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AFL Indigenous Round high-flyers



RICHMOND'S Brandon Ellis and Essendon's Tiwi Islander Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti set themselves for a mark in the annual Dreamtime at the 'G Australian football match – part of last weekend's AFL Indigenous Round – at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday night. Richmond won the match 19.9 (105) to 10.7 (67) before 57,000 fans on a cold Melbourne night. *Picture: Peter Argent*

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Treaty a step closer



VICTORIA has entered the first official stages of negotiating a treaty with the Aboriginal nations of the state.

Aboriginal people from across the state gathered last week for a two-day forum on self-determination and treaty, which began with a video message from Labor Premier Dan Andrews.

"This treaty will be the first of its kind for our nation," Mr Andrews said.

"It's something to be both sad and proud about because this treaty is well overdue, but the rest of Australia is listening and with your input, your voice, we can make history."

A range of views was shared at

the forum. Gunditjmara musician, activist and filmmaker Richard J Frankland said: "That this Government is willing to talk treaty is huge, but we should remain vigilant – and we will be."

Yorta Yorta man Jason Tamiru questioned the legitimacy of the process taking place within the forum, which was organised with assistance from the Victorian Government.

"A treaty needs to come from the people; it can't come from this propaganda," he said.

The forum decided that an interim treaty steering council should be made up of young people, Elders, traditional owners and Aboriginal organisations.

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Red Ochre winners



Weaver Yvonne Koolmatrie (centre), possum cloak maker Vicki Couzens and rapper Nooky have taken this year's Red Ochre honours as part of the National Indigenous Art Awards announced in Sydney. Get the full story in our coverage on page 6.

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My FAMILY SIAN HARRIS – Kalgoorlie, WA



HERE I am (on the right) with my cousin Devannai McKenzie and my aunt Hayley Lynch at Federaton Square, Melbourne, in the lead-up to this year's Long Walk and AFL Indigenous-round game at the MCG. We've travelled far to get here – all the way from Kalgoorlie in the Goldfields region of Western Australia, where all three of us live.

We're Wongutha people and all our mob hail from the country around Kalgoorlie, which is a major mining centre.

I'm a single woman and I work in administration on the mines.

Devannai and Aunty Hayley also live on country, where we enjoy getting together with friends and extended family.

Australian rules footy is our great love, and we are really pleased to be in Melbourne to join celebrations for the AFL Indigenous round and to watch the Essendon versus Richmond Dreamtime at the 'G game.

I'm a real West Coast Eagles fan, but I love all AFL so I'm really pleased to be here. It's something I've now scratched off my bucket list.

Of course, while football and supporting our people was the main reason for flying all the way over to Melbourne, it wasn't the only one.

All three of us have done a fair bit of retail therapy as well – Melbourne's really great for that – so we'll be heading home with more than great memories of what should be a fantastic experience.

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OUR CHILDREN



Port Adelaide Australian Football League (AFL) 2016 Aboriginal Port Cup ambassador Chad Wingard is with participants at the Aboriginal Power Cup at Alberton Oval. The event reached new heights this year, with about 400 students from 48 schools taking part. *Picture: Peter Argent*

● See our June 15 edition for more on the Power Cup.

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Our cultures on show in Guam



Bardi dancer Robert Wiggan, from the Bardi Yawi nation in Western Australia, participates in the traditional canoe welcome at the Festival of Pacific Arts in Guam. Other Bardi Dancers led the Australian delegation in song as Wiggan paddled through the water on his galwaa raft, surrounded by huge canoes. Chamorro seafarers presented him with a basket of fruit, a traditional gift offering to sustain seafarers on their journeys. *Picture: Wayne Quilliam*



A DELEGATION of 60 artists is currently representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures at the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts (FOPA) in Guam. FOPA, held every four years since 1972, celebrates the Indigenous cultures of 27 Pacific nations.

The artists are presenting a diverse program covering a broad range of traditional and contemporary artistic and cultural expressions including dance, music, weaving and net making, photography, literature, storytelling, language, film, theatre, ceramics and linoprinting, painting, songwriting, bush medicine, seafaring, feather craft and more.

At the opening ceremony, the Australian team participated in the parade of nations, presented a dance performance by Torres Strait dance group Naygayiw Gigi as well as a brief didgeridoo performance by Kevin and Jonah from Injalak Arts.

Torres Strait Islander hip hop artist Patrick Mau (Mau Power) said he was honoured to be a part of the delegation.

"When I go back to the stories of my grandfathers, and the stories from their grandfathers, trading and cultural exchange with other people from the Pacific was a very strong part of our traditional heritage," he said.

The Festival of Pacific Arts is the Pacific's largest regional cultural gathering of people and one of the largest cultural gatherings in the world.

It plays a vital role in safeguarding traditional practices by sharing and exchanging culture, attracting strong participation from Pacific countries. A total delegation of 2500 performers, artists and cultural practitioners from across the Pacific, as well as thousands of visitors from across Asia, have travelled to take part in the 2016 festival, which runs until June 4.

Tearful Peris quits politics



A TEARFUL Nova Peris has spoken about her decision to leave politics, saying it is difficult being

an Aboriginal woman in public life and that she's leaving for her family.

At a Sorry Day event in Darwin, Senator Peris spoke publicly for the first time following her announcement two days previously that she would not be contesting her safe Northern Territory Senate seat for the Labor Party, a decision that has surprised many.

"Three years ago I walked into Parliament as the first Aboriginal woman, and until you are an Aboriginal person do not criticise me for the decisions I have made. This isn't easy; it's hard," she said.

"I want to make this clear: No one should judge me. I'm a proud Aboriginal woman with strength and resilience ... It's not easy to wake up every morning and bounce out of bed and pretend that life's fantastic, because it isn't.

"Aboriginal people have no inherited wealth; they have inherited pain."

Senator Peris said she



Senator Nova Peris

hoped her decision to focus on her children would be respected, and hoped that she had inspired Indigenous people and young Australians to strive for more.

As the first female Aboriginal member of Federal Parliament she had broken ground for Labor "in my own backyard" of the NT.

She thanked Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon and Senator Pat Dodson, and said they would achieve the vision of Indigenous people.

"I want to acknowledge the work of the Australian Labor Party for the work they have done in trying to elevate and empower the lives of Aboriginal

people, but that will not stop until Aboriginal people are treated as equals in this country," Senator Peris said.

Mr Shorten said Labor had been lucky to have her "energy and commitment" in the Senate for the past three years and that she had the party's full blessing.

Her accomplishments were not diminished by the departure, he said, pointing out that 25 other politicians had announced their retirement in the past few weeks.

"I rate her. She's a top human being," Mr Shorten said.

"I think it takes a great deal of personal dignity to know when you think it's time to finish one part of your career and do other things.

"The fact that she is prioritising her family at this point in her life reflects another attribute she is too modest to say. But I want to put on the record: I reckon Nova Peris is a great mum as well."

NT Labor was due to announce its Senate ticket on Monday, after the *Koori Mail* had gone to press. Check out our website

www.koorimail.com for the latest developments. – AAP

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Long puts issues in the spotlight



AFL CHAMPION Michael Long has, in the spirit of his original Long Walk, again put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues in the spotlight.

The walk commemorates Mr Long's historic 2004 trek from Melbourne to Canberra to lobby Prime Minister John Howard for Indigenous issues to be put on the national agenda.

Last Saturday night at the MCG, Mr Long put Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on the spot in front of a crowd of thousands over an election commitment made by Opposition Leader Bill Shorten.

Mr Turnbull and Mr Shorten took time out from the hustings on Saturday to take part in the Long Walk to the MCG ahead of the Dreamtime at the 'G game between Essendon and Richmond, the highlight of the AFL's Indigenous Round, in National Reconciliation Week.

In a speech ahead of the walk, Mr Long said it was time to get history right. "Constitutional recognition must occur," he told thousands gathered in Melbourne's Federation Square.



Michael Long, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and his wife Lucy, and others walk the Long Walk in Melbourne at the weekend.

"It's time for a treaty."

He then referred to the \$10.7 million boost Mr Shorten pledged for his learning and leadership

centre earlier this week.

He said he wanted to give Mr Turnbull the chance to reply. Mr Turnbull approached the

microphone, insisting that since the Coalition was elected in 2013, there were 39,000 more Indigenous people in fulltime jobs.

He was talking up his Government's \$115 million commitment to support jobs and entrepreneurship for Indigenous people when a heckler shouted: "Answer the question, Malcolm."

Thousands turned out in rainy weather to walk alongside both leaders, pausing for an Indigenous smoking ceremony along the way.

Mr Shorten received rousing applause after declaring this was and always will be Aboriginal land. He said Australia had "unfinished business" until there was equal treatment of Aboriginal people and insisted he would dedicate himself to the cause.

He later received a yellow Tigers scarf with an Aboriginal dot painting print that his daughter instantly claimed.

Andrew Hughes, a Tigers fan from Kalgoorlie, said it meant a lot to see the national leaders walking to support reconciliation.

"They've pulled their socks up," he said.

AFL great Kevin Sheedy told the crowd at Federation Square before the walk that Australia had been immature on Indigenous relations for a long time but was now building bridges. — AAP

Events all around Australia



ON May 27, 1967, Australians were asked whether Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be counted in the Census

and whether the Commonwealth should be able to legislate to make laws for Indigenous people.

The answer was a resounding 'Yes', with more than 90% of voters supporting the poll and easily making the threshold of more than 50% in more than half the states.

May 27 now marks the start of National Reconciliation Week, which ends on June 3, commemorating the date of the High Court's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Indigenous people have a special relationship to the land, a relationship that existed before colonisation and still exists today.

This recognition paved the way for the Native Title Act.

Events were staged all around the country for National Reconciliation Week, which this year had the theme 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'.

In Sydney, ANTaR, a national organisation for Indigenous reconciliation and rights, partnered with the Barangaroo Delivery Authority to open its interactive symbol of reconciliation, the Sea of Hands installation. Christine Anu and Casey Donovan performed a free concert at Barangaroo.

In Adelaide, at a Reconciliation South Australia breakfast, Recognise, the government-funded campaign that supports Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous people in the Constitution, research was released into support for a new referendum.

The survey found high support for Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous people, with 77% of non-Indigenous and 87% of Indigenous Australians saying they would vote yes in a referendum if held today.

More than half of those surveyed agreed that the push for Recognition is being driven by Indigenous people and leaders (Indigenous 65% agree, 10% disagree; non-Indigenous 53% agree, 6% disagree).

Recognise joint campaign director Tanya Hosch told the Adelaide audience of 1300 people, which included 1967 campaigners Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and Shirley Paisley, that there is consistent and encouraging support for constitutional change.

"This data shows that the Australian community supports the strong need to fix our Constitution to tell our country's whole story and deal with the racial discrimination in our highest legal document," Ms Hosch said.

The survey also found that 62% of Indigenous respondents would be likely to get involved and support the Recognise campaign.

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Sea rights flag flies proudly in Sydney



TO mark National Reconciliation Week, the Australian

National Maritime Museum hosted a flag-raising ceremony, flying the Blue Mud Bay sea rights flag for the first time in Sydney.

In July 2008 the High Court confirmed that traditional owners of the Blue Mud Bay region in north-east Arnhem Land, together with traditional owners of almost the entire Northern Territory coastline, have exclusive access to tidal waters overlying Aboriginal land.

When he heard the news, Yolngu man Donald Nuwandjali Marawili asked the

Northern Land Council to assist with the production of a flag for the Blue Mud Bay celebration in Yilpara and for the future celebration and recognition of sea rights in the NT.

Mr Nuwandjali Marawili said the design is very symbolic.

"The blue represents the saltwater, the white is the clouds that come up from beneath the sea," he said.

"The black is for the trees and the people, yellow represents the sun that gives strength and power to the Earth.

"The red represents the blood within us. Without blood we are weak and we have no power so the red represents power."

Mr Nuwandjali Marawili said it was a good feeling to see his flag raised at the maritime museum.

"I'm so happy and proud to be here in Sydney," he said.

"I want to know that people can see it and share my flag with the people of Australia."

Yidaki (didgeridoo) player Djuwakan Marika played at the flag-raising ceremony.

Museum director Kevin Sumption said that flying the flag would continue to demonstrate the organisation's culture of leadership and commitment and acknowledgement of Indigenous people and their assertive right to self-determination in cultural affairs.



Yidaki (didgeridoo) player Djuwakan Marika, Blue Mud Bay flag designer Donald Nuwandjali Marawili and manager Aboriginal programs Australian National Maritime Museum Donna Carstens raise the sea rights flag.

This year's Red Ochre winners named



Dreaming Award winner Nooky. Picture: Michelle Grace Hunder



Vicki Couzens and Wolithiga Elder Professor Henry Atkinson. Picture: Sarah Rhodes

Weaver takes prize



NGARRINDJERI woman Yvonne Koolmatie's dedication to preserving traditional weaving

techniques has been recognised with the \$50,000 Red Ochre Award, as part of the National Indigenous Arts Awards which were announced last week in a ceremony at the Sydney Opera House.

Vicki Couzens received this year's Fellowship, providing \$40,000 a year for two years to create a major project.

And rapper Nooky (Corey Webster) received the Dreaming Award, which provides \$20,000 to an artist aged 18-26 to create a major body of work through mentoring or partnerships.

Playing a pivotal role in the revival of a near-lost art, Ms Koolmatie has worked to share her knowledge and has run many workshops to teach the rush weaving technique. She is also teaching her four year-old granddaughter Lurline.

"Ngarrindjeri weaving should be passed down to the next generation, to preserve the culture," Ms Koolmatie said.

"Weaving is vital to Ngarrindjeri culture; it sustains us. This is very important to me.

"In 1982, I saw an article that stated that our weaving culture was extinct. It motivated me to prove otherwise as today it is still very much alive."

Ms Koolmatie was born in 1944 in Wudinna, in South Australia's Eyre Peninsula, and grew up in the state's Coorong wetlands and Riverland districts.

Her career as a weaver began in 1982 after attending a one-day workshop in Meningie in SA, presented by Dorothy Kartinyeri – Aunty Dory – who was thought to be one of the last people practising the ancient coiled bundle weaving technique.

Aunty Dory taught several participants to harvest the sedge



Red Ochre Award winner Yvonne Koolmatie with granddaughter Lurline, 4, in Berri, South Australia. Right: *Riverland*, 2015, by Yvonne Koolmatie, a weaving installation at Tarnanthi. Picture: Saul Steed

grass and river rushes; which plants to choose; how to work the fibres into a form suitable for weaving; and the coiled bundle technique. She passed away not long after the workshop, but had delivered the knowledge of this beautiful artform into safe hands.

Ms Koolmatie mastered the traditional weaving technique and began to experiment with her own stitch. She developed a distinctive style, started to research in museums to look further afield than the forms and objects she had been weaving, and began to infuse her work with Dreaming narratives such as the River Bunyip, or Mulgewanki

(moolyawonk) and the Rainbow Serpent.

"It's a great honour to receive the Red Ochre Award. To see the response and support from national Indigenous arts and to be acknowledged as a master weaver is overwhelming," Ms Koolmatie said.

"I wish Aunty Dory and (former partner) Dunc could be here to see this. I reckon they'd be very proud."

Australia Council board director Lee-Ann Buckskin said Ms Koolmatie was chosen as this year's Red Ochre Award recipient for her life's work.

"Yvonne's belief Ngarrindjeri weaving should be passed down



to the next generation to preserve Ngarrindjeri culture, has seen her mentor many young artists and share the stories of the Riverland and her people," Ms Buckskin said.

● Possum cloak maker and multi-media artist Vicki Couzens will use her National Indigenous Arts Awards Fellowship to create yunggama (to give and receive). Ms Couzens is a member of the Keeray Wooroong language group of the Gunditjmarra of western Victoria.

She said yunggama will be "a cross-art form body of interconnected creative cultural expressions exploring women's business".

● Dreaming Award winner Nooky said his music is always inspired by his people – and he can't wait to work with Indigenous hip hop artists Briggs, Trials and Jimblah.

He said he is "pumped" to receive the Dreaming Award from the Australia Council and believes it shows how important hip hop is in contemporary Indigenous Australia.

"I feel empowered, I feel my community is empowered," he said. "To be selected by a group of senior people from my community means the world to me as Indigenous self-determination is one of my core values."

Labor push for rangers



FEDERAL Opposition Leader Bill Shorten wants to double to 1550 the number of Indigenous rangers nationally, earmarking \$200 million for the task.

The ranger program, which started in 2007, enlists young people to manage cultural sites, land and animals such as turtles, saltwater crocodiles and feral pests.

It's not just about protecting the environment.

Communities credit the program with bringing down poverty, crime and prison rates.

"What we see in remote communities is a lack of real jobs," Mr Shorten said in Darwin.

"This Indigenous ranger program is delivering dividends not just for the people employed on the program in a meaningful way, but for their communities."

The Greens, who have been supporting a campaign by ranger groups for more funding, said they welcomed Labor following their lead.

Western Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert said she had written to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in April, urging the Government to double funding for the national ranger program and expand funding commitments to 15 years.

"I welcome the doubling of Indigenous rangers over five years proposed by Labor. It is a step in the right direction," she said. "I urge the ALP to bolster this announcement with a commitment to fund the program for 15 years."

"As part of Reconciliation Week, in the coming days the Greens will be releasing an extensive policy announcement that aims to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' disadvantage whilst furthering reconciliation. I look forward to revealing it in the coming days."



Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and WA Labor senator Pat Dodson have a present for Mr Shorten's wife Chloe after visiting an arts centre in Maningrida. AAP image

The Northern Territory's Central and Northern land councils both welcomed Mr Shorten's promise to double Indigenous ranger funding if Labor wins the federal election and challenged Mr Turnbull to match the funding.

NLC chief executive Joe Morrison said it was an investment in people and the environment, which would benefit all Australians.

"Ranger programs protect some of our

most nationally important places, create role models for young people and return between three and four dollars' worth of benefit for every dollar invested," he said.

CLC director David Ross said the announcement backed "one of Australia's biggest Aboriginal success stories".

"It's a sound investment in our future generations, our shared environment and a long overdue example of politicians listening to Aboriginal people when they

tell them what's working," he said.

"Voters in remote communities no doubt would like to hear whether the Prime Minister also has more jobs and growth to offer them than working for the dole."

Mr Ross said the CLC is examining the detail of the announcement to determine whether it means ranger jobs in the southern half of the Northern Territory will increase from the current 100 to 200 if Labor wins the election.

"We hope that it will allow us to respond to increasing community demand and environmental need for more ranger jobs and double the number of CLC ranger groups in our region from currently 10 to 20 groups within the next three years."

WA senator Pat Dodson said federal Labor would restore funding to legal organisations and other frontline services to break the cycle, investing in education, building self-esteem, and creating work opportunities and training.

He said Indigenous incarceration rates are shameful and the Northern Territory government risks going too far on its punitive law-and-order mission.

Senator Dodson says many jurisdictions are pursuing tough law-and-order measures and jailing more Indigenous people without considering the underlying causes of crime such as poverty and a lack of education and work. He was recently in the community of Wadeye, about 400km south-east of Darwin, when it was announced that the NT Government would spend \$26 million on building a new police station.

He said it was an "absolute shame" that more money was being spent on policing rather than prevention and family support programs.

"That solution is not the appropriate one," Senator Dodson said. — *With AAP*

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Coalition focus is on business



PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion have unveiled a

plan to ramp up Indigenous business, pledging \$115 million during last week's election campaign.

It includes \$90 million for an Indigenous entrepreneur fund to provide grants to businesses for infrastructure, as well as funding to link businesses with finance and help them access programs and opportunities.

In Brisbane on Friday, Mr Turnbull and Senator Scullion said the plan would create jobs and open up Indigenous businesses to domestic and international markets.

It will also ensure 3% of all government contracts are with Indigenous businesses by 2020.

"We will ensure that those entrepreneurial and innovative indigenous Australians who have ideas to start or grow businesses have clear pathways to turn those ideas into viable, sustainable businesses generating employment opportunities for indigenous Australians," Senator Scullion said.

"Building the capacity of our Indigenous business sector makes not only good economic sense for our nation and



Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull pledge \$115 million for Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs.

Indigenous people, it puts us on a path to meet a key Closing the Gap target."

In the past year, the Government said it has awarded 911 contracts worth \$154 million to 274 Indigenous businesses, compared with just \$6.2 million in 2012-13.

Mr Turnbull reckons his plan will result in "real jobs".

"This is real jobs in the real economy," he said.

"This is driving enterprise, driving economic growth, driving advancement, empowering people."

On Monday, Senator Scullion

was due to pay a visit to Bundjalung country in northern NSW, visiting Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council in Lismore and Rekindling the Spirit, an Aboriginal organisation that helps Indigenous people heal from trauma and promotes wellbeing.

"The Government is committed to working with Indigenous communities to deliver better services and we are focused on getting more children to attend school, more adults into work and maintaining community safety," Senator Scullion said.



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Poetry release a comfort for winning author

By KEIRA JENKINS



JUST two weeks after becoming a joint winner of the NSW Premier's Indigenous Writer's Award for her novel *Heat and Light*, Ellen Van Neerven has released her debut poetry collection.

The collection, *Comfort Food*, explores themes of identity, sovereignty and belonging, tied together under the journey of food.

Ms Van Neerven, a Mununjali and Dutch woman, said *Comfort Food's* release was good timing, considering her recent Premier's Literary Award.

"I'm still quite shocked about it, but it is truly amazing that I won because it was such a strong shortlist," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I didn't really see myself winning, but I was so happy to receive the award with Uncle Bruce Pascoe.

"He's so deserving and has done so much work, so it was a really nice moment to receive the award with him."

Food was the metaphor Ms Van Neerven used to bring all her poems, which she wrote while abroad, together for *Comfort Food*.

She said the poems were influenced by her travels through Canada and India.

"Especially in India my tastebuds were being really challenged and I started thinking about the food from home and I realised that my poems were really stories about family, home, identity, country and belonging under the guise of food," Ms Van Neerven said.

"I put all the poems together into one collection then. I wrote the poems over the past few years so there are a few poems about what was happening in the world at the time.

"It's also a bit of a diary of that time in a way."

Exploring poetry was something a little different for Ms Van Neerven, who is known for her award-winning fiction.



Ellen Van Neerven received a Premier's Literary Award just weeks before the release of her debut poetry collection.

But she said she has been writing poetry for herself for a number of years.

"I was inspired by the poems I was reading, and that set the tone for *Comfort Food*," she said.

"I thought it was the best medium to tell the stories I was telling but I was a bit shy about sharing them.

"I didn't think I was a strong poet but now I've had the positive feedback I feel really strongly about the collection."

Ms Van Neerven said *Comfort Food* came from the heart, and was not something she had to push for.

"It's raw and unpolished, so I was a bit worried about that at first, but it's a process that came easy to me," she said.

Time for the truth, says top writer

By RUDI MAXWELL



WRITER Bruce Pascoe believes Australia is well-overdue for a truthful conversation about history.

Mr Pascoe's book *Dark Emu* recently won the NSW Book of the Year Award and was a joint winner in the Indigenous category, along with Aboriginal writer Ellen Van Neerven's novel *Heat and Light*.

Dark Emu revisits early settler journals and challenges the common 'hunter-gatherer' perception of pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians, and provides compelling evidence that Aboriginal people managed sophisticated and bountiful agricultural and aquaculture systems right across the country.

It is about to go into its seventh reprint for Aboriginal publishing house Magabala Books and has won international acclaim.

"I'm thrilled about award and in particular to share the Indigenous Award with Ellen, who brings her new voice into the public eye," Mr Pascoe said.

A Bunarong, Tasmanian and Yuin man, Mr Pascoe was motivated to write *Dark Emu* because the 'history' he was taught at school simply didn't match the accounts Aboriginal Elders had told him.

So he went back to early settler documents and had a look.

"I was taught a history that I believed, which was totally wrong," Mr Pascoe said.

"People I was asking questions of in the Aboriginal community were disgusted by my ignorance, so I had to learn completely anew. I'm not some smart kid who worked out this stuff all by myself. I

had to rely on the old people to sharpen me up.

"A lot of Australians were sold a pup at school. For years our education system derided Aboriginal people. There's a lot of work to do revisiting and learning what really went on."

Mr Pascoe believes the key to understanding is truth.

"At the end of Apartheid, South Africa set up a Truth Commission, where people got up in court and told each other the truth. I don't want us to resort to the courts. I

grudgingly being forced to acknowledge Aboriginal history, all Australians should be proud that we've got this very old culture.

"We were always here, as our old people told us.

"Here we are in 2016: Last year crowds were booing Adam Goodes. We have to get better at our discussions. It's so childish the way (former prime minister) John Howard would get all teary.

"Australia is a racist country – but it doesn't have to be."

Mr Pascoe is the author of more than 20 books – fiction, non-fiction and children's – and in 2013 won the Prime Minister's Literary Award for his young adult book *Fog a Dox* (Magabala Books 2012). His new book for children, *Mrs Whitlam*, (Magabala Books) will be published in June. It is an evocative book about horses, friendship and finding inner strength.

"My wife had a horse called Mrs Whitlam, because she was big and beautiful with big feet and this is a novel based on my family's experiences," Mr Pascoe said.

"It's a community story about Aboriginal people, living more or less outside

a white farming community. The novel talks about how we might come closer to each other in a decent way; behave like human beings and treat each other like humans.

"Every Aboriginal person has heard: 'Why didn't you bastards invent the wheel?' It's so resentful. And I often get told, because my skin is so pale and I have a good education, that I 'don't need to' identify as Aboriginal.

"If people can get over that kind of resentment, then we can have decent conversations, and importantly our young can stand up proud."



Author Bruce Pascoe receives his award from NSW Premier Mike Baird.

just want there to be conversations in daily life," he said.

"I'd love to have discussions about our history as part of public discourse, but it's really difficult. I have good mates, who I've worked with on farms, cutting timber, really good friends until that time we start talking history – then it's all cold shoulder, sooky sort of behaviour, where I'm told Aboriginal people just 'have to get over it'.

"Our history is harsh, unfair, and goes against every Christian ethic there is, so pretending it's all fine is just bloody nonsense.

"In a country where so many people are comfortable, instead of

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Quandamooka celebrate



QUANDAMOOKA people from Queensland's Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) are celebrating changes that will halt sand mining on the island by the end of 2019.

It's the second time the Quandamooka people have celebrated a 2019 sandmining deadline, after they negotiated an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Bligh Labor Government in 2011, following their successful native title determination.

Quandamooka Elder Bob Anderson praised the Palaszczuk Labor Government for reversing a decision by the former Newman LNP administration to extend Sibelco's mining lease until 2035.

Mr Anderson is among Elders who've long opposed mining on the island, saying the leases lock them off their traditional lands with no financial benefit.

"If we can't have a say on what goes on on our island, then the national native title legislation is meaningless," he told ABC radio after a vote in the State Parliament last Wednesday night.

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) chief executive Cameron Costello said Queensland and Australia will be better places for the Queensland Parliament recognising that a better tomorrow can be built through native title.

"QYAC's vision is for Minjerribah to be a global eco-cultural tourism destination, which showcases the island's natural beauty and the Quandamooka people's 20,000-year cultural heritage," he said.

"The \$20 million economic transition



Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Cameron Costello and independent MP Rob Pyne.

scheme, supported by the \$5 million worker assistance scheme, lays a good foundation and framework for the Quandamooka people to generate business opportunities and employment, especially in eco-cultural tourism, hospitality, construction and other sustainable industries."

The changes passed Parliament with the support of independent MPs

Billy Gordon and Rob Pyne.

Katter's Australian Party MP Shane Knuth said he was glad the matter had been settled.

"Very shaky"

"The Deputy Premier was right about the relationship between the Newman Government and Sibelco being very shaky," he said. "I was on the committee

when the legislation to extend sandmining to 2035 was smashed through with disrespect towards the Quandamooka people. The way that the legislation was smashed through was probably one of the lowest acts that I have ever seen in this Parliament."

Labor MP and Quandamooka woman Leeanne Enoch, whose father worked at the sand mine, did not vote to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. But after the vote she addressed Parliament in language. She recognised there were differing views about the mining operation but said the time had come to restore traditional owners' access rights.

"Much of the mining lease, for instance, covers traditional places of great cultural significance, places that traditional owners, my family, representing thousands of generations, do not have access to, cannot teach children about, cannot pass on to the next generation," she told Parliament.

"That is why it is important to understand that it is time for a new economy for North Stradbroke Island."

But the Opposition said the decision would be a great blow to the island's economy.

Shadow Mines Minister Andrew Cripps said restoring the 2019 deadline would "throw the local community into further turmoil".

"This asleep-at-the-wheel Labor government has sold out Straddie locals by completely caving in to pressure from green activist groups that don't represent the views of the overwhelming majority of local people on North Stradbroke Island," he said. – *With AAP*

Bowraville move hailed



THE brother of one of the three Aboriginal children who disappeared

from Bowraville, NSW, more than 25 years ago says his family is elated the case might finally be heard in court.

Colleen Walker was 16 when she disappeared along with two other Aboriginal children – four-year-old Evelyn Greenup and 16-year-old Clinton Speedy-Duroux – from the mid-north coast town over a five-month period between 1990-1991.

The man acquitted over Evelyn and Clinton's murders is a step closer to facing a retrial following an application by the NSW Government to the state's highest criminal court.

Last week, NSW Attorney-General Gabrielle Upton said that she had decided there should be "no further delay" in bringing the matter to court.

"The best and most transparent way to deal with this tragic case is to make an application for retrial to the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal," she said.

Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione delivered an

18-volume brief of evidence to Ms Upton detailing new evidence that allegedly links a local non-Aboriginal man to the three killings.

Ms Walker's brother Lucas Craig said he was overwhelmed and happy at the decision.

"I've grown up seeing my mum being let down so many times, and to see her face change ... it feels like we're finally being heard," he said.

"I'm just trying to take it all in. This is a step forward that we needed."

Bodies

In separate trials, the man was found not guilty of murdering Clinton and Evelyn, whose bodies were found in bushland on the outskirts.

Colleen's clothing was pulled from a nearby river but her body has never been found.

Under the 'double jeopardy' law, the Court of Criminal Appeal may order an acquitted person be retried for a life sentence offence if there is fresh and compelling evidence.

Ms Upton said she made the decision to "allow the arguments to be heard and

tested" after reviewing Mr Scipione's evidence and speaking with Premier Mike Baird.

The application is also for all three cases to be heard as a single trial, and will be argued by former South Australian director of public prosecutions Wendy Abraham QC.

In 2014, after a 12-month investigation, a NSW parliamentary inquiry found flaws in the way police had investigated the crimes.

At the time, Detective Chief Inspector Gary Jubelin, who has worked on the case since 1996, said families had been let down by the justice system.

He told the inquiry that race had affected how the murders were investigated, saying there were overwhelming links between the murders and that they should be heard in a single trial.

NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge called the move "a giant step forward in the push for justice. No court can bring these children back or end the hurt that these families have suffered but at the very least we now have a real opportunity to right a wrong and deliver justice," he said. – *AAP*



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Close to You curators Kim Kruger and Destiny Deacon with actress Kylie Belling (centre), who opened the exhibition.



Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby, Close to You curator Virginia Fraser and Ilbijerri artistic director Rachael Maza.



Peter Rotumah spots a photo of himself, taken by Lisa, in his dreadlock era.



Garry Hansen points to a photograph of Lisa Bellear. Both radio presenters, they were regular guests in each other's shows on 3KnD and 3CR around the turn of the century.



Photographer James Henry, from Melbourne, attended the opening.

Lisa Bellear remembered

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABOUT 200 people turned out for the heartfelt opening of *Close to You: The Lisa Bellear Picture Show* at the Koorie

Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

The exhibition of around 300 photographs, selected from a collection of over 30,000, pays tribute to the life and work of Lisa Bellear, on the 10th anniversary of her passing.

A Minjungbul woman from Goernpil, Stradbroke Island, with South Sea ancestry, Bellear is fondly remembered as a generous, accomplished and inspirational Indigenous activist, photographer, broadcaster, poet, feminist, academic and performer.

Curated by close friends, artists Destiny Deacon and Virginia Fraser, and cousin Kim Kruger, *Close to You* visually documents over a quarter of a century of Indigenous community life, mainly in Melbourne, including marches, celebrations, portraits, signs and graffiti, and personal photographs.

Close friend, actor and director Kylie Belling, who opened the exhibition, said that for Bellear, photography – like radio – was a “tool for activism, community glue and making invisible community visible”.

“They are social documents. They are historical records and they are very meaningful to us,” she said. “As time goes on they will become more valuable.



The late Lisa Bellear with recorder and microphone in the 1990s, colour photograph, Lisa Bellear Collection, Koorie Heritage Trust.

“Hopefully they will be catalogued in such a way that you can go ‘Have you got a photo of this time or this event?’ and bang, if it was around the time that Lisa was taking all these photos, it will be here.

“She was everywhere. We used to call her Where’s Wally. She wore a striped top and a beanie with the little pom pom, and it was ‘Where’s Lisa?’ – oh, there she is, like that, everywhere.”

In 2006, Bellear, aged 45, went to sleep in her home in Brunswick, and never woke up. In a sad irony, the coroner

reported that she had an enlarged heart.

Bellear’s family donated her photographic collection to the Koorie Heritage Trust, in keeping with her desire to return the images to her community.

Her ideas of social exchange are embedded in her work. She believed in reciprocity, exchange and shared ownership of the image between photographer and subject, often giving away copies of photographs to those featured in them.

“As someone who was removed from their family and subsequently given photographs of my mother and other family members, I know how important, obtaining or receiving a photograph ... can be.” she was quoted in the *ATSI Health Services Directory Blog*, 2006.

At the *Close to You* opening, people took a trip down memory lane, delighting in spotting photographs of themselves and their community, and photographers present were inspired to make their own collections well archived and more accessible.

Accompanying the exhibition is a series of public programs and a catalogue, featuring essays from artists, curators and writers including Celeste Liddle and Brenda L Croft, as well as essays and poems by Bellear. It is available from the Koorie Heritage Trust. Proceeds will help maintain the Bellear collection.

Close to You: The Lisa Bellear Picture Show is at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne until June 17.



The late Lisa Bellear’s aunty, Patricia Corowa, from Sydney and Talgum Edwards from Lalgambook, Victoria.



A section of the audience at the *Close to You* exhibition opening in Melbourne.

Pecan Summer on way

By KEIRA JENKINS



SHORT Black Opera's *Pecan Summer*, written by Yorta Yorta woman Deborah Cheetham, will be staged at the Sydney Opera House in September.

This production of the first Indigenous opera features the artwork of Wayne Quilliam and the performances of singers Shauntai Batzke, Jessica Hitchcock and John Wayne Parsons.

Set during the 1939 Cumeragunja Mission walk-off, *Pecan Summer* tells the story of an 11-year-old girl who is taken by child protection authorities.

Ms Batzke, a Wiradjuri soprano, said she had been singing for a long time before she delved into opera.

"I grew up singing R'n'B and gospel. I've been writing songs since I was 10 years old," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I've done a variety of things. I recently completed a Bachelor of Music at Melbourne University.

"I have also received opera scholarships through the Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust."

