines and played for Eastern Warriors, who reached the grand final of the plate silver section at the Bindal Sharks All Blacks carnival in Townsville last October.

At 26, Lui will still be young enough to play NRL again when he returns from England.

Salford was placed eighth of 12 clubs after round 12 of the Super League.

Peats, the 'angry ant'

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

NATHAN Peats is the type of player you always love to have on your side.

His toughness and pure competitiveness make him one of those special brand of rugby league players.

After confronting serious injury and speculation about his future, Peats may well be the man the Blues call on this year in their time of need.

And that is not just my judgment.

Probably the most inspirational hooker to ever play Origin for NSW, Danny Buderus believes it is time Eels No. 9 Nathan Peats is handed his first Blues jersey.

Troubled by injuries since joining the Eels from the Rabbitohs in 2014, Peats came back from a broken neck last season by making 60 tackles in round one against the Broncos, but then suffered a dislocated elbow in Parramatta's round two win over the Cowboys.

In his first game in a month, he racked up another 40 tackles and ran for 90 metres in an 80-minute performance against the Raiders on April 23. Buderus says that he has "Origin mentality" coursing through his game.

"Our elite No. 9s – Robbie Farah and Michael Ennis – are both in their early 30s and have given fantastic service to the blue jersey, but within the next two years there will be a

changing of the guard," Buderus told Big League.

"In my opinion, Nathan Peats has the right Origin mentality.

"You have to have a specific kind of player in the Origin arena and Peats has the right defensive mindset.

"He plays tough and he's a competitor, regardless of the situation, which is why he was the only hooker named in the Emerging Origin squad at the beginning of the year."

Laurie Daley also knows what Peats can do, having made him one of his two personal picks for the 2012 clash.

At the time, Peats was just establishing his reputation, but Daley needed no convincing.

"Nathan Peats can play, he's a whole-hearted player, plays long minutes, and I can see him coming on and doing a good job for us," Daley said at the time.

"He's done a lot of hard work, has a good work ethic and I wanted to reward a good young player.

"Gorden Tallis worked with him at Souths and told me he was a really good kid.

"He's got a big future and spending time with the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Justin Hodges and Sam Thaiday will only help him."

Help him it did, but a few things have held him back outside of the already mentioned injuries.

New attitude

Ironically, the injuries also proved to be a factor in Peats changing his attitude to a number of things in life.

By his own admission, selfish at times in his early days in the NRL, Nathan is a new father and a changed man – a fact demonstrated by his coaching of the La Perouse Panthers under 13 side this year.

Now a Parramatta local, Peats admits the twice-weekly trek across Sydney, with its nightmarish peak-hour traffic, can be a burden – but he has no regrets.

"They're cheeky little kids, but they're really enjoyable and hopefully they get something out of it," Peats said.

The decision to take on the role with his junior club was "about giving back", according to the former Rabbitoh.

"I was probably a bit selfish earlier in my career just with

Nathan Peats in 2013.

Picture: nrl.com.au



giving back. At signing sessions, I'd think 'I just want to go home' and I think I've realised over the last couple of years I've got to give back a bit more.

"I get so much out of footy and I wasn't really giving back so I just saw an opportunity to coach my local junior side so I thought I'd take it with both hands."

Peats believes that a series of major injuries – a ruptured ACL and a fractured vertebra, each season-ending over the past two years – may have been a sign he needed to contribute more.

"Just with the rough trot I've had, I don't know if it was karma or something, I just thought 'I've got to give back'," he said.

"But I didn't do it because I had to, I did it because I wanted to."

Becoming a first-time dad has also helped mellow the self-confessed angry ant and changed his perspective on things.

Much like his NRL coach Brad Arthur, Peats said he could get a bit cranky at times, but has also been keen to soak up some coaching advice from Arthur and Wentworthville coach Joey Grima.

"Brad coaches his son's 14s team too so I get a couple of tips from him. Joey Grima's really good too, the Wenty coach, he's really good with all the kids' drills and Brad's given me a few," Peats said.

"He's a bit like me, he's a bit angry sometimes."

Nathan Peats has come into his own as one of the great cult figures of the NRL.

Regardless of how people feel about Parramatta, they tend

to back Peats as exemplifying the spirit and grit of the game.

In part, that's because Peats is the ultimate small-scale NRL player.

Skippering the Souths under-20 team to the 2010 grand final, alongside such up-and-comers as Adam Reynolds, Dylan Farrell and Josh Starling, Peats recognised that he probably wasn't going to make it long-term at the Bunnies.

Talented enough to be a factor in salary cap considerations, but not talented enough – yet – to drive them, he took the plunge and made the move to Parra less than 12 months before the Bunnies brought home their first grand final in more than 40 years.

Since then, Peats has been one of the game's true underdogs – having bled at South Sydney only to transfer into the most struggling team in the competition at the very moment the Rabbitohs came good.

Of course, that strength in adversity is one of the reasons Peats has to be a key contender for Blues hooker over the next couple of years.

After all, it was Jarryd Hayne himself who described Peats as "the most aggressive hooker I've ever played with", an "angry ant" who managed to give the team a new hard edge.

Like George Rose, he epitomises the spirit of the game in his very bones, and that makes him dynamite to watch.

Peats beats to a different drum.

It perhaps now his chance to perform on the biggest stage of all.

Roberts shows off-field speed



IT'S early days, but it seems Brisbane speedster James Roberts' son may not be a chip off the old block.

Much to Roberts' relief.

Roberts' partner Anna went into labour on the Gold Coast hours before the National Rugby League (NRL) home clash with South Sydney was about to start.

He rolled the dice and opted to play in the match, showing his blistering speed to score a second-half try off a Ben Hunt kick and secure a 30-8 win.

But the NRL's fastest man showed more pace after the match as he raced back to Gold Coast hospital.

However, his son was in no hurry.

His partner finally gave birth in the early hours of Sunday morning, ending a marathon labour.

"I thought it was close – the water broke the day before (the game) but it dragged on a bit," Roberts said.

Roberts admitted it was a tough call to play – one that even master coach Wayne Bennett didn't want to make.

"I am sure Wayne did (want me to play) but he didn't want to say anything," Roberts laughed.

Fatherhood is agreeing with Roberts.

"There is a bit less sleep, but it's pretty enjoyable going home to my little boy," he said.

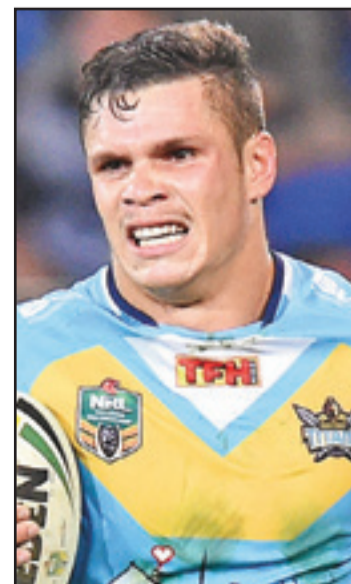
Now life has settled off the field, Roberts looks forward to showing what he can do on it.

The man who famously claimed he had "more speed than Oxford Street" was ready to find another gear against the Sharks last weekend.

"I am not fully impressed with my form but I am focusing on my defence this year," he said.

"I have got a bit more ball in the past few games but it will come.

"As long as we are winning games, I am happy." – AAP



James Roberts

Door closing on Newman

By CHRIS PIKE



DESPITE being just 22 years of age, Murray Newman has had quite the rollercoaster ride in his life and football career. And it appears to have taken another downward twist, which could end his top-level football career, at least in the short term.

Newman came through the ranks at WAFL club Swan Districts a highly-touted youngster and was drafted into the AFL by the West Coast Eagles. He was expected to have a bright future at the top level.

However, trouble has followed him since and it was an assault charge that hung over his head in 2013 which threatened to put his life and football career on the backburner.

While still listed with his AFL club, Newman was struggling to deal with the pressure of potentially facing jail time. That led to him walking out of a game at quarter-time in the WAFL in round 17 in 2013.