Ms Batzke has been part of Short Black Opera for five years, and will soon make her second trip to New York.

She said it was serendipitous meeting Ms Cheetham at a Gondwana Children's Choir performance in 2009.

"My husband and I said hi and she told us about the auditions she'd just had for an intensive workshop," Ms Batzke said.

"She heard potential in my voice in one of my YouTube clips and gave me the opportunity to go to the intensive.

"I was involved in the ensemble of the first Indigenous

Pecan Summer is really a gift to us and to the country. It mixes all of the genres of storytelling into the most beautiful medium."

Ms Batzke is joined on stage by Ms Hitchcock, a soprano from Saibai (Torres Strait) and Mr Parsons, a Yugerra and Ugarem-Le baritone.

Ms Batzke said the performers are all honoured to be part of *Pecan Summer*.

"It's a gift to be part of something that's going down in history. The first Indigenous opera is going to be performed at the Sydney Opera House," she said.

"Deborah has worked so hard to pave the way. If you plant the seed something will grow and that's what she's done.

"I've had the opportunity to study in New York and work with talented people in major roles. These doors have all been opened for me."

Ms Batzke said *Pecan Summer* is a must-see for Sydney audiences.

"It's a true story by someone who stands tall and proud and resilient, paving the way for Indigenous opera," she said.

"It'll be a dream come true for myself and many of the others involved to perform *Pecan Summer* at the Sydney Opera House.

"You have to see it. It will move you."

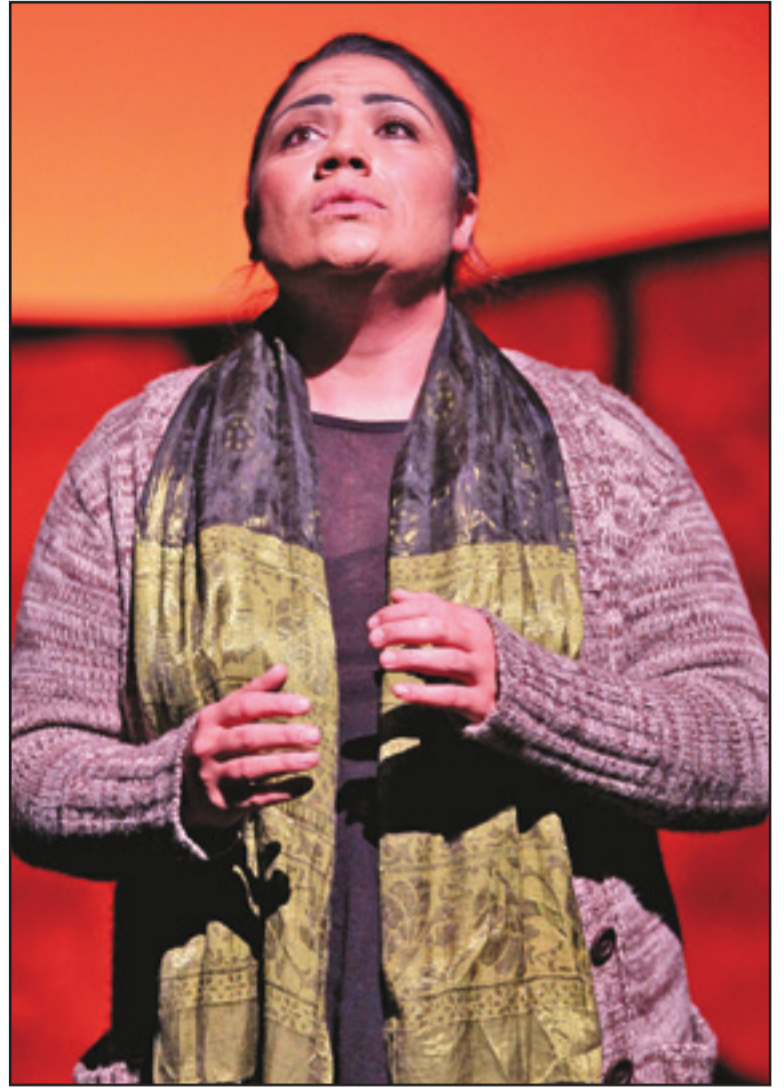
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opera, then the following year I made my debut in a lead role."

The opera company has travelled the country, and Ms Batzke said it has expanded every year.

"All the performers have grown, and you can especially see it with me as I develop my skills," she said.

"I went to New York last year and that developed me further.



Shauntai Batzke plays Alice in the upcoming season of *Pecan Summer*, which will be performed at the Sydney Opera House.

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Carly Spotswood, Leanne Thomas, Rosetta Thomas, Michelle Thomas, Julie Spotswood, Reen Burgess, Lyn Spotswood and Trudy Maluga from Launceston attend the Birders Ball.



Tim Maynard and Tara Maher, who run their own shed, collected a Birder of the Year award for their daughter Elli, 6 (pictured below).



Vivian Smith, Pippy Thomas and Yvonne Smith from Launceston. Mr Thomas is wearing a Birder of the Year Medallion awarded to his 11-year-old grandson Shayne Thomas, who went birding with him for the first time this season, and had the learning experience of pulling a tiger snake out of one of the burrows instead of a mutton bird.

Tas birders have a ball

By JILLIAN MUNDY

MUTTON birders, friends and family got together for the Birders Ball in Launceston recently to celebrate the close of the mutton bird season.

Birding, as it is referred to among Tasmania's Aboriginal community, is an important cultural tradition and wholly Aboriginal-owned commercial enterprise.

Each year, dozens of Aboriginal people travel to the wind-swept and isolated islands of the Bass Strait to harvest and process the migratory birds over a five-week season.

Mutton birds are rich in omega-3 oils and other nutrients, their pungent oil has several medicinal uses, and their flesh is a favourite traditional food for Tasmanian Aborigines.

Fat mutton bird chicks are pulled from their burrows and killed with a swift flick, loaded on to wooden spits and taken to sheds on the islands, where they are processed



Murray Mansell, from Launceston, and Neil Thomas, from Cape Barren Island, have been mutton birding since they were children. This year they plucked together on Big Dog Island in Bass Strait.



Six-year-old Elli Maher-Maynard on the job. Picture: Tara Maher

by hand, ready for supply to the Aboriginal community and for commercial sale.

At the ball, a birder from each shed – some with more than half a century's experience, others first-timers – were recognised with awards for attributes such as

positive attitude, determination and keeping the tradition and industry alive.

Elli Maher-Maynard won the award for the shed owned by her father Tim Maynard on Big Dog Island.

While she has been birding for three years, this was her first full season, and she participated from 6.30am to 8pm each day – no mean feat for a six-year-old.

Her mother Tara Maher, who runs the business with her partner Tim, said birding meant everything to their family.

Elli was out on the rookery with her dad every day at first light, pointing to burrows that the rookery men often thought were empty, but she insisted had a bird in them, her advice producing a 100% strike rate.

At night she helped process the birds in the opening shed and then to clean up.

"It was a good season. We only stopped to sell the birds. We ended up with 8000; could have got more, but you got to sell them," Ms Maher told the *Koori Mail*.



Karena Hughes and her mum Sharon Hughes, who was named Birder of the Year for the shed she worked for the second year in a row, with Jo James and her daughter Lou Gipton.



Bill Maher, from Cape Barren Island, with his sister Kelsey and cousin Daniel, from Launceston.

Welfare fund closed



THE Queensland Government has closed the Aborigines Welfare Fund, which was part of the system of Stolen Wages and savings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders for more than 70 years. Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt signed the Aborigines Welfare Fund Closure document with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda in Parliament.

"The decision to close the Aborigines Welfare Fund represents a significant milestone in Queensland's history and is an important act of reconciliation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders and their families whose wages or savings were stolen by past governments," Mr Pitt said.

"As I have said before, no amount of money can repair the injustices of the past, and to move forward, it is important for Queensland to right this historical wrong."

The decision to close the fund is one of the key parts announced in the Government's response to the Reconciling Past Injustice report of the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce Report, released on Friday.

Mr Pitt also confirmed the Government's intention to publicly acknowledge the financial contribution of Indigenous people towards the development of key Queensland infrastructure, including the building and



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda talks with Queensland Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt in Brisbane.

expansion of some of Queensland's major hospitals.

"We support the taskforce recommendation that there be monuments, plaques and other lasting forms of appropriate public acknowledgement, to highlight the use of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Queenslanders' stolen wages in helping to build this state," Mr Pitt said.

Taskforce chair Mr Gooda welcomed the announcement, saying the closure of the fund would help Indigenous Queenslanders "put this inexcusable wrong behind them".

"Recent discussions about the new

reparations scheme have been the catalyst for many difficult and distressing memories for many people," Mr Gooda said.

"The taskforce has recommended the remaining Welfare Fund monies go towards acts of reconciliation including dedicated memorials recognising the contribution of stolen wages which were used to develop the state's infrastructure, and scholarships to document the history of stolen wages in Queensland from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Mr Pitt said the Government had agreed to other key recommendations of the taskforce report including:

- establishing a reparations review panel to enable consideration of previously ineligible applications, to ensure as many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders as possible have access to the reparation scheme, to seek justice for past wrongs; and

- funding a scholarship program for an Aboriginal person and a Torres Strait Islander person to document the experiences and perspectives of government control of wages and savings under the 'Protections Acts', for their respective cultures.

For more information about the 'Stolen Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme' and to view the 'Queensland Government's response to the Reconciling Past Injustice report of the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce Report' call 1800 619 505 or visit www.qld.gov.au/reparations

Elder happy with payment

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL Elder Alice Barney-Niki thought she would be "six foot under" before she received her outstanding Stolen Wages money.

Ms Barney-Niki is frail, needs a walking frame, and receives regular dialysis at Townsville Hospital.

When the *Koori Mail* saw the 69-year-old in Townsville on May 26, Ms Barney-Niki said she was happy to receive her Stolen Wages money last month from the Queensland Government's Reparations Fund.

"I really did think I would be six foot under before any money came. So many others have died without getting their money, and that includes my brother," she said.

Ms Barney-Niki said she scrubbed floors on her hands and knees at Cherbourg hospital when she was a girl. She paid tribute to her daughter Larissa Akee, who she said has been a tower of strength for more than a decade as Ms Barney-Niki waited, hoped and prayed her money would come.

\$3 million in payments

In response to questions from the *Koori Mail*, a spokesperson for Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister and Treasurer Curtis Pitt said that since the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme opened in December 2015, more than \$3 million in reparations payments has been returned to 1528 eligible claimants from across the state.

"The Treasurer personally wrote

to 3770 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to inform them of their eligibility to receive a reparations payment under the scheme when it opened," the spokesperson said.

"In line with feedback from community, elderly people and those who are seriously ill are prioritised and will be paid first."

The Reparations Scheme will continue to June 2018, with applications being accepted until December this year.

The 'claiming on behalf of' application form process and reassessment of previously ineligible claims will begin during the second half of 2016.

Further information is available at www.qld.gov.au/reparations or by calling the free call number 1800 619 505.



Payment recipient Alice Barney-Niki and her daughter Larissa Akee in Townsville.



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NT warning over bail



IF the Northern Territory Government shifts bail out of reach of repeat young offenders it will breach its human

rights obligations to children, Amnesty International says.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles announced on Facebook last week that he had "had enough" of young people repeatedly breaking into houses and stealing, and the Government aimed to push legislation through Parliament this week.

The NT Children's

Commissioner, Bar Association, Criminal Lawyers' Association, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and Australian Lawyers for Human Rights have all spoken out against the proposal.

Amnesty spokesperson Julian Cleary said refusing access to bail for young offenders would violate human rights and was the wrong way of going about things.

"There's so much potential for harm ... for (this) to really backfire and lead to kids committing even more serious crimes and becoming further

entrenched in that system from an early age," he said.

Prison should be a last resort, according to the United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child, and jailing kids before they had appeared in court to answer charges "is clearly not a last resort", Mr Cleary said.

"Serious danger"

"They should only be refused bail if they're a serious flight risk or a serious danger to the community or themselves," Mr Cleary said.

There had been "massive systemic problems" at Darwin's

Don Dale youth detention centre, he said.

Mr Cleary said other jurisdictions had adopted a preventative approach that supported families and identified at-risk children to keep them from committing crimes in the first place, which had reduced crime rates and improved community safety.

The Government had said most offences were being committed by a small group of youths. Rather than creating a law to deal with a dozen children, the Government had the capacity to manage them on

a case-by-case basis, Mr Cleary said.

The NT has the highest rate of youth incarceration in Australia, with more than 95% of those in detention Aboriginal.

NT Speaker independent MP Kezia Purick said Mr Giles was under pressure in his electorate in Alice Springs to crack down on crime. "It's one thing to be tough on crime ... it's another to be a political opportunist," she said.

"If there's a personal agenda here, like 'I want to try to get re-elected', this is not the way to make policy or legislation." – AAP

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

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Elders paint grim picture of future



YALATA Elders from South Australia are calling for resistance against two proposed

nuclear waste dumps.

In February last year, Labor Premier of South Australia Jay Weatherill launched a nuclear royal commission.

This month, royal commissioner Kevin Scarce recommended that SA import and store international high-level nuclear waste.

This plan is in addition to the Federal Government's recently announced proposal to have a national nuclear dump in Adnyamathanha Flinders Ranges country.

From 1998-2004, the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta, senior Aboriginal women from Coober Pedy, led a successful national campaign against a dump to store national intermediate- and low-level waste in SA – with eventual strong support from Premier Mike Rann's SA Labor Government.

And Yalata Elders are hoping a new campaign can similarly change government plans.

On May 14, 60 years after the first Maralinga bombs,

the *Maralinga Painting* was launched at Yalata, at the Head of the Bight, 1000km northwest of Adelaide.

Yalata long-serving past chairperson Mima Smart, the lead artist for the community project, is incensed at this latest nuclear plan, particularly given the history of the Yalata/Maralinga people, who were moved from their country in 1952 to make way for the British nuclear tests.

"That Maralinga painting that I painted on the canvas was about the bomb. And the bomb means a lot



The *Maralinga Painting*, by Yalata Elder Mima Smart, who along with Keith Peters opposes storing nuclear waste in South Australia.

of bad things," she said.

"The bomb brought death to our people on the land when they were still wandering in the desert; when they were still travelling from rockhole to rockhole. And all our families were told to go south. They came to Ooldea Tank when they settled and they seen that bomb.

"It was really sad what's happened to that land. Looking at the painting. It

country? Why bring it to a beautiful country like Maralinga?

"The nuclear waste dump is not the best thing for us. The Minister is saying to bring the waste and dump it in South Australia. We don't want that waste dump either in Yalata, or around Maralinga, or Ooldea or Watson. Because the roads that are going across to Western Australia is the place we always be using for

for support to fight the dump.

"We need everyone to respond to the Government, to the royal commission," he said. "The Government needs to understand we need a good environment in our country. We are not going to have this disaster. We already fought for the (Maralinga) clean-up and the Maralinga Royal Commission. We need to stand up together, Anangu (Aboriginal people) and non-Anangu. If the Government wants to put a nuclear dump in SA, all Australians, all South Australians should stand up and say no.

"Because it's going to damage our country, our environment; it's going to bring sickness to people. If we can say no, we can stand up together and we can win."

After the Premier's announcement, environmental groups together with SA traditional owners launched the Alliance against the Dump. For more information go to www.nodumpalliance.org.au

"The Government needs to understand we need a good environment in our country. We are not going to have this disaster."

was a beautiful place with nice sceneries and animals around and birds and people around. And the people were gathering food on the ground.

"But after that bomb, people kept moving away and knew that place was destroyed by the bomb. But before that, they didn't understand the danger. But the white people knew. Why didn't they blast it in their own

funerals, for visiting families and business.

"Please take it away and dump it in your country.

"The damage has already been done with us – there are no old people in Yalata today. We teach all our children what the damage from the bombs is about."

Immediate past chairperson of Maralinga Tjarutja Keith Peters called

Nannas want action to stop the removals

By NATALIE CROMB



'DON'T be Sorry, Do Sorry' said the Grandmothers Against Removals

(GMAR) and supporters in Sydney on Sorry Day as they called for government action over the continued high levels of Aboriginal child removal.

GMAR members called for an independent body to review what they say are 'targeted and racist' removals because Indigenous children are nearly 10 times more likely to be taken from their families than other Australian children.

They said they would use both the Sorry Day protest and a series of meetings with senior Family and Community Services (FACS) personnel and NSW Minister Brad Hazard over May 26-27 to push for substantial commitments to change practice and allocate funding for programs which can stop the removals and reunite children with their families.

Gomeri woman from Moree Debra Swan, a former FACS caseworker and GMAR's spokesperson, said they welcomed the opportunity for further dialogue with FACS management and Mr Hazard.

"But this fight is far from finished," she said. "Just from our networks we know of so many children who are still in the foster care system who should be back with their families.

"To prove they are serious,



The Grandmothers Against Removals rally for Sorry Day in Redfern.

we will be pushing for major financial commitments, particularly for a reunification program that can bring children home."

GMAR are also demanding substantial funding for a reunification program to review all cases of Aboriginal children in care with a view to returning children currently caught in the foster care system and supporting their families to deal with any continuing concerns.

"Stain"

Aboriginal Legal Service NSW chief executive Gary Oliver, a Kuku Yalangi man, spoke at a rally in Redfern of the 6500 Aboriginal children in out-of-home care in NSW and said it was a "stain" on Australia and that we need to stop the cycle now otherwise it will lead to even

more incarceration into adulthood.

GMAR and supporters marched from the rally at Redfern to the FACS office in Surry Hills, where there were stories from grandmothers who spoke of the number of removals in their own families and their lack of rights in having the children returned home.

The community says more Aboriginal kids are being forcibly taken from their families than at any point in Australia's history.

The numbers today are five times higher than they were when the Bringing Them Home report was released in 1997, with about 16,000 Aboriginal kids in out-of-home care across Australia.

Rallies were also held in Ballina, northern NSW, and Perth.

Sorry Day 18 years on



EIGHTEEN years after the first Sorry Day, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health

Service chief executive Julie Tongs said events to mark the occasion were more relevant than ever.

The first Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998 – one year after the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report which was the result of an inquiry by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission into the Stolen Generations.

"Although it is 16 years since the first National Aboriginal Sorry Day Bridge Walk occurred, the reasons for Sorry Day events are now more relevant and important than ever – and nowhere was this more so than in the national capital," Ms Tongs said.

"Removal levels were a national disgrace then. They are even more of a disgrace today.

"In Canberra, 25% of all children in out-of-home care in

the 0-17 age bracket are Indigenous.

"In other words an Aboriginal child born in the ACT is 20 times more likely to be taken into care than a non-Indigenous child.

"That must ring alarm bells. It is a national disgrace."

The annual bridge walk was again well supported, as were other events held on Sorry Day across the country.

The Healing Foundation, which helps Stolen Generations members and their families, said urgent action was required to address the intergenerational impacts of the Stolen Generations.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said most of the 54 recommendations in the Bringing Them Home report had not been implemented.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities experience the intergenerational effects of these policies every day," he said.

"Chronic health conditions,

alcohol and drug use, violence and a range of mental health conditions can all be linked back to trauma caused by the Stolen Generations policies, which has been passed down from one generation to the next.

"We know through our work that educating communities about trauma – including the various ways it impacts on people's behaviour and spirit – is the first step towards healing.

"Evidence from Healing Foundation projects shows that addressing trauma through cultural healing, in partnership with local communities, improves social and emotional wellbeing.

"Indigenous healing services such as these were recommended by the Bringing them Home inquiry, as was National Sorry Day which we commemorate today.

"We urge governments around the country to revisit the inquiry's outstanding recommendations and the wisdom of the report to improve our people's lives."

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Power of the sun for WA community



A 139-PANEL solar system has been installed at an Aboriginal community in Western Australia with the help of an 'impact investment' loan. The 36-kilowatt system at the Kurrawang Aboriginal

Christian Community, near Kalgoorlie, is mounted on the roof of a workshop and machinery shed and is expected to provide 20% of the community's electricity use.

It is also expected to offset about 60 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year, equivalent to removing about 17 cars from the roads.

The solar system was a joint project of the not-for-profit Alternative Technology Association (ATA) and the Kurrawang board, with \$52,500 in finance loaned by the McKinnon Family

Foundation and CAGES Foundation.

Impact investment is capital used for projects to generate social or environmental outcomes as well as financial returns.

Kurrawang board member Rowena Leslie said the community feels empowered by this move towards self-sufficiency.

"We would like to thank the Lord our God for the lessons learned during the development stage and the added benefits to the environment, our budget and the community spirit in the after effect," she said.

ATA chief executive Donna Luckman said the solar system was a great achievement for the 120 people of Kurrawang and a win for the environment.

"Since all the buildings in the community are metered as a single entity, every household will benefit," she said.

"It means the community will save on their electricity bills and the environment benefits as well through reduced emissions.

"This really shows how you can be innovative with community renewable energy and impact investment.

"We hope this can serve as a model for other communities."

McKinnon Family Foundation director John McKinnon said he hoped in future there would be community solar systems throughout outback Australia.

"This project is a

fine example of what impact investment can achieve in supporting both community needs and renewable energy," he said.

Kylie Charlton, chief investment officer of Australian Impact Investments, who advised CAGES Foundation on its participation in the loan, was excited at the potential for other remote communities and the long-term potential to establish a fund of diverse community solar assets.

"We hope that this project is the first of many community solar projects in which investors can participate," she said.



The solar system at Kurrawang.



Alice Nampitjinpa Dixon paints. Picture: Dr Chrischona Schmidt, Ikuntji Artists

Artists help to save defenders

By EDONT board member ANGUS SMITH



ABORIGINAL artists from the Central Desert to Arnhem Land have pitched in to save an environmental legal organisation. For the second year running, the Environmental Defenders

Office NT (EDONT) is holding an Aboriginal art auction to raise the funds it needs in order to survive.

The national network of the Environmental Defenders Offices was informed of its defunding by the Federal Government in December 2013 and received its last public funding at the end of the 2014 financial year. EDONT currently has enough funds to last until the about September this year.

In 2015, EDONT held its first art auction and raised \$62,000, which allowed it to continue operating for another 12 months. This year EDONT aims to raise \$100,000.

The auction will consist of original artworks and prints from across the Territory. Many of the artists belong to Aboriginal communities the EDONT has advocated for and represented.

The Ikuntji Artists art centre is at Haasts Bluff, 220km west of Alice Springs, in the middle of the West MacDonnell Ranges. Artists there have again supported the EDONT art auction.

Ikuntji Artists' manager Dr Chrischona Schmidt said that while they had not yet needed any help from the EDONT, that did not mean the community would not need help in the future.

"What they (EDONT) do is really great. They help everybody across the Territory,"

she said. "When last year we heard that their funding was being cut we just thought we would help them because we want them to continue."

Ikuntji artists Alice Nampitjinpa Dixon, Patrick Nolan and Anmanari Napanangka Nolan will contribute works to the auction this year.

Ms Dixon's painting is called *Porcupine Tjukurrpa*. She describes it as depicting "a porcupine on a fateful journey".

"The porcupine that travels through the country of Taalalpi scurrying over sandhills to reach the water-filled rockholes, where it comes for its water and is cornered and captured by the local women, who make a delicious meal from it," she said.

Grateful

EDONT principal lawyer David Morris said he was grateful to the artists.

"Last year's event was so successful, and we feel sure that this year it has gone to another level," he said.

"It is becoming a really prestigious event. We have amazing works from significant artists such as Timothy Cook, winner of the 2012 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, just to name one."

The EDONT art auction launched at Outstation Art Gallery in Darwin on May 7. Participants are able to make bids using the smartphone app 'Galabid' on their personal devices. The auction will finish on June 6. On the final day, a live auction will also be held at Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers in Sydney.

All artists are paid consignment for their work. More information at www.ART4EDONT.com

SA, NT to tackle violence



THE South Australian and Northern Territory governments have pledged more support to Indigenous communities in a bid to address family violence in

Central Australia. Both governments have jointly provided \$100,000 for a range of community-led initiatives with a focus on primary prevention and education to combat domestic and family violence in Indigenous communities.

This issue was among those discussed at the First Ministers' Forum held in Adelaide, attended by SA Premier Jay Weatherill and NT Chief Minister Adam Giles.

Mr Weatherill said he was keen for the opportunity to exchange ideas with the NT.

"These forums are a great opportunity to consider how we tackle common issues and how we can collaborate to benefit our shared major industries," he said.

"Aboriginal women in remote communities experience domestic and family violence at a significantly higher rate than the general population, which is why the development of a community-led strategy that helps address the issue in remote Indigenous communities is so important.

"Equally important is support for Indigenous business."

Leaders also heard from business and industry stakeholders on how to expand the emerging native foods and premium meat sectors.

In the leadup to the forum, Mr Weatherill and Mr Giles attended the launch of Something Wild, a new native foods business partnership which will have majority Indigenous ownership.

Indigenous procurement and employment strategies were also discussed at the forum.

Mutual interest

Mr Giles said it's important that the two governments work together to identify issues of mutual interest, reduce red tape and promote business investment.

"SA and the NT have always been great partners in the middle of Australia," he said.

"We want to foster job creation, develop tourism and support our agricultural and mining industries in realising their full potential.

"We're also committed to developing a community-led, long-term strategy that addresses domestic and family violence in Central Australia, with a focus on prevention."



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Barunga Festival to celebrate women



THE 31st annual Barunga Festival will celebrate women over the June long weekend at the community in the Northern Territory, 70km south-east of Katherine.

Arnhem Land all-female band Wildflower will headline the event, being joined by Kardajala kirri-darra (Sand Hill Women) featuring Eleanor Dixon from Elliot, and B2M from the Tiwi Islands.

B2M's Jeffrey 'Yellow' Simon said the band is looking forward to its fourth performance at Barunga.

"So many different tribes come to the one spot for Barunga. It's a good place to do it," he said.

"You can say something at Barunga and it will reach all the way to the Queensland coast or all the way to Perth because people come from everywhere.

"We use the festival to stay true to our message and get it out there."

Mr Simon said B2M formed at a time when the Tiwi Islands had the highest per capita suicide rate in the world.

The ex-policeman said the band travels, workshoping with kids, and spreading a warning about drug and alcohol abuse.

"We're born and bred in Indigenous communities so we've seen first-hand the implications of drug and alcohol abuse," he said.

"We wanted to use music to combat some of those dark issues and we wanted to aim it towards the young ones.

"We pass on our message through catchy beats and our strong lyrics."

As for this year's Barunga theme, Mr Simon said playing at a festival celebrating



Tiwi Islands band B2M will be joining a line-up of mainly women for the Barunga Festival this month.

women is something special for him and the other men in the band.

"Over our 12 years of playing music we've been supported by our wives and our mothers and our aunties," he said.

"We've sacrificed a lot together, and without their support we could never have done this.

"Unsung heroes"

"We want to say thank you to women in general and especially to our wives and mothers because they are our unsung heroes."

Skinny Fish managing director and Barunga organiser Mark Grose said the theme 'Celebrating Women' was chosen for this year's event because women are the backbone of remote communities.

"Women are largely unrecognised in terms of participation in events like these," he said.

"We also wanted to encourage young women to participate because women's engagement in remote communities is not fostered so well. It's still a man's world in the bush so we wanted to do our part to support young women."

ARIA winner Courtney Barnett will also perform with musician Jen Cloher, and best-selling children's singer, film and TV star Justine Clarke will perform two kids' shows.

Mr Grose said the sport, culture and music festival has been led by women this year, with most of the positions available taken by females.

"Women are in charge of this year's event. The music program is mainly women," he said. "We're really heavily focused on women."

The festival will run from June 10 to 12, featuring not just music but also a range of cultural and sports activities as well.



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- Emma Ardler 2016 Volunteer

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Action urged over WA fines



MORE than 20 Indigenous and human rights organisations have signed an open letter calling on Western

Australian Premier Colin Barnett to stop locking up vulnerable people for unpaid fines.

The open letter comes in the wake of the ongoing inquest into the death of Ms Dhu, a 22-year-old Aboriginal woman who died in police custody after being imprisoned for unpaid fines.

Change the Record co-chair Shane Duffy said organisations from across Australia have paid condolences to Ms Dhu's family

and called on Mr Barnett to take action.

"Aboriginal people have suffered enough as a result of bad laws and policies," he said.

Western Australia has the highest rates of Aboriginal people's over-imprisonment in the nation, and particularly high rates of imprisonment for fine default.

"Action"

"This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody," Mr Duffy said. "Now is the time for action."

He said that since 2010, one in every six Aboriginal people

going to prison in WA was there to pay off fines and these figures are even worse for women. In 2013 almost one third of all women in WA jails were there for unpaid fines, and almost two thirds of these were Aboriginal.

"Locking people up for unpaid fines is an outdated and unfair practice," Mr Duffy said.

"Western Australia urgently needs to reform its fines system to incorporate work and development orders, similar to the approach NSW has taken.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations are best placed to deliver holistic services to their communities."

London trip planned in bid to reclaim Gweagal Shield



RODNEY Kelly, a descendent of the Gweagal warrior Cooman, is planning a trip to London in the hope of reclaiming a shield belonging to his ancestor. It is on display in the British Museum.

The Tent Embassy says the shield was taken from Australia by Captain Cook and Joseph Banks in 1770.

Mr Kelly said the shield, along with spears on display at Cambridge Museum, is very important to him.

"I feel like it is my duty to bring these artefacts back to the place where my ancestors used those same artefacts they hold," he said.

"I think by getting these artefacts back to country it will be the best tools to teach the Australian public about what really happened when Cook landed here.

"I'd love school kids in Australia to be able to go to the museum and hear the story and see the artefacts."

After negotiations, the British Museum offered to loan the shield to Australia, which Mr Kelly said is not good enough.

"For them to say they will loan it to us is a huge disappointment to me and my family," he said.

"It connects us to the people on the shore watching Captain Cook sail in the bay.

"I'm fighting for them and I'm fighting for my people. I know the spirits of my ancestors will help me on my journey, as I can feel them guiding me."

Mr Kelly hopes to take a delegation to Britain and travel to institutions holding Aboriginal human remains and artefacts.

"I'm planning on going to London for two weeks and take my fight to their doorstep," he said.

Mr Kelly is currently seeking donations for his campaign, which has already been met with support from the community.

"I need more funds to go to London to fight for my people," he said.

"I have been offered a place to stay for a few people by a family who moved over there from Berry, NSW."

For more details or to donate visit www.gofundme.com/gweagalshield



Rodney Kelly hopes to have the Gweagal Shield returned to country.

Benefits seen in Adani mine



WANGAN and Jagalingou traditional owners in favour of supporting Indian mining company

Adani's proposal for a huge coal mine on their land have said the mine will provide economic benefits.

The mine proposal has split traditional owners, with one group of native title claimants, the Wangan and Jagalingou Family Council, strongly opposed and currently involved in legal action attempting to stop the mine.

Participants from the group in favour said at a meeting with Adani last month they negotiated over its project in central Queensland, which will be the biggest coal mine in the country if it goes ahead.

One member of the group, Patrick Malone, said the agreement would put the Wangan and Jagalingou in a position where they can provide for the future of their people.

"The agreement ensures jobs, education and social activity that will benefit our people," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's no guarantee the mine will go ahead yet. Our main goal is to look after our native title rights and make sure our people are



Representatives from Adani with mine supporters.



The vote for the agreement with coalminer Adani.

sitting at the discussion table in the future.

"If it goes ahead it has got a life of about 60 years, so we're talking about providing for my great grandchildren here."

Mr Malone said the relationship with Adani in the past has been up and down, but is now looking better.

"Initially, we rejected the mine because there were a

few things going on in the background we didn't like," he said.

"This time our people were sitting at the table to discuss and negotiate a plan that will allow our people to bid on contracts and have joint ventures with bigger contractors. I was actually surprised how overwhelming the majority was who voted for the mine."

However, the company is fighting on several fronts, with some of the mines it operates internationally having a poor environmental record. Last year, Adani's copper mine in Zambia, Africa, was taken to court for discharging pollution into a river, allegedly devastating farmland and poisoning people.

The Wangan and Jagalingou Family Council has also taken multiple court actions against Adani.

Spokesperson Murawah Johnson said the jobs the mining company is offering to Wangan and Jagalingou people is not a salvation out of poverty.

"The reality is the jobs they're offering are minimum wage and the fine Adani would have to pay if they don't come up with those jobs is actually cheaper than paying those people's wages," she said.

"There's no way a huge international mining company actually cares about us.

"In reality, what they're saying just doesn't make sense. And the sad thing is that Aboriginal people, historically, have been the last to receive any kind of justice.

"Adani's approach and attitude towards us has been that we're 'just blackfellas' that they need to get a signature off."

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Jason Timor

Badu Island (TSI) man raised in Mackay, Qld

Favourite bush tucker?
Turtle.

Favourite other food?
Curry.

Favourite drink?
Sparkling water.

Favourite music?
Anything acoustic. Songs done with a guitar and anything 'unplugged'.

Favourite sport or leisure?
Rugby league and OzTag. I don't play league but I love to watch and I love playing OzTag.

Favourite read?
I read a few books sometimes. I love *Freakonomics*.

What are you watching?
Gogglebox and NRL Live on NITV.

What do you like in life?
My kids – I've got three boys – and I love going camping and bike riding and anything outdoors with them and my wife.

What don't you like?
Fake people.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
(Social Justice Commissioner) Mick Gooda because he's good for a yarn. (TV personality) Andrew Denton, and (disgraced champion cyclist) Lance Armstrong because I'd love to talk to them and hear their stories.

What is your ultimate goal in life?
To leave a good legacy helping our mob and to teach young people that they are bigger than what people say; they are bigger than the bad stories and media.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Make sure our mob have a voice and real empowerment to create change.

Quote



"I have never, nor have my ancestors ever, ceded the sovereignty of our lands or territories."

– Victorian man Kutcha Edwards speaking at the state's two-day treaty forum

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Unquote

Long retired, but still a champion

MICHAEL Long is a true champion. Not only in the sense that he's a dead-set AFL legend, but also because he's always prepared to use the access he has as a famous sportsman to champion the causes he believes in.

On Saturday, he put Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on the spot in front of thousands of people, challenging him to match Opposition Leader Bill Shorten's \$10.7 million pledge to his leadership and learning centre.

And then there was this: "Constitutional recognition must occur," Long told thousands gathered in Melbourne's Federation Square for the Long Walk.

"It's time for a treaty." In 2004, Long walked from Melbourne to Canberra to put Indigenous issues on the national agenda with then Prime Minister John Howard. Long has never been afraid to challenge misconceptions or those in power.

Let's hope that the politicians are up to the challenges he's thrown down.

NOVA Peris called time on her political career last week, making the clearly tough decision that she didn't want to run another term as a Labor senator for the Northern Territory.

While Peris came into the job as an



already public figure, there's no doubt when she joined the Senate that the attacks on her – both public and cowardly anonymous via the internet – increased as her profile rose even further.

Peris obviously has her reasons for leaving and she's chosen not to speak in depth about them in public.

Agree or disagree with Senator Peris's politics, but the level of abuse to which she has been subjected – and the strong and dignified responses she has given – shows that there's an element of Australia that hates Black women speaking out or being in positions of power.