Sent to prison

The bad news continued when he was sentenced to prison later in 2013 and he wasn't released until September 2014, meaning he missed a full season of football.

But the West Coast Eagles showed faith in him, and kept him on its list in 2015. He played two more AFL matches to take his career tally to six, but at the end of the season, he was delisted.

It wasn't all bad news though, with Swan Districts welcoming him back into the WAFL, and coach Greg Harding was full of confidence that Newman would return and have such a big impact that he could guarantee his AFL career wasn't over.

Didn't turn up

Following a solid performance in the round one loss to East Fremantle, Newman was named to play the following Saturday against South Fremantle, but failed to show up for the match without informing anybody at the club.

He has not been seen at the football club since and it's unlikely he will play another game in 2016 and beyond.

His career, at least at a professional or semi-professional level, seems



Murray Newman

to be in serious jeopardy despite being only 22.

The news is even more disappointing considering the faith his two clubs, West Coast and Swan Districts, have shown in him despite the troubles he has found himself in on and off the football field.

Highlighting how much Swan Districts will miss his services were comments coach Harding made on the eve of the 2016 season.

Swans lost Ryan Davis (Gold Coast Suns), Nathan Broad (Richmond) and Ryan Crowley (Essendon) heading into 2016, but Harding was confident that Newman would have the season that would

cement him as a true star in the competition.

"Murray Newman is more dynamic than Ryan Davis, is as good at stoppages and around the goals he has just as good goal sense. Ryan did it over a long period of time so he has experience behind him, but Murray Newman is as good, if not better, than Ryan Davis," Harding said.

Superstar

"He has the ability to be one of the premier players in the competition... he is a superstar. He played forward a lot at AFL level but this kid's one of the best off hands players that you'll see. If he

stays fit, he will be one of the top four or five players in the competition – no doubt.

"He's always been really invested in our footy club. He grew up in the zone and he was always back at the club even when he was at West Coast.

"He loves the joint and we are hoping he makes the progression like a Michael Walters, who came back into our system, worked hard and now has gone on to be an AFL superstar.

"We are actually certain that the environment will allow him to play the best footy that he's played in his career."

AFL looks to US for potential ruckmen



THE TALLEST player ever tested in Australian Football League (AFL) history was one of 18 prospects who took part in the opening day of the

League's US Combine in Los Angeles on April 25.

Basketballer Stanislas Heili became the tallest player ever tested by the AFL in Australia or overseas when he measured in at 212.3cm at the Velocity Sports facility in Redondo Beach.

The mark leaves the 22-year-old just short of seven feet tall, but edges him ahead of American giant Mason Cox, who tested at 211.4cm when he attended the AFL Combine two years ago and made his AFL debut for Collingwood on Anzac Day in the Pies' win over Essendon.

The AFL is scouring the globe for taller prospects and has identified America as a market for potential ruckmen.

Prototype

Heili, who was born in France and studies at Lindenwood University in Missouri, fits the prototype for clubs searching for talent outside traditional pathways.

Richmond and North Melbourne are the two clubs that have sent recruiting staff to the Combine.

Kevin Sheehan, the AFL's national and international talent manager, said it was not the only new benchmark set on the opening day of testing in America.

"Both Shane Henry, a 197cm basketballer from Virginia Tech, and Khalia Spicer, a 201cm prospect from Kent State University with a tennis, track and cross country background, broke the absolute running vertical jump record," he said.

"Henry recorded a jump of 371cm and Spicer jumped 368cm, which surpassed the likes of Mason Cox (364cm), Jason Holmes (359cm) and Nic Naitanui (356cm)."

Henry also equalled Naitanui's 102cm record in the running vertical jump.

Impressive debut

The start of the three-day Combine coincided with Cox's debut, with the Magpies big man starring at the Combine in 2014.

Cox toured Australia shortly after the completion of the Combine and trialled at four clubs – Collingwood, North Melbourne, Richmond and Port Adelaide – before choosing to sign as an international rookie with the Magpies.

Sheehan said Cox's debut on Anzac Day had excited the new batch of AFL hopefuls in America.

"There was high buzz last night as USAFL officials and the Combine prospects gathered at their hotel in preparation for their introduction to the AFL, and they watched the Collingwood and Essendon game live with all eyes on the debutant," Sheehan said.

"He didn't let anyone down, confirming in their eyes that anything is possible."

– AFL.com.au

William sets out

By CHRIS PIKE



WILLIAM McDowell-White remains on track to be Australia's third Indigenous basketballer to play in the National Basketball Association (NBA).

But before that, he has his college career in the United States, and he has made his decision on his school for the next one to four years.

McDowell-White finished school at Brisbane's Ignatius Park College at the end of 2015, and the son of Brisbane Lions three-time premiership AFL star Darryl White had a big decision to make, with the help of his family, on his college future.

Players can no longer nominate for the NBA draft until they have spent at least one year in college and how McDowell-White develops in his time at college will determine his professional future.

So it was always going to be a big decision for the 17-year-old and in the end, he somewhat surprisingly chose to attend Fresno State University, having also made visits to the highly-credentialed colleges Arizona State and Texas A&M.

But the fact that older brother Darryl had also committed to attend Fresno State helped sway William and he will now begin playing with the Bulldogs later this year once college begins.

Fresno State finished second in the Mountain West Conference last season, ending on a nine-game winning streak, and now McDowell-White will expect to be the team's starting point guard from the 2016-17 season and beyond.

Depending on how his development is going and how quickly he feels he could transition into becoming an NBA player (the third Indigenous Australian to do so after Nate Jawai and Patty Mills), McDowell-White could now spend anywhere from one to four years at Fresno State.

It was a tough decision to choose his future, but McDowell-White enjoyed the whole experience of being recruited by some of the best colleges in the United States, and in the end family was a big factor in his call.

"My brother is committed there so my family is really close with them. It was really good there and my whole family feel comfortable with my decision to go there. But to be honest, it was a hard decision because all the schools I visited felt comfortable," McDowell-White said.

"Arizona State was a great visit and I felt really comfortable around the coaches and Bobby Hurley. That school speaks for itself and I had a really good time out there.

"Then Texas A&M was really something. That was my first visit and I didn't know what it would be like and my brother was there as well, so it was good."

It has been a hectic past six months for McDowell-White. He played in the under 19 World Championships, then went on to the Basketball Without Borders competition during the NBA All-Star Weekend, and most recently attended the Nike Hoops Summit in Portland, where he played on the World team.

That has all helped build his profile and turned up the heat on his prospective colleges to try and recruit it.

Having that sort of exposure and attention was something new for McDowell-White, but he found himself quickly getting accustomed to it and used the opportunities to learn about playing against different types of opponents and improving his own game.

"It's been a bit overwhelming," McDowell-White said.

"I had never really done anything basketball-wise outside of Australia so it was good to get out and experience it. It's been good exposure and good experiences."

As for the type of player he is, coming through school and junior basketball in Australia, McDowell-White was able to play roles in a forward spot or on the wing because of his size.

But now, as he begins playing against the best in the world, he feels comfortable as a point guard.

"I'm more of a defensive point guard and I pride myself on defence and trying to lock my opponent down," he said.

"I mainly am a look-for-the-others type of point guard as well," McDowell-White said.

"I started off as a point guard, then I got pushed to the wing because there haven't been too many people taller than me.

"Going back to the point guard spot, I thought it would be pretty easy, but it's actually been really tough.

"I'm starting to get used to it and find my feet more now."



William McDowell-White



Isaya McKenzie
Picture: Peter Argent

The tradition continues

By PETER ARGENT



SA WILLASTON junior Isaya McKenzie has followed a long Indigenous history at northern suburbs club Central District in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

He has followed club greats Sonny Morey, former Magarey medallist Gilbert McAdam and triple premiership hero Eddie Sansbury into league ranks.

McKenzie made his first steps in SANFL on Sunday, April 24, debuting in the round five clash for the Bulldogs against Port Adelaide at Alberton Oval.