Just as she was the first Indigenous person to win an Olympic gold medal (for hockey), Nova Peris was the first Aboriginal woman to become a federal parliamentarian.

No-one can ever take that away from her.

Let's hope many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander feet follow her path to Canberra.

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By KEIRA JENKINS

THE night before Darcy Turgeon began his training for the Queensland Department of Corrective Services in April 1990, a young Aboriginal man took his own life in prison in Etna Creek Correctional Centre, outside Rockhampton.

Mr Turgeon thought working in human resources, managing the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and addressing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was going to be a worthwhile career.

But on the first night of his career another young man, who was also detained in Rockhampton, took his own life.

Mr Turgeon wondered if he had any chance of making a difference to the rate of self-harm among imprisoned people.

That was the truth of the prison system Mr Turgeon was entering all those years ago.

The Mununjali man spent 12 years working in corrections, and says he can see changes for the better thanks to hard work by people working in the sector.

"In my time I introduced programs including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family support program, Elders visits program, cultural interests program, HIV/AIDS education program, Murri chaplaincy program among others to support our people in custody," he said.

"I saw the opportunity to use a prison term to provide education – cultural, spiritual or otherwise."

Mr Turgeon said he realised very early on in his time in corrections there was a need to bring families into the centres as often as possible to reduce feelings of isolation and alienation.

He also said there was a need for prisoners to go home during sorry time to attend funerals.

"The factual evidence is that at the current time, the rate of suicide by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners in my state (Queensland) is zero year in and year out in spite of a large increase in Aboriginal prisoner numbers," Mr Turgeon said.

"So why do the so-called leaders continue to beat the deaths in custody drum?"

"I take a keen interest in monitoring self-harm rates by Aboriginal people in custody from all around this country and the numbers are so insignificant to what they were when I joined Corrections in 1990, in spite of double the Aboriginal prison population.

"The reality is that a lot of people, including myself did a lot of work to implement the Royal Commission Inquiry into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations relevant to corrections in Queensland.

"We never received any acknowledgment or any thanks."

Mr Turgeon said that while Aboriginal deaths in custody still occur, the overwhelming majority of these are not suicides – instead they are deaths due to illness and age. "It is so frustrating when I hear the continual 'poor blackfella me' spruik that people in high-paying jobs are always drumming," he said. "They are expert at running the 'ain't it awful' line, and I'm sick of it.



Darcy Turgeon: "I don't need to go to heaven when I die; I was born there: Australia."

One of our superstars

"Instead of saying 'ain't it awful' they should be doing stuff for our people at the coalface. And believe me, a prison is coalface."

Mr Turgeon said his non-Aboriginal colleagues did not always support his work.

"One death through self-harm is too many," he said.

"My own nephew hanged himself in his mother's garage in 2000 during my time fighting the system to put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs into Queensland prisons to benefit our people in custody.

"Some non-Aboriginal managers were supportive but most just 'couldn't see the need' for Aboriginal prisoners to have anything different offered to them from other prisoners. What a time!"

Mr Turgeon said the people who have come after him deserve recognition and congratulations for keeping down the numbers of suicides in prisons.

"Sure I played a part, but this

story isn't all about Darcy Turgeon; my race is nearly run," he said.

"I want to finally acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff who turned up, and still turn up, at the prison gate every day.

"The ones who continue to be tireless in their efforts to enforce the programs developed by myself and others who pressured the system to make change.

"Efforts"

"They are the ones, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander chaplains, family support workers, correctional counsellors and custodial officers as well as the ones who made it into the mainstream education officer and activities officer jobs.

"It is about time your work was recognised."

In 2000, Mr Turgeon underwent radical surgery and chemotherapy for bowel cancer. He said he knew he only had a few years left of

work. If there was any expectation of longevity, he needed to slow down.

As well as his work with Corrections, Mr Turgeon was a committee member of Murri Watch, OPAL and Childcare; all large organisations in Brisbane.

Now the 65-year-old self-funded retiree manages his own real estate portfolio and sings at charity events, after winning the City of Brisbane Senior Superstar competition in 2009.

In 1999, Mr Turgeon was awarded the Churchill Fellowship to look at Aboriginal prison programs in Canada.

He undertook it in 2004, but said the Queensland Government was not interested in any of his findings.

"How many Aboriginal men make it to 65 and can look back at something they have achieved and smile?" he said.

Mr Turgeon said that on a personal level, as a gay Aboriginal

man, he faced 'double discrimination' and has confronted many challenges in his lifetime, but he doesn't see himself as a victim.

"I was sexually abused as a child but as far as I am concerned what doesn't kill you makes you stronger," he said.

"Even though the abuse went on for a number of years, I dealt with it many years ago and have written articles about it to help other men who were victims."

Mr Turgeon said as a young Aboriginal man growing up in Brisbane in the 1950s he was grounded and secure.

"My parents rented an old house on 20 acres (8ha) at Meeandah near Pinkenba in Brisbane," he said.

"On weekends our place was chock-a-block with Cherbourg and Brisbane 'Gooris' playing a card game called 'baby' or 'ins and outs'.

"There were no poker machines or bingo halls in those days.

"My mother Sheila Currie ran the card games because she liked a gamble and a bet on the horses.

"Mum had worked at the Carver Club in South Brisbane, an R and R (rest and recuperation) club for black American servicemen during World War II, before she married my old man, also Darcy, who was half French Canadian and half European.

"He worked for the council and raised cows as a hobby.

"Sheila was my role model: proud, strong and tenacious.

"She was still working as a cleaner when she died at the age of 64, two years after I had flown her to Melbourne to see the Melbourne Cup – first and last time she had been on a plane."

Mr Turgeon said he's not a religious man but sees himself as very spiritual.

"Let's face it, I loved Sheila, but an eternity together might stretch the friendship," he said.

"Look at the universe and you have to accept that anything and everything is possible when it comes to why we are here and where we are headed.

"Fly in a plane and think about this. Everything up there in the sky came from below ground in one way or another.

"Even the uniform on the flight attendant's back and the fuel running the engine.

"To me it is quite simple to know, as my ancestors knew, that our Mother, the Earth is our religion in that She gives us everything and only asks for our respect and nurture in return.

"I will leave it to the theologians who have argued for centuries about who is the best-and-fairest deity, and how to get to their respective Nirvana.

"I don't need to go to heaven when I die; I was born there: Australia."

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) on 1800 55 1800 78

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services are at www.naccho.org.au or www.sewbmh.org.au or www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au

"It is so frustrating when I hear the continual 'poor blackfella me' spruik that people in high-paying jobs are always drumming. They are expert at running the 'ain't it awful' line, and I'm sick of it. Instead of saying 'ain't it awful' they should be doing stuff for our people at the coalface. And believe me, a prison is coalface."

A visionary Nyungar man

By LYNLEY TUCKER

GREGORY Lawrence Garlett was born on February 13, 1951, at Bruce Rock Hospital in Western Australia's Wheatbelt, the eldest of nine children to Nyungar parents Lennard and Angelina.

Greg grew up in the camps and Aboriginal reserves that had tin shacks with sand floors. His grandparents were hard-working people who moved around for seasonal farm work and to help prevent the Government taking their children away. His parents instilled the same hard-working ethics in Greg.

At a very early age he and his brother Noel helped their father dismantle a small weatherboard house and rebuild it for the family to live in. It had no electricity or running water.

Greg faced many adversities growing up, including poverty, hardship and racism. His mother would wash the boys' clothes and bathe them before sending them to school. But on arriving at school the teacher didn't think the boys were clean enough so then proceeded to hose them down with cold water

and make them scrub their faces with a grey soap that was as rough as sandpaper.

However, Greg also encountered some wonderful people at school, some who remained his lifetime friends, in particular the Lewis family of Bruce Rock and the Crooks family of Merredin.

He went on to raise five children of his own and help look after some of his younger siblings and nephews.

After high school, Greg became a shearer. He had a gift for telling stories and enjoyed making people laugh.

But he also had a serious side. Greg always told the truth about things he loved, including the Nyungar people and culture. He was a self-taught advocate for Nyungar justice and recognition and taught himself how to talk to authorities and negotiate the law system.

He was a strong Nyungar warrior who stood up for the rights and justice of his people. He was among the many Nyungar people who fought for the Nyungar land and recognition in the federal courts.



The late Greg Garlett

He used his own personal funds to help fight for Nyungar land and register the claim. His testimony in the Federal Court demonstrated that Nyungars do have connection to land, past, present and future. His evidence to the court demonstrated that Nyungar people

still practise hunting in accordance with Nyungar law.

Greg described to the court how he was taught by his Elders to hunt for food from the land and how he still continued to hunt and fish. He raised his arms and gestured towards the hills, to show his hunting grounds.

That evidence was instrumental in helping the Swan Valley Nyungar people win native title over their metropolitan area in 2006. The win was described as a landmark case, as it was the first time any Indigenous people had managed to win a land claim over a metropolitan built-up area.

Greg served on the Kings Park management committee for 18 years, looking after country and in an advisory role with other Nyungar people. He worked with Elders and other members of the Swan Valley Nyungar community up until his health prevented him from attending meetings. He was a former member of the South West Land and Sea Council Elders Committee.

Greg lived and loved the Nyungar traditions. He hunted for meat to feed his family and others, participated in many bush trips and

was knowledgeable about his Nyungar country, careful and respectful about preserving the bush and its wildlife for future generations.

While Greg's working life was serious, he always had time for family and friends. He enjoyed a good yarn and a laugh and he was a keeper of stories.

Although Greg battled some major health issues towards the end of his life, he still continued to be involved in the Nyungar community and was a committee member of Yahnging Aboriginal Corporation, which he'd help form 25 years ago. Yahnging was started by Greg and his mother Angelina to help Nyungars create opportunities to improve their social educational employment prospects.

Once established, Yahnging assisted Nyungars with social services, housing training and employment through establishing a CDEP program in Perth's northern suburbs.

Greg was a visionary and a strong brave Nyungar warrior. He will be sadly missed by family, friends, work colleges, the Indigenous and the wider community.

Soldier for our people

HUNDREDS of mourners turned out in Adelaide to pay their respects to Marjorie Tripp AO, a descendant of the Ramindjeri people of the Ngarrindjeri nation. Ms Tripp was given full military honours at her funeral, including a guard of honour at the Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.

Marjorie was born on January 13, 1946, and passed away on May 16, 2016. She was 70.

Marj worked in the area of Aboriginal health and community programs for more than 40 years and was instrumental in initiating many programs and institutions that benefit Aboriginal people in South Australia and nationally. This includes establishing the Council of Aboriginal Elders of SA, the Tandanya National Cultural Institute in Adelaide, and the National HACC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group in 1992, which has provided a consultation model for all federal programs.

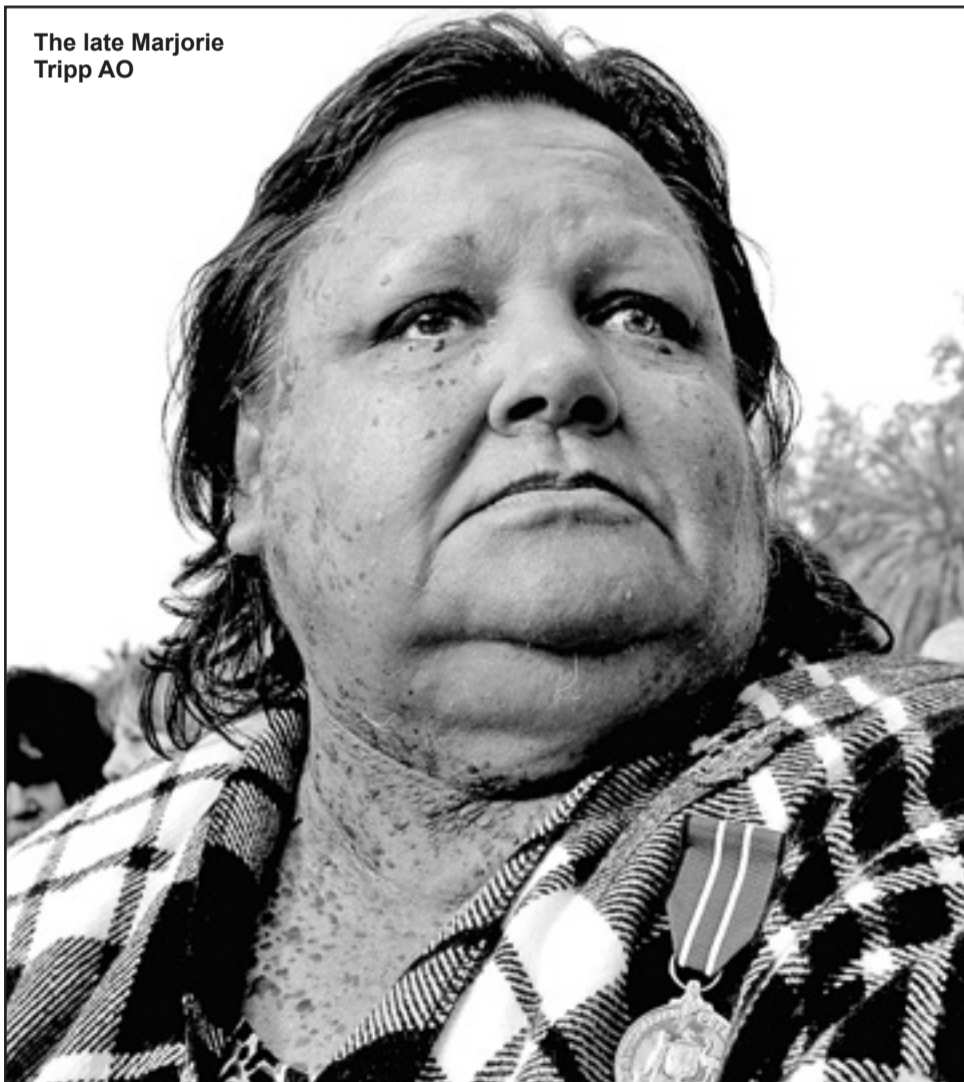
Marj's service to her country and community was remarkable. In the early 1960s, aged 17, she became the first Aboriginal member of the Women's Royal Australian Navy Service in an era when Aboriginal people were not yet recognised as Australian citizens.

As chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Committee, she ensured greater recognition for Aboriginal service personnel. A permanent memorial honouring the tens of thousands of Aboriginal Australians who have served their country now stands in the Torrens Parade Ground.

In 2001, Marj was awarded a Centenary Medal for her long service through Aboriginal care in South Australia, and nationally. In 2014 she was named an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her distinguished service to the Aboriginal community and her promotion of Aboriginal men and women in the armed services.

She has also been acknowledged by the

The late Marjorie Tripp AO



national Recognise campaign for her dedication and service to ensure the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to Australia is known by all Australians.

Last year, Marj was named the winner of the Gladys Elphick Award, which is presented during National NAIDOC Week to recognise the outstanding contribution of

an Aboriginal woman to her community and country.

Her work honoured the spirit of her people and those who have fought, in the services and in communities for more respect and in aged care for a good quality of life for her people.

SA's commissioners for Aboriginal Engagement Frank Lampard and Ina

Scales expressed their sympathy and condolences to the family.

Mr Lampard said Marjorie would be greatly missed and remembered always as a pioneer ahead of her time, a highly respected community leader and distinguished Australian servicewoman.

"She had a fighting spirit – always pushing for greater recognition and support for South Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"Her passion never wavered. She was a long-time chairwoman of the RSL's Aboriginal Ex-Service Members and Dependents Project, helping to link Indigenous veterans with government services.

"Marjorie was a strong leader, who advocated for the preservation of our culture. She also cared for the needs of older Aboriginal people, setting up a lot of aged-care facilities throughout the state and providing home care for Aboriginal people and people with disabilities.

"Under the leadership of her mentor Auntie Gladys Elphick, Marjorie was a devoted member of the Council of Aboriginal Women of South Australia, advocating for better conditions for her people.

"The day Marjorie was named the winner of the Gladys Elphick Award was such a proud moment for her, as Auntie Glad was very much her inspiration.

"Goodbye Marjorie, you will be dearly missed. You were a soldier for our people, right to the end.

"Thank you for your endearing strength and friendship. The legacies you have left behind will be forever cemented within our communities for generations to come."

SA Indigenous Affairs Minister Kyam Maher said Marj had demonstrated great bravery in her many remarkable achievements. "She will long be remembered as a highly respected Ramindjeri Elder, an Aboriginal community leader, a distinguished Australian servicewoman, and a friend to many South Australians," he said.



Recognise campaign joint director Tanya Hosch says it's vital to build on the achievements of the 1967 referendum. See page 26.

Concern over rights

RECENTLY I attended a rally at Parliament House, Perth, regarding the use of chemicals in the food chain and the environment in general.

I was asked to do an Acknowledgement of Country and gladly accepted. I was not a threat to anyone or anything. The issue of chemical use/abuse is of great importance to me and my peoples.

Given this, I have written to WA ministers asking for an explanation as to why 15 police officers and a Riot Squad van surrounded me,

one Aboriginal man with an Aboriginal flag, at the Parliament.

I had done nothing wrong and was only exercising my democratic and civil rights at the House of the People, for the people, or so I thought.

I've asked why is it that Aboriginal people exercising their rights are continuously subjected to treatment as though they are terrorists on their own sacred lands and waterways?

The taxi drivers' rally that had just finished

drew no reactions from the Parliament House security nor the WA Police or Riot Squad.

It seems non-Aboriginal rallies are being treated differently, and this behavior by government agencies is offensive to the Aboriginal people who have concerns and are citizens of Western Australia as well.

IVA HAYWARD JACKSON
Chairperson
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Aboriginal Corporation

POETRY

When The Black Bird Hovers

My days are grey
and happiness lacks
Death ready to attack
depression stabs my back.

My aching mind
drenched in loneliness
A prisoner at times
freedom from it I pine.

Voices inside my head
weigh me down like lead
Incessantly taunt
I'm better off dead.

I try opening my mouth
but no words exit
I scream out silently
but no sound breaks it.

I am just a human
with pains in my brain
Scars in my heart
wrapped in past chains.

Nobody loves me
I cry when alone
Nobody needs you
their hearts like stone.

I look in the mirror
and questions I ask it
Will they miss me
when I'm in a casket?

Then I remember
that I need myself
I will not give in
to the blues that I felt.

So I rise from my chair
pick my bones up
Slowly walk to the future
work my way to the top.

No more numbness
joy is my best friend
My life lies ahead
Until aging ends.

DANIELLA DJIBIDJEE
ROCHFORD

No More Aboriginal Suicides

One's A Lot, Two's Too Many,
Three's A Multitude
Hold On To Life My Native
Brothers Hold On
Suicide Is Not The Way
We Want You Here To Always
Stay.

We Need You To Hold The Fort
The Indigenous, Not Many Left
They Were Stolen From Their
Loved Ones
While Their Mothers And Fathers
Wept.

Hold On Now My Brothers
A New Day Now To Dawn
Although You've Really Suffered
Then You Were Left To Mourn.

Don't Listen To The Voices
That Bid You, To Death Come
Resist And Push Away
And The Evil Sure Will Run.

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Trailblazer



The first Aboriginal woman to be elected to Federal Parliament Senator Nova Peris gave her maiden speech last week. The former Olympian paid tribute to her ancestry and family and said she would bring all her gold medals to one equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Farewell comments on Peris

These are some comments regarding the resignation of Northern Territory senator Nova Peris taken from our Facebook page.

Kerri Benton: Thank you Senator Nova Peris, you have been such a wonderful inspiration and role model for me over the many wonderful years I have had you come into my life. I am really looking forward to enjoying the next part of your journey.

Carla Ellis: Thank you Senator Nova Peris. You are such an inspiration to all. You have certainly been a champion for change and I know you have inspired others to stand along side you. Thank you.

Scott Richard: Good onya Senator Nova Peris. Stamp out racism, no need for it, we are all equal regardless of race, colour or creed.

Clayton Simpson: She could have used her position to advocate for concrete outcomes for mob in the NT but instead chose to assimilate to her party's ideologies.

Susan Foster: Very happy for you Nova, but sad for us. Good luck with whatever you do. You have a good heart, you will do well.

● Pictured at left: The Koori Mail's front page from November 2013 when Nova Peris was named a senator.

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We need to show unity and solidarity like never before

LAST week I found myself in a car travelling for five hours in Aotearoa (New Zealand) to watch my son play rugby in Wellington, the nation's capital.

I was with two dads who had offered to take me to the game. Both were Pakeha (whitefellas) and self-made men, extremely successful in their chosen fields, one owning an up-market furniture franchise, the other in farming.

When I was younger, I would have felt intimidated and uneasy in their company. I understand that as Aboriginal people we do not necessarily represent poverty or hardship. But for me, personally, despite my mother working hard to buy our house, I unfortunately associated deficit, lack of education, unemployment, poverty, substance and other abuses with my Aboriginality.

I remember going to school and feeling frustration and anger at the kids men like these had, families who represented hard work and wellbeing. As if they were somehow spoilt, self-entitled and in some way benefiting from my own sense of displacement and alienation.

My pain was justified by many things: colonisation, my land had

been stolen, I could not speak my own language back then and I was surrounded by poverty. I was on a path of self-destruction, spent time in jail, both a victim and guilty of violence and I had substance abuse problems.

Through association my reality was normal. A highlight of my life was playing for Brisbane Natives rugby league – we won the grand-final in our 25th year but even that was associated with yarndi, grog and violence against women.

My best mate was arrested for a number of serious crimes, as were others. The drugs became worse as yarndi was replaced by speed and eventually ice and one by one the families around me started to fall apart. I was lost in my own hate, and had already accepted I would end up doing more time or even worse.

What turned things around was meeting my wife Rennae Hopkins. Rennae had a smile that would light up a room and loved me unconditionally. I treated her badly and like everyone else I cared about in my life I had accepted that one day she would leave.

She didn't.

In staying with me the light she carried started to go out, and



Woolombi Waters

though I was willing to live in a world of pain, I could not take responsibility for being the cause of her darkness, and so I had to change. Then my daughter was born and she was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen.

My daughter, together with her mother's love, allowed me to

become soft, caring and loving. My daughter had these amazing dark brown beautiful big eyes, almost like a cartoon and, with every laugh and giggle, the thug in me slowly disappeared.

Thanks to these two amazing Black beautiful women, my two youngest boys have no idea the darkness their father came from. But their two eldest broths were reminded almost daily... initiated into their father's pain. All my two youngest boys have ever known is a hardworking responsible father who loves them dearly.

It is such a shame, and a waste of time, that it took so many years, denial and false testimony before I found out who I really was.

I am not alone. I am now blessed in my education and work that I meet the people I do, and travel and see the world, but it has come from hard work, commitment and facing up to my responsibility and the love of two remarkable Black women.

Over the five hours I sat with these two white men in the car we discussed family, suicide, darkness and rebirth. You see, for all their success our lives were not that far apart. They too had both felt pain. One had lost his soul

mate and life partner to cancer, the other felt the dark shadow of suicide.

But in discussing such obstacles they both mentioned the need to keep going, if not for yourself then for those who love and depend you.

You know what, Black Australia? We have reached that time. We need to roll our sleeves up, accept the consequences of our actions and come together for the common good of all our people.

The White Paper has come to the Northern Territory in what is being called the final economic frontier. The nation is in discussions regarding Treaty and/or Constitutional recognition; we cannot let non-Indigenous people lead such important discussions and decide our future.

We need to show unity and solidarity like never before. Only we can lead our participation and forge our destiny.

It is time Black Australia... it is time.

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

What we need now more than 'sorry'

Indigenous Rights Adviser for Amnesty International Australia RODNEY DILLON talks about what 'sorry' meant to him this year.

NATIONAL Sorry Day is an important day to face up to the true history in Australia. Each year, it's a time when everyone should reflect on whether we have made enough progress since the National Apology by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in 2008.

Sorry Day was about government apologising for the pain, hurt and trauma that resulted from a very dark period in Australia – the Stolen Generations.

Our children were stolen from their mothers, families and communities under racist policies. The government took our children away because they thought they knew what was best for us – that we were the inferior race.

Those policies may have changed on paper but, as we marked another Sorry Day this year, the reality for Indigenous communities is that Indigenous children are currently nine times more likely to be in out-of-home care than non-Indigenous children.

It's not good enough for governments to keep removing children without addressing the underlying problems in their families.

On this day every year, we acknowledge the damage these removals caused, and continue to cause, Indigenous Australians. We keep working to reunite family members that were forcibly taken. We continue to help them connect back to who they are and to heal.

The Apology was important, but we continue to suffer from the trauma of the Stolen Generations.

So what do we need now? Sorry Day was about Australia

Rights Matter

A column from Amnesty International Australia



saying: "Sorry, what we have done to your people is wrong, and we will not do it again, and we want to make things right."

But there's more to this than just saying sorry or paying compensation. We need governments to work with us to support families to integrate back together and overcome the pain and hurt of the Stolen

Generations. We need to acknowledge and address the legacy of colonisation, dispossession and poverty.

We need government to stop acting like it knows what is best for our people without asking us what we think.

Amnesty's Community is Everything campaign is about saying: "We're not there yet. We need to support children and families to ensure that they are happy and healthy and remain connected to their culture and communities."

Right now in Australia, we are still removing far too many children from their families and communities.

Instead of repeating past mistakes, we need to do the work together now to right past wrongs. That is why we need your support on this campaign. To make sure our children are treated equally and supported to thrive.

If you'd like to add your voice

to Amnesty's campaign, please go to www.amnesty.org.au/action and add your name to any of the three Indigenous rights petitions there.

Despite the hurt and pain of the Stolen Generations, we see incredible resilience and commitment by Indigenous communities and leaders to be a part of the solution.

Community is Everything is about making sure our people are at the centre of designing local, Indigenous-led solutions for local issues.

It's about the government recognising that we need to work together, and building capacity in Indigenous communities.

We need to fix our broken justice system. We need to support families and communities and make our children and families safe and strong.

Our kids must be given every opportunity to reach their limitless potential.

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Congratulations finalists

Congratulations to this year's finalists for their initiatives that promote inclusiveness, build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and create greater opportunities for Queenslanders.

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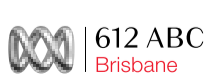
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We must build on what was started in 1967

FORTY-NINE years ago, Australia voted yes in our country's most successful referendum: the 1967 referendum – where more than 90% of Australians voted to allow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be counted equally. And it gave the Federal Government the power to make laws for us.

The campaign stunningly succeeded at a time when race relations were fraught and fractured and civil rights movements around the world were shining a light on the ugliness of racism.

Out of that time came a campaign of hope led by inspirational and trailblazing activists and leaders.

These fearless leaders and dear friends stand as a ready reminder – that you fight hard, you dig in and you keep going for the things that matter. You don't give up.

They remind us we are all part of a continuum of history, of struggle and reform, of small steps and big leaps.

The 1967 victory laid the groundwork for so much. It shifted something in the way Australians saw things – saw themselves and each other. A new understanding began. It didn't fix everything; it never intended to. But it was incredibly important.

It propelled so much more and it achieved much more than just the technical changes to the Constitution. It provided a pathway to substantial change. It exceeded the expectations people had of what was possible.

Out of the legacy of organised campaigning of 1967 came the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical services and legal services – important institutions backed by federal funding – because the 1967 campaigners won that mandate. And 1967 forged the path for self-determination movements and became the powerful antecedent to land rights.

Once you understand that, you understand that without that win, without those campaigners and their months and years of tireless, thankless work, none of the rest of that journey might have been possible.

These long, drawn-out struggles for basic rights and freedoms span generations: for reforms and legislation to give back land, for political activism and government action to tackle entrenched disadvantage in our communities, and for fundamental recognition of who we are.

The struggle continues. It will always continue until there is no more progress to be made, until nothing remains that's unfair or discriminatory or ignorant or racially loaded.

In other words, it continues from these honoured earlier generations through us in the present day and will continue for generations to come.

Now, as we've been the beneficiaries of their hard work and sacrifices, of their success in '67 and the big steps and victories that followed, it's incumbent upon us to make some gains of our own, to leave the place to our kids,

improved on what we found.

All of us have the chance to continue that legacy and be part of that big sweep of history. To do what the '67 campaigners did and gift to successive generations real change and reform.

To take a step back and consider the campaign for constitutional recognition and understand it as our responsibility to make this change exceed all expectations.

To consider the gift we give to all Australians by dealing with the blight of racial discrimination in our nation's basic law.

The 1967 generation has shown us the way. We are the generation of Australians responsible for making this moment happen. We cannot leave it to my young daughter, your children or grandchildren.

And now it's our time to dig in and work hard.

It's up to us.

This is not a new conversation. We have been on this journey for constitutional recognition for nearly four years and the calls for this important reform go back for decades – long before any politician placed it in their election manifesto.

But like any campaign for a change that matters, the longer it goes on the harder it gets. The harder it gets, the more determined you have to become.

So I say to you, now is the time for supporters to step up, saddle up and get ready for a tough, hard ride.

Because real change, real reform is never secured without a fight. And it's a huge change – where the foundations of our basic law will be rebuilt; where we deal with the discrimination in the nation's highest legal code; which can only be done by the people, not by politicians, or judges or anyone else; where all voting-aged Australians take part in acknowledging we have always been here; and that we have to remove racism from all parts of our community, structures, laws and systems, no matter how long it takes.

A change like this will only come after an almighty struggle.

So the easier, breezier, days of this campaign are behind us.

But there's no point being part of this during the sunny days, the fair weather.

Because it's only in the middle of a terrible tempest that this thing will be won.

So I say to all of you who have been such wonderful supporters, stick with us.

Stay the course.

Because if after a decade we give up on this now, when it's got hard and when there are doubts and when there are detractors, then what do we do next time there is an injustice to be fixed on this scale?

What right have I got, have any of us got, to give in because some people are saying this is not good enough?

All these changes – some symbolic, some practical, many of them both – only came about because people were determined, patient, stubborn and did not give up



Tanya Hosch

when the going got tough.

Of course I would like to be standing before you and saying the model's agreed and ready, the referendum is imminent and everything is perfect.

But as we know, it's not that simple.

That's not to let politicians off the hook – they also need to saddle up and get this done. They can't let this drift, and they can't hide behind the notion that they will only expend their political capital when all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples agree. I'm sorry, but we won't all agree.

I'm confident that a large and impressive majority of us can agree.

The truth is this is really hard

“Let's seize the opportunity and get this done.”

work and we are in the toughest period of this campaign and it will get tougher.

But if we can be tough, then I predict when we look back at this time we will see it as an era where we significantly moved the dial on political aspirations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

And this is not ignoring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are still the most disadvantaged people in this country – to this nation's very great shame.

We find ourselves in a time where the rights and recognition struggle, that goes back decades and decades, has been reignited.

I'm talking about treaty, about agreement making more generally, and about recognition and dealing with racial discrimination in the Constitution.

So while there is disagreement amongst us on some issues, and about the best ways to achieve our political aspirations, the truth is, we are making progress.

And as long as we disagree respectfully that's okay.

The loudest voices are often from

the radical ends of debate – from those who come from the long tradition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resistance.

Those who have always urged a high degree of accountability from the people working within the system to drive change.

I acknowledge that many of our people who have offered and continue to offer resistance do so at a high personal cost.

In truth, it's important to be pushed by people from this tradition to strive for the best outcome.

These voices matter and contribute to the vision. I also believe we need to stick to the facts as we get to this critical point in the debate.

I have been part of the campaign for treaty over time. I was one of the privileged few, as a young person, to learn from our more experienced leaders and thinkers as a youth representative on ATSIC's treaty think tank.

For me and so many other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who support treaty and constitutional recognition, we know that this is not an either/or choice.

I strongly reject the false choice that is promoted by some when it comes to constitutional recognition and treaty.

We should not be asked to choose.

Treaty and constitutional recognition can co-exist. We can work for both. Repeated legal advice makes that clear.

I spend a lot of time talking in the media and in other places defending the idea that constitutional recognition is no threat to other political aspirations for our people.

This is a good problem to have. It means there's a platform and a place and a growing process for these conversations.

It's becoming a cliché, but we can walk and chew gum. Or as my friend the brilliant young Aboriginal

barrister Tim Goodwin says, we can even walk and chew gum and text on our mobiles all at the same time.

We have to fight for this change now.

Australia's Constitution is, rightly, incredibly difficult to alter. To change it you need an overall majority of votes nationwide, plus majorities in a majority of states.

Only eight out of 44 referendums have ever succeeded and it hasn't been changed for 39 years.

It means any change needs overwhelming support pretty much across the continent. So that's our challenge and that's why we need to keep up the work and really dig in.

We're very confident we can get there because all the signs are strong. Consistently.

The Referendum Council is diligently doing its work, and will take the conversation about the model to communities nationwide.

We know the Australian public is impatient to get this done. For four years we have conducted rigorous and large-scale polling of attitudes across the community, making this the only large-scale, randomly

selected opinion research of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this issue.

It is designed to be representative of the broadest range of people in the community.

And that research has consistently shown high levels of support for the recognition of the First Australians in the Constitution.

The Recognise campaign has taken a leaf out of the '67 campaign play-book and taken this issue to the streets, homes, communities across Australia. Our three-year-old Journey to Recognition has travelled over 35,000km, holding 344 events across 260 communities, and meeting with more than 26,000 people in the process.

More than 293,000 people have signed on as supporters of Recognise.

During our Journey conversations we talk about the silence of our 50,000-year history in our Constitution and the racial discrimination that sits in it.

Many people are hardly aware of these issues. Some are hardly aware we have a Constitution.

But once they understand it, and what's at issue, overwhelmingly they are supportive. They see the simple justice in what's being proposed. It's a hugely encouraging reaction.

The case for change is powerful and it's achievable. We can do it.

And finally, just like '67, consider the alternative. If we can't achieve this important goal, our great grandkids will be living in a country 100 years from now that still hasn't recognised Indigenous Australia.

And they will live with the stain of racism on our nation's rule-book.

There are always reasons to wait for something that seems more perfect or more complete. We can always find excuses to not do things, to put things off.

But are we really going to look our kids in the eye and say, "Sorry, we had the chance to deal with this but we thought we should wait for something better, something else"?

It's not acceptable.

We need to get this done and in just over 12 months it could be done.

The same pre-conditions are in place as back in '67. We have a fantastic, extremely committed team of campaigners. We have multi-party political support. And, let's be honest. Even though this is big step forward, when you think about it, we're not asking much.

We're asking that Australia takes up its place in modern society as a country that doesn't have racially discriminatory sections lurking in its nation's basic law.

We're asking that the national founding document recognises the people who were here all along.

We're here, and we've always been here.

And what I'm simply asking of you is to see yourself in the continuum of history, connect yourself to the '67 campaigners. Let's seize the opportunity and get this done.

● *Torres Strait Islander woman Tanya Hosch is joint director of Recognise. This is an edited version of the speech she gave at a National Reconciliation Week breakfast in Adelaide.*



Members of the Kids Caring for Country Dance Troupe perform at the Kinship Festival in Murwillumbah.



Yulamarah Pearce, 2, of Tweed Heads.



A smoking ceremony is part of the festival.

Festival all about kinship

Pictures by TEGAN KING

NSW IT WAS all about family and community at the recent Kinship Festival in Murwillumbah on the NSW far north coast.

Organised by the Kids Caring For Country Playgroup to celebrate National Families Week, the Kinship Festival was created with the vision of

connecting children and families with country, culture and each other.

The free day's program featured Indigenous dance, song and story and included workshops, live music and a bush tucker lunch.

The event was supported by many local community organisations and businesses, and was declared a great success by the hundreds who attended.



Rich Atkin and Pat Orme, from Lismore.



Yamie Currie and Zara Duncan, from Tweed Heads, and Waru Willoughby, of Murwillumbah.



Roseanne Roberts, of Lismore, with Joy Peters, from Tweed Heads.



Aunty Kath Lena and Janette Saunders, of Tweed Heads.



Srimati Paudal, Christine Morgan, Colleen Byrnes and Ash Jarrett, all from Tweed Heads, at the festival.

Robust discussion at Homeground Talks

By NATALIE CROMB



AS the sails were lit for the first night of the Vivid festival, inside the Sydney Opera House was the first annual

Homeground Talks, which saw robust discussion about sovereignty, recognition and economies.

The discussions took place on May 27, the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australia voted 'yes' to giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people status in the Constitution.

The first panel, 'Unfinished Paperwork: Recognition and Sovereignty' was chaired by South Sea Islander and Bundjalung academic Romaine Moreton, who set the tone of the discussion by asking the fundamental question of whether we should pursue constitutional recognition or treaty, or something else entirely.

Panelists were Palawa lawyer and activist Michael Mansell, Amajere activist and humanitarian Rosalie Kunoth-Monks and Maori activist Tame Iti.

"Recognition will be nothing more than symbolism," Mr Mansell said. "The states have completed the recognition process and nothing has changed for Aboriginal people."

The Tasmanian man said a treaty is not a document of surrender and that no-one is harmed by a treaty, there is no reduction of rights and privileges.

"It is a means for Aboriginal people to have their truthful history acknowledged and documented and a new way to look at rights and sustainability of communities," Mr Mansell said.

Mr Mansell discussed the communities fortunate enough to maintain language and songlines but spoke of their oppression and the necessity to build up these communities "as it betters us all to invest in this rich history".

Powerful and evocative, Ms Kunoth-Monks received resounding applause.

"When I am on country, Arapunya, I am me, I am mother to thousands, aunty to thousands, sister to thousands and it is this family and our land that I live for," she said. "Pure humanity and pure love."

Ms Kunoth-Monks mirrored Mr Mansell's sentiments in favour of a treaty, saying it was important to have sovereignty acknowledged.

"We know it. I shouldn't even have to say it, but I am a sovereign woman," she said. "I am from this land. I sprung from this land. I care for this land."

"We cannot afford to keep mucking around. It is time to come together as humans and claim our rights as sovereign First Nations peoples."

Mr Iti spoke of the Treaty of Waitangi and how enforcement of treaty can sometimes be difficult. But, he said, in Australia, we at least need to start the conversation because treaty is the



Homeground Talks Open for Business panel members, at back, David Bridie, John Faunt, Marcia Langton; front, Amelia Telford and chair Romaine Moreton. Pictures: Quentin Jones



Tame Iti, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, Michael Mansell and Romaine Moreton at the Sydney Opera House.

only way to afford Indigenous people rights to which they are entitled.

"It is important to have the conversation, with respect and looking each other in the eyes. Each of the Aboriginal groups need to come together and unite," he said.

The second discussion, 'Open

for Business: Diverse Economies in First Nations', also chaired by Dr Moreton, saw a panel of influential artists and academics including non-Indigenous musician David Bridie, Manus Island activist and musician John Faunt, Yiman and Bidjara academic Marcia Langton and Bundjalung environmentalist

Amelia Telford present their arguments for alternative economies.

Mr Bridie spoke of his experience with the people of the Pacific islands who have created growing communities of tourism, art and music. He spoke of art installations and music being brought to galleries in Brisbane to

showcase the talents of Pacific island community artists and musicians. He said the "ethical preservation of culture and history through art" has created a sustainable economy in these communities.

Ms Telford said Indigenous communities needed to look beyond mining for prosperity.

"Mining is destroying our land and culture. It is also the leading contributor to climate change," she said. "We need to seek out new and diverse means of economic enterprise that is ethical. We cannot continue seeing this as our only means for jobs because expecting our people to work in an industry that is destructive of our land and culture is unethical."

Mr Faunt had the audience riveted with his account of what it is like to be a First Nations person from Manus Island, particularly given the international reputational damage because of the Australian detention centre, which illegally houses asylum-seekers. He said the detention centre was destructive to the land and culture and has done more damage to the people and community than the carrot of jobs and money being dangled provides.

"The promise of jobs and wealth was not all as promised, and the promised benefits of infrastructure and development is being doled out at a snail's pace," Mr Faunt said.

"We cannot trust government; we must step up and innovate on our own."

Mr Faunt had numerous ideas, including human resources through setting up call centres and IT service centre remotely to rival the likes of the Philippines as the Manusians are "a very intelligent and savvy people".

He said there were many abundant crops that could be exported and the art and music is also abundant. He said relationships and an entrepreneurial spirit are all that is needed to develop economic pathways to sustainability for First Nations people.

The final speaker, Prof Langton, did note that she was the exception to the theme of the night for alternative economies and spoke of her involvement as director and shareholder of a mining company, Riverview Global Pty Ltd, and chairperson for some mining services companies.

She spoke of the employment opportunities afforded to Aboriginal people through mining and said that Indigenous employment was beyond 60% for some mining companies.

She was unapologetic in her stance and said that many of the Aboriginal people who negotiated with mining companies were also pragmatic in their dealings.

"We can refuse to negotiate and get nothing, or we can negotiate to ensure that our people are taken care of," Prof Langton said.

Aboriginal station hosts workshop



FOR the first time, an Aboriginal station in the Kimberley has hosted a workshop on low-stress stock handling, to improve stock management and productivity.

Lamboo Station, 45km south-west of Halls Creek in the East Kimberley and run by the Ngunjivirri Aboriginal Corporation, plans to adopt the stock-handling technique across its herd of 2300 head of Shorthorn/Brahman cattle.

It was also the first time that Queensland trainer Jim Lindsay has undertaken a workshop on an Aboriginal station in Western Australia.

Twenty-one participants from Noonkanbah, Millijiddee, Glen Hill, Doon Doon, Bow River and Lamboo stations attended.

Lamboo station manager Robin Yeeda was excited to learn more about low-stress stock handling and how it would benefit both the cattle and his stockmen.



Participants at the stock handling workshop for Indigenous stations, held at Lamboo Station.

"We have made a huge investment in the infrastructure on the property, so that it is set up for low-stress stock handling," he said.

"On the northern side of Great Northern Highway, where our herd is run, there are now nine

paddocks, connected by four laneways.

"We have also built new stockyards with a grant from the Indigenous Land Corporation, as well as a series of trap gates to facilitate mustering and moving cattle into the laneways to

access the new cattle yards.

"There are also nine bores, operated by a combination of windmills and solar driven pumps, and three dams."

Mr Yeeda invited managers and stock handlers from other Aboriginal stations to attend the

workshop, so that could benefit from the knowledge shared.

"We are now looking forward to working together and sharing the information to improve our stock-handling knowledge and skills," he said.

"If we are going to improve our business skills we need to improve our stock-handling skills."

Low-stress stock handling is based on better understanding animal instincts to move stock more calmly without the need for force and, in doing so, reduce the risk of meat quality losses from bruising and dark meat induced by stress.

The technique has been adopted on many agricultural and pastoral properties in Western Australia and other states.

Coordination of the workshop was supported by the Department of Agriculture and Food's Indigenous Landholder Service, which has been working with the Ngunjivirri Aboriginal Corporation for 12 years in its pursuit of financial viability.

Tas heritage anger

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines have renewed calls for adequate penalties to deter the wilful destruction of their

heritage in the wake of recent vandalism to a precious hand stencil site in central Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal community is outraged and saddened at the extensive damage to one of only eight known hand stencil sites in Tasmania. It appears someone has used a rock and scratched over the ochre stencils, making them barely visible.

The damage was discovered by an Aboriginal men's group visiting the Nirmena nala cave site last week.

Nirmena nala was only returned to the Aboriginal community last year, and is the only known surviving hand stencil site in the area linked to the Big River tribe.

An associated hand stencil site about 100 metres away was inundated for a Hydro Electric Scheme dam in the late 1960s.

Hatred

Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania chair Clyde Mansell said the damage destroyed the spirituality within the cave. He said the attack was a display of complete disrespect and hatred.

"This is just another example of the level of hatred that exists within the broader community when it comes to protecting Aboriginal heritage and, given the remoteness of the site, it further shows the extremes that people will go to, to express that hatred," he said.

Should a Tasmanian Police and Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and



Adam Thompson, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, shows the recent vandalism to a priceless Aboriginal heritage site.

Environment investigation lead to a prosecution, the maximum penalty under the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* is \$1500 or six months' jail.

The legislation has been difficult to enforce because of an

ignorance clause.

By comparison, damage to non-Aboriginal heritage attracts a maximum fine of \$700,000.

The incident has also highlighted failings and inconsistencies in state and

municipal planning provisions.

The area around Nirmena nala was recently subdivided, but surveys to locate and protect Aboriginal heritage were conducted afterwards.

Over the past two decades,

hundreds of thousands of dollars, several committees, negotiations, consultations and a draft bill to replace the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* have come to nothing.

Rocky Sainty, who chairs the Aboriginal Heritage Council, a Tasmanian government advisory group, late last week confirmed that the council has been working with the Government on legislative reform.

"Penalties are shameful. That's probably the reason people destroy heritage," he said.

"There's no fear there. They walk away scot free. If any changes are going to be made a major one of them should be they at least equal the penalties in the European heritage act."

Indictment

Adam Thompson, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, says the destruction of the site is an indictment on the Tasmanian Government, which has failed to introduce effective Aboriginal heritage protection laws.

"Years of neglect of Aboriginal heritage by government and their attitude that our heritage is a low priority, compared to development, has encouraged some elements of the Tasmanian community to think that they can wreak this type of senseless damage with impunity," Mr Thompson said.

"We have pressed the Government for years to improve the protection afforded to our heritage but it refuses to act.

"The Government has had the Brighton Bypass built on our Aboriginal heritage at Katalayna, four-wheel-drive vehicles encouraged to destroy our precious sites in the West Coast Aboriginal cultural landscape, and individuals know that there are few penalties if they go out and destroy our heritage."

New housing on the way in Kimberley



THE West Kimberley Transitional Housing Program in Broome has been officially launched by Western Australian Regional Development Minister Terry Redman.

The program is a partnership between the WA Government and the Kimberley Development Commission to deliver a minimum of 40 houses in Broome and 20 in Derby.

Mr Redman said the program provided stable, affordable housing to Aboriginal people in Broome and Derby who were engaged in employment or training, committed to ensuring their children attended school and wanted to move towards being responsible for their own homes. "The ultimate goal is for participants to move into private rental or purchase their own home," he said.

The project was made possible by a \$33 million allocation through the Government's Royalties for Regions program.

The Government, through the Housing Authority, contributed the land for the 60 new dwellings.

Mr Redman met with participants in the program, who will have access to support services to help them reach their goals.

These may include referrals to community support networks such as health, education and employment agencies.

Program

A transitional housing program in the East Kimberley has resulted in school attendance among Kununurra and Halls Creek participant's children reaching 99% and 97% respectively.

Housing Minister Colin Holt said the program would provide a vital service to Aboriginal people in the West Kimberley.

"Participants are encouraged to develop independence, improving ownership opportunities and promoting intergenerational change to support a better quality of life," he said.



Preston Campbell launches Presto's Training Cafe, a social enterprise that trains Indigenous people in hospitality.

Presto scores with Dreamworld cafe



THEME park Dreamworld has joined with sportsman and *Koori Mail* columnist Preston

Campbell to launch Presto's Training Cafe, a social venture allowing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to complete hospitality training and gain experience working at the new Dreamworld Corroboree outlet.

Officially opened last month by Queensland Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt, the new cafe features its own coffee brand, the 'Artie Pie' named after rugby league legend Arthur Beetson.

It also offers sweet treats, with future plans for bush-tucker inspired foods.

Mr Campbell said participants were mentored and supported at the cafe while they developed hospitality skills and shared their culture with domestic and international visitors to Dreamworld.

"Currently, there is still a

gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in areas such as employment," he said.

"As a social venture, Presto's Training Cafe offers training, personal development and employment opportunities for Indigenous people within the hospitality and tourism industries.

"It's a great way to engage the community and create pathways into the industry."

Mr Campbell said the cafe had celebrated its first set of graduates, with five participants completing Certificate II in Kitchen Operations and three of them subsequently employed by Dreamworld.

The project has been jointly funded by Dreamworld and the Preston Campbell Foundation (PCF), with proceeds going directly back to the PCF.

Dreamworld chief executive Craig Davidson said the partnership further strengthened the park's commitment to Indigenous communities through Dreamworld Corroboree and the park's Reconciliation Action

Plan (RAP) which aims to improve the three pillars of relationships, opportunities and respect.

"We are very proud of our long-standing relationship with the Yugambeh Language Group people of the Gold Coast, and this new partnership with the Preston Campbell Foundation gives us yet another avenue to strengthen these ties and give back to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," he said.

Opened in 2013, Dreamworld Corroboree was developed through the assistance and approval of Aboriginal people across 22 language groups around Australia.

Located in Dreamworld and included in the park's admission price, Dreamworld Corroboree is a hands-on experience.

Guests can learn how to make fire, play the didgeridoo and traditional instruments, and see the 'Creation Story of the Gold Coast' feature that was gifted from Yugambeh Elder Patricia O'Connor.



Joe Craigie from Pathfinders helps two sisters in Brewarrina apply for birth certificates.

Pathfinders project delivers certificates



THE Pathfinders Aboriginal Birth Certificate Project is conducting sign-up days in towns and areas where many

Aboriginal people don't have birth certificates. Since the project started, about 1000 people have received their birth certificates.

The primary source of funding for the Pathfinders project is the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC) under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

The Government says it is committed to achieving better results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in three priority areas – getting children to school, adults into work and building safe communities. It recognises that having a birth certificate is essential.

Unregistered births of Indigenous Australians are higher than in the wider community, and

applications for birth certificates are noticeably lower.

A grant from PMC to help Pathfinders tackle this issue will allow more sign-up days, cover the costs of birth certificates, and let more people fully participate in society and address the areas of focus of the IAS.

A free birth certificate is available for Aboriginal applicants who are preparing to attend pre-school, primary or secondary school; are transitioning from school to the workforce or into further education; or were born in NSW, Queensland, the ACT or Victoria.

A parent of children or young people applying is also eligible.

Today (June 1) and tomorrow, Pathfinders will be at Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Umina, and on Friday at Yerring Multipurpose Centre, Wyong. Sessions will be held in Mount Druitt on June 20-21 and in Redfern on June 22.

Teacher a double winner in Northern Territory awards

By KEIRA JENKINS



KATE Axten, from Alice Springs, has won the Northern Territory Young Indigenous

Educator of the Year Award as well as being named 2016 NT Young Achiever of the Year.

The NT Government Young Indigenous Educator Award, sponsored by the Department of Education, recognises young Indigenous teachers, assistant teachers, support staff and students studying education courses who are making a positive impact

The Arrente woman said she was completely surprised to receive both honours.

"Honestly, I didn't think I'd win. It was nice to be recognised for what I do though; I do what I do because I love it," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Ms Axten, now a Year 7 English and Humanities teacher at Centralian Middle School, said she has done many different things to get where she is.

"Last year I was selected to go to South Africa – I was one of 10 Indigenous people in the country on the tour, and I helped build an eco-village and refurbish a classroom," she said.

"I've also coached sports like soccer and basketball and as I've got older and busier I've tried to get involved in all the things going on in the community.

"I also foster children who need a home. I guess it's a



Alice Springs-based teacher and award-winner Kate Axten: "It was nice to be recognised for what I do ... I do what I do because I love it."

combination of all this that's landed me where I am."

Although Ms Axten is now passionate about furthering Indigenous education as a teacher, she said that was not always the plan.

"When I left school I knew I didn't want to be stuck in an office and I knew I wanted to work with kids," she said.

"I thought either being a social worker or a teacher

would be a good way to give back to the community.

"It was my time as a tutor and youth worker in Alice Springs that made me think teaching may put me in the best position to create change with kids."

Ms Axten said she is inspired not just by other teachers on whom she has modelled her own educating style, but also by her mother,

who has worked as an Indigenous liaison officer in schools.

"I've taken something small from each of the teachers who have mentored me," she said.

"I also look back and think I had some good teachers at school and if it wasn't for them I may not have made the decisions I have and ended up where I am."

Ms Axten is also an assistant coach of the Yirara girls' soccer team and said sport has always been an important part of her life.

"My parents were always involved in sports and from a young age I was roped into helping out," she said.

"When I finished school and started working with kids I realised that for some kids sport is their only outlet.

"They can truly express themselves on the sports field. It's not just playing but even just getting out there and out of the house."

Ms Axten has been a teacher for just three years and said she's got a lot more to learn herself.

"I want to develop my skills and my knowledge of education and be an active part of change in Indigenous education because these kids who are 'behind' by national benchmarks just have a knowledge that is not recognised," she said.

"I see it when I take the kids on camps; there are some kids who can tell you what plants to eat if you're feeling sick or who can tell you where to dig for water.

"This knowledge needs to be recognised and developed."

Apology over flag T-shirt incident



QUEENSLAND'S Clerk of Parliament has apologised after a security guard wrongly prevented a woman wearing an Aboriginal flag T-shirt entering Parliament House.

Speaker Peter Wellington says the guard made an "error of judgment" by stopping the woman, who was forced to wear a jumper before being allowed to enter.

"This should not have happened," Mr Wellington told Parliament.

"The Aboriginal flag is proudly flown on the precinct and in this chamber."

Mr Wellington said Clerk of Parliament Neil Laurie had apologised to the woman and would do so in writing as well. – AAP

South Australia joins Recognise



SOUTH Australia has signed up to a campaign to recognise Indigenous people in Australia's constitution with AFL star and Indigenous ambassador Adam Goodes travelling to Adelaide to mark the occasion.

SA is the second state, after NSW, to join the Recognise campaign.

Mr Goodes says the campaign will ensure voters are well informed and ready, when the time comes, to make the important changes to the Constitution to recognise Australia's First People.

Education RAP has a challenge



THE ACT Education Directorate has released a revised Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) it says challenges all employees to create an

organisational culture that is enriched by the diversity and knowledge of Indigenous people and culture. Education Minister Shane Rattenbury said the directorate has engaged in challenging and thought-provoking conversations about reconciliation, its purpose, as well as its impact.

"They have produced a totally revised RAP with a refreshed sense of ownership," he said.

"While the RAP is an important tool in our journey towards reconciliation, the decisions we make and the conversations we have every day will eventually result in the change that is needed to create a culture of inclusivity."

Aboriginal name for Sydney street



A SYDNEY street will be given the Aboriginal name Dalgal Way in recognition of its significance as a fishing and trading site for the local Gadigal and Wangal people. The Sydney City Council says the new name for the Annandale street reflects the city's commitment to promoting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and languages through place naming.

Dalgal means 'mussel' in the language of the Gadigal and Wangal people, who lived and fished around Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay, where dalgal was a food source.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said naming the street provided an opportunity to honour the world's oldest living culture.

Crime the target



INDIGENOUS people are the focus of grants totalling more than \$3.1 million to 21 organisations in Western Australia for crime prevention and support programs.

Attorney-General Michael Mischin detailed the latest round of funding under the Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program.

New Qld parks laws welcomed



THE Queensland Government has passed laws to ensure future governments must always work closely with Aboriginal and Islander communities to manage national parks, especially in

Cape York. Olkola Aboriginal Corporation chairman Michael Ross commended the State Government for "recognising Indigenous people" but said the passing of the Bill was "only the start of that journey".

"We wanted to be part of the making of the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015* because we own the land. It's our country," Mr Ross said.

"The legislation is the foundation which we needed to be a part of. I'm not the only traditional person who thinks that.

"We own the land under Australian law

and it's a part of our traditional country, and the Bill needed to support that."

Queensland National Parks Minister Steven Miles said the legislation acknowledged the importance of involving Indigenous people in protected areas in which they had "an interest under Aboriginal tradition or Island custom".

"This is in addition to ensuring that the focus of our national park system is the conservation of nature," he said.

Recognition

Dr Miles said amendments to the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015* strengthened recognition of Indigenous people in the joint management of conservation areas on Cape York, known as 'national parks (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land – CYPAL)'. "Eight local Indigenous groups are

involved in management of the Lakefield National Park on Cape York, and more than 40 Indigenous rangers have now been trained," he said.

"Some of the rangers are in fulltime employment with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and are trained in areas including fire management, fencing and forestry."

The new law streamlines the process of converting Cape York's regional parks into the 'national parks (CYPAL)' category.

The Government says this is an important contribution to the Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program, which returns land ownership to Traditional Owners through jointly managed national parks.

More than 250,000 hectares of land could become part of the tenure program over coming years.

Bundjalung stories inspire students



LISMORE Regional Gallery has launched the *Bundjalung Stories: our art, our connection to country* exhibition with Digby Moran.

The Bundjalung Elder met with primary school students from around Lismore, telling stories that inspired the children's artworks presented in the exhibition.

About 30 students from Albert Park, Goonellabah, Lismore, Lismore Heights, Lismore South, and Wyrallah Road public schools were involved in the program.

Mr Moran said it was an honour to work with all the students and they should be proud of themselves.

"It helps them keep in touch with their culture and know where they come from," he said.

"I loved working with the kids and that's what I've been told, spiritually – I should work with kids."

Mr Moran told the students stories of growing up on Cabbage Tree Island, near Ballina, and how he creates his artwork, hoping to inspire them.

He encouraged the students



Digby Moran with the artists of *Dolphin Dreaming*: Reshawn Brown, Shannyah Hope, Chantarie Roberts and Raymond Welsh.

to follow their hearts and go for whatever they want to achieve.

"It feels so good to see these kids achieving and this will be something they can look back on with pride," he said.

Each school's painting represents an idea from one of Mr Moran's stories.

Lismore Heights Public School students Reshawn Brown, Shannyah Hope, Chantarie

Roberts and Raymond Welsh's painting *Dolphin Dreaming* is inspired by Mr Moran's stories about seeing dolphins in the river.

Wyrallah Road Public School

students CJ King, Madison Stanford-King, Braeden Williams and Tamsyn Phipps' painting *Totem Nation* represents the local land and sea totems coming together.

Albert Park Public School students Shaniquea, Dwayne, Hanaya, Tyrell, Jerahkye and Clinton's *Catch Fish* depicts Bundjalung men with their nets and boats catching fish.

Lismore South Public School's Seth Woodcroft, Shanaya Anderson, Coby Clapham, Jack Latham, Deserae Dalu and BJ Franke's *Connectedness* used Mr Moran's life story as inspiration for their artwork.

Goonellabah Public School's Latysa Smith, Lachlan Maguire, Ezekiel Stephenson-Bolt and Juantaya Coldwell's *The Dolphins* tells the story of when the tribes went fishing.

Lismore Public School's Lekhia Dargin, John Gorman, Hayley Jones and Cherakia Roberts' *The Dolphin Net* was inspired by the story of dolphins on Cabbage Tree Island working with the people to herd and catch fish.

The exhibition will continue at the Lismore Regional Art Gallery until June 4.

20 years in business



Dreamtime Kullilla Art's Michael Connolly, surrounded by merchandise, is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his Brisbane-based business, which has grown from humble beginnings.

By KEIRA JENKINS



TWENTY years ago, Kullilla/Murawarri man Michael Connolly started selling didgeridoos at Redcliffe markets in Brisbane.

Back then he had 10 didgeridoos to sell, laid out on a tarp, at his first market.

Two decades on, Mr Connolly and his wife Jo are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their Dreamtime Kullilla Art.

The business has expanded greatly from those early days, now having an online presence and walk-in shopfront with a range of products from art and bush tucker to clothing and number plates. A new series of Victorian number plates is about to be launched.

Mr Connolly said he's proud of the business he has built with his wife.

"Twenty years in the business just happened. When you're so involved in something, time just goes," he said.

"When you look at your children and see they're 22 and 24, when you realise how long people have been associated with your business, you kind of go 'oh'.

"Strength of our business"

"The strength of our business, though, is that it's Aboriginal products by an Aboriginal family."

Mr Connolly said he's hoping to get another 10 years at least out of the business.

"My wife and I would like to travel because we've worked seven days a week, 12 hours a day for the past 20 years," he said.

Mr Connolly said that while the pair has travelled overseas, it is always for business.

"Rather than a holiday you get there, you do your art exhibition and you leave," he said.

"I guess the 'holiday' part is the fact that we get to showcase an Aboriginal business and promote what we can do.

"I hope people look at me and think, 'He's done it for 20 years, so I can do it too.'"

Dreamtime Kullilla Art is also an endorsed and recommended supplier of licensed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag products.

Mr Connolly said this means his business is the go-to for governments and corporations wanting to buy products with anything to do with the Aboriginal flag design.

For more information, visit www.kullillaart.com.au

Competition is for Hunter youth



HUNTER Primary Care has launched its inaugural Indigenous Youth Art Competition, aiming to encourage, showcase and celebrate the talents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 7-12 across the Hunter region.

Hunter Primary Care says to show its commitment to Closing the Gap and to coincide with National Reconciliation Week

the competition has been launched with health and wellbeing front of mind, with a theme Healthy Mob, Deadly Future.

There's \$3000 worth of prizes, with the winning entries receiving an Apple iPad Air, cash, plus an Eckersley's art voucher for themselves and the same prizes for their school.

Winning artworks will be featured and promoted across a range of Hunter Primary Care materials including its Reconciliation

Action Plan, brochures, merchandise, website and social media.

Hunter Primary Care chief executive Dr Kevin Sweeny said the organisation recognises the importance of strong cultural foundations to sustainable improvements in health and wellbeing.

"Reconciliation is all about improving relationships between Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community," he said.

"This art competition is an ideal opportunity for young people to have their artistic talents recognised as well as showcase their school's commitment to reconciliation.

"We are encouraging Indigenous students from across the Hunter to get involved."

Entries close July 1. An entry form and more information about the art competition is at www.hunterprimarycare.com.au

Homage to Stolen Gens



WIRADJURI choreographer Vicki Van Hout is directing a new production of

Jane Harrison's acclaimed play *Stolen* this month.

The play, now two decades old, tells the stories of five Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their families and into adoption.

Ms Van Hout said the play, which she was asked to direct by the National Theatre of Parramatta, pays homage to the Stolen Generations.

"It gives some insight into the implications of the Stolen Generations and the experiences some people went through," she said.

"I think there was a lot of community consultation when the play was first written.

"It reminds me of a song cycle, the way it follows the life of five different characters from youth through adulthood."

Ms Van Hout said the way the play is arranged in short scenes helps to make an impact.

"There's a lot of reinforcement of themes and experiences. I can recognise the inherent poetic and courageous way that stories are told in communities," she said.

"This play has that same way of storytelling – it's an artist's way of storytelling."

The play will be presented in a fresh way, which Ms Van Hout hopes will resonate long after the performance ends.



Wiradjuri choreographer Vicki Van Hout.

She said directing *Stolen* wasn't initially on the cards for her but she is glad to be working with the National Theatre of

Parramatta on the play. "They've chosen works for their inaugural season that reflect the diversity of people

living in the area," Ms Van Hout said.

"They've chosen bold works and *Stolen* makes a bold

statement. They want to represent all the diversity."

Through the themes of the Stolen Generations, the universal ideas of a desire to belong and be loved run through the play.

Ms Van Hout said the stories are testaments of how we ought not to behave.

"This play is important. It stands up to remember what happened so we don't forget," she said.

"It explores the universal theme that children need people to love them through exploring this act of genocide.

"We need to put that out plainly and say those words so they're not swept under the carpet. People could get over these things easier if it was talked about more openly."

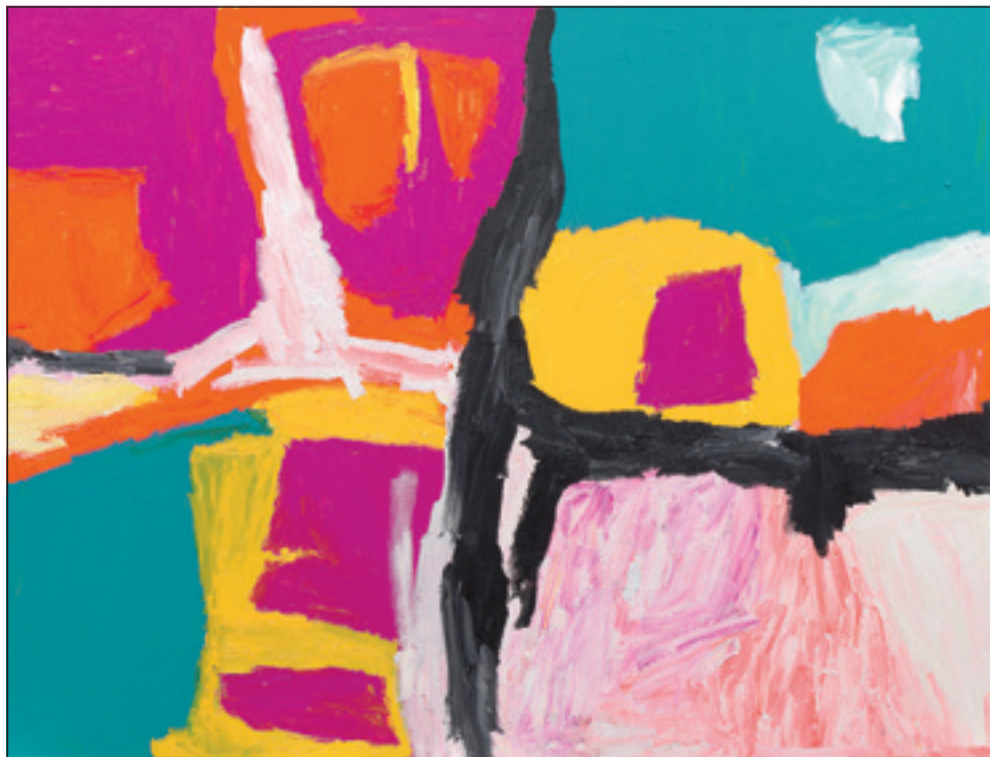
The story shows the children trying to make sense of the world after they have been stripped of everything they know.

Ms Van Hout said she has endeavoured to find relevance to today within the stories.

"I'm relating it to the forced closure of communities. It's not the same issue but it shows the same kinds of things are still happening," she said.

"It's part of my responsibility as a performance maker to make sure these stories are told.

"I still have a lot to learn because you can never know everything. It is my responsibility to ensure these things are not lost."



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Graduates on the right trail to succeed



Kailu George, centre rear, with other TRAIL graduates.



GRADUATES of the Training Rural Australians In Leadership (TRAIL) Program recently returned home after an eight-day schedule set in Canberra. Torres Strait Regional Authority's (TSRA) sponsored TRAIL participant Kailu George, from Thursday Island, was among the group of 11 emerging leaders from across rural and regional Australia.

TRAIL, a cross-sector leadership program run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF), is designed for Australia's future rural leaders.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said participants develop their foundational

leadership knowledge, engage with inspiring leaders from in and around Canberra and network with peers for future support.

"The TRAIL program has been specifically designed to establish collaborative skills, build team cooperation and understand individual's behavioural preferences," he said.

"It allows young leaders to gain new perspectives and gain confidence in their leadership abilities."

Mr Elu said applications for next year's TRAIL Program will open in February next year. Application forms are available on (07) 4069 0700, email info@tsra.gov.au or at www.tsra.gov.au



Ooralta Aboriginal Centre director Greg Davison and UNE graduate Brooke Kennedy.

High praise for UNE's Ooralta



THE University of New England recognised the work of 29 Aboriginal

students at the recent autumn graduation ceremonies.

For student Brooke Kennedy, from Glen Innes on the NSW Northern Tablelands, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science with Honours, the day had special significance.

"I'm the first of my family to attend university and wouldn't have been able to do it without the support I received from Ooralta Aboriginal Centre," she said.

"I missed out on an Early Entry program into UNE and instead enrolled in an alternative entry program called the Internal Selection Program (ISP) with Ooralta in 2010.

"Ooralta provided advice and

support and guided me through the process of how to apply to Abstudy to fund my travel, meals and accommodation while in Armidale for the ISP assessment day.

"They also helped me find and pay for a maths and geology tutor in my first year.

"Very proud"

"I am very proud of my successes and will continue my studies when I enrol in a PhD later this year to research domestic dog behaviour."

Ooralta director Greg Davison, a Wiradjuri man from Cowra, southern NSW, congratulated Ms Kennedy on her achievements.

"I remember participating in a similar alternative entry program in the 1990s, completing my bachelor and master degrees and now living out my career

aspirations at UNE," he said.

"The Internal Selection Program at the Ooralta Centre offers a pathway to achieving a higher education degree for anyone who wants to build on work experience or current qualifications."

Ms Kennedy said she encourages other Aboriginal people to consider the ISP as an alternative entry pathway into UNE.

"Having your friends and family cheer you at graduation is an amazing feeling," she said.

"I would definitely recommend this pathway to any and all Aboriginal people who wanted to further their education."

Ooralta is holding its next ISP assessment day on June 9. For more information or to apply, call 1800 622 384 or go to www.une.edu.au/ooralta

Like it or not, Dimity is a USC role model



PERFORMER Dimity Shillingsworth does not like to be called a role model, but that is the part

the University of the Sunshine Coast student plays for Indigenous university and high school students on Queensland's Fraser Coast.

The 23-year-old is half-way through a Bachelor of Human Services course at USC Fraser Coast and has recently started a part-time position as an Indigenous engagement assistant at the campus in Hervey Bay.

The keen actress and dancer grew up in the Blue Mountains and studied and performed with the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts in Brisbane, before moving to Hervey Bay in 2013 with her family, who are from the region.

"While I love live theatre and dancing, once I started university here on the Fraser Coast I discovered my real passion is youth and community work," Ms Shillingsworth said.

As an Indigenous engagement assistant, Ms Shillingsworth is one of the first points of contact for the 15 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at USC Fraser Coast.

"A large part of my role is community engagement and working with the local Elders and various community groups to raise

the education and employment aspirations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," she said.

"I also help to tutor up to 30 high school students from Hervey Bay and Urangan high schools at an Indigenous-based homework club held every Tuesday at the USC Fraser Coast library."

In 2014, Ms Shillingsworth received a NAIDOC Female Young Leader Award for her volunteer work, which included acting as a mentor and sharing Indigenous culture with students at Hervey Bay High School.

Her position at the Fraser Coast campus is provided by USC's Indigenous Services, which aims to build self-belief and promote a strong sense of belonging for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Ms Shillingsworth said she plans to become a community youth worker when she graduates.

"My main message to Indigenous

students who are unsure about uni is to believe in yourself and find something you're passionate about," she said.