"Isaya has been consistent for us at reserves level and deserved his chance," senior coach Roy Laird said.

"A left-footer, he has good speed and a touch of magic.

"He takes a good mark for his size and knows where

the goals are.

"There were signs in his first game that he can develop his special talent for the Bulldogs.

"He is the type of player who can win a game."

McKenzie displayed signs of his exceptional pace and ball-winning ability, gaining 13 disposals in his initial outing.

Central District had an impressive win over the predominately AFL listed Port Adelaide Magpies side by 30 points after slamming on five unanswered goals in the critical third term.

McKenzie had his mother Debora and little brother Eli in the crowd supporting him.

"I was told by Roy (Laird) on Thursday arvo and there definitely was a sense of satisfaction when I heard I'd make the team, knowing the hard work had paid off," he said.

"I had a five-week knee injury during the pre-season, so I missed the round one game.

"I received the traditional

Gatorade shower in the changerooms by my teammates.

"It went all in my eyes and my beard was multi-coloured."

Having just turned 19 in April, McKenzie was another player that credited Central District reserves coach Jeff Brown as an important mentor in his football development.

From the Bulldogs' rural recruiting zone in the Barossa, Light and Gawler competition, McKenzie has been in elite junior programs.

He was a member the national Indigenous team, the Flying Boomerangs, and played at SANFL under 18s level in the national championships.

He was also a member of the original Port Adelaide Aboriginal Academy, with one of his opponents in the first contest – Nathan Krakouer – being his mentor in 2013.

"Nathan came over to me after the contest and congratulated me on making my league debut," McKenzie said.

AFL revenue exceeds half a billion dollars



GILLON McLachlan earned \$1.7 million in his first full year as Australian Football League (AFL) chief executive.

The league's revenue also reached half a billion dollars for the first time, with an increase of \$33 million

to \$506 million.

Last year's figures showed that McLachlan had earned \$1.3 million in his first seven months as the AFL's boss.

He and his predecessor Andrew Demetriou had received a combined \$3.3 million for the year.

The AFL's profit dropped by \$10 million to \$2.5 million, which the league

said was expected.

AFL expenditure was also up, increasing by \$12.7 million to \$168 million.

The AFL distributed \$245.2 million to clubs, up from \$218.3 million in 2014.

The league also negotiated its record \$2.5 billion broadcast rights agreement, set to start next year.

"During our 2015 financial year, the code has grown its revenue, spectacularly increased our digital footprint, grown our corporate partnerships and club memberships and held strong ground with our attendances and ratings," said AFL commission chairman Mike Fitzpatrick.

- AAP

Down, but not out



SHANTELE Thompson may have missed out on selection in the Australian wrestling team

for this year's Rio Olympic Games, but we haven't heard the last of her.

She is now setting herself for the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast and then the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

The Brazilian jiu-jitsu exponent from Thomastown, Victoria, turned to freestyle wrestling in 2014 and the following year attended a women-only wrestling training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The camp was run by Kyla Bremnar, Australia's only female wrestling athlete to qualify for the Olympics, and was held to draw talent to wrestling from other grappling sports like jiu-jitsu and mixed martial arts.

"At this camp we were told that some of us had the talent and transferable skills to make the Australian wrestling team for the Olympics in 2016,"

Thompson, from a family of 17 children, told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was not until six months later that I decided to pursue this seriously."

"I knew it would be a very big challenge and at first I did not think I had what it took to make it to the Olympics."

"However, in May 2015 I won my first world title in Brazilian jiu-jitsu and this boosted my confidence and made me want to aim even higher."

Thompson said she wanted to see women's grappling sports such as wrestling, mixed martial arts and Brazilian jiu-jitsu grow.

"But this can't happen without role models there first," she said.

"As well, I wanted to show my girls what's possible."

"So, with the encouragement of my partner George, I decided to pursue a chance to qualify for the Olympics."

"I applied for the AMP Tomorrow Fund and was successful, allowing me to pursue a chance to qualify for the Olympics."

The fund allocates up to \$1 million in individual grants each year to Australians from all walks of life.

Thompson said the qualifying process was to win the Australian national wrestling championships – thereby qualifying for a spot at the Oceania championships in New



Shantelle Thompson working to gain a position of dominance on an opponent.

Zealand.

This would lead to African/Oceania qualifiers, where wrestlers who finished first or second were automatic selections for the Rio Olympics.

Thompson applied to her employers Connecting Home, where she worked as a support worker for members of the Stolen Generation, for four months of unpaid leave to pursue her goal.

Six weeks in Canada

She booked a six-week trip to Calgary, Canada, to train at the University of Calgary.

"The training was hard and it helped to increase my resilience," Thompson said.

"Being in Canada alone and training with another team, being away from my kids, was one of the hardest things I have ever done."

After returning from Canada, it was time for Thompson to test herself in Australia.

It was a disappointing start as she won her division at the Australian wrestling championships without even stepping on to the mat. There were no other females in her division, so she won by default.

But she was named in the Australian team to compete in New Zealand.

Again, competition was scarce – there was only one other woman in Thompson's division.

Thompson won that

Barkindji country and time on the Murray river with my kids and extended family.

"There I received a message from my ancestors and after a smoking ceremony, I felt ready."

"I was still scared, but I would use this fear and the strength of my experience to carry me forward."

"Algeria is something unlike anything I have experienced. I knew I was there to represent my country. This gave me chills that I was about to compete for a spot on the Olympic team – a dream that only came to me a year earlier. It was an amazing opportunity to be part of the Australian wrestling team."

Thompson was drawn against a Cameroon opponent in the 75kg division.

"My match against Cameroon was tough and I gave it everything I had," Thompson said.

"But I lost on points."

"I then had the opportunity to fight for bronze against Nigeria."

"I knew that my Nigerian opponent would be very tough. I had never competed against anyone like this opponent – I was used to being the biggest and strongest in my division."

"I let this all go and connected to my inner warrior. I was ready, no matter what. I knew that this was only the beginning of my journey with wrestling."

"I gave this fight everything I had. I have never felt strength or power like this in an opponent. She picked me up and slammed me. It knocked the wind out of me."

"I only had a second to turn to my stomach or the match would be over."

"I was not going to give up. I fought her as hard as I could to turn to my stomach. When the ref blew his whistle, I took a deep breath, got up and walked back to the middle of the mat more determined than ever to give it all I had."

"I lost on points, but I was not beaten."

Thompson finished fifth in the Algiers tournament.

"I came home from Africa empowered and inspired to fully pursue wrestling and with a new dream – to aim for gold at the Commonwealth Games 2018 and then to make another bid towards qualifying for the 2020 Olympics," she said.

To do this, Thompson believes she will have to head overseas – possibly Canada and Japan – for more experience.

The April 1-3 competition in north Africa wasn't the Australian wrestlers' last chance of making it to the Games, but it was their best.

Subsequent qualifying events in Mongolia and Turkey are likely to feature strong fields, and would be a big challenge for a nation that last won an Olympic wrestling medal back in 1948.

But another Indigenous wrestler – Stevie Kelly – will be going to Mongolia to represent Australia in the women's 63kg division.

She finished third in the women's 63kg freestyle wrestling at the Algiers tournament.



Indigenous wrestler Stevie Kelly, in the red, is 'suplexing' an opponent.

Emotional game

Burgoyne celebrates 300th AFL milestone



HAWTHORN veteran Shaun Burgoyne says he was more emotional at the April 22 narrow

win against Adelaide than after any other home-and-away Australian Football League (AFL) victory.

Burgoyne broke down after playing his 300th AFL game in the three-point win at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

"I got very emotional," he told the Seven Network's *Game Day* program on Sunday.

"The win meant so much to the boys. You saw the reaction of everyone when we got over the line... it was probably the most emotional I have been in a home-and-away victory."

Burgoyne, a four-time premierships player, spent the lead-up to the game as the centre of attention due to his 300-game milestone.