"When I first started studying, I didn't really believe I was going to be able to do it. But I found something that I really loved, which was human services and community work.

"I was studying Indigenous courses that I really connected with, and I just wanted to know more."



University of Sunshine Coast's Dimity Shillingsworth: "My main message to Indigenous students who are unsure about uni is to believe in yourself and find something you're passionate about."



AIATSIS worker Jodie Dowd: "I'm very excited about learning how the National Museum of the American Indian incorporates Indigenous knowledge systems in managing cultural materials within the collections, and I'm looking forward to sharing this knowledge when I return to home."

Excited by internship at Smithsonian



AUSTRALIAN Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) staff

member Jodie Dowd has travelled from Canberra to the US capital of Washington DC to complete a 10-week Internship at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in the Collections Management department.

Ms Dowd, a Noongar woman, with cultural affiliations to the Minang and Kitja groups of the south-west and Kimberley regions of Western Australia, is passionate about the preservation, interpretation and access of Aboriginal and other First Nation people's cultural heritage materials in museum collections.

"I'm very excited about learning how the National Museum of the American Indian incorporates Indigenous knowledge systems in managing cultural materials within the collections, and I'm looking

forward to sharing this knowledge when I return to home," she said.

In early 2014, Ms Dowd was awarded a three-year study contract at AIATSIS, where she works as a collections assistant and studies fulltime towards her Master's degree in Heritage and Museum Studies at the Australian National University.

Ms Dowd is undertaking the internship with the National Museum of the American Indian as part of her studies.

The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, with 19 museums and galleries and the National Zoological Park. The total number of objects, works of art and specimens at the Smithsonian is estimated at nearly 138 million, including more than 127 million specimens and artefacts at the National Museum of Natural History.

For more information about Smithsonian internships, fellowships, and research associates, visit www.smithsonianofi.com

Central Aust youth 'have much to offer'



YOUNG Indigenous central Australians recognise their vital role in ensuring traditional knowledge is carried into the future, a Charles Darwin University researcher says.

Dr Josie Douglas said that young Aboriginal people had much to offer in showing how modern technology could be used in the "maintenance and transmission of knowledge".

"As fearless users of technology, our young people are often underestimated but nonetheless a central element in the Indigenous knowledge system," she said.

"They also motivate and energise the senior generations, which is

vital to the endurance of knowledge and its future."

Dr Douglas, who recently received her PhD from CDU, said her doctoral research was based on the views of more than 150 young adults, from a mix of language groups, who live in Alice Springs.

"Transmission"

"I examined the lives of young Aboriginal adults and the acquisition and transmission of Indigenous ecological knowledge," she said.

"I found that the major contemporary reflections of Indigenous ecological knowledge, such as going hunting, taking part in ceremonial life, believing in the efficacy of traditional

healing practices, valuing language skills, and observing rules in relationship to conscious country, are salient symbols of youth social identity.

"Indigenous ecological knowledge continues to be integral to the living landscape in central Australia."

Dr Douglas said she was motivated to undertake the research out of a concern that little was known of what young Aboriginal people thought about Indigenous ecological knowledge.

"Negative cliches about young adults are neat and convenient explanations that tell very little about what is really going on in their lives, especially in relationship to Indigenous ecological knowledge and their Elders," she said.



Dr Josie Douglas: "Negative cliches about young adults are neat and convenient explanations that tell very little about what is really going on in their lives ..."

Syphilis, STIs the target of Qld plan



THE Queensland Government has allocated more than \$15 million over three years to target syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases in north Queensland. Health Minister Cameron Dick said the North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexually Transmissible Infections Action Plan 2016-21 outlined action specifically targeting the region's regional services and communities.

"I was particularly concerned about the notification rates of infectious syphilis among north Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.

"The action plan is finalised and will be supported by \$15.7 million over the first three years to implement this regional strategy and to greatly enhance the current efforts to lower the rates of syphilis and other STIs."

The plan includes the employment of eight full-time equivalent workers and a program of screenings in regional centres such as Cairns and more remote areas such as Doomadgee and Kowanyama.

It promotes a regional response, covering five North Queensland Hospital and Health Services: Mackay, Townsville, Cairns and Hinterland, Torres and Cape, and North West.

Mr Dick said those consulted included local clinical and executive staff, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health sector, primary health networks and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual health experts.

"Central themes"

"The action plan builds around the central themes of service delivery, strengthening public health support for expert clinical advice and enhanced surveillance, along with increasing education of the health workforce and the public about sexual health treatment and prevention," he said.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council senior medical officer Jackie Mein said the council helped to develop the plan, and strongly supported it.

"STIs go across all boundaries and it's very important that this plan is agreed across jurisdictional and multi-organisational boundaries," she said.

Mr Dick said the plan had been specifically developed to address the increasing number of notifications for infectious syphilis, and deaths of babies from congenital syphilis.

"This is an unacceptable situation and we need to ensure health services are working with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities," he said. "That is why the action plan has set some key goals including eliminating congenital syphilis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies in North Queensland by December 2017.

"The plan will also aim to control syphilis outbreaks in the North Queensland (Indigenous) population by December 2020 and reduce the prevalence of other STIs."

Mr Dick said syphilis was a treatable disease that could be controlled through increased screening, treatment, follow-up and preventive measures.

Conversation spreads the word about ice



MORE than 50 people attended a conversation about crystal methamphetamine (ice) in Lismore, northern NSW, this month.

A panel including Riverlands Local Health District clinical nurse specialist Kate Willock, Richmond Local Area Police Command inspector Susie Johnston, Rekindling the Spirit chief executive Greg Telford and a person with 'lived experience' of ice spoke.

North Coast Primary Health Network Aboriginal outreach worker Darren Pott said almost three quarters of those attending were Indigenous.

He said the event was about sharing stories and educating people on the effects of ice.

"We talked about drug use and its effects. Then we had a bit of question time," Mr Pott said.

"There were a few people at the forum with lived experience who are facing it in their families."

Key areas of concern were identified and a local working group will develop ideas for community-driven responses.

Mr Potts said that all in all, the conversation was positive.

"I don't think anything



Carissa James and her mother Jenny Smith attend the ice community conversation in Lismore.

negative came out of those talks," he said.

"We were surprised how many people came and wanted to talk about it because it's such a touchy subject at the moment and apparently we're having an 'epidemic'.

"It's definitely a problem, but I don't believe there's an epidemic. It's just so

important to get the right information.

"This problem can't be solved without the community and it has to be solved by everyone in the community as a whole."

Mr Potts said people young and old attended.

"The main message we wanted to get out is that

there is support and you don't have to do it on your own and you don't have to rely on just your family," he said.

"We have stories of people who have come out the other side so there is hope.

"A few people I talked to afterwards want to see another such conversation."

Mental health move praised



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has welcomed Federal funding for Aboriginal mental health first aid training for Indigenous people in targeted remote communities.

NACCHO chairperson Matthew Cooke said the training for Community Development Programme jobseekers and Remote School Attendance Strategy officers would help save lives.

He called for the initiative to be extended nationally to others working in suicide prevention and mental health.

"Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people take their own lives at a rate five times that of other Australians," Mr Cooke said.

"This is devastating Aboriginal communities and we must do everything in our power to try to save these young lives.

"If we can train up young people and others in our communities to recognise and react to the warning signs in their peers, there is a good chance we can support those who are suffering before they reach the point of no return.

"Good initiative"

"This is a good initiative which empowers communities to be part of the solution.

"It makes sense to start with targeted training in remote areas where mental health issues are at crisis point and suicide rates are highest.

"However, it would be beneficial for similar programs to be offered to more people in

those communities most at risk, such as families, Elders and clinicians, and then rolled out to other urban and regional areas where we also see a high prevalence of poor mental health in the Aboriginal population.

"Aboriginal community-controlled health services are the obvious conduits to roll out the training and engage with those in the local communities they serve.

"Of course this initiative must also be part of a broader strategy which seeks to tackle the systemic causes of suicide and mental health in young people.

"A community-led, evidence-based approach needs to be implemented to turn the statistics around and protect the social and emotional wellbeing of our young people."

Kambu helps Elders prepare



At the morning tea: Talara Awai-Johnson, Aunty Ethel Moffat, Aunty Margaret Armstrong, Julie Mackenzie and Kambu chief executive Stella Johnson.



KAMBU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health (Brisbane) has hosted a 'Good Health for Winter' Elders Morning Tea at the Ipswich

United Services Bowls Club to help prepare for winter illnesses.

Goodna Clinic general practitioner Dr Rathod Yogesh answered questions from Elders about the many illnesses that affect the community, particularly strains of influenza.

Dr Yogesh and clinic staff offered flu vaccines and health assessments during the event.

Entertainment was provided by Bremer State High Dance Group and there were guest speakers. Fire safety officer Inspector Chris Robinson gave information while stressing the importance of quality and working smoke alarms in winter.

Senior health worker Suzan Chapman presented guests with a range of information on good health

care in winter and the importance of early intervention. She also raised awareness on the prevention of illness through effective hand washing and cough etiquette, good nutrition and health checks.

"Our Elders are more prone to picking up illnesses and we want to make sure we are providing all the right advice and support during the coming months," she said.

It was also a day for the promotion of good community student engagement, with the students from St Mary's College, St Edmund's College, Ipswich Girls Grammar School and Bremer State High taking part.

Kambu Health chief executive Stella Johnson said events like the morning tea are important for Elders and the wider community.

"There is the opportunity to catch up with family, friends and health staff, as well as catching up on the latest programs across our clinics in Ipswich, Goodna and Laidley at a venue that is accessible," she said.

Rotten dental findings



A SURVEY of children's dental health has found Indigenous kids and those of low socio-economic background

have significantly higher rates of dental decay, poor dental and general health behaviour and dental visiting patterns.

The National Child Oral Health Survey 2012-14, led by the University of Adelaide, involved data from more than 24,000 children aged 5-14 in each state and territory.

It found one quarter of Australian children aged under 10 have untreated tooth decay while one in nine up to the age of 14 have never been to a dentist – with rates even worse for Indigenous kids, according to researcher Associate Professor Loc Do.

"The prevalence of tooth decay was similar to other comparable countries, such as the United States and New Zealand, but the prevalence of untreated decay was somewhat higher in Australia," he said.

"We found that tooth decay

affected a significant proportion of children: Over 40% of children aged 5-10 had decay in their primary (baby) teeth."

One quarter of children in that age group had never received treatment for their tooth decay.

On average kids aged 5-10 had 1.5 primary teeth with decay.

"More than one third of children aged 9-14 had decay in their permanent teeth, and one in seven in this age group had not previously been treated for decay in permanent teeth," Assoc Prof Do said.

Prevalence

Children from Queensland and from the Northern Territory had the highest prevalence and severity of tooth decay.

The Queensland data was collected at the start of the expansion of water fluoridation, so it was too early to see its impact, Prof Do said.

"Although the National Oral Health Plans target was for all children to see a dentist, the study showed one in nine had never been to one," he said. – AAP

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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.

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

Until 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

June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Encouraging community participation on a broad scale to draw attention to Elder abuse. Details: 1800 628 221 or visit www.elderabusehelpline.com.au

Western Australia

Until June 2: *They served with Honour: An Exhibition*. Based on the book *They Served With Honour: Untold Stories of Western Australian Aboriginal Servicemen at Gallipoli*. Held at Edith Cowan University Art Gallery, Building 1, 270 Joondalup from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Details: (08) 6304 2208.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Until June 4: *Insight*, an exhibition of works by the Hermannsburg Potters. Held at Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Molesworth Street, Lismore from Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm and Sat 10am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit www.lismoregallery.org

Until June 5: Sea of Hands at Barangaroo. Join thousands of Sydneysiders as they put their hand up for reconciliation, an interactive symbol of reconciliation.

Held at Walumil Lawns, Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney daily from 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 9280 0060 or visit www.antar.org.au

Until June 10: *300 Dollar Day 2016* exhibition. Featuring over 150 works on display that have been donated by artists. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Coop, 55/51-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9562 2541.

Until June 18: Vivid Sydney Festival. Celebrating Eora and exploring the significance of the natural elements found throughout NSW. This large-scale video production projection can be seen on Sydney Harbour Bridge's southern pylon for the duration of the Vivid Festival.

June 3: Mabo Day: Includes Welcome to Country, Torres Strait Islander Elders guest speakers, special performance and Torres Strait Islander food. Held at Redfern Community Centre from 6pm. Details: (02) 9288 5713.

West Wind will perform at the festival.



Yirrkala festival will be a first



THE inaugural Yirrkala Yarrapay (Morning Star) Music and Dance Festival will be held on July 2 in Yirrkala, Arnhem Land.

Musicians Yothu Yindi and East Journey, award-winning Bangarra dancer Djakapurra Munyarryun, former NAISDA dance instructor and Bangarra performer Rachael Wallis, and visual artists Wanyubi Marika and Djambawa Marawili all hail from Yirrkala.

The festival has been created to bring attention to the community and to honour the vision of the late Dr M Yunupingu.

While The Medics will break their hiatus to perform for the event, the festival's primary focus will be to create a platform to showcase local emerging performers. Festival director Susan Sandery said the festival will connect

aspiring young performers with industry professionals interested in furthering careers of Top End artists.

Multi-NIMA award-winning band East Journey and Yirmal will be complemented by newcomers Ezy 5, Mary Handsome and Aris MC Barra, while West Wind completes the local line-up of musicians this year.

On the national front, role models joining The Medics in the capacity of established musicians include the acclaimed Shellie Morris, hip-hopper Jimblah and reality TV stars and chart-busters Justice Crew.

A highlight of the festival is expected to be the Gove's Got Talent luminaries. Yirrkala-based Northern Territory Miss World entrant Magnolia Maymuru will also lead the fashion catwalk.

A traditional Bunggul will open proceedings at 4pm.

June 3: 2016 Moree Reconciliation Gala Awards. The awards recognise individual, business, community organisations and initiatives that are advancing reconciliation and respectful relationships in Moree. Held at Moree Town Hall from 6pm. Tickets \$25 a person, \$12.50 for Elders over 65, \$250 a table. Details: Miyay Birray on (02) 6752 6038 or AES on (02) 6752 3422.

June 3-4: Metropolitan LALC Aboriginality Forum, bringing Aboriginal people together to raise their issues and make recommendations on how they would like their future to be reflected and reinforced. Limited seating. Details: (02) 8394 9666 or email bookings@metrolalc.org.au

June 4: Darkinjung cultural event. A celebration of the success that Darkinjung has had over the past 12 months in culture and heritage. Held at Kincumber Mountain from 10am-2pm. Details: Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 4351 2930.

June 4: *Yuendumu of Fire and Water* Exhibition. Showcasing prints and paintings from the community of Yuendumu, north-west of Mparntwe (Alice Springs). Held at Yiribana Gallery, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney daily from 10am-5pm. Details: 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/venues/

June 6: Family Law Pathways Network Forum. Find out about family law, family

violence, child protection and early intervention. Includes guest speakers and Q&A panel members.

Held at Casino Community and Cultural Centre, 35 Walker Street, Casino from 9.30am-1pm. Free. Details: Hayley Foster on (02) 6623 2700.

June 7 and 9: Money Counts Information Sessions. Get free legal help and advice on fines, bills and debts, paying for funerals, housing discrimination and more.

Held at The Tuckerbox, Jubullum Village, Tabulam on June 7 from 10.30am-2pm and the Youth and Community Hall, 75-77 Bridge Street, Coraki on June 9 from 10.30am-2pm. Lunch provided. Details: ALS on (02) 6623 4400 or Legal Aid on (02) 6621 8082.

June 8-30: Ngalingah Mijung Dubais Program. A prevocational course running two days a week. Workshops will focus on building confidence, leadership skills and gaining skills for work. Free. Details: Amelia Bolt on 0449 901 682 or email ameliab@ywcansw.com.au

June 12: *With Secrecy And Despatch* exhibition. Marking the 200th anniversary of the Appin Massacre, these works explore themes of colonial brutality, conflict, identity, culture and memory.

Held at Campbelltown Arts Centre, 1 Art Gallery Road, Campbelltown, open daily from 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 4645 4100.

June 14: ACON Aboriginal project: PrEP and the Changing Landscape of HIV Prevention. The project will have a Yarning Circle to increase knowledge and inform the community of PrEP. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo St, Redfern from 4-5.30pm. Details: Steven Morgan on (02) 9206 200 or reply at SMorgan@acon.org.au by June 10.

Queensland

Until June 11: *Sarah Mitchell: Digesting 50 Thousand Years* and *George Hairbrush Tjungurrayi* exhibitions. Solo exhibitions showcasing Mitchell's works that tell the story of white settlement and influence through the representation of diet, while Tjungurrayi's work explores the landscape of the earth and change of time. Held at Fireworks Gallery, 52a Doggett St, Newstead from Tue-Fri, 10am-6pm, Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (07) 3216 1250 or visit www.fireworksgallery.com.au

June 16: *Gab Titui Indigneous Art Award* exhibition opening. New works by artists from 15 communities throughout the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula area will be unveiled. Held at the Queensland Art Gallery and Modern Art Gallery, Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Brisbane from 6pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4069 0888 or email infor@gabtitui.com.au

Victoria

Until July 17: *Close to You: The Lisa Belleair Picture Show* exhibition, paying tribute to the life and work of Lisa Belleair through which she documented over a quarter of a century of Indigenous community life including marches, celebrations, portraits, signs and graffiti and personal photographs. Held at The Koori Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritage.trust.com

June 7 and June 14: Indigenous Language Workshops. Featuring language experts Mandy Nicholson (Wurundjeri) and Fay Stewart-Muir (Boonwurrung). Held at the Koori Heritage Trust from 6-7pm. Free event. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritage.trust.com

June 10-July 10: *State of the Nation* exhibition. Explores notions of statelessness and nationhood and the ways First Peoples maintain and assert sovereignty and challenge the status quo of colonial order. Held at Counihan Gallery in Brunswick, Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm and Sun, 1pm-5pm. Details: (03) 9389 8622 or visit www.moreland.vic.gov.au/counihan-gallery

June 15: Poetry readings: A tribute to Lisa Belleair. Coinciding with the exhibition *Close To You: The Lisa Belleair Picture Show*, an evening of poetry from Belleair's poems by friends and fans. Held at the Koori Heritage Trust from 6-7pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritage.trust.com

June 18: 'Baabapul kwii-ap – A taste of Bushtuckka'. Learn about native plants, how to grow, process, cook and eat them. Held at the Koori Heritage Trust, Melbourne. Three sessions, 5.30pm, 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Cost: \$16.50 a person. Limited spaces. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritage.trust.com

Northern Territory

Until June 13: *The Alice Prize Exhibition*, showing contemporary Australian art, representing a range of cultures and disciplines. Held at Araluen Art Centre, 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm and Sat-Sun, 11am-4pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au/araluen

June 10-12: Barunga Festival 2016. The Northern Territory's premiere music, sport and cultural festival. Held at Barunga, 70km south-east of Katherine on the Central Arnhem Road. Tickets on sale now via moshtix.com.au and at the gate. Details: www.barungafestival.com.au

Employment

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Woolworths chief executive Brad Banducci and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion with Woolworths Employment Parity Initiative participants Khan Cameron, Grace Welsh, Larissa Fraser and Robert Bush.

Woolworths aims for 1600 extra Indigenous workers



WOOLWORTHS is set to almost double its Indigenous workforce over the next three years as part of an initiative supported by the Federal Government.

Woolworths chief executive Brad Banducci and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the major retailer will recruit an additional 1600 Indigenous workers over three years as part of the Woolworths Employment Parity Initiative.

Woolworths currently employs 2000 Indigenous workers and, as a result of the Employment Parity Initiative, is on track to becoming one of Australia's biggest employers of Indigenous workers.

The recruitment drive has been made possible due to Woolworths' partnership with Diversity Dimensions, which has received Federal funding to train, support and mentor Indigenous employees.

Mr Banducci and Senator Scullion launched the Employment Parity Initiative at Woolworths' Redfern supermarket in central Sydney and were joined by the Diversity Dimensions chief executive Carolyn Galloway and Woolworths workers participating in the initiative.

Mr Banducci said the announcement reflects the company's commitment to increasing diversity and employment opportunities.

"Our stores make great training grounds for the leaders of tomorrow and Woolworths is committed to ensuring our teams reflect the local communities they serve," he said.

"We are proud to be one of Australia's biggest employers of Indigenous workers but I believe we can do more to support Indigenous Australians and open up more employment opportunities for them in our business.

"Support"

"This fantastic initiative would not be possible without the assistance of Diversity Dimensions. I thank them for their support which ensures Woolworths is able to offer these

employment opportunities to Indigenous communities across Australia."

Senator Scullion said: "I congratulate Woolworths for the leadership it is showing in helping to close the employment gap and it's great to see the jobs will be spread across various parts of the business, including customer service, bakeries, delicatessens, apparel and homewares.

"Importantly, 85% of the jobs will go to disadvantaged jobseekers and be located across the country in cities, towns and remote locations."

Initiative participant Grace Welsh described her experience as remarkable.

"It's exciting to work at Woolworths because I'm learning

so much every day and gaining new skills, which is giving me a confidence I haven't had before," she said.

Successful initiative candidates will have the opportunity to work across Woolworths supermarkets, Dan Murphy's, BWS and BIG W stores.

At a minimum, employment will be for 15-hour casual contracts for three years, with Federal Government funding paid once the employee reaches 26 weeks or 500 hours.

The Woolworths-Federal Government contract is valued at \$18 million, with Woolworths aiming for 2.8% of its Australian workforce to be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 15 June 2016

How to apply:

Applicants must address the selection criteria which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of both Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Please consult the AIATSIS web site www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information including the position description and selection criteria and follow the steps for how to apply at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/about-us/work-us/how-apply>

This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc)

Diversion Officer (50D) - Male

ALSWA is seeking to fill vacancy in its Perth Office for Diversion Officer (50D) male.

Previous experience working closely with the criminal justice system and/or the children's court along with qualifications in social work; psychology or a related field would be considered advantageous.

These roles and the requirement for a male is genuine occupational qualifications as is Aboriginality under s50(d) of the EO Act 1984.

For details on salaries, allowances, roles, responsibilities and how to apply please visit our website: [WWW.als.org.au](http://www.als.org.au) under employment section.

For further information call HR on (08) 9265 6663.

Applications close on Friday 17 June 2016.

Nimbin Health & Welfare Association Inc

auspicing Nimbin Aged Care & Respite Services

Female Aboriginal Community Worker

(Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Part time position 15 hours per week
SCHCADS Level 3

Purpose of Position: to continue the delivery and development of services for and with older Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with disabilities and their carers in the Nimbin area; working as part of the Nimbin Aged Care & Respite Services team, supported by the Nimbin Health & Welfare management committee.

Essential Job Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Experience of working in and with community members
- Demonstrated oral, written and computer skills
- Experience in developing and delivering activities programs
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to work independently as required
- Current Drivers Licence

Closing date: Monday 20th June 2016

To request the application pack:
email: jenny@nacrs.com.au
phone Jenny: 02 6689 1709

OR to download the pack go to 'Aged Care & Respite' at:
www.nimbincommunity.org.au

PO Box 20567 Nimbin NSW 2480
ABN: 18 327 592 990

ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA



Artists in the Black Coordinator

Are you passionate about Indigenous arts and culture and want to make sure Indigenous artists know their rights and are not exploited?

Artists in the Black is the service of the Arts Law Centre of Australia which delivers legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, organisations and communities across Australia. We aim to ensure artists understand their rights and that Indigenous culture is respected.

We are seeking a full-time Indigenous Coordinator for this service.

Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists is required.

This is an Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander identified position

For a complete job description and selection criteria email artslaw@artslaw.com.au or visit <http://www.artslaw.com.au/about/careers/>

Applications Close 5pm 16th June 2016

Human Resources Manager

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council is seeking an experienced Human Resources Manager who can demonstrate a combination of relevant Aboriginal Council experience, cultural sensitivity and substantial human resources skills and experience. The Council has 34 staff including day care, administration and land management.

You will be part of a senior management team that administers all of Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council's responsibilities.

To fulfil this role, you will have relevant human resources qualifications or equivalent experience.

Building the capacity of staff in all areas including Health and Safety and personal and career development in order to reach their potential is a key objective of the position.

In your application please address the selection criteria and a brief statement of why you are interested in the position.

The position has a salary range of \$78,000 to \$85,000 plus 10% Super and 17.5% Holiday Loading.

Selection Criteria and other relevant information about this position can be obtained from Mal Hansen, CEO at Mal.Hansen@wbacc.gov.au

Applications close on the 17 June 2016 and can be emailed to Mal Hansen at the above address.

Department of Health & Human Services

Child Protection

- Dynamic Child Protection Program – Rural After Hours
- Multiple Part Time Opportunities Available - Genuine Work Life Balance
- Drive sustainable change - Outstanding Mildura location

The Mildura Rural After Hours Team – North Division are responsible for responding to cases outside of standard business hours, where new and existing Child Protection clients residing within the Mildura Area, are deemed at significant risk of harm.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the recently formed, highly motivated Rural After Hours Team (Mildura) as Child Protection Practitioner (CPP3), Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (CPP4) or Team Manager (CPP5).

Each of these roles, will work with children who are at risk of abuse or neglect.

Your social work, psychology or welfare qualifications will be welcomed into a vibrant environment with a supportive and hard working team who share a common goal. You understand that small changes can have a real impact!

We offer;

- Increased Work Life balance
- Supervision by leaders in the field
- Ongoing professional development
- Exposure to contemporary Social Work Practice
- The CP Rural Incentive Program

Relocation assistance available for successful candidates.

New Graduates and experienced welfare professionals are encouraged to apply.

Salary range from \$61,611 to \$106,481 (pro rata) plus superannuation

For further information:

Attend a Child Protection Careers Information Session (National Live Stream Option available) on either Thursday 16th June 2016 or Friday 17th June 2016. Various times available. To register please visit

<http://childprotectionjobs.dhs.vic.gov.au/#news>

To Apply:

For a Child Protection Practitioner (CPP3) or Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (CPP4) please visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childprotectionjobs and nominate Mildura as your location of choice.

For the Team Manager position please visit <http://careers.vic.gov.au/vacancies> and search for Team Manager, Rural After Hours, Child Protection Mildura.

Please quote reference number **DHHS/ND/455562** in your covering letter.

Applications close **Wednesday, 22 June 2016**

For a confidential discussion please contact **Jackie Epstein on 0477 736 138**.

This is a genuine opportunity to contribute to long term and sustainable change for those children most at risk.

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@dhs.vic.gov.au



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Policy Officer – Identified – Aboriginal Affairs

Clerk Grade 7/8

Ongoing Full-time appointment

Position number and location: 178540 – Sydney

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Affairs policy strength is its connection with communities, allowing the agency to develop policy responses that are informed by local issues and Aboriginal community aspirations and attitudes.

- The Policy and Reform Directorate is responsible for providing effective, quality policy advice and analysis to government on initiatives and proposals pertaining to Aboriginal related issues, matters, trends, policies and legislation. The Policy and Reform Directorate work collaboratively with other sectors and jurisdictions and provide leadership across government to identify barriers to, and opportunities for, improving outcomes for Aboriginal communities, consistent with NSW Government State and Premier Priorities and OCHRE, the NSW Aboriginal affairs community focused plan.
- The Directorate leads whole-of-government and inter-government negotiations to ensure alignment, integration and coordination of policies, reforms and approaches, to achieve the strategic intent of OCHRE. The agency participates in a range of executive and high level decision-making and policy setting forums.

About the role

- The primary role of the Policy Officer is to:
- co-ordinate and undertake research in policy development and analysis
- provide advice to support organisational objectives
- develop and implement project plans to support and improve service delivery or operations.

To be successful in this role you will be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant who will have the ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities and an understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people. High-level written and verbal communication skills including the ability to research, prepare and draft a range of written correspondence. Experience undertaking research and consultation with stakeholders on matters and draft information for the preparation of high-level advice.

How to apply

Answer the two pre-screening questions (listed below). These are capability based questions directly relevant to the role duties and are designed to demonstrate your experience in a similar role (Each answer should be a maximum of 1 page). Provide a covering letter including details of your Aboriginality (required for the role) and resume (maximum of 5 pages) that details your experience and how you meet the capabilities of the role. Details of the required capabilities are identified in the attached role description.

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 I work for NSW. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe in detail a policy related project that you participated in, including your role, how you worked with management and team to support its delivery, the aim/s of the project, outcome and key learning's. 300 word maximum.
2. Provide examples which demonstrate your research, policy analysis, development and reporting skills. 300 word maximum.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Enquiries: **Caitlin Anthony Seiver Ph: (02) 9561 8336**

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 178540

Closing Date: 15 June 2016



Executive Officer and Legal Secretariat Officer

Two exciting opportunities have arisen at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS). The peak representative body is accepting applications to become the next Executive Officer and Legal Secretariat Officer where you'll advocate at the national level for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Candidates will have a Bachelor of Laws and experience working in strategic development of national, state or territory law and policy matters.

Applications close at 5pm AEST on 10 June 2016

Key selection criteria and information on how to apply can be found on our website www.natsils.org.au.

For further information please contact Wayne Muir or Karly Warner on 03 9418 5999.



Family & Community Services

Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in Child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, communities, interagency partners and peers, to be agents of change in the lives of children.

Being a Child Protection Caseworker is tough. It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?

If so apply now! Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 0000410M

Join a team of dedicated and professional Child Protection Caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities

Note: Aboriginal Caseworker must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*, requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.

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Applications now open:

Indigenous Rights Unit Senior Lawyer (Melbourne)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Senior Lawyer to work in our Indigenous Rights Unit. We are seeking a highly motivated, dynamic and collaborative individual. This position is aimed at lawyers with at least 5 years relevant, post-admission legal practical experience.

This position will work alongside the Unit's Director and Lawyer. The Senior Lawyer will play a vital role in contributing to all aspects of the Unit's work. The full recruitment pack is available at: <http://hrlc.org.au/applications-now-open-indigenous-rights-unit-senior-lawyer-melbourne/>.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 3 June 2016.

For further information about this position, please contact Ruth Barson on 0417 773 037 or ruth.barson@hrlc.org.au

CEO, Public Interest Advocacy Centre

- High-profile role
- Influence state and national debates
- Lead ground-breaking litigation

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre is a leading force for social justice. Established in 1982, PIAC leads strategic litigation and policy reform on issues as diverse as disability discrimination, Indigenous justice, false imprisonment of young people and access to the essential services of energy and water. PIAC employs 30 staff and works with over 500 pro bono lawyers to achieve change on behalf of vulnerable and disadvantaged people. This involves using a range of tools and approaches, including direct legal assistance, litigation, research, policy work and advocacy through the media. Current projects include the Homeless Persons' Legal Service and the International Crimes Evidence Project, which has helped to drive accountability for war crimes committed in the Sri Lankan civil war.

Following the appointment of our current CEO, Ed Santow, as Human Rights Commissioner, we are looking for a new CEO to lead PIAC.

We are looking for a skilled advocate who understands the interplay between law and public policy and the importance of identifying lasting solutions to systemic problems. You will have strong leadership and communication skills. You will have a keen sense of how PIAC can achieve social justice and you will be able to lead the team of passionate staff and volunteers to achieve meaningful social justice outcomes. You will be able to motivate people to support PIAC's cause, through collaboration, funding and donations. Most importantly, you will be motivated by the opportunity to make a difference, consistent with PIAC's mission.

PIAC can provide an attractive remuneration package relative to the community sector. The position description and application details are available at piac.asn.au/about/careers.

For more information on the position, contact Rebecca Gilsean, Deputy Chair of the PIAC Board (tel: 02 8267 0959).

Applications close at 12pm on 6 June 2016.

Department of Justice and Regulation

Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer



- Great opportunity to make a difference in the Koori community
- Ongoing, full-time position based in Ballarat or Warrnambool
- Salary range \$61,611 - \$74,808 plus superannuation

Working across both the Grampians and Barwon South West Regions, the Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer assists in establishing and coordinating services to help Koori community members address their outstanding infringement obligations. In this role, you will participate in community building and engagement activities to enhance the rights and responsibilities of Koori community members and develop awareness of Sheriff's duties.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- proven knowledge and understanding of the Koori community
- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Koori community members
- excellent interpersonal and stakeholder management skills.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 22 June 2016.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Department of Justice and Regulation

Contract Coordinator North West Metropolitan Region - Melbourne



- Contribute to community safety and offender rehabilitation
- Ongoing, full-time position, based in Carlton
- Salary range \$76,274 - \$86,540 plus superannuation

Offending Behaviour Programs (OBP) provides offending behaviour interventions across the public prisons and Community Correctional Services (CCS) system. All interventions aim to approach an offender's risk of re-offending.

As the Contract Coordinator, you will primarily be responsible for coordinating all contracted offending behaviour programs across Melbourne's North West Metropolitan Region. This includes services for eligible prisoners in public prisons and offenders reporting to CCS. You will form effective relationships and collaborate with a range of stakeholders to ensure the delivery of OBP services and interventions. An important part of the role is consultation with staff from prisons, CCS, OBP and external service providers. Communication is crucial to ensure service demand is identified, planned for and met.

If you have excellent interpersonal skills, are highly organised and have some experience with group interventions or corrections, then this is an opportunity for you to shine.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Tuesday 14 June 2016.

Leadership for good starts here



Manager Indigenous Employment and Cultural Diversity

Reference no. 772/0516
Closing date: 12 June 2016



For more information and to apply, search by the reference number at sydney.edu.au/recruitment

The University of Sydney is currently seeking an outstanding candidate of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to join our team in an exciting leadership role and promote a workplace culture that values, fosters and utilises diversity and inclusion to achieve organisational goals.

As Manager, Indigenous Employment and Cultural Diversity, you will have a particular focus on the University's Wingara Mura - Bunga Barrabugu strategy and assist in increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and employment across the University, and also contribute to strategy and policy development and implementation.

Guided by the Director, Equity and Diversity strategy, you will also advise and consult all levels of University staff to create and foster a diverse and inclusive environment.

To perform this role, it is essential that the appointee be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. It is therefore an essential selection criterion and is authorised under the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Evidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent must be provided with application.

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Local Land Services

Chairs and Local Board Members Local Land Services

The Minister for Primary Industries and Lands and Water is seeking applications for Chairs and board members for all 11 Local Land Services local boards: Central Tablelands, Central West, Greater Sydney, Hunter, Murray, North Coast, North West, Northern Tablelands, Riverina, South East and Western.

Applicants will need to have expertise, knowledge or skills (demonstrated or by relevant qualifications or experience) in one or more of the following areas:

- Leadership, strategic planning and management
- Community participation
- Regional service delivery
- Working with industry, government and other partners
- Audit, financial control, reporting and risk management
- Primary industries or providing services to support this sector
- Contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management
- Emergency management especially biosecurity and natural disaster emergencies
- Natural resource management and biodiversity conservation
- Working with Aboriginal groups and communities and/or local government.

Candidates will need to demonstrate a strong understanding of corporate governance, a commitment to high ethical standards and teamwork, and well developed communication, negotiation, advocacy and influencing skills. You will have well developed skills in critical thinking, proven judgement and objectivity.