"You spend so long talking about the team and the team results and what it takes to get the team over the line, when you talk about an individual, it makes you feel a little bit uncomfortable," he said.

Mallee Park

For Burgoyne and many of his cousins, football started at the Mallee Park Football Club in Port Lincoln, although he was born in Darwin and his father Peter had a successful career with St Mary's as well as in country South Australia.

"I often think about the opportunities at Mallee Park that me, my brother and cousins received," Burgoyne told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was a chance to hang out with your friends and learn about being members of a team.

"Football opened my eyes and the entire family had a role in my football development.

"As Indigenous kids, you listened to the advice you received from your dad and uncles and extended family, as they had played the game."

Burgoyne grew up in Port Lincoln, on South Australia's west coast, but also had family in Darwin.

He moved to Adelaide in his mid-teens and started in the SANFL under 17s as a 15-year-old, initially under the guidance of Kym Kinnear.

He also played SA under 16 football and did two years in the under 18s national carnivals.

"I remember getting the letter that asked me to come across (to Adelaide) and do an under 17s pre-season," Burgoyne said.

"I had Neville Thiele, who was as tough as nails at under 19s level, Gary Tredrea (2004 Power premierships captain Warren's father) in the reserves and

Stephen Williams at SANFL league level.

"I was still doing Year 12 at Seaton High School in the first year and I reckon I played about 10 games."

Williams remembers Burgoyne as an impressionable young kid.

"I recall when Shaun was doing a pre-season fitness drill of five one-kilometre sprints," Williams said.

"He had done two and stopped.

"I asked him if he had a hammy problem or was injured, he simply said he was tired.

"It didn't take him long to adjust; he just got better, until everyone was talking about him.

"Now he is one of the best decision-makers and the most reliable footballers around.

"Shaun has always struck me as a leader in his community – he's kept his nose clean and is measured in his speech."

Burgoyne was drafted with Port Adelaide's first pick, Number 12, at the end of 2000, making his AFL debut as a 19-year-old in a round three clash with St Kilda in 2002, and his first 14 matches were all wins.

He was a member of the Power inaugural title in 2004, playing alongside older brother Peter and fellow 300-gamer Gavin Wanganeen, along with another west coast export, Byron Pickett.

"It was a pretty exciting day," Burgoyne said.

"We had the entire family at that game.

"To play alongside Peter in my first premierships is a highlight of my career."

Move to Hawks

After another grand final (loss to Geelong) in 2007 and 157 senior games, including the vice-captaincy of the club Burgoyne moved to (Hawthorn) at the end of 2009, naysayers were suggesting Burgoyne was near the end of his career.

But his durability has been among his strengths at the Hawks, along with his ability to perform when it counted most.

The record shows he has now played in six AFL grand finals, collecting four victories, including the current run of three in a row by the Hawks.

In Hawthorn's thrilling round five Anzac weekend Friday night clash against the Adelaide Crows, Burgoyne joined a special Indigenous list of five following Adam Goodes (372 games, Sydney Swans), Andrew McLeod (340 games, Adelaide Crows), Michael O'Loughlin (303 games, Sydney Swans) and Wanganeen (300 games, Essendon and Port Adelaide).

"It is daunting to be in the club alongside those guys,"



Bradley Hill, left, and Cyril Rioli carry Shaun Burgoyne of the Hawks from the ground after Burgoyne played his 300th game during the round five AFL match against the Adelaide Crows at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on April 22. *Picture: AAP*

Burgoyne said.

"They are champions of the game.

"I looked up to those players and wanted to play like them."

Burgoyne, with his brother Peter, are fourth on the list of most games by siblings – 540 games – behind Simon and Justin Madden (710 games), Ian and Bruce Nankervis (578 games), and with former

teammates Chad and Kane Cornes (555 games).

Injury notwithstanding, he will join Footscray and Fitzroy champion Bernie Quinlan in a couple of months as the only players in VFL/AFL history to play 150 senior games with two separate AFL clubs.

A father of four children nine and under, Burgoyne is already looking at life after football,

working one day a week in the AFL Diversity programs.

Just to add to Burgoyne's stellar career, he has played in the 2008 Dream Team and four Aboriginal All Star games (2005, 2007, 2009 and 2015), loving the opportunities to represent his people. He secured the Polly Farmer Medal in the 2015 clash with West Coast at Leederville Oval. – *Peter Argent and AAP*

Queensland rugby reaches out



QUEENSLAND Rugby Union (QRU) has launched the Reds Foundation with a charter to continue to deliver a number of education and rugby programs that create opportunities for all Queensland communities.

The Queensland Reds Indigenous Program is one of the first three major beneficiaries.

The other two are the QRU's Women's Rugby Program and its Disability Inclusion Program.

QRU boss Jim Carmichael said: "It's important for QRU to consolidate the important work of the past number of years in providing access to educational and rugby programs for Queenslanders who are unlikely to have experienced a traditional introduction to the sport.

"Our programs are much more than finding the next rugby superstars – they are also about developing young people who can aspire to be future leaders in their communities, on and off the field.

"Our Future Indigenous Leaders Program is regarded as industry best practice and our women's rugby program is continuing to deliver more than 50% of the athletes to the Australian women's sevens squad ahead of the Rio Olympic Games.

"Our fundraising efforts through the Reds Foundation will sustain these programs. We are the leading state for rugby participation in Australia and this initiative will assist us to maintain that position as we continue to aspire to be a sport for all Queenslanders."

The Queensland Reds Indigenous Program (QRIP) was established in 2010, closely aligned to Closing the Gap, working to provide a better future for Indigenous children in Queensland.

Initially working with the Mornington Island and Doomadgee communities, the program has expanded to the Yarrabah, Woorabinda, Cherbourg, Lockhart River and Pomppuraaw communities.

The QRIP charter is to support and encourage young Indigenous Queenslanders to stay in school, seek employment and further training and as a result become a leader within their community.

In 2012, the Queensland Reds became the first rugby state team in Australia to celebrate Indigenous culture and heritage with a nominated match during the season.

The Reds Foundation will conduct a range of fundraising initiatives in 2016 with the centrepiece being a fundraising function on Thursday, July 7, at Victoria Park Golf Club in Brisbane.



Tallisha Harden in the 2015 Queensland Reds Indigenous Round jumper. Picture: Sportography-QRU

Buckley's chance

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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CHAMPION players do not necessarily become champion coaches.

I have always believed that the truly gifted players find the coaching job even more difficult because some of their playing talents have come so naturally to them.

This does not mean that they have not had to work hard for their success, but more that much of their skill has not been learned.

That makes it very hard to be a teacher.

But there is little doubt that the personality and character that made them successful is equally evident in their coaching.

Nathan Buckley is one such coach and he needs all his renowned resilience and determination in his role at the high-profile Collingwood.

Nathan calls it as it is, but will also seek to protect his players from unwanted external pressure.

Nathan saw some 'incremental' improvement in Collingwood's big Anzac Day win over Essendon, but says they need to find more.

The Magpies dominated the Bombers early, kicking eight first-quarter goals to set up what became a 69-point win.

Buckley was pleased that the Pies did what they set out to do at the start of the game, before finishing off well in the last quarter.

But he said the players – coming off losses to Melbourne and St Kilda that had placed the team under heavy external scrutiny – had to keep moving forward.

"I think we've incrementally improved. I think people last week were under-rating what St Kilda and Melbourne and any other team in the comp are able to produce," said Buckley after the win.

"That's why we were really happy with the first half given that Essendon have been more than competitive for most of their matches.

"We take the points, and we take the positivity from playing closer to the way we want to play. There's still a lot to work on.

"Wins are hard to get – right across the competition; you can't afford to be a couple of percent off because you'll get whacked.

"We've clearly got a lot of improvement if we want to be competitive against any opposition going forward because we can't afford to take a half-step back."

Buckley expects no more of his players than he does of himself.

He accepts the pressure of expectation placed on all coaches and the additional scrutiny that comes with the role at Collingwood.

"If you don't want pressure, don't take on a senior coaching gig," Buckley said.

"Externally, there's far too much up and down with what we do.

"I look at other clubs from afar and I think that they're just a bit more even and I wonder what that would do for performance, but that's not our reality."

Perhaps you have to be inside Collingwood to understand the unique pressure he is talking about.

Arrogance?

That, or Collingwood's renowned self-confidence seen by some as arrogance.

Perhaps, instead, they are currently in the bunker and offering up excuses.

Nathan Buckley says there is more pressure attached to Collingwood.

Because pressure is everywhere and on everyone.

Are Buckley and Collingwood getting it worse than what Mick Malthouse felt at Carlton last year?

The world zeroed in on Malthouse and his under-performing and

disinterested team soon after he broke the record for games coached.

Four weeks later, he was sacked.

In between, there was daily scrutiny on whether Malthouse should walk or be removed.

No-one wondered if Buckley would be sacked until club chairman Eddie McGuire last week put on record he would bump Buckley if he had to.

Not even the Blues created such headlines in Malthouse's darkest days.

Not that Mick, when at Collingwood, was adverse to their belief its greatness works against it.

Remember when he said his Magpies were suffering from blockbuster fatigue? Arrogance again?

Anyway, as for the 'Collingwood' pressure, Malthouse was able to handle it and deliver a premiership after 20 years.

And what about James Hird? He had media camped outside his house for three years as he tried to coach Essendon.

Michael Voss, another favourite son, was run out of Brisbane.

Remember Danny Frawley's final weeks and the scrutiny, and when he was spat on by a Richmond supporter?

Is Ken Hinkley, in a rabid, two-team town, sleeping soundly? Or Ross Lyon? And don't forget Richmond, which, according to membership figures, is the second biggest club in the competition behind Hawthorn.

The Tigers have lost the past

three elimination finals and are playing poorly this season, yet nothing from the coach or president about the level pressure on them.

No offerings from Damien Hardwick about the pressure heaped on him from the media or the Tiger tragics.

Not that excuses are foreign to coaches.

Last year, as Melbourne wilted, Paul Roos said his under-performing players were scarred by the past and then went even further and said the supporters had a veil of negativity.

Is it a coincidence there's no more scarring and no more negativity because they are playing good footy?

Personalities play a role at Collingwood, no doubt.

Buckley and McGuire are loved and loathed and probably more people want to see them fail than succeed, and perhaps that creates a layer of pressure not easily recognised or understood.

The media scrutiny on Collingwood arguably has been around since 1892 – its founding year.

It's once again on Collingwood, but not because it's a big club full of big personalities. It is under pressure because it has only won a handful of its past 15 games.

The beauty of Buckley is that he embraces the pressure — he has for 20 years including as a player — and won't ever cower from it.

Now it's up to his players to do the same.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Doggett signs on as rookie



FAST bowler Brendan Doggett has won a rookie contract with Queensland Cricket.

The 22-year-old Brisbane Wests quickie, originally from Toowoomba, is the 2016 Lord's Taverners National Indigenous Player of the Year after playing four Toyota Futures League 2nd XI matches for the Queensland Academy of Sport.

He has also been a regular for Queensland at the Imparja Cup carnival (now the National Indigenous Cricket Championships – NICC) in Alice Springs.

Doggett is one of six players to be offered rookie contracts in the 28-player Bulls squad announced late last month.

The Bulls narrowly missed a spot in the 2015-16 Sheffield final, but unveiled a host of players in their teens or early 20s who made an immediate impact during 2015-16.

Queensland Cricket general manager high performance Brett Jones said the squad of 28 would ensure Bulls' players would compete at Youth, Premier Cricket, 2nd XI, Matador Cup, Sheffield Shield and international level.

"Having Usman Khawaja and Joe Burns on national contracts has allowed us to contract some exciting young rookie talent but also reward those players who emerged this season," he said.

"Ultimately we want to produce



Brendan Doggett bowling against Tasmania during the 2015 Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty

more players for Australia, and to do this, we need to continue to develop the potential that we have, complemented by experienced players and coaching staff.

"It is a stable playing group

and that is encouraging as we work towards meeting our collective goals.

"As always, we have had to make some tough decisions and we know that players who have not been awarded contracts will

be disappointed. We will, like always, be using Premier Cricket and the 2nd XI competition to ensure the state's best performers have a pathway to Shield and Matador Cup cricket."

Queensland coach Phil Jaques

said he was looking forward to resuming work with the players when they returned from their annual leave period this month.

"There are opportunities in all our formats for the coming season," he said.

NSW pair on contracts



Josh Lalor and Jonte Pattison in Adelaide last year when they were members of a Cricket Australia XI that took on India at the Adelaide Oval before the opening Test between Australia and India. Picture: Peter Argent



LEFT-arm fast bowler Josh Lalor has had his Cricket NSW contract renewed while leg-spinner Jonte Pattison has had his rookie contract renewed with the Blues.

Cricket NSW chief executive Andrew Jones said the injection of youth into the NSW squad was exciting.

"NSW has a long tradition of backing young talent and we are delighted to be able to bring Jason Sangha, Arjun Nair, Liam Hatcher and Chris Green into the Blues squad this summer," Jones said.

"Along with Mickey Edwards, Jonte Pattison and Henry Thornton, these rookies have a tremendous amount of potential and we look forward to seeing them develop under the guidance of the Blues coaching staff and senior players.

Pattison, a Sydney University first-grade cricketer, has already trained and played alongside some of the greats of the game.

He and Lalor were in the Cricket Australia XI that played against India in a warm-up match in Adelaide last year.

Pattison has played under 19 cricket for Australia and was a development rookie with the Sydney Thunder Big Bash League team.

He has played Imparja Cup cricket (now National Indigenous Cricket Championship – NICC) for NSW at the annual Alice Springs carnival.

"I used to bowl medium pace as a young bowler, but one day in the backyard I was mucking around bowling leg-spin and Dad said, 'Mate, I reckon you should start bowling leggies (leg spin)'. I was 13 and I liked to think I was Warnie," Pattison once told the *Daily Telegraph*.

Rival carnival plans grow

By ALF WILSON



A MEETING will be held in Cairns this month at which the members of a steering committee organising a 'super North Queensland All Blacks carnival' will be named.

It is understood the Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) and Cape York will be represented on the committee.

Cairns-based Queensland Rugby League (QRL) spokesman Robbie Moore said the formation of the steering committee had attracted considerable interest.

"Things are happening and we have

the meeting on May 30 in regards to the North Queensland carnival," he said.

"We have some nominees," Moore told the *Koori Mail*.

The super carnival is proposed to take place after the club and representative competitions around North Queensland.

Proposed dates include late September or October, but the big carnival would not clash with any already established North Queensland carnivals.

However, it would be in opposition to another QRL-sanctioned Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri carnival usually held at Redcliffe in early October.

While sides from North Queensland have competed at the Murri carnival in past years, the cost of doing so is

becoming prohibitive.

A spokesman for one side that travelled south for the 2015 Murri carnival said it cost more than \$30,000 for players and officials' airfares, accommodation and other outlays.

However, a similar carnival in Cairns would be much cheaper and many players could be billeted with family or friends, he said.

Many male and female Torres Strait sides had been to Murri carnivals and Saguci Tigers narrowly lost the grand final last October to Southern Dingoes.

Other Torres Strait sides Kulpiyam, Argun Warriors and Malu Kiwai reached the final 10 from a field of 28.

Kulpiyam and Argun Warriors are previous carnival champions.



Mark Ella Picture: Graham Hunt

NSW out to break Qld dominance



EIGHT Indigenous players have taken their first steps towards

playing for NSW against Queensland in the Interstate Challenge on July 23.

They are Rebecca Young, Emma-Marie Young, Caitlin Moran (Hunter Stars), Redfern All Blacks players Nakia-Davis Welsh, Rebecca Riley, Lavina Phillips and Jasmin Allende, and Simone Smith (Port Macquarie).