Applicants expressing interest at Chair level must additionally have leadership experience in chairing boards or committees supported by a deep understanding of corporate governance and exceptional stakeholder management skills.

Appointments are for up to three years. Local Land Services has particular interest in increasing women's representation on its boards and committees, as well as people from other under-represented groups.

These appointments are governed by provisions in the *Local Land Services Act 2013* and *Local Land Services Regulation 2014*.

Applications in the form of a covering letter addressing the above requirements and a CV are invited, quoting Ref No: **68001** for Chairs and Ref No: **68016** for local board members. Regions must be specified and applicants must outline whether they are interested in a Chair or local board member role, or both.

Closing Date: Monday 20 June 2016

A detailed role description, how to apply and requirements for these positions can be found in the Board Recruitment Package, downloadable at www.lls.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Watermark Search International on (02) 9233 1200.



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Senior Project Officer – Identified – Aboriginal Affairs

Clerk Grade 9/10

Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 30 June 2017

Position number and location: 178677 – Sydney

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE, the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs; establish partnerships for economic development; support effective Aboriginal governance; and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

Aboriginal Affairs has a position available for a 12 month period (clerk 9/10, Identified) for a Senior Project Officer in the agency's Planning and Coordination team. We are looking for an energetic and highly organised Aboriginal person who is committed to Aboriginal communities and is keen to support the agency's Executive to deliver timely and highly quality advice to government, coordinate and report on the agency's key priority areas and manage the agency's relationships with critical stakeholders, including with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this role and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. An Aboriginal person (as defined by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) means a person who:

- is member of the Aboriginal race of Australia;
- identifies as an Aboriginal person; and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person).

Talent Pool

If the selection panel identifies more than one suitable candidate for the role, a **talent pool** may be created from which these suitable candidates may be chosen and directly offered employment in other similar roles (ongoing or temporary) in the near future.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any Essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the **focus capabilities** as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a project that you have either led or supported including your role, how you worked with senior management to support its delivery, the aim/s of project and key learnings. 300 word maximum
2. your approach to delivering secretariat services and/or supporting senior management to drive inter-agency collaboration. 300 word maximum

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Enquiries: Brenda Love Ph: (02) 9561 8608

To **apply online** please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 178677

Closing Date: 15 June 2016

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SENIOR ADVISER YOUTH JUSTICE



- \$88,007 - \$106,481
- Melbourne CBD

The Commission for Children and Young People was established to promote continuous improvement and innovation in policies and practices relating to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people generally and in particular those who are vulnerable.

The Senior Adviser Youth Justice is responsible for providing key policy advice to support the work of the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young people. You will manage key projects and provide considered advice to improve the safety and wellbeing of Victoria's Aboriginal children and young people. You will have a comprehensive knowledge of Aboriginal affairs policy and programs in Victoria, an understanding of the youth justice systems, legislation, practice and knowledge of human rights.

You will be able to develop and maintain effective working relationships with key stakeholders including Aboriginal children and young people, Aboriginal community, government departments, legal services, court officers, community organisations, peak bodies, and other relevant bodies.

Are you

- Experienced in youth justice systems, human rights and legislation?
- Passionate about making a difference for Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People?
- Able to work with and build relationships with a variety of people?
- Confident in your ability to manage competing priorities and community expectations?

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for this role.

For further information on the position description and the key selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Janette Kennedy, Manager, Aboriginal Strategy and Policy team, (03) 8601 5272.

Job reference number: CCYP403316

Applications close: Midnight 15 June 2016

ccyp.vic.gov.au

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Making a difference for our Mob

Exciting career opportunities within the NSW Public Service

If you have a passion for making a positive and lasting difference to the lives of our mob, and you are innovative and versatile in your approach, then contact the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) to find out about a number of exciting opportunities for a rewarding career.

- Many targeted and identified Aboriginal roles from entry level to senior management positions
- Attractive salaries and professional development opportunities
- Sydney based

Come join a dynamic team that is focused on designing and delivering local solutions to local needs.

The AES is calling for applications now.
Closing date is 24 June 2016.



Contact

the Aboriginal Employment Strategy on

(02) 8571 0999

or via email at

HR@aes.org.au

to find out more and to obtain an information pack.

Aboriginal Liaison Officer position available

Do you want to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous young people who are in Secure Services? The Aboriginal Liaison Officer plays a key role in supporting Indigenous young people when they are in Secure Services. You will work closely with the school, health service and operations in developing education, cultural and rehabilitative programs in addition to individual counselling and working with families and community. You will also have an advocacy role and contribute in the development of policies and programs. See full job description for more information.

This position is classified under 'Special Measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

To view the position description and selection criteria visit:
www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact **Monica Tulloch** on (03) 9370 0190 for further information.

Job Reference number: **DHHS/SS/374814**

Applications close: **Monday, 13 June 2016**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit
www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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Case Manager – Youth Justice

- Ongoing/ Full Time
- Location: Bairnsdale

ONLY INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AS THIS POSITION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE SPECIAL MEASURES PROVISION, SECTION 12(1) OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT 2010 (VIC).

The Youth Justice Team provides community-based supervision and a range of case management and support services for young people who are appearing before, or have been sentenced by the Children's Court, Children's Koori Court, the adult criminal courts and those who have been placed on youth justice supervised orders.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:
www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact **Judy Sabell** on (03) 5150 4500

Job Reference number: **DHHS/SSD/00447765**

Applications close: **Wednesday, 8 June 2016**

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Screen Australia is a Federal Government agency charged with supporting Australian screen development, production and promotion. We aim to inspire, inform and engage audiences through compelling Australian storytelling.

We are seeking applicants for the following employment opportunity:

Co-ordinator, Indigenous Department 2 year Contract, Fulltime Sydney

Screen Australia's Indigenous Department is recognised locally and internationally for its achievements. The celebrated team fosters and supports Indigenous talent and distinctive stories, maintaining the strong presence of Indigenous screen stories through development and production funding programs and innovative initiatives for practitioners. An exciting opportunity now exists for an experienced administrator to join the team as the Department Co-ordinator.

In this role, you will manage all administration for the department and provide secretarial support to the Head of Indigenous. You will be responsible for co-ordinating work-flows within the team and with other areas of the organisation, and ensure the smooth running of the department.

To be successful, you will need to be well organised, results oriented and able to manage a varied workload. You will need to demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills and be able to work effectively in a small, diverse and busy team environment. A willingness to contribute to the achievements of the team and passion for the Indigenous screen content are essential.

Please note that this is an Indigenous identified position. Applicants must be of Indigenous Australian descent, identify as an Indigenous Australian and be accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Job Information: For further information on this position and to apply, please visit the Screen Australia website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>

For any enquiries, please contact Screen Australia's HR team: 1800 213 099

Closing Date: 5pm, Tuesday 14 June 2016

Project Officer – Identified – Aboriginal Affairs

Clerk Grade 7/8

Ongoing Full-time appointment

Position number and location: **178680 – Sydney**

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE, the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

Supports the Manager Research and Evaluation in undertaking 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 have been involved in a number of research studies. You will be used to undertaking evidence based assessments and data analysis under supervision and have experience in public service practice.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any Essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the **focus capabilities** as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe a data collection, data cleaning or analysis problem you have recently encountered and how you went about solving it. 300 word maximum
2. Describe the key challenges you encountered in a research study you have had a significant role in and how you resolved these. 300 word maximum

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Tertiary qualifications or equivalent in a relevant discipline
- Commitment to working with Aboriginal communities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people

Enquiries: Caitlin McDowell PH: (02) 9561 8624

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 178680

Closing Date: 22 June 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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Townsville Hospital and Health Service

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

Joyce Palmer Health Service, Palm Island

Become part of a team that strives to deliver excellence in healthcare in remote North Queensland.

As the Medical Superintendent for the Joyce Palmer Health Service, you will be expected to provide medical leadership and high quality clinical services as a part of the multidisciplinary team delivering integrated primary, community and secondary level health services to the Indigenous community of Palm Island. You will also be responsible for medical workforce planning, management and development, education, training and research and clinical experience and leadership development.

The successful candidate will ensure close cooperation with all internal and external partners to focus delivery of integrated health services to the community, and collaborate with The Townsville Hospital to foster links to ensure optimal services are provided to Palm Island people who require or have received care at a tertiary facility.

What's on offer?

Remuneration package of up to \$446,219 p.a. (+ other applicable allowances/benefits). Package includes a 3 bedroom house rent free and utilities at no cost and Senior Medical Officers also receive \$48,000 p.a. locality allowance.

Enquiries: Liza Tomlinson

Phone: (07) 4433 0082

Closing Date: Sunday, 19 June 2016

Apply Now: Visit Smart Jobs and Careers (TV174917)



Queensland Government

LINK-UP [NSW]
Standing in the Present, Acknowledging the Past and Looking Forward

Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation was founded in 1980 to assist Aboriginal people of the Stolen Generations; those who have been fostered, adopted or raised in institutions under Government policies of their time.

Link-Up NSW supports the healing journeys of those removed; delivering professional, culturally sensitive and confidential research, reunions and counselling services.

Current vacancies in our Reunification program include:

- 1 x Team Leader** | Package approx \$86500 pa.
- 1 x Full Time Counsellor** | Package approx \$79800 pa.
- Full Time Case Workers** | Package approx \$75500 pa.
- 1 x Administration Assistant** | Package approx \$61300 pa.

Our modern office space is located in the heart of Ropes Crossing, Western Sydney just a short drive from Penrith.

All our packages include salary, superannuation, tax free FBT free salary packaging, 17.5% leave loading, a generous professional development program and will reflect the experience and qualifications of those applicants. All other conditions of employment are covered by the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award.

If you are looking to work within an environment that supports Indigenous communities, offers ongoing professional development, access to tax effective salary packaging, a friendly team and a supportive environment then apply today.

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for these positions; however, we encourage qualified non-Indigenous applicants to provide an expression of interest with their CV if they are seeking to join part of a dedicated team. Should there be any position not filled by Indigenous applicants, those submitting an Expression of Interest will be contacted.

To request an information package, application or to request further information about the current vacancies please email employment@nsw.link-up.org.au or alternatively contact Des Brooker on 02 9421 4700.

www.linkupnsw.org.au

Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker
Location: Macksville
Enquiries: Richard Widders (02) 6656 7845
Email richard.widders@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Ref ID: 324460
Closing Date: 13 June 2016

Purpose of Position (for web based media only):
To facilitate access to health services for members of the Aboriginal Community

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Live, work and enjoy the best regional South Australia has to offer!

Careers In Child Protection
Senior Aboriginal Family Practitioner (Child Wellbeing)
Adelaide Metro and Regional locations
Ongoing (Permanent) Full-time and Part-time roles
Vac No: 2016-11246
AHP2 \$75,856 - \$87,833 p.a.

As a Senior Aboriginal Family Practitioner, you will be accountable to the Team Leader - Child Wellbeing program for facilitating the implementation of a sustainable integrated model of service delivery for the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families. You will be investigating, consulting and developing creative and culturally appropriate methods of engaging with and supporting families with high and complex needs.

There are ongoing (permanent) full-time and part-time roles in Adelaide Metro (north, south and central) and Regional locations.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information and to submit your application please visit: decd.sa.gov.au/childprotectioncareers

Enquiries to: Human Resources, (08) 8226 2959, email DECDFamiliesSARecruitment@sa.gov.au

Applications close 11pm Friday 3 June 2016



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service on NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of significantly increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

Experienced ATSI Caseworkers
Full time permanent positions

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ Aboriginal caseworkers for our OOHCA team. A minimum of 3 years' experience in casework practice in Human Services, particularly in OOHCA, social welfare, carer support or working with communities, families and children.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" and a medical will be conducted.

Salary: As per award - Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010. A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe on (02) 6626 3700 or via email lenore.marlowe@ngunyarjarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: Friday 24 June 2016.

Permanent Full Time Opportunities
Multiple Locations across NSW
An attractive remuneration package to be negotiated with the successful candidate(s)

The Opportunity
We have a number of exciting opportunities for skilled and experienced Indigenous candidates to submit their applications for Senior Aboriginal Engagement Specialists.

Reporting to the Principal Manager, Aboriginal Programs, these roles are primarily centred around the management and coordination of engagement with Aboriginal stakeholders, industry and project teams throughout a designated region to enable RMS to effectively deliver RMS program outcomes and to facilitate, implement, monitor and report on Aboriginal Participation in Construction policy.

Working closely with Manager Aboriginal Employment you will ensure unified program outcomes are delivered in a consistent manner across all RMS regions to meet operational and central agency requirements.

The roles provide direct management, guidance and support to the regional Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer and Project Officer Aboriginal Programs. They also manage Aboriginal cultural heritage and land matters.

These opportunities are located specifically in the following regions of NSW:

- Wollongong
- Wagga Wagga
- Newcastle
- Parkes/Dubbo

About Us
With a multi billion dollar infrastructure program, Roads and Maritime has a 'once in a generation' opportunity to improve the road and maritime network in NSW and support economic growth, productivity and quality of life across the State.

The Customer, Engagement and Planning Division is seeking candidates who share our values, can drive change, are passionate about customer service and can deliver results to help us ensure the success of this ambitious program of work.

Benefits
When you join Roads and Maritime Services, you become part of a forward-thinking organisation that will offer you generous working conditions, flexible working options and a real commitment to developing your skills.

Roads and Maritime is the key agency in NSW for road safety, traffic management and planning, road building and maintenance, and maritime safety. We are delivering the largest infrastructure program in our history and we are committed to helping our staff reach their full potential.

Our Commitment to Diversity
TfNSW is committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the Transport cluster, planning for and promoting diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups. TfNSW recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of NSW.

Essential Requirements

1. Is an Australian Aboriginal person.
2. Relevant qualifications and / or demonstrated proven experience in stakeholder engagement and/or senior human resource environment
3. Extensive high knowledge of Aboriginal economic development issues, government directions and policies relating to the improvement of Aboriginal employment outcomes.
4. Strong negotiation, mediation, conflict resolution consultation and strategic thinking skills.
5. High level project management skills

Please note: the successful candidate will need to undertake background checks and criminal record checks.

How to Apply
Please review the position description and submit your application to Anthony.breed@lisant.com.au

Please note that candidates must include their resume and a written response (maximum two pages) addressing how your skills and experience meet the required capabilities and essential requirements for this role as outlined in the role descriptor.

For more information on how to apply for a role in the NSW Public Sector please click here or for more information on Roads & Maritime please click on link provided.

For any enquiries, please contact Anthony Breed (Lisant Group) on 0481 253 133.

Applications close: 12th June 2016
Applications will not be accepted via JobsNSW

Government of South Australia
Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

Project Officer

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Alinytjara Wilurara
Ceduna
Full Time Contract to 30/6/2018
Vac No: 2016-11392
\$49,579 - \$53,661 p.a. (OPS2)
Vac No: 2016-11392
Applications Close: 10 June 2016

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.
Safety is a core value of the South Australian Public Sector. The South Australian Government is an Equal opportunity employer.

www.environment.sa.gov.au

We're hiring Intern Advisors in Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne.

Are you an innovative thinker, motivated and thrive in a fast-paced environment? If you are then working at CareerTrackers is for you!

Who is this job for?
Individuals who are passionate and are willing to go the extra mile to support Indigenous university students achieve their dream careers. This job is for someone who performs well in teams and who is a role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students. All applicants must have a bachelor's degree minimum.

Overview of the Intern Advisor role
Intern Advisors work directly with students in our program to create internship opportunities and provide support to help them excel at university and in the workplace. The role involves facilitating training with students and working alongside our employment partners to set up successful internships.

Salary
Positions starting at \$61,320 (inclusive of superannuation) + salary sacrificing with a potential benefit of up to \$5,342 pa

How to apply
Email your application to careers@careertrackers.org.au. All applications must include your CV and a cover letter outlining your interest in the role and what you can bring to the team.

For more information visit:
careertrackers.org.au/careers

INDIGENOUS FACILITATOR

The North East Catchment Management Authority (North East CMA) is seeking a capable and reliable professional with a sound knowledge and experience of Indigenous culture and society in Victoria and an understanding of the key indigenous issues, particularly in relation to caring for country.

Reporting to the Manager Catchment Program Coordination, the appointed candidate will:

- successfully engage with the Indigenous community to facilitate partnerships and information sharing leading to an increase in Indigenous participation in Natural Resource Management.
- be the conduit between Landcare and Indigenous communities across the State.

The North East CMA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages women and people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent to be part of an organisation that promotes a diverse and safe workplace environment.

Prior to appointment, the successful applicant will be required to undertake a Police check, Working with Children Check and have a current driver licence.

Employment Status: Fixed Term until 30 June 2018.

Applications must be received by 11.00 pm Sunday 5 June 2016.

Applications will ONLY be accepted via the Jobs page on the North East CMA website.

No late applications will be accepted.

Applications should be addressed to:
"Confidential"
Jane Young
Manager Leadership and Strategy

Website: www.necma.vic.gov.au
Phone: 1300 216 513

Program Manager (Health Services) Injinoo, QLD

*Become a vital part of this community setting the standard in health
*Attractive salary of \$90k plus \$2k travel entitlements, salary sacrifice & accommodation!



NPA have an opportunity for a Program Manager to join their dedicated Health Services team based in Injinoo, QLD, on a full time basis. Reporting to the CEO, you will be primarily responsible for leading the health team in delivering high quality programs in compliance with RACGP accreditation standards, and maintaining operational relationships with the community and other service delivery partners.

On offer is an attractive remuneration package circa \$90,000 plus salary sacrifice, \$2,000 travel entitlement, generous leave entitlements, a fully-furnished accommodation at \$165/fortnight and relocation assistance up to \$3,000!

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Apply Online
ApplyNow.net.au/job79369

Aboriginal Family Advisor

Sydney City Family Relationship Centre

- Assist support safety and functioning of families
- Full time opportunity
- Based in Sydney CBD

This is an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal worker to join Relationships Australia's Sydney City Family Relationship Centre (SCFRC). Work with families to support family functioning and safe healthy and safe relationships, and assist families in conflict.

The successful candidate will:

- Provide intake, assessment and referrals for families, with a primary focus on Aboriginal clients
- Represent RANSW at community events and interagency meetings, assist maintain and develop relationships with community service providers and stakeholders

Sydney City FRC is committed to long term work with Aboriginal families and community.

Please note this is an Aboriginal Identified Position:
In accordance with Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification.

For more information and to apply for the role please click:
www.applynow.net.au/jobs/RANSW71-aboriginal-family-advisor
APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2016

Relationships Australia
NEW SOUTH WALES



Justice

Assistant Client Service Officer

- Ongoing/Temporary, Full-time/Part-time
- Location: Sydney Metro
- Clerk General Scale, Salary (\$28,417 to \$55,624), plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Assistant Client Service Officer provides a range of clerical and administrative services including, but not limited to, responding to client enquiries, providing assistance in the courtroom, data entry and records management.

Taleo reference No: 00004E3S

Applying for the role:

To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Monday, 20 June 2016 (11.59pm)

Contact: courtservicesrecruitment@justice.nsw.gov.au

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Danila Dilba
Health Service

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Danila Dilba Health Service is going through a dynamic period of expansion, growth and review and currently has the following vacancy.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER (MOBILE UNIT)

Full-Time / Ongoing

*Total Salary: \$79,641 - \$87,688

The Mobile Unit Health Practitioner will increase access to primary health care services for vulnerable Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander people living both within the Darwin / Palmerston town camps and itinerant lifestyles of the Yilli Rreung Region.

This position will work as part of a small team providing outreach services to town communities and requires a level of physical ability.

* Total salary includes leave loading, and superannuation

Applications Close: **Sunday 12th June 2016**

This is an identified female position, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

We offer:

- Attractive salary with salary packaging benefits
- Six weeks annual leave
- Flexible hours
- Training and development

Danila Dilba Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care and community services to Biluru (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) people in Yilli Rreung (greater Darwin) region.

Details: daniladilba.org.au

Junior Solicitor and Solicitor

We are seeking outstanding candidates for the roles of Junior Solicitor and Solicitor who bring a passion for the law as well as making a difference to the lives of those most vulnerable in our communities.

The North and North West Community Legal Service is a regionally based service, striving to support those in the community who have least access and least power to support themselves. Our goal is to give assistance to anyone who is having difficulty accessing, or is unsure how to access, the legal system. The Service is based in Armidale, NSW, however our solicitors travel considerable distances on a regular basis to provide support in Tamworth, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Moree, Wee Waa, Inverell, Walcha, Glen Innes Quirindi and Tenterfield.

Our small, tight-knit team work to provide our local communities with assistance in such matters as:

- Family law issues (excluding property settlement matters)
- Criminal matters
- Consumer complaints
- Credit and debt issues
- Discrimination
- Employment law
- Youth issues
- Victims Support
- Wills, Power of Attorney, and Enduring Guardianships
- Neighbourhood Disputes
- Care and Protection

The Roles

We are seeking both a Junior Solicitor and a Solicitor to join our Service. Both solicitors should demonstrate well-developed experience in legal practice. They are required to provide comprehensive legal advice and community legal education to clients. They should maintain a teamwork approach at all times, contributing to a positive and supportive work environment.

The Candidates:

The selection criteria for the Junior Solicitor and base criteria for the Solicitor are as follows:

Essential:

- Undergraduate or Postgraduate Law Degree
- Eligibility to work as a Solicitor in New South Wales
- Ability to support and collaborate with members of the community in all legal and associated practices, in a professional and consultative manner
- Knowledge of relevant professional practice requirements
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including a demonstrated ability to provide non-judgmental, quality service delivery
- Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively

- with colleagues and clients
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively and flexibly under pressure
- Highly developed organizational and administrative skills, including ability to manage case files
- Proficiency in computer skills, including Word Processing
- Understanding of, and sensitivity to, people from diverse cultural, socio-economic and linguistic backgrounds, and people with substance abuse or mental health issues
- A current unencumbered driver's license

Desirable:

- Knowledge of and/or experience in, and commitment to, working within the community legal services sector or otherwise in relation to legal issues faced by people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

Additional Criteria for the Solicitor Role are as follows:

Essential:

- At least 2 years' experience working in an associated role
- Excellent general understanding of the law in relation to the above areas of practise
- Demonstrated capacity to provide legal advice based on sound legal research and analysis
- Demonstrated high level of productivity/output in previous roles
- Ability to take initiative and accept responsibility as a part of a small team
- Ability to train and supervise student volunteers

For a confidential discussion, and to obtain the Position Description/s, please contact the Consultant assisting NNWCLS, Ms Bronwyn Pearson, on 0412 400 206. For all email enquiries and applications, please send to jobs@pinnaclepeoplesolutions.com.au.

Closing date for applications:
22 June 2016



Rewarding opportunities exist with an Aboriginal Community Controlled, Child, and Family Agency for experienced and qualified individuals who have the time, passion, energy and commitment to see children in Out of Home Care achieve their best within stable and supported placements.

CASEWORKER- Foster Care Support - Out of Home Care - Port Macquarie - Taree - Forster: Burrun Dalai is currently interested in receiving applications from Aboriginal people who have the ability and qualifications to recruit, train and support foster carers. This person will have highly developed skills in being able to lead, mentor and support carers in caring for children and young people in our program. The successful applicant will have the skills and knowledge to inspire and motivate foster carers to try new ways of parenting children and young people through trauma informed practice. This person will be able to demonstrate innovation and lateral thinking in their problem solving and be able to communicate for success at different levels.

CASEWORKERS - Out Of Home Care- Port Macquarie - Taree - Forster: Burrun Dalai is currently interested in receiving applications from Aboriginal people to provide casework support to Aboriginal children, young people, their families and foster families. The successful applicants will be highly self-motivated and have excellent time management skills. Attention to record keeping is essential along with strong computer skills and experience in using databases for case-management. Demonstrated ability to develop, maintain positive and supportive relationships with children, young people, carers, families and team members is also required.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.

The successful applicants for all positions will be offered a competitive salary with salary sacrifice. Being able to work after hours when needed and be on-call within a rostered system is also a requirement of this position.

All applicants must obtain a package and must address ALL criteria, failure to do so will result in applications being culled. These positions are based in our Taree Office.

Enquiries and job packages Cheryl Holden Ph. 6552 4194 email cheryl@burrundalai.org.au. Applications Close: Friday 10th June 2016 at 4.30pm



HR / PAYROLL OFFICER

Primary objective

To lead, promote and implement human resource (HR) planning and management for MPREC and to administer the internal pay roll function.

Essential Criteria

- Proven ability to implement policies and procedures across an organisation
- Demonstrated experience leading a review and updating organisational policies and procedures
- Proven ability to manage and monitor the organisation's compliance with work health and safety
- Proven ability to develop ongoing performance development for all staff members
- Demonstrated capacity to administer employment contracts for the organisation
- Demonstrated experience dealing with payroll and / or HR complaints
- Demonstrated experience in payroll processing
- Two year's experience in HR management including payroll

Please phone Jacob on 02 6841 0111 for an Application package. Applications need to include a letter addressing the essential criteria above, copy of resume and two referee contacts.

Please mark 'Private and Confidential' and send to:

Rene Wykes
Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation
PO Box 4948
DUBBO NSW 2830

Applications close 17th June 2016



Academic Positions Melbourne Law School

Melbourne Law School at the University of Melbourne, Australia's leading law school, seeks new colleagues at all ranks (Levels B-E) and across all sub-disciplines who share our commitment to a highly collegial and research-intensive professional life. We particularly encourage those with expertise in intellectual property, sports law, civil procedure/dispute resolution and resources law to apply.

We also specifically encourage applications from current or aspiring academics who are able to contribute to our compulsory JD teaching, integrate teaching with research and community engagement activities, and contribute to the vibrant communal life and culture at the Law School and within the University of Melbourne as a whole.

Full details of appointment possibilities may be found at

<http://hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers>, under the job number 0040888. Applications (consisting of a curriculum vitae, cover letter and statement addressing the selection criteria) must be submitted online by **30 June 2016**. You must also indicate clearly the Level at which you are applying.

We also have available a fixed term (two years) Postdoctoral Fellowship position which provides an opportunity for dedicated research time within a supportive and collegial research environment. A small teaching component is an essential part of this program, thereby enabling the development of teaching skills and a teaching portfolio. Full details of this appointment opportunity may be found at <http://hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers>, under the job number 0032706. Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowship must be submitted online by **14 August 2016**.

Enquiries to Professor Matthew Harding, Deputy Dean, email: law-hr@unimelb.edu.au, tel. + 61 3 8344 1117.

Melbourne Law School is an equal opportunity employer, and welcomes applications from scholars able to enrich the diversity of our community. In particular, we encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

CRICOS: 00161K

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Marketing Coordinator, triple j

The ABC is seeking a motivated Marketing Coordinator to help grow and maintain audience engagement for triple j, triple j Unearthed and Double J.

We need someone passionate about radio, marketing and music to assist in the creation of marketing campaigns, competitions, publicity and social media activities.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers



Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Case Worker and Support Officer – Harm Minimisation Program

Ref No: 322907

F/T at Redfern Drug and Alcohol

Enquiries: Kerrie Jordan, 0427 550 782

Closing Date: 17 June 2016

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Administrative Officer (Admin Officer Level 2)

Ref: 310057 – Perm F/T 38hpw at

Camden/Campbelltown Hospitals

Salary: \$50,399 – \$52,173 pa

Enq: Kellie Lamont

Ph: (02) 4634 3239

This is an identified position and Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Senior Clinician (Speech Pathologist Level 3) – 2 to School Program

Ref: 320028 – Temp F/T or P/T at Community

Health Services, Hoxton Park

Salary: \$45.75 – \$47.29 ph

Enq: Elizabeth Scerri

Ph: (02) 9780 2761

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 Project Officer (Health Manager Level 2) Temporary Part-Time 20hpw at The Office of Preventative Health

Ref: 322374

Salary: \$44.69 – \$53.00 ph

Enq: Nageen Ahmed

Ph: (02) 8738 7234

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: 15 June 2016

Please apply online by visiting:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Department of Justice and Regulation

Aboriginal Parole Officer



- Pivotal case management position in Community Correctional Services
- Position located at Mildura

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are invited to apply for a full time ongoing Aboriginal Parole Officer role, located at the Mildura Community Correctional Services.

Our ideal candidate will have:

- strong engagement and case management skills and experience
- demonstrated ability in achieving positive client outcomes
- sound interpersonal and interviewing skills
- proven knowledge of the Victorian Koori Community and issues impacting the Community
- demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community

For further information on this position, and to submit your application, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au before **Thursday 30 June 2016**.

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BARANG

BARANG REGIONAL ALLIANCE CENTRAL COAST

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Barang Regional Alliance Ltd is the regional backbone body established by the 7 lead Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations on the NSW Central Coast.

Barang is seeking an energetic and entrepreneurial Executive to lead our organisation. The CEO will be a strategic leader who can grow and drive Barang, support the Chair, Directors, Indigenous leaders and others to lead the success of the Empowered Communities and Local Decision Making regional effort.

The CEO will drive key functions including strategy, advancing a long term development agenda, communications, community engagement, data functions and contract administration, including financial accountability.

This is a Targeted Position & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander executives are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, please email info@barang.org.au to receive a full application kit.

Applications close Friday 24 June 2016.

Want a career measured in smiles?

Home Care Workers

Looking for a career where you can make a difference to peoples' lives? Australian Unity provides tailored services to aged care and disability clients by helping them live independently in their homes.

Care Workers assist with personal care, including showering, dressing & grooming, domestic services such as cleaning, shopping and meal preparation and community access such as appointments, socialisation and transport needs.

Opportunities across Metro & Western Sydney, Illawarra, Southern & Central Tablelands, New England, Wagga Wagga, Orana Region, Hunter & Maitland, Central Coast, Northern Rivers and the Gold Coast.

Qualifications in First Aid and Certificate III in Aged Care, Community Care or Disability are highly regarded. Relevant work experience, ability to build positive relationships with clients, and a genuine, empathetic style will see you succeed in these positions.

Australian Unity is a healthcare, financial services and independent and assisted living organisation. To apply, join our Indigenous Talent Community at www.australianunity.com.au/homecareworkers.

Time to thrive



Education

Leader, Community Engagement – Identified

Clerk Grade 5/6

Temporary Full-time appointment until 29 June 2018

Position number and location: 180471 – Boggabilla

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Connected Communities is a new approach to address the educational and social aspirations of Aboriginal children and young people living in a number of complex and diverse communities in NSW. The strategy positions schools as community hubs that will facilitate a range of services from birth, through school, to further training and employment. Connected Communities schools work in partnership with leaders in the local community to help improve education outcomes for young people.

Boggabilla Central School provides an extensive range of educational services to students from preschool age to adulthood in the Boggabilla, Toomelah communities. The school caters for Years P-12 and has an enrolment of 99 students, including 97% Aboriginal students. The school is part of the Connected Communities strategy to drive improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and young people.

About the role

The Leader Community Engagement supports the Executive Principal in the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs in Connected Communities schools and provides a vital link between the school and the local Aboriginal community.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any Essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the **focus capabilities** as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe when you had to plan, prioritise and project manage (where necessary) a high workload with various programs and initiatives? What process did you follow? What was the outcome? 300 word maximum
2. Describe a time when you had to act with integrity while influencing and negotiating with a wide range of people and/or stakeholders? 300 word maximum

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies

Enquiries: Gavin Khan Ph: (02) 4676 2104

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 180471

Closing Date: 15 June 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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Applications can be lodged online at
<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/Default.aspx>
Application information packages
are available at this web address.

**Joint Investigation Response Team
Health Clinician (Level 3)**

Tamworth
Enquiries: Sophie Scott, (02) 6767 8148
Reference ID: 325211

**Emergency Department
Communications Clerk**

Tamworth
Enquiries: April Trappel, (02) 6767 7490
Reference ID: 325466

Closing date: 12 June 2016

Clinical Information Officer

Tamworth
Enquiries: Samara Henderson, (02) 6767 7194
Reference ID: 322260

Closing date: 13 June 2016

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

**Specialist Women's Domestic
Violence Advocacy and
Support worker**
24 hours per week

**Specialist Women's Domestic
Violence Advocacy and
Support Worker**
Safer Pathways and Domestic
Violence Justice Strategy
21 hours per week.

The Service has an exemption under s31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to employ women in this role. The Service operates out of the Lismore office and court houses across the region, assisting women who have experienced domestic and family violence including in ADVO matters. These are permanent positions on SCHADS Level 5. Ph: 6621 1000 for a job kit.

Closing date: Wednesday 15th June, 2016 at 4pm



Government of South Australia
Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

**Working on
Country Ranger**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Eyre Peninsula
Gawler Ranges National Park
Term Contract to 30 June 2018
Vac No: 2016-11564**

\$49,579 - \$53,661 p.a. (OPS2)

The Working on Country Ranger forms part of the team working within the Gawler Ranges area who are responsible for protecting the associated parks and reserves through wildlife management, biodiversity conservation, fire management, heritage protection, visitor services and community engagement.

The role also assists in off reserve biodiversity conservation as well as the management of Aboriginal Heritage sites within the Gawler Ranges Native Title area.

To apply and for more information please visit the Jobs SA website www.jobs.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

Applications Close: 5.00pm 16 June 2016

Applicants must be eligible to be a member of the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation or recognized as a Native Title holder for the Gawler Ranges area.

Enquiries to Mark Anderson, District Manager on Ph 0457 528 314

Safety is a core value of the South Australian Public Sector.

The South Australian Government is an Equal opportunity employer.

www.environment.sa.gov.au

Looking for a
meaningful new role?



TEAM LEADER

Family Referral Service - Central Coast

As the first point of contact for vulnerable families and communities, The Family Referral Service (FRS) Central Coast, increases access to services, decreasing the risks to children and improving outcomes for the family.

You will provide leadership, supervision and practice support to your team to deliver effective, sustainable, dynamic services which optimise outcomes for clients.

This newly created opportunity is for you if you want to:

- Provide resilience-based, culturally competent support so children can live their best life
- Support your team to be able to achieve positive, effective outcomes for clients
- Ensure services are well coordinated, with clear processes and expectations in place

As an experienced Team Leader, you will have child protection knowledge and a client centred, strengths based approach to working with vulnerable families and children.

TBS has a demonstrated commitment to providing a culturally safe environment through our Reconciliation Action Plan and a regional Aboriginal Staff Reference Group.

Email applications to CCHMNCrecruitment@benevolent.org.au.

Closing date 17th June.

For queries call Lisa Ramsay on 02 4355 7500. For more information go to www.benevolent.org.au/jobs

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.

Radio Station Manager 3KND

- Based in Melbourne
- Salary \$80,000 to \$85,000
- Reporting to SEIMA Board



Position Description

3KND Station Manager

SEIMA is an Aboriginal community-controlled media organisation, founded in (1991) providing an essential service to the Koori peoples of Melbourne. Its major activity is the licensed Indigenous radio station, 3KND. SEIMA is incorporated in the State of Victoria and is governed by a Board of Management elected by its members.

SEIMA supports the aspirations of the United Nations, which uphold the inherent, inalienable, collective, and inter-generational rights of Indigenous Peoples and rights affirmed in Treaties, Agreements and Constructive Arrangements, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention No. 169.