Twenty-eight of the state's leading women's players, comprising 11 Jillaroos squad members, came together in Parramatta on April 24 as part of the first-ever NSW Women's Pathways Program. After holding six skill,



Simone Smith

physical fitness and ability testing sessions in as many weeks across NSW metro and country towns, head coach Ben Cross and NSWRL performance and

programs manager Jamie Feeney are focusing their attention on clinching the Interstate Challenge against Queensland for the first time.

Last year's match ended in a four-all draw after 16 consecutive losses.

"Having a Pathways Program is helping develop these players in a bid to secure a victory in the Interstate Challenge for the first time in 17 years," Feeney said.

The NSW Women's Pathways Program comes after the NSWRL's newly-introduced pathways system for girls and women wanting to play rugby league.

Other players could be added to the squad as the season progresses and the final 18-player team will be selected on July 3, before the side goes into camp on July 20 in preparation for the Interstate Challenge on the Gold Coast on July 23.



Emma Young Picture: nrlphotos.com



Caitlin Moran

New cricket role for Ella



RUGBY union great Mark Ella has been appointed deputy chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC).

Ella, who represented Australia 25 times in rugby union and is the executive producer of sport at the National Indigenous Television (NITV) network, will help NATSICAC inform the direction of Cricket Australia's Indigenous cricket engagement efforts.

He was voted into the role by the serving NATSICAC members.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the direction of Indigenous cricket," Ella said.

"Cricket is played by record numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We know the talent and potential is there for even more men, women, girls and boys to pick up a bat and ball in Indigenous communities.

"I'm excited to play a part in guiding the direction of Indigenous cricket."

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland said: "We're delighted to have someone of Mark's calibre and experience appointed as deputy chair of NATSICAC.

"NATSICAC plays a significant role in Australian cricket's Indigenous programs, informing the direction of our Indigenous cricket programs from the grassroots right through to the high-performance opportunities of the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC)."

Ella's selection follows the recent appointment of NATSICAC co-chairs, Reconciliation Australia CEO Justin Mohamed and Cricket Australia director Earl Eddings, as well as independent members Natalie Ahmat and Bess Edwards.

Ella will serve in the role for three years.

Cricket Australia's appointment of Ella follows his appointment last year as chairman of the new NSW and ACT Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee.

The committee provides strategic guidance to Cricket NSW and Cricket ACT on how best to get Indigenous communities involved in cricket, while also providing opportunities and assistance to talented Indigenous players to progress in the game.

League for Mundine?



ANTHONY Mundine has boasted he can still be amongst the best five-eighths in the NRL and is reportedly planning a comeback at the age of 40.

The footballer-turned-boxer told Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* he had talked to St George Illawarra Dragons CEO Peter Doust about making a shock league return.

Mundine said: "He knows I'm an extraordinary athlete. I'm a cut above normal athletes, mentally and physically.

"My whole career has been about pioneering. I'm an explosive juggernaut. That's the intrigue – can the magician bring out his tricks again?"

"Imagine Mundine versus (Johnathan) Thurston. The somersaults and all that stuff. I know I'm coming to an end but I've still got the desire. To anybody who has a dream, chase it. Just don't leave it at the cemetery."

Mundine, whose father Tony fought for a world title, quit the Dragons in 2000 and went on to win WBA and IBO titles.

He was an exhilarating and controversial league player, and made three State of Origin appearances for NSW.

Mundine told the *Telegraph*: "Age doesn't define me. I'm 40 but I feel like I'm 25. My body hasn't had the year-in-year-out punishment from rugby league. I left the game in my prime.

"I know I've still got the skill. It's about getting the speed back and training as a sprinter to achieve that."

Most will see it as an impossible dream for a player many regard as a notorious

loud mouth. But Mundine is an incredible athlete and if anyone could do it, then he is probably the man.

Telegraph readers were sceptical and sarcastic in response, with some suggesting he had taken too many punches to the head.

But he had a few supporters.

One wrote: "Well it's good that he can teach people not to cave into the critics... I like your passion Mundine. Don't know how you would go but I would love to watch a game."



Elise Cooper on the Wadeye's main oval with AFL junior girls.

Elise controls Wadeye men's game

Story and picture: RANI HAYMAN



AN Australian football men's match at the Northern Territory's biggest remote Aboriginal community – Wadeye – created history when it was controlled by a female umpire.

Melbourne girl Elise Cooper was in Wadeye and after watching Cooper umpire a junior game, the men's senior

side requested that she umpire their match between the Kangaroos and the Cats, to which she happily accepted.

With an outpouring of support from spectators and players, Cooper said she felt privileged to be able to help pave the way for female participation in AFL and other sports within Wadeye.

"I believe everyone should be given the chance to take part in footy if they want to be involved, no matter what their age or gender," she said.

"By being female in a male-dominated sport, I'm hoping that I can show the girls up here that they can be part of the game too and give it a go."

Blazing a trail

With more than 14 years' experience in umpiring AFL under her belt, Cooper is well on the way to making women's participation in AFL within Wadeye more widely accepted.

"Footy has always been a big part of

my life and being able to help out up here means that I'm helping give the younger generations the chance to be part of our country's great game too," Cooper said.

Cooper made the move to the Territory's west in late January after taking up a primary teaching position at the local school.

Since then, she has been lending a hand to AFLNT on a volunteer basis after school and on the weekends, as the female face of footy within the community.

Hockey's roads to Rio Olympics revealed



AUSTRALIA have avoided highly-ranked Netherlands in the men's and women's hockey draws for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

The Kookaburras' world No. 1 ranking ensured they avoided not only the world No. 2 Dutch outfit but also No. 3 Germany. Their toughest tests are to come in back-to-back matches against Great Britain and Belgium.

The Australian men also face New Zealand in their opening pool game, the Kiwis earning a berth after South Africa decided not to enter a team.

Spain and Brazil fill out their

group, the hosts being the only team outside of the world top 14 to play in the tournament.

The women's team's world No. 3 ranking has ensured the Hockeyroos will have a slightly more challenging task ahead of them in Rio.

They open their campaign with a late-night fixture against Great Britain before a tough mid-week encounter with second-ranked Argentina.

The United States, Japan and India also round out their group.

While a minimum of two victories would theoretically be enough to secure both teams qualification for the quarter-finals, higher rankings should ensure an easier passage to

the medal rounds.

There are two Indigenous players in line for selection in the Australian women's team – Northern Territorian Brooke Peris and Mariah Williams from Parkes, NSW.

Peris is a cousin of former dual-sport Olympian Nova Peris (hockey and athletics). Nova Peris, now a Labor senator, won gold in hockey at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and reached the semi-finals of the women's 400m at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

She also ran in the Australian 4x400m women's relay team in Sydney that finished fifth in the final.

Injury has plagued Joel Carroll's quest to make the men's hockey team. – AAP

Brooke Peris in action for Australia at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.



Cairns hosts Olympic qualifiers



INDIGENOUS beach volleyballer Taliqua Clancy and partner Louise Bawden will have a home-ground advantage as they attempt to qualify for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

The pair is ranked eighth on the provisional Olympic ranking.

The Asian Continental Cup final will be played on the Cairns Esplanade from June 20-26, when Australian teams will fight it out for a spot against 63 other teams from eight countries.

Two specially built show courts will be constructed and 600 cubic metres of sand brought in for the event.

Talk last year suggested Bondi Beach was being considered to host the tournament, in what would have been the sport's return to the famous sands for the first time since the Sydney 2000 Games.

Australia is hopeful of qualifying at least one men's and two women's teams for Brazil.

One team can book a spot with a top-15 world ranking, with the Asian qualifier the other avenue to qualify a second team. — AAP

Three complete Boston Marathon



THE 30th anniversary of Rob de Castella's win in the Boston Marathon in record time was all the incentive needed by three

Indigenous runners who contested the 2016 event last month.

Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) graduates from previous years — Nadine Hunt, Bianca Graham and Luke McKenzie — lined up for this year's event.