3KND broadcasts on 1503AM, on Digital Radio and via live-streaming online. Its community radio license covers the full Melbourne metropolitan area. It broadcasts from purpose-built studio facilities in Preston, with equipment recently upgraded to the most advanced digital radio automation system Zetta. GSelector and Aqira. It has 4 fulltime staff, 4 casual staff and a small group of volunteers.

SEIMA is seeking an experienced Manager to lead the 3KND team in serving the interests of its members and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of Melbourne.

We are looking for a highly experienced and motivated Manager to join our team. In addition to day to day management of staff you will provide Strategic oversight to ensure organisational deliverables and performance standards are continuously met.

Externally you will build on existing and develop new relationships with community services, Aboriginal organisations and state and commonwealth government departments.



Applications close Sunday the 26th June 2016

Applications addressed to the Secretary SEIMA
jodi.geddes24@gmail.com

For more information including position description, duties
Contact manager@3knd.org.au or phone 0394711305

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that Teck Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 091 271 911) of Level 2, 35 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth WA, Variscan Mines Limited (ACN 003 254 395) of Level 1, 80 Chandos Street, St Leonards, NSW and Eaglehawk Geological Consulting Pty Ltd (ACN 061 324 454) of 47 Albert Morris Avenue, Broken Hill, NSW (and their respective successors and assigns) (together the **PROPONENTS**), registered holders of Exploration Licence 5682, represented by their duly authorised agent Iluka Resources Limited of Level 23, 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA, propose to carry out mining operations of an exploratory nature on the following land located in the State of South Australia, approximately 80 km northeast of Olary referred to as **Kalkaroo Area** and which is bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°36'S and longitude 140°40'E, thence east to longitude 140°59'E, south to latitude 31°37'S, east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 31°41'S, west to longitude 140°58'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, east to longitude 140°59'E, south to latitude 31°47'S, west to longitude 140°58'E, south to latitude 31°49'S, west to longitude 140°57'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 140°55'E, north to latitude 31°50'S, west to longitude 140°53'E, north to latitude 31°47'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 140°50'E, north to latitude 31°38'S, west to longitude 140°40'E, and north to the point of commencement, but excluding the area bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°38'S and longitude 140°53'E, thence east to longitude 140°55'E, south to latitude 31°39'S, east to longitude 140°56'E, south to latitude 31°40'S, east to longitude 140°57'E, south to latitude 31°41'S, west to longitude 140°56'E, south to latitude

31°43'S, west to longitude 140°54'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, north to latitude 31°39'S, east to longitude 140°53'E, and north to the point of commencement,

(AREA: approximately 341 square kilometres),

being the land which is subject to Exploration Licence 5682, but excluding that portion of that land which is subject to the Adnyamathanha No. 1 Registered Native Title Claim (SAD6001/1998; SC1999/001) and the Wilyakali #2 Registered Native Title Claim (SAD417/2015; SC2015/003),

all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66) ("**Land**").

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is:

Exploratory operations to determine the geology of the Land and presence of mineralisation. Without limiting that general description, those operations may include: reconnaissance; gridding; mapping; aerial and handheld photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; soil and other geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; hydrogeology surveys; shallow trenching; limited clearing for access and drilling; drilling (including diamond core drilling and other methods); downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill core/cuttings; environmental monitoring work (including baseline work, flora/fauna surveys, geotechnical surveys) and establishment of temporary camp/storage sites and access tracks as may be necessary.

The proposed activities are (or will be) authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licence 5682 (including any renewal or subsequent exploration licence granted for or other dealings with Exploration Licence 5682, and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority for the whole or any part of the Land).

The PROPONENTS seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971* (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, the **PROPONENTS** (or their respective successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the Proponents at:

ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED
c/- FINLAYSONS
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8235 7452
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr George McKenzie



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	36/686	RATSCH, Pamela Rose	9.69HA.	21km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 120° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE,
Mining Lease	52/1070	INDEPENDENCE KARLAWINDA PTY LTD	2975.03HA.	60km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 120° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1350	HESKETH QUARRY'S PTY LTD	33.69HA.	15km N'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 6' S Long: 116° 9' E	BRIDGETOWN- GREENBUSHES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 1 June 2016

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **1 September 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **1 October 2016**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

adcorp WG15241

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

DORRIGO PLATEAU SURFACE WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRENTON DESMOND JOHN STONE, MICHAEL EDWARD STONE AND DESLEIGH ANNE STONE** as follows; In the Upper Nymboida River Management Zone for a 100mm pump on Little Murray River and Borra Creek, on Lots 23, 24 and 27, DP 752823, Parish Fenton, County Fitzroy for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A008200)

Any queries please call (02) 6641 6500, Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer

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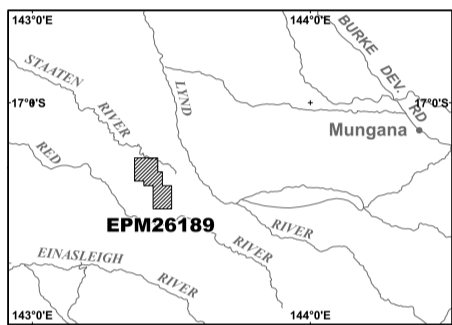
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND RENEWAL OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND COAL

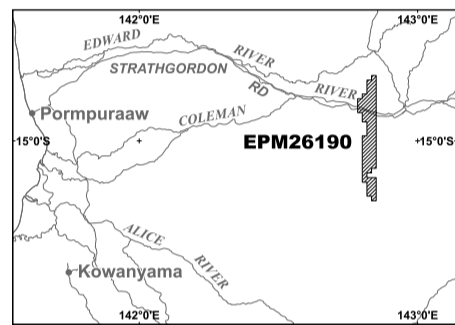
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 EPM26189, EPM26190, EPM26191, EPM26192, EPM25194, EPM26195, EPM26197, EPM26200 and EPM26202 and renewal of EPM17045, EPM17046 and EPC774 as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

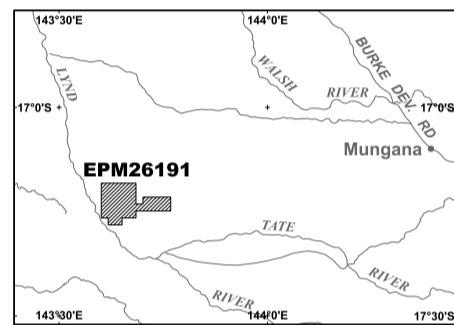
Exploration Permit 26189 sought by Lynd Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 498, over an area of 51 sub-blocks (167 km²), centred approximately 100 km West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



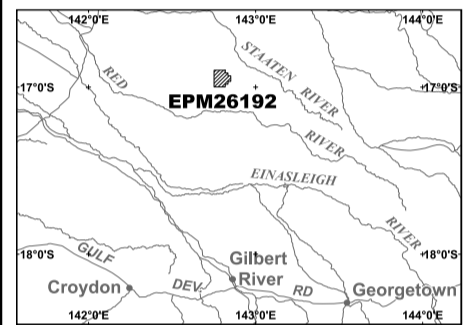
Exploration Permit 26190 sought by Gambaola Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 809, over an area of 68 sub-blocks (225 km²), centred approximately 130 km East of Pormpuraaw, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



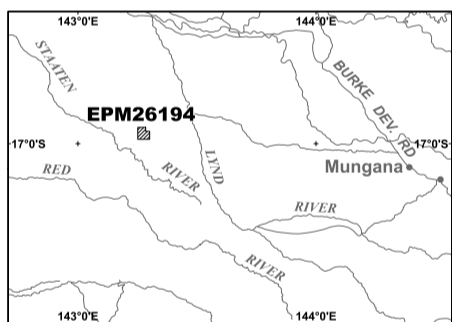
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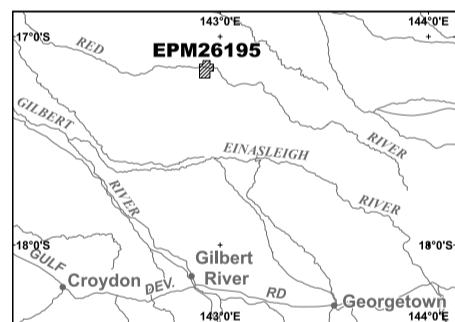
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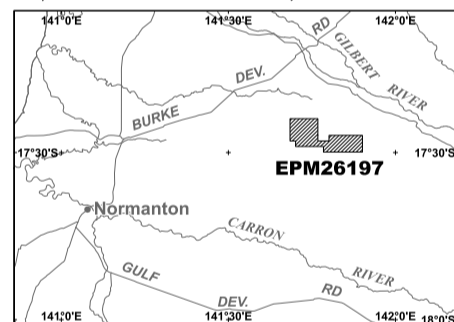
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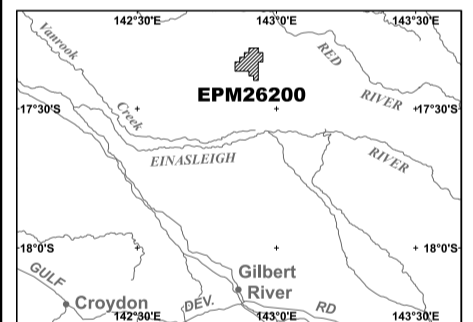
Exploration Permit 26195 sought by Lynd Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 498, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (52 km²), centred approximately 110 km North of Gilbert River, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



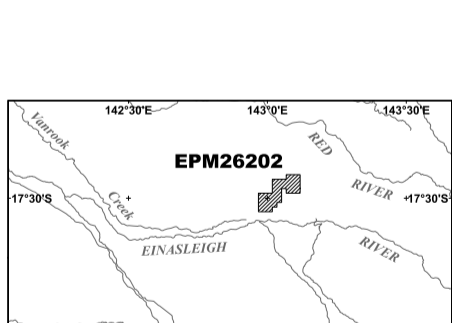
Exploration Permit 26197 sought by Yappar Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 925, over an area of 45 sub-blocks (147 km²), centred approximately 80 km East North East of Normanton, in the localities of the Carpentaria Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council.



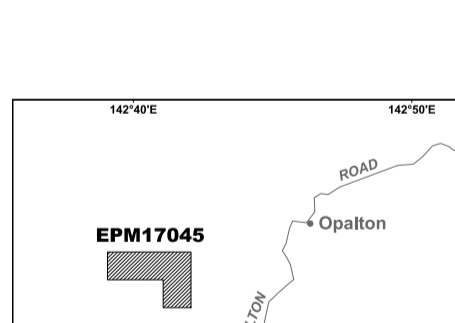
Exploration Permit 26200 sought by Lynd Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 498, over an area of 24 sub-blocks (78 km²), centred approximately 90 km North of Gilbert River, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



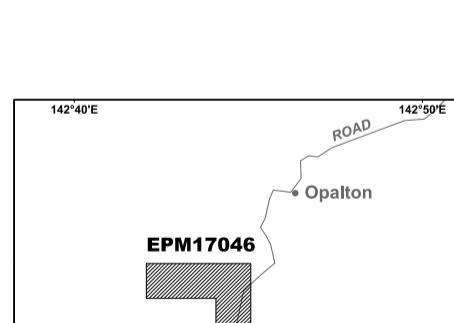
Exploration Permit 26202 sought by Lynd Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 610 450 498, over an area of 37 sub-blocks (120 km²), centred approximately 76 km North North East of Gilbert River, in the localities of the Etheridge Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.



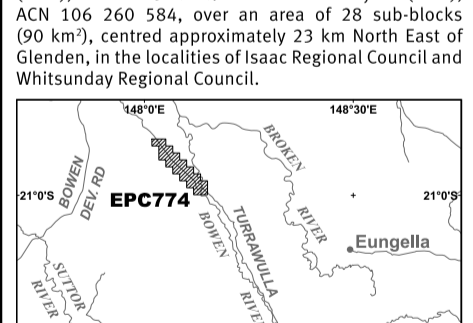
Exploration Permit 17045 renewal sought by Opal Horizon Limited, ACN 095 974 762, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 10 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 17046 renewal sought by Opal Horizon Limited, ACN 095 974 762, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 7 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 774 renewal sought by Glencore Coal Queensland Pty Limited (55%), ACN 098 156 702, Itochu Coal Resources Australia Pty Limited (25%), ACN 072 596 733, Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Limited (10%), ACN 061 524 249 and ICRA NCA Pty Ltd (10%), ACN 106 260 584, over an area of 28 sub-blocks (90 km²), centred approximately 23 km North East of Glenden, in the localities of Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant or renewal of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to explore for coal or minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant and renewal of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant or renewal of each Exploration Permit and the future act to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted or renewed unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant or renewal of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants and renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 22 June 2016



DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend an existing WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **MARCUS WILLIAM NALDER BREE NICOLE NALDER** for a pump on Lot 21 DP756591, Parish Wetuppa, County Wakool for stock purposes and irrigation (works are existing, application is for administrative purposes only). (Application No. A8195).

Objections to granting the amendment of this Approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (03) 5898 3935, Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **RENNIE RESERVES TRUST** for a new groundwater bore for Fire Fighting and Recreation purposes on Lot 94 DP752281.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008230)

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8859, Clare Purtle, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2832	NORTH WEST SOLAR SALT PTY LTD	63BL.	29km E'ly of Onisow	Lat: 21° 33' S Long: 115° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2169	NEXT ADVANCEMENTS PTY LTD	27BL.	120km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 29' S Long: 116° 13' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2170	NEXT ADVANCEMENTS PTY LTD	21BL.	119km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 36' S Long: 116° 16' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2171	NEXT ADVANCEMENTS PTY LTD	22BL.	124km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 45' S Long: 116° 23' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1513	KENNEDY, Paul James	2BL.	14km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 18' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/896	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	32BL.	36km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 117° 39' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/195	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED	29BL.	54km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 117° 25' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2477 & 31/1085	MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD PUMPHREY, Andrew Ian	21BL.	115km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 122° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/872	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	1BL.	12km W'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 120° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1257	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	8BL.	20km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1261	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	37BL.	99km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3052	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	39BL.	4km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3113	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	70BL.	75km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 121° 55' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1955	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	41BL.	55km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1959	GORDON, Myles Stewart Randall	1BL.	67km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 122° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1961	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	3BL.	70km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4617	BORAL RESOURCES (WA) LTD	2BL.	41km E'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 25' S Long: 118° 58' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4627	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	31BL.	106km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 118° 36' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4674	RED METAL LIMITED	38BL.	43km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 120° 2' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4690	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	57BL.	58km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 9' S Long: 120° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4693	MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD	15BL.	75km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 118° 51' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4696-l	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	17BL.	39km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 32' S Long: 120° 6' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4700	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	23BL.	20km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 119° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4702	MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD	41BL.	73km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 119° 20' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4703	SAYONA MINING LIMITED	22BL.	57km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 45' S Long: 118° 52' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1737	ZEUS MINING PTY LTD	4BL.	21km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 24' S Long: 118° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1738	OMNI PROJECTS PTY LTD	2BL.	74km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 56' S Long: 118° 40' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3087 & 52/3190	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	74BL.	154km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 22' S Long: 119° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3346	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	67BL.	185km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 17' S Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA 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	52/3414	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	43BL.	178km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 20' S Long: 119° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3428	VANGUARD EXPLORATION LTD	38BL.	172km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 10' S Long: 120° 8' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1885	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL.	72km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 121° 31' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1886	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL.	74km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 121° 32' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1043	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	31BL.	74km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 118° 57' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1046	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM CORPORATION (HOLDINGS) PTY LTD	50BL.	67km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 3' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2167	CORONA MINING PTY LTD	17BL.	28km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 116° 43' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2171	METALCITY LIMITED	13BL.	7km E'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 116° 45' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2175	KRAKATOA RESOURCES LTD	22BL.	79km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 117° 3' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2177	COVENTRY ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	11BL.	51km NE'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 116° 53' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2179	ESPERANZA ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	20BL.	127km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 116° 20' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1777	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	3BL.	123km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 120° 28' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3428	RED METAL LIMITED	75BL.	123km NW'ly of Eucla	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 128° 6' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	69/3433	RED METAL LIMITED	44BL.	67km NE'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat: 31° 46' S Long: 126° 44' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3434	RED METAL LIMITED	20BL.	56km E'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat: 32° 12' S Long: 126° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3436	RED METAL LIMITED	8BL.	52km SE'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 125° 37' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	69/3438	RED METAL LIMITED	11BL.	69km N'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 126° 3' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3439	RED METAL LIMITED	15BL.	61km N'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 126° 17' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3441	RED METAL LIMITED	22BL.	92km NE'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 126° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4816	METALCITY LIMITED	88BL.	22km SW'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 28' S Long: 115° 57' E	COLLIE SHIRE, DARDANUP SHIRE, DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4820	MAQ COMMODITIES PTY LTD	8BL.	8km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 115° 33' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4828	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	55BL.	59km E'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 35' S Long: 118° 10' E	KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4830	MEAKINS, Christopher John BOASE, Darrell Charles	4BL.	12km E'ly of Goomalling	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 116° 57' E	DOWERIN SHIRE, GOOMALLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4835	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	10BL.	28km W'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 9' S Long: 118° 10' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4836	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	25BL.	24km N'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 44' S Long: 118° 59' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE, KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4837	VENTURE LITHIUM PTY LTD	170BL.	11km NE'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 10' S Long: 116° 14' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4845	CHINA MAGNESIUM CORPORATION LIMITED	1BL.	19km NE'ly of Nannup	Lat: 33° 51' S Long: 115° 54' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/583	COMET RESOURCES LTD	9BL.	50km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 57' S Long: 120° 22' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2358	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL.	132km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 119° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2365	SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED	49.05HA.	30km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2373	CHEN, Xingpeng	168.06HA.	28km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2374	CHEN, Xingpeng	153.90HA.	30km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2377	FRANICH, Lordan Mathew	198.48HA.	31km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2378	FRANICH, Lordan Mathew	192.71HA.	29km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2380	MCMEEKEN, Brendon Ralph VADNJAL, Jayson David	62.56HA.	38km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2381-87	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1267.42HA.	42km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4071-S	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	9.89HA.	35km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4157	BARRICK (AUSTRALIA PACIFIC) PTY LIMITED KALGOORLIE LAKE VIEW PTY LTD	141.00HA.	15km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4168	NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED	123.69HA.	9km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4169-70 & 26/4172	NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED	537.37HA.	10km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2247	MCCAHOON, Vincent	195.54HA.	51km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2373	MELROSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	0.44HA.	29km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 26' S Long: 121° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1857	SILVER ASSET PTY LTD	189.56HA.	62km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1858	SILVER ASSET PTY LTD	164.32HA.	64km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4188	WESTCAPE NOMINEES PTY LTD	48.96HA.	24km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5610-11	MURRIN MURRIN HOLDINGS PTY LTD GLENMURRIN PTY LTD	263.26HA.	47km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 48' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5612	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	110.95HA.	78km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5614	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	168.06HA.	72km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5615	STEEL, Nicholas	187.92HA.	58km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3004	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	151.77HA.	101km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 118° 38' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	45/3015	BLAIR, Gregory James	10.87HA.	85km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 118° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1699	BRIERLY, Malcolm MCNALLY, Ian John	97.99HA.	2km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 117° 51' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 1 June 2016

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **1 September 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 1 October 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 GraticularBlock = 2.8 km²

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BARKANDJI TRADITIONAL OWNERS NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETING NEW NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION

Date and Time: Friday 24 June 2016
9:00am arrival and morning tea
10:00am start - 4:30pm
Place: Sturt Club, Broken Hill
321 Blende Street, Broken Hill

NTSCORP Limited ('NTSCORP') funds legal advice and provides assistance to the Barkandji traditional owners and is convening a meeting for all Barkandji traditional owners and any other Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the area of land and waters described in this notice.

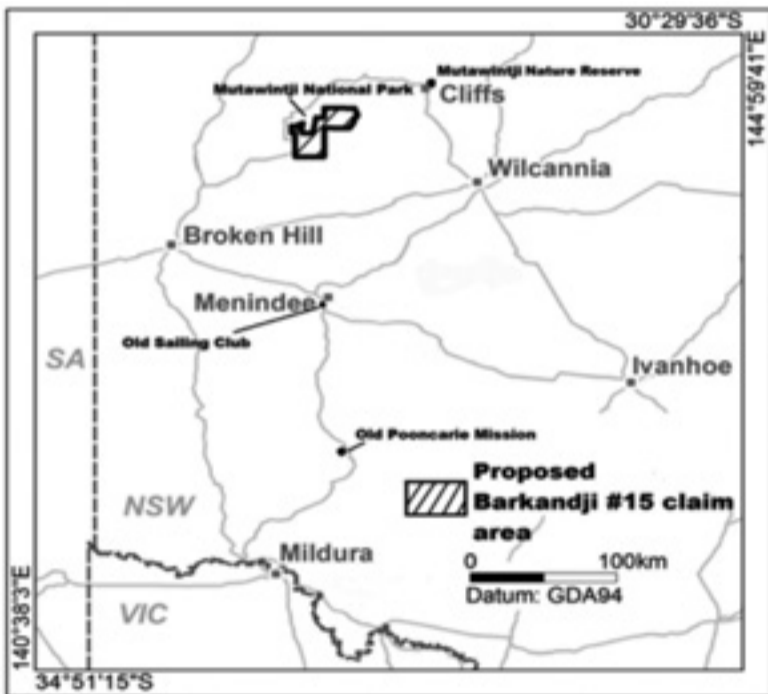
Who should attend?

Members of the native title claim group, being Aboriginal people who are descendants of:

- Manfred Mary / Mary Johnson / Mary Brodie
- Manfred Tommy
- Louisa Brown
- Cuthero Jack Brown
- Susan Webster also known as Annie Webster
- Bill Webster
- Harry Whyman
- Kate Whyman
- Louisa McLean
- Alec McLean
- Sarah Cabbage
- Nganya
- Harry Mitchell
- Daniel McGregor
- Lucy Benson
- Jack "Doctor" Benson
- Crancey
- Jack Tyler
- Taylor Matjulum Gibson
- Tottie Gibson
- Kutyi
- Cate Newton /Maggie Tyler
- Albert Bates
- Fanny Bates
- Yancannia Kitty
- Judy Quayle
- Nancy Watts
- Topsy Crowe
- Alec Bridge
- Olive Barton
- Margaret Payne
- Kitty Knight
- Jacky Knight
- Matilda Murray
- Paddy Black
- Hero Black
- Tall Boy Keegan
- Kitty Keegan
- Fanny Buugali William

and persons adopted into the families of those persons who identify as, and are accepted as, members of the Barkandji and Malyangapa People in accordance with Barkandji and Malyangapa traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons), and any other Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the area of land and waters described in this notice.

The meeting is being convened to discuss and authorise a further native title claim over certain areas so that native title can be recognised over them, where for legal reasons native title could not be recognised in the Barkandji Consent Determination (Part A) in June 2015 (NSD 6084 of 1998). The areas to be included in the proposed application are Old Pooncarie Mission, the old Menindee Sailing Club, Mutawintji National Park and Mutawintji Nature Reserve.



AGENDA:

1. Discuss the background on the proposed new claim and review native title law and processes;
2. Confirm the decision making process of the claim group;
3. Consider and authorise a native title determination application over the areas described in this notice being Pooncarie Mission, the old Menindee Sailing Club, Mutawintji National Park and Mutawintji Nature Reserve ('the new application');
4. Authorise the Applicant to make the proposed native title determination application;
5. Discuss process and timing for the resolution of the new application; and
6. For Barkandji #8 native title claim group members (as described in NSD6084/98) to discuss the remaining areas covered by the Barkandji #8 claim, to authorise amendments to the Barkandji #8 claim including to withdraw parts of the claim where native title cannot be recognised at this point in time, and to provide instructions to the Barkandji #8 Applicant to deal with all matters to finalise the Barkandji #8 claim including if necessary to discontinue part of the proceedings.
7. Instructions to the directors of Barkandji native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC in relation to future act matters affecting the Barkandji #8 (Part A) determination area.
8. Future Acts Update including:
 - Future Act notices
 - Cristal Mining
 - Geoscience Australia
 - Wentworth Shire Council
 - Cultural Heritage Monitor Register
 - Paradigm Resources

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **15 June 2016**. Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Limited's policies. **Please note that accommodation will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED NTSCORP ON 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or FAX (02) 9310 4177.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LOWER NAMOI GROUND WATER SOURCE

An application for a water supply work and use approval (amendment) has been received from **JB CO PTY LTD** for a 356mm bore, irrigation purposes on Lot 45 DP 802158. (A8120)

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 and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 67996626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

GLENDON BROOK WATER SOURCE

An application for a COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CRAIG ANTHONY SIMMONS** for an 80 mm centrifugal pump for the purpose of irrigation on Lot 852 DP 1204720. (A008215)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 2213 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call 02 4904 2511, Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LOWER GOULBURN RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **PATINACK FARM HOLDING NO.7 PTY LTD** for a 150 mm centrifugal pump for the purpose of irrigation on Lot 1 DP 1160725. (A008175)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 2213 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call 02 4904 2511, Heather Dewson, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **TOOLEYBUC FARMS PTY LTD** to include additional land for water use on 1//1136243, 2//1136243, 3//1136243, 4//1136243 & 133//712673, Parish of Milleu, County of Wakool, for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A8281)

Any queries please call (03) 5898 3935, Jane Taylor, Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

BELL ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JOHN HENRY PEARCE** for 3 wells for irrigation on Lot 3 Section 16, Lot 5 Section 14 and Lot 4 Section 18 all in DP 759073, Parish of Wellington, County of Wellington, (Ref: A008124).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN, EASTERN RECHARGE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION** for a bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 23 DP 751087.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A8266)

Any queries please call (02) 6763 1470, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/964	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	485000	99.31HA	16km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 17' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1182	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	485087	29.94HA	15km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1268	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	485089	4.34HA	20km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/1339	PASCOE, Brett Charles	484996	71.05HA	10km S'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 121° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
16/359	EVOLUTION MINING (PHOENIX) PTY LIMITED	485778	18.85HA	31km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
16/418	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	485680	64.36HA	30km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
16/418	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	485681	17.51HA	30km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
25/447	NORTHERN MINING LTD	432676	271.54HA	25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
38/2819	DUKETON MINING LTD	484688	25.54HA	46km W'ly of Cosmo	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2919	DUKETON MINING LTD	484687	76.55HA	57km NW'ly of Cosmo	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1697	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	484360	6.65HA	71km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 1 June 2016
Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **1 September 2016**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **1 October 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

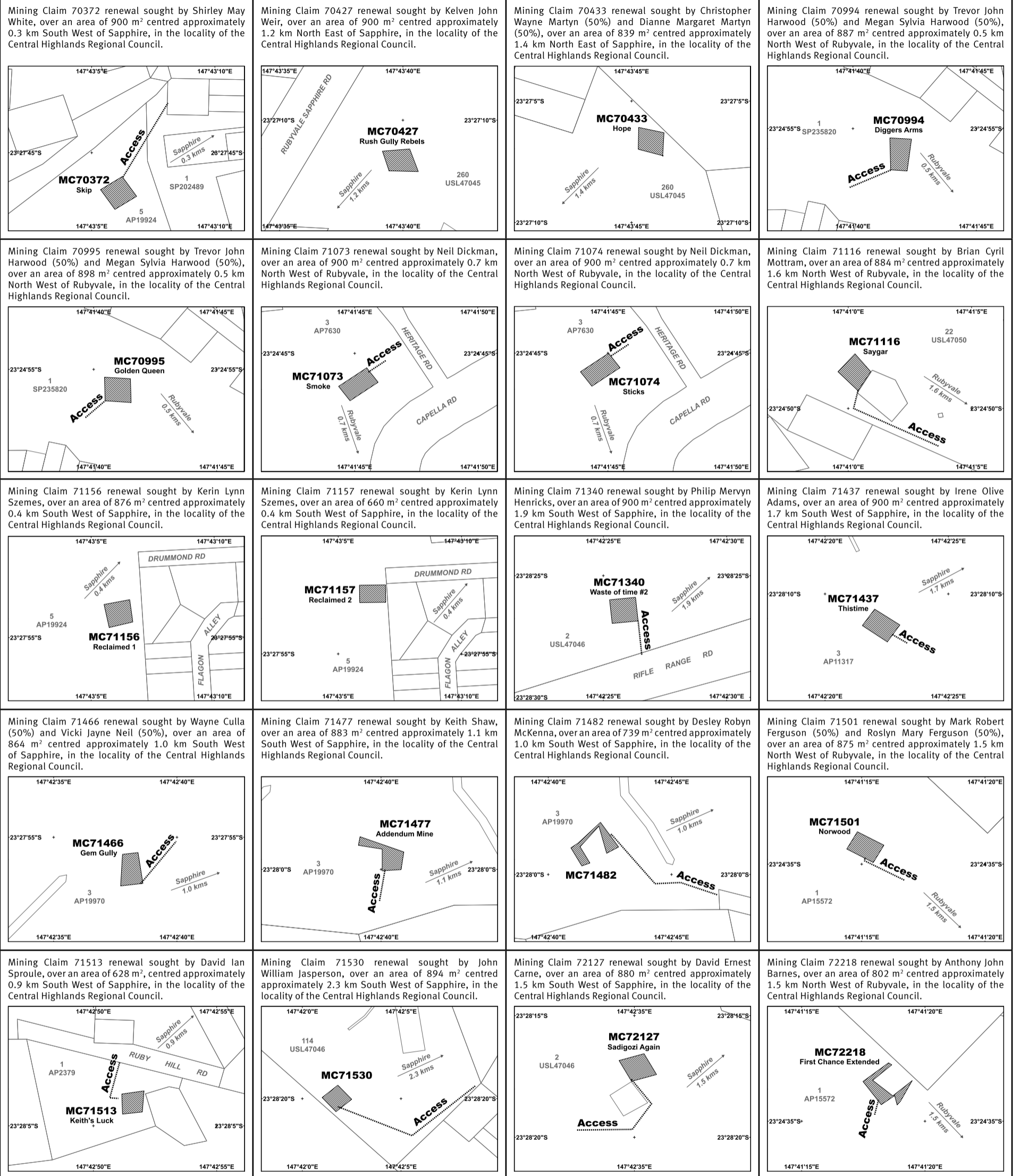
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

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 renewal of MC70372, MC70427, MC70433, MC70994, MC70995, MC71073, MC71074, MC71116, MC71156, MC71157, MC71340, MC71437, MC71466, MC71477, MC71482, MC71501, MC71513, MC71530, MC72127 and MC72218 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).