De Castella is the founder of the IMP. Graham and Hunt were 2011 IMP graduates and McKenzie was a 2013 graduate.

They lined up with nearly 30,000 other starters in the 2016 Boston Marathon.

For the two women runners, it was their fourth marathon, while McKenzie was running the distance for the first time since his 2013 New York Marathon.

Graham ran a personal best of 3:29:11 and became the second IMP female graduate to run sub-3:30.

Smell of barbecues

She acknowledged the incredible support along the 42km journey, but was unimpressed by spectators' cruel sideline activities.

"The crowds were amazing — you run through the main street of very small towns but you wouldn't know their size because the crowds were littered along the whole course," she said.

"It was a festival-like atmosphere and you can tell that Boston really embraces their marathon.

"But it was quite difficult because they were all celebrating and it was a beautiful sunny day which called for so many barbecues that smelt so good. Not what



Boston Marathon runners, from left, Bianca Graham (2011 IMP graduate from Weipa, now Melbourne), Nadine Hunt (2011 IMP graduate from Cairns, now Canberra) and Luke McKenzie (2013 IMP Graduate from Murray Bridge, SA).

you need when you are malnourished from running the marathon."

Graham's energy might have been depleted, but her sense of humour remained.

Explaining how her body was recovering, she admitted the hills and road surfaces took their toll on her legs and feet.

"On the upside, I have a shade of purple on my big-toe toenail that I didn't have to pay for," she said.

So what's next for this fourth-time marathoner? The thought of another marathon was far from Bianca's mind until she crossed the finish line.

"Once I crossed that finish line, I could have signed up for a new one while I was on my marathon high," she said.

"I will let the dust settle and then decide. I will definitely keep it up though. I truly love running. It not only keeps me physically in check, but mentally as well."

Jerkic back for six-rounder



RISING super welterweight Rocky Jerkic has a fight lined up in Sydney on Friday (May 6).

The undefeated Jerkic, with a 77% knockout rate, will take on Thailand's Chatri Charoensin in a

six-round super welterweight bout at Five Dock. Charoensin has had 11 fights for seven wins (four KOs) and four losses (three KOs).

Jerkic (183cm) will have a distinct reach advantage over the 168cm-tall Thai.

The Indigenous star from Gladstone has a perfect record — 13 fights for 13 wins (10 KOs). He has fought just 42 rounds in his short professional career.

Promotor Rob Fogarty has another fight night coming up in Newcastle on May 28 and hopes to line up another fight for Jerkic for that occasion.

Meanwhile, former world champion Daniel Geale has a fight pencilled in for Sydney on June 24 for the vacant International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world super middleweight title.

No opponent has been named.

Geale hasn't fought since losing to Miguel Cotto in Brooklyn, New York, in June 2015, when fighting for the World Boxing Council (WBC) world middleweight title.

The 12-rounder was stopped in the fourth round. — Graham Hunt

Extra time for AFL grand finals



THE Australian Football League (AFL) has abandoned the grand final replay.

AFL chairman Mike Fitzpatrick announced that the next time scores were tied at the end of a grand final, two periods of five minutes plus time on would be played.

If there is still no winner, play will continue until the next score decides the premiers.

The AFL Commission approved a recommendation from general manager football operations Mark Evans and the executive that would now see extra time played for all finals, including the grand final, in the case of scores being level at the end of normal time.

Wife puts her foot down



JOKE or not, Justin Hodges says he took an approach by

Queensland coach Kevin Walters about playing in this year's State of Origin rugby league campaign seriously.

Hodges says Walters enquired about the chance of Hodges making an Allan Langer-style return to Origin in 2016 following Will Chambers' foot injury a week earlier.

Langer precedent

Langer was famously playing in England when he was flown back by then-Maroons coach Wayne Bennett for the 2001 series decider, inspiring Queensland to a series clinching 40-14 victory.

Chambers will miss three months and this year's Origin series, leaving Walters with another gap in his backline following Hodges' retirement and Billy Slater's season-ending shoulder injury.



Justin Hodges in Maroons colours last year. Picture: Getty

"I think he was just mucking around, but at the same time, when you say it to a player who has only just recently retired you do think about it. I won't lie about that," Hodges told NRL.com.

"You ask any player, if someone mentions to you about playing Origin, you'd give anything to play."

Hodges called time on a

hugely successful career following Brisbane's grand final defeat to North Queensland last year.

The 34-year-old said it took a reality check from his wife to put paid to any hopes of adding to his 24 Origin appearances.

"I won't lie, when he (Walters) texted me, I was second-guessing, thinking

maybe I could do that," Hodges said.

"I've only been retired for six months. It's just like having a six-month injury and you're just coming back for your first game.

"That's what I was thinking in my head but my wife said, 'You're not playing, pull your head in.'"

— AAP

Ferguson to debut



BLAKE Ferguson is one of four newcomers in the Australian rugby league team to take on New

Zealand in the Anzac Test at Newcastle's Hunter Stadium on Friday (May 6).

While Ferguson's selection may be viewed as something of a surprise in some quarters, the non-selection of Gold Coast Titan Greg Bird is another surprise.

The four debutants in the Newcastle Test are wingers Ferguson and Semi Radradra, and interchange players Josh McGuire and Michael Morgan.

Other Indigenous players in the Australian team are centre Greg Inglis, five-eighth Johnathan Thurston, and interchange forward Sam Thaiday.

Debut coach

The match will mark Mal Meninga's first match as coach of the Kangaroos.

"This is a well-balanced squad and I'm extremely happy with it," Meninga said.

"We have some experience as well as a handful of younger players who I am looking forward to seeing in this arena.

"It is the fourth most experienced line-up in Australia's Test history but there will also be four players making their debuts.

"This is an incredibly important game for this group. I want to ensure the players have pride in the national jumper and my goal is to establish the Kangaroos back at the top of the international rankings.

"We have a Four Nations



NSW Blues' Blake Ferguson fends off Queenslander Greg Inglis during game one of the 2013 State of Origin rugby league series at Sydney Olympic Park. They will be playing together when Australia takes on New Zealand in Newcastle on Friday night. *Picture: AAP*

tournament at the end of this year and then a World Cup in 2017. This is the start of an important journey for the Kangaroos."

The 2016 Kangaroos squad is: Fullback Darius Boyd (Brisbane Broncos); wingers Semi Radradra (Parramatta) and Blake Ferguson (Sydney Roosters); centres Greg Inglis (Souths) and Josh Dugan (St George); five-eighth Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland); halfback Cooper Cronk (Melbourne); props Matt

Scott (North Queensland) and Paul Gallen (Cronulla); hooker Cameron Smith (Melbourne – captain); second row Josh Papalii (Canberra) and Matt Gillett (Brisbane); and lock Corey Parker (Brisbane Broncos).

Interchange: Josh McGuire (Brisbane), Michael Morgan (North Queensland), James Tamou (North Queensland) and Sam Thaiday (Brisbane). 18th man Aidan Guerra (Sydney Roosters) and 19th man Michael

Jennings (Parramatta).

The selection of Inglis and Dugan in the centres is interesting. The pair usually play at fullback for their respective NRL clubs, although Inglis is no stranger to the centre position.

At 105kg, the 195cm Inglis is an imposing figure.

He has played 34 tests since 2006 and has figured in two World Cup campaigns and two Four Nations tournaments.

He is a product of Bowraville,

near Macksville, on the NSW Mid North Coast.

Sydney Roosters star Blake Ferguson tips the scales at 103kg and is 191cm tall.

He began his NRL career at Cronulla in 2009 and also had a stint at Canberra before joining the Roosters.

He is originally from Wellington, NSW.

He played State of Origin in 2013 and was in the 1010 and 2013 Indigenous All Stars teams.

World's best

Five-eighth Thurston is arguably the world's best rugby league player and has a CV to support that argument.

He has played 32 tests for Australia since 2006 and like Inglis, was on two World Cup and two Four Nations campaigns.

He has played 33 State of Origin games for Queensland and he, Inglis and Sam Thaiday have played big parts in Queensland's recent dominance of that competition.

He is the only player to have won the Dally M Medal as NRL Player of the Year four times (2005, 2007, 2014, 2015).

Bench player Sam Thaiday (Brisbane Broncos) was born in Sydney in 1985, but played his first junior football with the Townsville Brothers.

He made his NRL debut in 2003 and has played 28 tests for Australia since 2006 and figured in two Four Nations tournaments and one World Cup campaign (2013).

He played for the Indigenous All Stars in 2010, 2012 and 2016. He weighs 110kg.

Eight girls in Jillaroos squad



Tallisha Harden leads the Indigenous women's All Stars on to the field against the NRL All Stars.



EIGHT Indigenous players are in the Australian Jillaroos rugby league squad preparing to take on the New Zealand

Ferns at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, on Friday (May 6).

They are Latoya Billy, Caitlin Moran, Simone Smith, Tallisha Harden, Emma Young, Casey Karklis, Elizabeth Cook-Black and Kelsey Parkin.

Coach Steve Folkes said an extended squad headed to camp in Newcastle a week out from the Test match to gain preparation time as a group, ahead of aiming to complete back-to-back Test wins against the Kiwi Ferns.

"It is an exciting time for women playing rugby league and particularly for this group of Jillaroos," Folkes said ahead of the camp.

"We are developing rugby league pathways for women across the country and the team continues to benefit."

The Jillaroos will take on the Kiwi Ferns as a curtain-raiser to the Kangaroos vs Kiwis Anzac Test.

Seasoned Jillaroos player Ruan Sims, whose brothers Korbin and Tariq play for the Newcastle Knights, said the team was eagerly anticipating the Test match against the Ferns.

"Our squad has been building to this

Test match since the Nines and All Stars earlier this year and we appreciate the enormous support that we have had along the way from all of our family, friends, sponsors, the media and fans," Sims said.

"Now it is time to repay the faith and get the job done against the Ferns. It would be nice to leave Newcastle with a win for both the Jillaroos and Kangaroos."

The extended Harvey Norman Jillaroos squad: 1 Allana Ferguson, 2 Annette Brander, 3 Brittany Breayley, 4 Casey Karklis, 5 Chelsea Baker, 6 Corban McGregor, 7 Elizabeth Cook-Black, 8 Emma Youn, 9 Heather Ballinger, 10 Caitlin Moran, 11 Karina Brown, 12 Kelsey Parkin, 13 Kezie Apps, 14 Kody House, 15 Latoya Billy, 16 Maddie Studdon, 17 Renae Kunst, 18 Ruan Sims, 19 Sam Bremner, 20 Shanice Parker, 21 Simaima Taufa, 22 Simone Smith, 23 Steph Hancock, 24 Tallisha Harden, 25 Vanessa Foliaki.

Coach: Steve Folkes

The team to play the Ferns was to be announced this week.

The Jillaroos match against the Kiwi Ferns will be broadcast on Nine Network channels on May 6: Sydney 10.15pm on Nine; Brisbane 10.15pm on Nine; Melbourne 10.15pm on 9 GEM; Adelaide 9.45pm on 9 GEM; Perth 8.15pm on 9 GEM.



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Greg Inglis with room to move against the Wests Tigers last Thursday night.
 Picture: AAP

GI finds tries hard to come by



SOUTH Sydney's big men are to blame for skipper Greg Inglis' concerning lack of output this year, says forward Sam Burgess. Inglis has come under fire for a relatively quiet start to the

National Rugby League (NRL) season that has yielded just two tries over their first nine games, leaving the Rabbitohs near the bottom of the competition table.

The Kangaroos and Queensland star broke out of his form slump with a strong performance in a losing team against Brisbane and was strong against Wests Tigers last week, but Burgess insisted his teammates needed to do more for their captain.

There was more pain last Thursday night when

Souths were beaten 30-22 by the lowly Wests Tigers.

"If we're honest, I don't think us as a middle set of units have done our jobs well enough to give Greg an opportunity to be Greg out on the edges," Burgess told AAP.

Burgess challenged the team's forward pack to lay a platform for their fullback.

"He's had to do too much work through the middle and taking up juice he doesn't need to use," he said.

"The criticism of Greg is unfair. Greg'll get back to what you all want him to be when we, as forwards, give him that opportunity."

South Sydney coach Michael Maguire said the superstar fullback needed more help from teammates to get his game going again. – AAP

Knockout on at Leichhardt Oval



LEICHHARDT Oval, in the Sydney suburb of Lilyfield, has been confirmed as the venue of the 2016

NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

The four days of footy action will begin on Friday, September 30, concluding with the finals on Monday, October 3.

The Knockout will feature 132 teams – 64 in the men's division, 22 in the women's division and a combined total of 46 teams in under 12s, under 15s and under 17s.

The Redfern All Blacks (RAB) won the right to host the 2016 Knockout when they beat the Newcastle All Blacks 36-32 in golden point extra time in the final of the 2015 Knockout at Dubbo.

The RAB women completed a double, beating Kempsey 28-10 in the final.

Highlights of the 2016 Knockout will include a gala dinner, featuring the draw and entertainment.

It will start at 6.30pm and end at 11.30pm. NITV will broadcast the draw live and will provide coverage of the carnival.

The announcement of Leichhardt Oval comes after Leichhardt Council last Tuesday voted unanimously to support one of the biggest sports events on the

Delegates' meeting on May 20

THE first NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout delegates' meeting will be held on Friday, May 20, at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield, from 10am to 1pm. Delegates will inspect

facilities, competition rules and nomination forms will be distributed, and there will be discussion on insurance, team responsibilities and the sustainability of the Knockout into the future.

Indigenous calendar.

The Knockout will be played on five ovals, utilising grounds adjoining Leichhardt Oval.

The RAB said Leichhardt Oval and nearby facilities would give players and spectators access to first-rate facilities.

Throughout the carnival there will be food and drink stalls, information and other services.

On grand final day on Monday, October 3, there will be an arts and craft market and Indigenous stallholders will be invited to set up shop.

Cultural presentations will include live music, dance and other activities, including a welcome to country from Redfern Elders on the opening day.

There will be tents for Elders and mums and bubs.

Regular shuttle buses will operate from Redfern and other main train stations.

Organisers said there was lots of good public transport to the venue.

Parking will be available nearby with shuttle services back to the ovals.

Knockout patrons who want to go for a swim in the pool facilities adjoining Leichhardt Oval will be admitted at half price.

RAB spokeswoman Heidi Norman said the Knockout organising committee was "absolutely thrilled" to be working with Leichhardt Council.

"Of course, we would love to be in Redfern, but there simply aren't the facilities that the Knockout now requires," she said.

Excellent amenities

"We knew that we needed to secure grounds that were together, that were high quality, that included all of the services for broadcast and that could accommodate our community comfortably.

"Leichhardt Oval and two adjacent ovals have all that, and more. There is ample shade, ovals 2 and 3 overlook the water



Redfern All Blacks captain Nathan Merritt with the Cec Patten-Ron Merritt Memorial Trophy after winning the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Dubbo. Picture: Naomi Moran

and there are plenty of amenities."

Ms Norman said Leichhardt Oval already catered for National Rugby League (NRL) games, so all the necessary infrastructure was in place.

"We are really thrilled that we have been able to secure what we think will be a fantastic venue for our community," she said.

The committee said it was hopeful that the event could be used to shed light on some key social issues in the Aboriginal community, and was grateful to have the opportunity to share the fantastic work being

done in Redfern.

- For people wishing to book accommodation ahead of the Knockout, suburbs close to Leichhardt Oval include Lilyfield, Balmain, Birchgrove, Leichhardt, Camperdown, Petersham, Haberfield and Five Dock.

- People can follow the Knockout Facebook RAB KO 2016, Twitter @RAB KO 2016 and Instagram RABKO2016

- The RAB website will be live by mid-May.

- Tweet to #RABKO2016

The Koori Mail is a major sponsor of the 2016 Knockout.

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