Nature of Act(s): The renewal of Mining Claims 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 Claims be renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

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 renewal of Mining Claims. 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: 22 June 2016

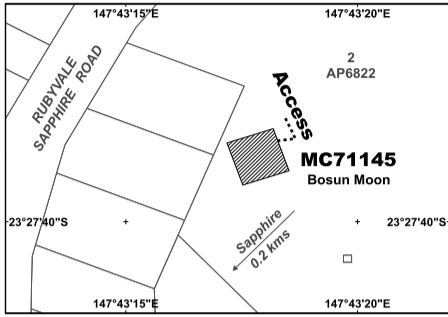


NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

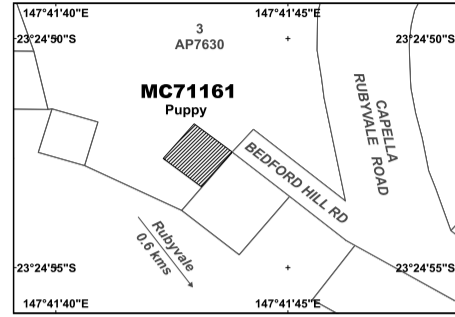
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 renewal of MC71145, MC71161, MC71260, MC71261, MC71324, MC71344, MC71352, MC71373, MC71391, MC71434, MC71442, MC72123, MC72142, MC72159 and MC72187 and grant of MC300094, MC300095, MC300096, MC300098 and MC300099 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

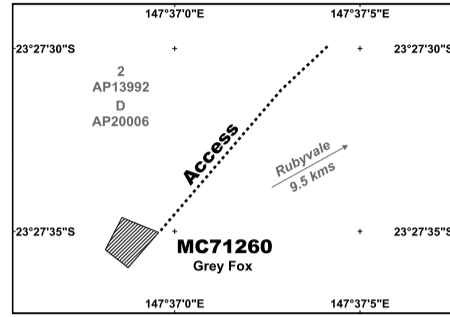
Mining Claim 71145 renewal sought by Stephen Leonard Rowan, over an area of 894 m² centred approximately 0.2 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



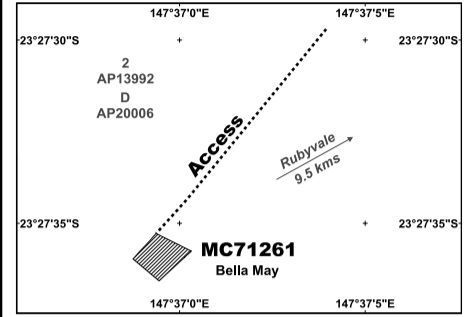
Mining Claim 71161 renewal sought by Daniel Robert Elliott (50%) and Malcolm Granger (50%), over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 0.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



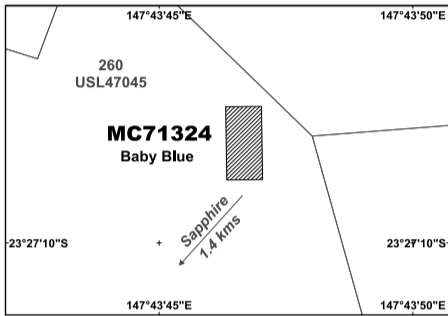
Mining Claim 71260 renewal sought by Maree Cecilia Fox, over an area of 894 m² centred approximately 9.5 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



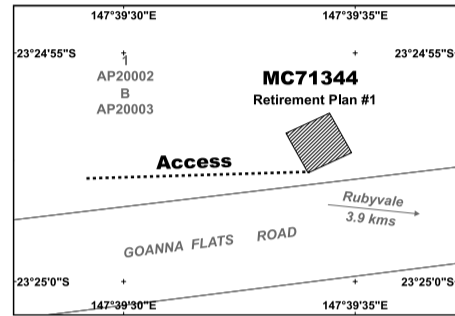
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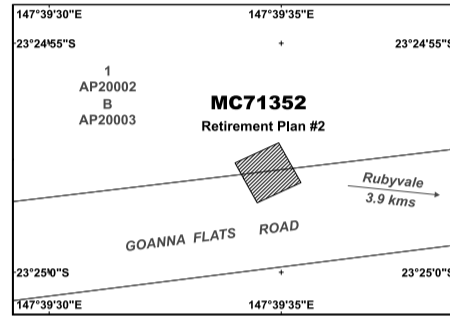
Mining Claim 71324 renewal sought by Robert John Horwath, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.4 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



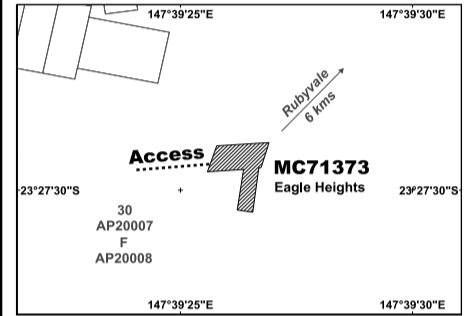
Mining Claim 71344 renewal sought by Louise Tynan Denver, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 3.9 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



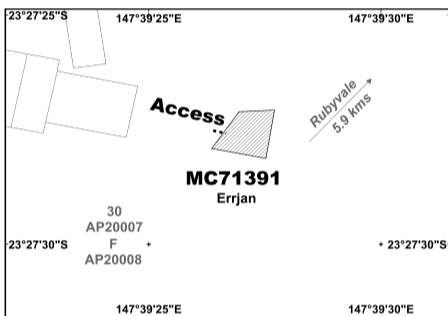
Mining Claim 71352 renewal sought by Louise Tynan Denver, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 3.9 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



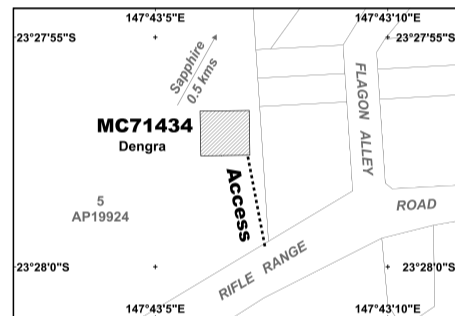
Mining Claim 71373 renewal sought by Allan Stanley Chisholm, over an area of 816 m² centred approximately 6 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



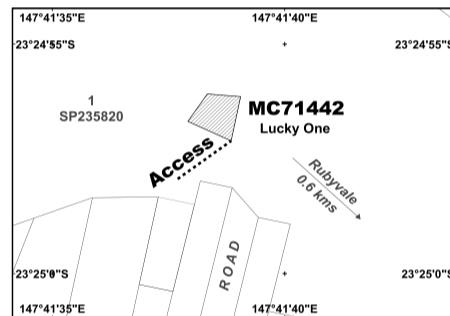
Mining Claim 71391 renewal sought by Jean Mary Chisholm, over an area of 800 m² centred approximately 5.9 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



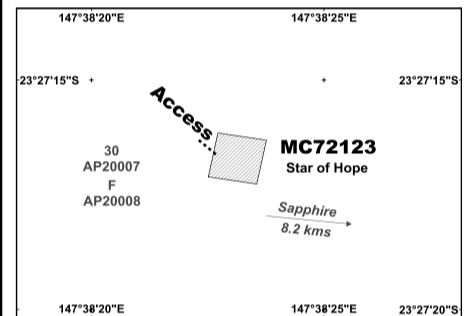
Mining Claim 71434 renewal sought by Astrid Lindsay, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 0.5 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



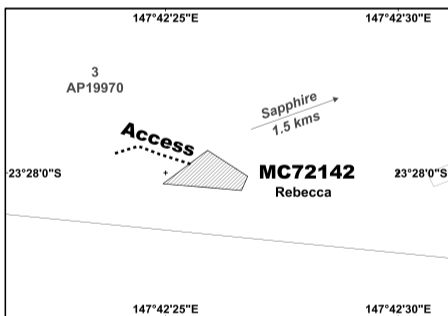
Mining Claim 71442 renewal sought by Sandra Jean Perry, over an area of 627 m² centred approximately 0.6 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



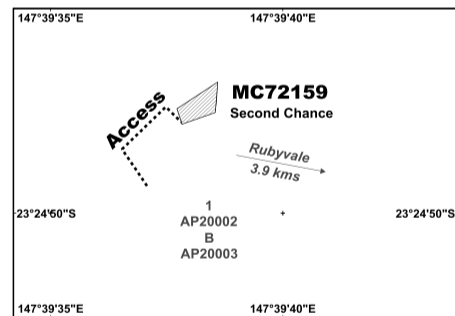
Mining Claim 72123 renewal sought by Rex Edward Cowling, over an area of 899 m² centred approximately 8.2 km West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



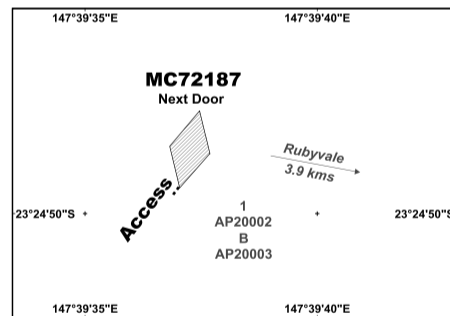
Mining Claim 72142 renewal sought by David John MacKenzie, over an area of 748 m² centred approximately 1.5 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



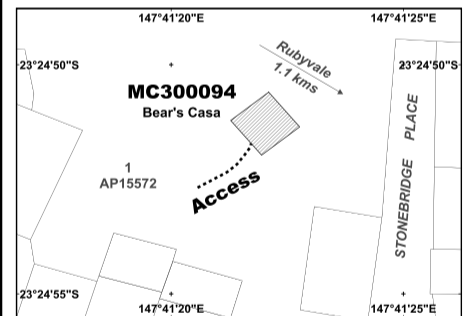
Mining Claim 72159 renewal sought by David Mark Cummings, over an area of 359 m² centred approximately 3.9 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



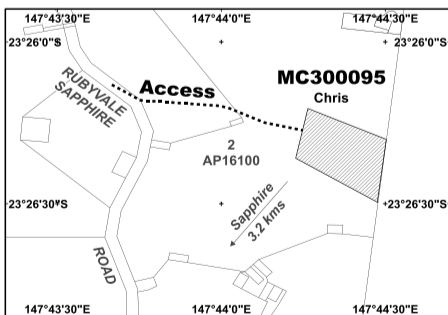
Mining Claim 72187 renewal sought by David Mark Cummings, over an area of 665 m² centred approximately 3.9 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



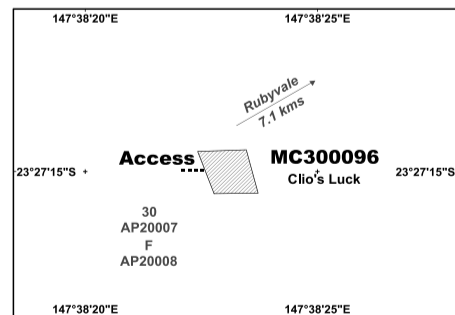
Mining Claim 300094 sought by Adam Phillip Reis, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.1 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



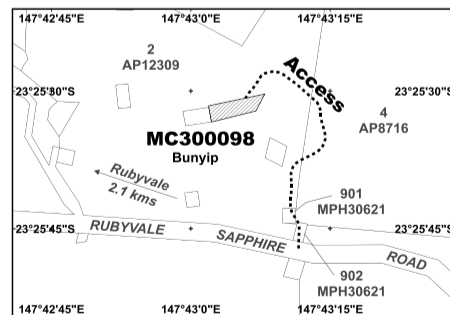
Mining Claim 300095 sought by Peter Lindsay Tulk, over an area of 14.51 ha, centred approximately 3.2 km North East of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



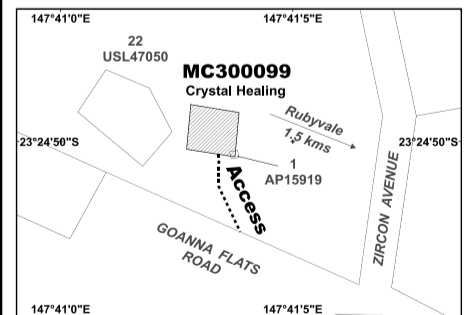
Mining Claim 300096 sought by Bogdan Golenkov, over an area of 817 m² centred approximately 7.1 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300098 sought by Matthew Charles Steane Lee, over an area of 7820 m² centred approximately 2.1 km South East of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300099 sought by Bruce John Masters, over an area of 900 m² centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Claims 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 Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

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 renewal or grant of Mining Claims. 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

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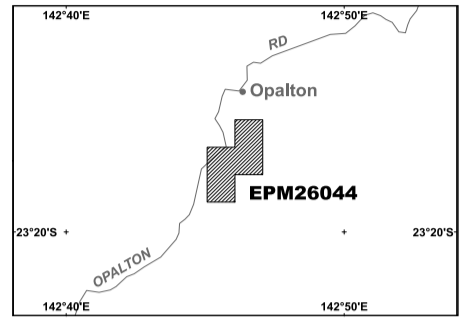
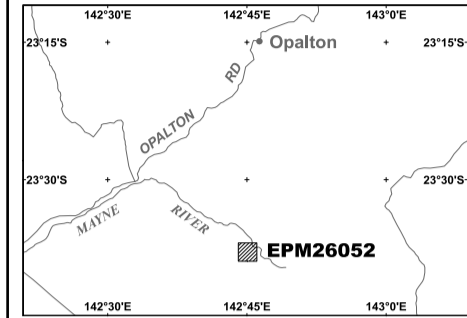
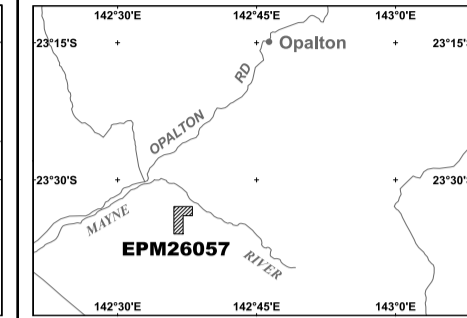
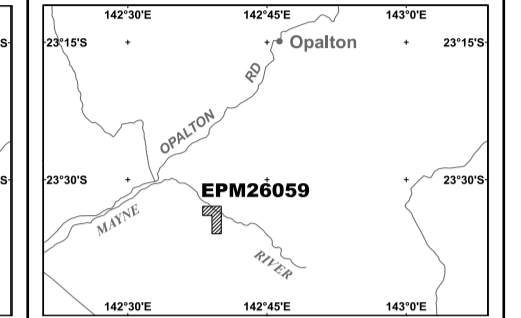
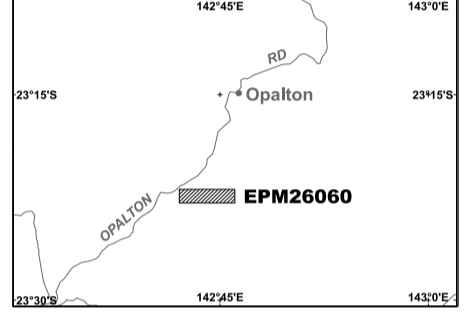
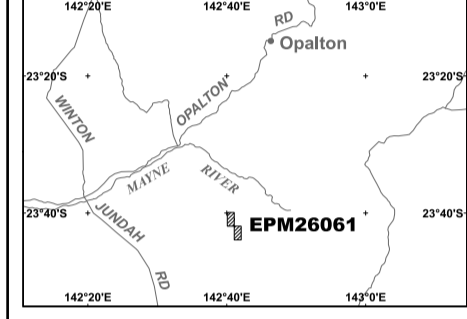
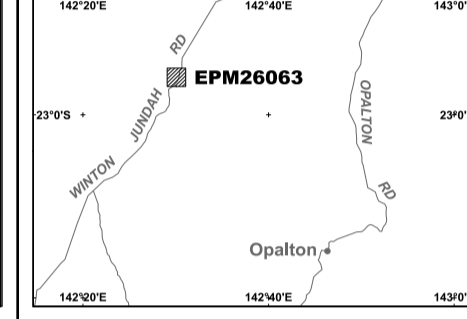
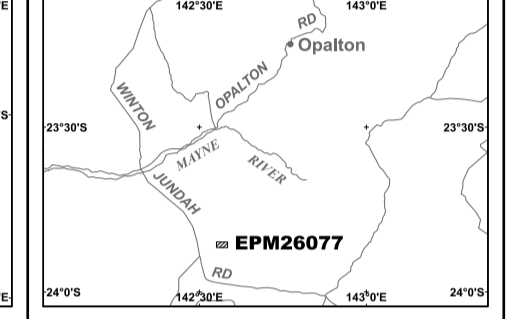
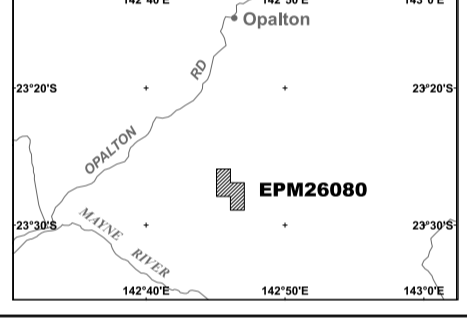
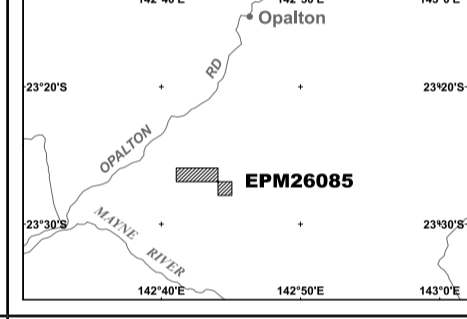
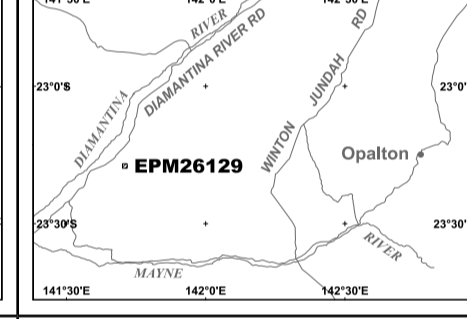
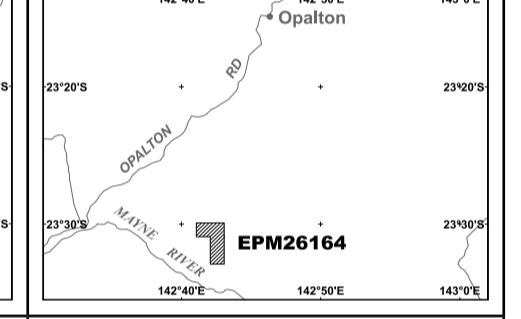
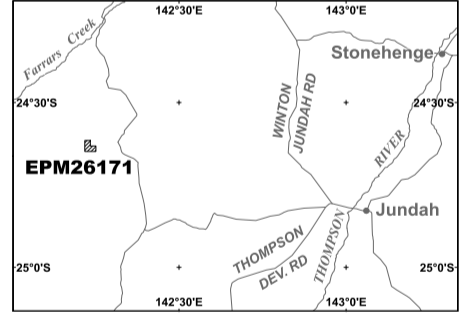
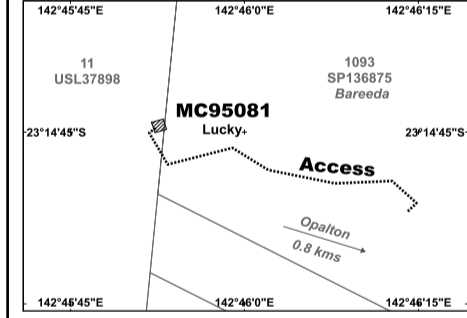
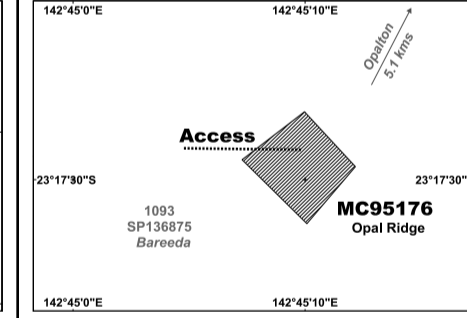
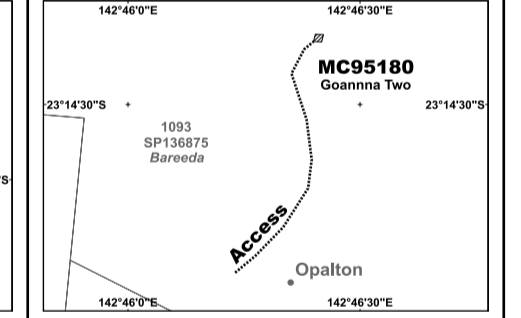
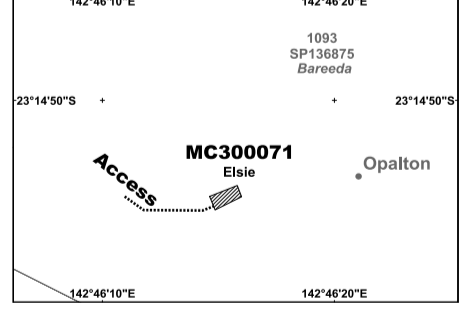
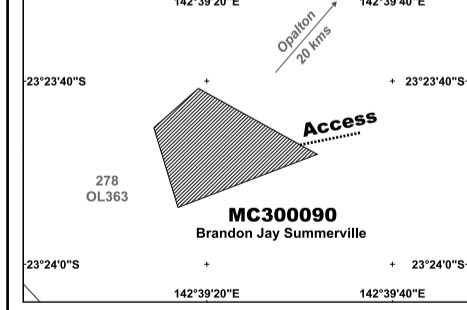
Notification Day: 22 June 2016



NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS AND RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

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 EPM26044, EPM26052, EPM26057, EPM26059, EPM26060, EPM26061, EPM26063, EPM26077, EPM26080, EPM26085, EPM26129, EPM26164 and EPM26171 and renewal of MC95081, MC95176 and MC95180 and grant of MC300071 and MC300090 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

<p>Exploration Permit 26044 sought by Maxwell Geoffrey Read, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 4 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26052 sought by Kris Eric Hume, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 42 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26057 sought by David Roy Strang, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 38 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26059 sought by B & R Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 099 601 457, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 38 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 26060 sought by Mirko Cindric, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 14 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26061 sought by Mirko Cindric, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 50 km South of Opalton, in the localities of the Winton Shire Council and Barcoo Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26063 sought by Opal Creek Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 002 322 634, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 44 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26077 sought by Mark Ian Ashwood, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (7 km²), centred approximately 70 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 26080 sought by Kerry John Ashley Jackson, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 23 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26085 sought by Kerry John Ashley Jackson, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 23 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26129 sought by Wolter Stokes, over an area of 1 sub-block (3 km²), centred approximately 107 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 26164 sought by Gotap Pty Ltd, ACN 103 696 537, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 30 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 26171 sought by Margaret Hobson, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10 km²), centred approximately 85 km West North West of Jundah, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Mining Claim 95081 renewal sought by Hans George Baumer (50%) and Wolfgang Baumer (50%), over an area of 867 m² centred approximately 0.8 km North West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Mining Claim 95176 renewal sought by Jasen Robert Hold, over an area of 1.000 ha centred approximately 5.1 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Mining Claim 95180 renewal sought by Sheldon Dealy, over an area of 886 m² centred approximately 1.0 km North of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Mining Claim 300071 sought by Kisha Louise Neville, over an area of 650 m², centred approximately 0.2 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Mining Claim 300090 sought by Brandon Jay Summerville, over an area of 10.2700 ha centred approximately 20 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p> 	<p>to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> (Qld), for Mining Claim 95081 for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, for Mining Claims 95176, 95180, 300071 and 300090 for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.</p> <p>Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permits be granted, the Mining Claims be renewed or granted, subject to the provisions of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.</p> <p>Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of Exploration Permits and proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit Applications and Mining Claim Applications or Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Small Scale Mining Hub, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Queensland, 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.</p> <p>Native Title Parties: Under the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits and proposed renewal or grant Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (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</p> <p>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.</p>	

Nature of Act(s): The grant of Exploration Permits under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for Exploration Permits 26044, 26052, 26057, 26059, 26060, 26061, 26063, and 26164 for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, for Exploration Permit 26080 and 26085 for a term not exceeding three (3) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding three (3) years, for Exploration Permits 26077 and 26171 for a term not exceeding two (2) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding two (2) years, and for Exploration Permit 26129 for a term not exceeding one (1) year, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding one (1) year. The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject

Notification Day: 22 June 2016

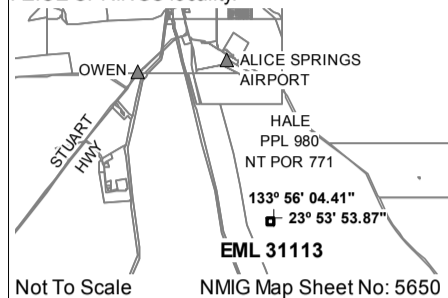
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASE

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(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 31113 sought by ALICE SPRINGS SAND SUPPLY PTY LTD, ACN 009 594 165 over an area of 21 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s 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 5213.

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.

Notification Day: 1 June 2016

Rugby union stakes claim

By ALF WILSON



FORTY-nine male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youths from around Queensland, the Northern Territory and WA took part in clinics run by the Lloyd

McDermott Rugby Union Development Team at Townsville.

Development officers from the Queensland Reds coached the Shalom Christian College students at Townsville Rugby Union headquarters in Hugh Street on May 19.

Students from there are well performed at rugby league and Australian rules football, but rugby union is a bit of a novelty.

Lloyd Clive McDermott is Australia's first Indigenous barrister, and also was the first Aboriginal person to represent his country in rugby union, playing for the Wallabies against the New Zealand

All Blacks in 1962.

In 1962, McDermott was a winger for the Wallabies and made his pride in his Aboriginality clear to everyone in Australia by opting not to play as an 'honorary white' on the South African tour.

The Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team was established with the goal of introducing rugby union to young Indigenous men and women across Australia in hopes of coupling athletics with academics.

Fine tradition

Shalom College is a school renowned for producing fine young sportsmen and women.

Shalom Christian College head of Sports Academy Mark Burgess said the school was now looking at entering sides in the Townsville Junior Rugby Union competitions.

"This was the first time we have done these rugby union clinics and we had 49 students attend and it went really well," he said.



Rhonda Gisu, Tuwayne Campbell, Kales Bowie, Iesha Whaleboat, Leslie Phillips and Tyrese Kidner (front) attend the Townsville clinic.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **GROWDEN EXCAVATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 095 377 316** of registered address Suite 6, 128 Fullarton Road, Norwood SA 5070 in the State of South Australia is the registered holder of Mineral Claim (MC) 4396 and proposes to undertake quarrying operations for the recovery of extractive minerals on said tenement incorporating land described below:

1 Description of the land comprised in MC 4396

An area of land being approximately 48.43 hectares located approximately 6 kilometres north-east of Iron Knob and 60 kilometres south-west of Port Augusta situated in the vicinity of Corunna Station in South Australia bounded as follows:

Commencing at cartesian co-ordinates 705708mE 6382371mN then SE to 706152mE 6382037mN then SW to 705603mE 6381360mN then NW to 705158E 6381694N and then north east to the point of commencement (being Map Grid of Australia Zone 53 expressed in metres based on the Universal Transverse Mercator projection and the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994).

2 Nature of Proposed Mining Operations:

Extraction of quartzite rock for construction materials.

3 The Proposed Operations are or will be authorised by the following mining authority under the Mining Act 1971:

Extractive Mineral Lease (or any substitute thereof).

4 GROWDEN EXCAVATIONS PTY LTD holder of Mineral Claim 4396 has made application for the grant of an extractive minerals lease that authorises the recovery of quartzite and seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

Note: if, two months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, Growden Excavations Pty Ltd may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Note: that if within 6 months from the initiations of negotiations Growden Excavations Pty Ltd and any native title parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to the Mining Act 1971 (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent **Growden Excavations Pty Ltd** as follows:

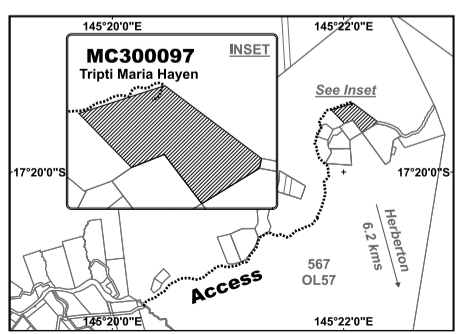
- Contact telephone number: (08) 8646 2190
- Postal address: PO Box 451 Whyalla SA 5600
- Contact person: Mr Brenton French

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING CLAIM

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 Claim shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Claim 300097 sought by Tripti Maria Hayden over an area of 15.4200 ha centred approximately 6.2 km North North West of Herberton, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Claim under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the provisions of 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 Claim be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) 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 Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim grant, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9350.

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 renewal or grant of Mining Claims. 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: 22 June 2016



Another four years

Mining company backs AFL Indigenous Programs



MINING giant Rio Tinto has signed on to partner the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Programs for another four years.

The partnership was announced last Tuesday at the 2016 AFL Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round launch at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Sydney.

AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan outlined the partnership to include naming rights for the Flying Boomerangs and Woomeras programs on top of Rio Tinto's existing relationship with the AFL Footy Means Business program.

"Rio Tinto's relationship with the AFL started six years ago when they came on board to support Footy Means Business, a program aimed to provide high-performance and employment opportunities for young Indigenous men," McLachlan said.

Grassroots levels

"It is great that a partner like Rio Tinto is going to extend their partnership to support AFL programs for male and females of all ages at grassroots levels in Indigenous communities."

The second camp of the annual Rio Tinto AFL Footy Means Business program kicked off in Melbourne last week, coinciding with the AFL Sir Doug



AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan, second from right, and Rio Tinto Iron Ore CEO Andrew Harding with Indigenous Programs participants at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Sydney, where it was announced that Rio Tinto had signed on to partner the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Programs for another four years.

Nicholls Round.

The squad of 50 Indigenous men, aged 18-24 years, were exposed to elite AFL programs and training, along with networking opportunities in corporate environments – led by coaches Aaron Davey and

Barry Lawrence.

The week-long camp culminated in the Rio Tinto Cup, the curtain-raiser match to the Dreamtime at the 'G last Saturday, where the squad represented the Davey or Lawrence teams.

The program itinerary also included a cultural walk, training sessions at Richmond and Essendon Football clubs, an Amazing Race Challenge and a day at Channel 7 studios.

AFL diversity manager Ali Fahour said young Indigenous

men from across Australia benefited from being part of the program. "The participants were selected based on football ability, engagement with their communities and their potential to serve as positive role models," he said.

'Dizzy' coaching rumours persist



Jason Gillespie



FORMER Test paceman Jason Gillespie has again denied being in talks with Cricket Australia about the full-time role as the national team's bowling coach, despite media reports to the contrary.

Cricket.com.au said Gillespie, who claimed 402 international wickets, had jumped on the front foot to clarify his coaching future through his county, Yorkshire.

"I was made aware that Darren (Lehmann) referred to me by name in a radio interview last month. It appears from media speculation that I am someone that Darren and Cricket Australia wish to speak to," Gillespie told cricket.com.au

"At this point, I haven't had a conversation with Darren about any role with Cricket Australia and I have not applied for any role with Cricket Australia.

"I want to make it clear that I am happy in my role with Yorkshire County Cricket Club and Adelaide Strikers."

Cricket Australia has yet to make a formal announcement on a replacement for Craig McDermott after his departure following the ICC World T20, however Western Australia

bowling coach Adam Griffith and South Africa legend Allan Donald will fill the role during the tours of the Caribbean and Sri Lanka respectively.

"We're speaking with a number of candidates, but by no means is anything confirmed," a Cricket Australia spokesperson said on last Tuesday night.

"We'll look to make an announcement as soon as the process is complete, with the aim to have the coaching team finalised, at latest, by the start of the 2016-17 Australian summer."

Coach Darren Lehmann last month hinted that Gillespie would be high on the list of candidates, but the current Yorkshire coach later denied he had spoken with anyone in Australian cricket regarding the role.

"We'll have a look worldwide," Lehmann told FIVEaa radio in April. "But it's a tough one, we've got to get the right person for the right time for this group, which is a young group."

"Gillespie will certainly be at forefront with other bowling coaches. Hopefully we can entice him back."

Cricket.com.au said Former Australian quicks Ryan Harris and Andy Bichel were also among the names considered potential candidates for the job, alongside highly-rated international mentors in

Donald and New Zealand's Shane Bond.

According to a Fairfax media report, discussions with Gillespie reached an "advanced level" as he contemplated a move back home with his family.

"There is still a lot to do at Yorkshire and I solely want to concentrate on helping this team win cricket matches," Gillespie told Yorkshire's official website in the days after Lehmann's comments were widely reported.

"You don't rule out opportunities in the future. It's whether you feel like you can make a difference in any job that comes available.

Family comes first

"It's well documented that I've got four kids under the age of 10. "My eldest daughter, she's 21, has just had a little girl. So family is important, and it should be an important consideration. Any job that comes up, certainly, I've always said family comes first."

"If any opportunities come up in the future, that would certainly be a consideration."

Gillespie is in his fifth season at the helm of Yorkshire, while he also took on the head coaching role at the Adelaide Strikers starting last summer.

It's on again: touch footy for the battlers



SO successful was a community touch football tournament in Brisbane last year that organisers are promising that this year's event will be bigger and better.

It will be played at St Joseph's College, Nudgee, on July 14, from 10am.

It is being organised by Footprints, a Brisbane not-for-profit provider of community-based services. Footprints provides support for people with disabilities, older people, their carers and families, people with mental health issues and people who are experiencing social and financial disadvantage and those at risk of homelessness or homeless people.

The inaugural tournament attracted mainly homeless people – many of them Indigenous.

Footprints said this year's tournament would be more integrated with other community and government health agencies.

Tournament coordinator Chris Pike said Footprints had a fairly high number of young and adult Indigenous participants in its weekly program who were interested in the tournament.

"It would be great to see another few Indigenous teams express interest in the event," he said.

Registration closes on June 17. People can register as individuals or as a team of between seven and 10 players.

Contact details: Chris Pike (07) 3252 3488 or email ccds@footprintsinc.org.au or ChristopherP@footprintsinc.org.au



These people will be taking part in the Nudgee touch football tournament on July 14. They are pictured in Brisbane's New Farm Park.

Mills, Jawai in reduced squad



PATTY Mills and Nathan Jawai are in the Australian Boomers 17-man squad announced for a

selection camp in Melbourne from July 5-14 as they get closer to finalising a team for the Rio Olympics in August.

The squad has been narrowed from the initial 26-man squad and although this camp will only begin a month out from the Olympics, coach Andrej Lemanis does not believe it will hinder the team.

"You always want more time but it's the reality of the circumstances," said Lemanis. "Most of our competitors are faced with the same time restraints that we are, so it's not a big deal."

A coaching conference a fortnight ago helped finalise the coaches' decision on this squad while they also looked into the team's strengths and weaknesses as a whole as well as scenario planning for such events as end of game situations.

"The coaching staff had a discussion on what will give us the best opportunity for success and the players that make up that team," Lemanis said.

"Several other factors come into it though, including current



Nathan Jawai

form, previously proven experience with the Boomers, previous performances in the campaign since 2013, a familiarity with the team and the systems as well as team balance."

All 12 players from the successful 2015 Oceania Championships will be present at the camp.

With daily training sessions as well as a couple of practice games scheduled, the Boomers will enjoy a busy itinerary in Melbourne.

"The camp will give us a chance to prepare ourselves as a team for Rio," Lemanis said.

"We will work on our offensive and defensive frameworks and philosophies which are a continuation of

what we have been doing in past years. To that effect, this is where a familiarity with the team comes into play."

The dates and times have been finalised for the Boomers' pool games at the 2016 Olympics and, although only three of their five opponents are known, Lemanis and his coaching staff have already begun scouting.

"We have been putting in work based on the qualification tournaments from last year and we will continue to update those scouts as we get closer to Rio," he said.

Point guard Mills has just completed a season with the San Antonio Spurs in the US National Basketball Association (NBA).

He won the NBA championship with them in 2014.

Mills, whose father is a Torres Strait Islander and mother an Aboriginal from the Ynunga people of South Australia, represented Australia at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Torres Strait Islander Jawai plays with the Perth Wildcats in the National Basketball League (NBL).

He grew up on Cape York. Journeyman Jawai has played club basketball in Australia, Canada, the US, Russia, Serbia, Spain and Turkey.

Charlie accompanies team to Indonesia



ABC sports commentator Charlie King has returned from Indonesia, where he accompanied an Australian women's baseball team.

King established the NOMORE campaign, which has been instrumental in changing the culture of domestic violence in the Northern Territory through sport.

Originally targeted at Indigenous men, the NOMORE campaign has spread across sporting codes, states and countries.

In a national first, Australia's leading baseball players and officials went to Jakarta to establish a multifaceted sports diplomacy project featuring baseball, anti-domestic violence and mentoring programs for Indonesian women and girls.

The new sports diplomacy program is called Diamonds in the Rough and is funded by the Australian Government through the

Asian Sports Partnerships small grants fund.

Diamonds in the Rough aims to foster and promote sport and social development in targeted Indonesian communities as part of the Australian Sports Diplomacy Strategy.

The project was conducted by 15 leading Australian female baseball players and officials who taught Indonesian women and girls how to play baseball while mentoring them on leadership and self-reliance and exposing them to a culture of confidence and teamwork.

The Australian contingent played exhibition games against men's and boys' teams and hosted cultural events as part of King's NOMORE campaign.

King teamed up with baseball's Diamonds in the Rough, led by project manager Simone Wearne, one of Australia's leading and most capped national baseball players, a World Series champion and coach of the national team, the Emeralds.



Charlie King joins a group of Indonesian youngsters during the Australian women's baseball team tour of Jakarta.

Legacy building

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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AFTER all the controversy that surrounded Adam Goodes last year, the recent Indigenous Round had added significance for me.

A lot of the time we speak about leaving a legacy and in simple playing terms I can agree with this approach.

But the Indigenous Round should be more about building on a legacy to ensure we honour those who have gone before us and that we preserve and maintain their vision.

That is why it was great that the Indigenous Round was named in honour of Sir Doug Nicholls.

At the local level at the Swans, I was equally proud to be honoured alongside Adam in the naming of the Goodes-O'Loughlin Medal for the best player on ground.

But my real pride came from how our whole organisation has embraced the true meaning of the round – not just for one game – but across the whole year.

And it comes from the top down with our chairman Andrew Pridham capturing the spirit and commitment of the club in an article to mark the start of the Indigenous Round.

He wrote that celebrating Indigenous culture had long been a passion for all involved with the Sydney Swans as evidenced in 2002 when the club pioneered and first played for the Marn Grook Trophy, to celebrate the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players to our great game.

This preceded the 'Dreamtime at the 'G' and the club this year launched the game as Marn Grook with the jersey being something very special given that it was designed by Adam's mother Lisa Sansbury in 2014, in honour of Adam's late aunty.

The Swans played North Melbourne at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday night for the Marn Grook Trophy.

As important and powerful as the symbolism is, it is the week-to-week commitment that is more important.

There are more than 90,000 Indigenous participants across Australia in various Australian football competitions and programs.

Our own Sydney Swans Academy has 24 Indigenous boys enrolled, with current player Albaina Davis a proud product of this program.

Pridham wrote that the club had long been a leader in creating positive change.

"Marn Grook at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) is not only a celebration, but also an acknowledgment that we stand for positive change, for inclusion, and for playing an active role in promoting a deeper understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture," he wrote.

The power of the game to promote important messages can be gauged by weekly attendance figures approaching 300,000 people with 5-6 million people watching live broadcasts and 3.5 million game-day related videos being downloaded.

But sometimes it is the role of the players in bringing these issues into focus that can make a positive difference.

And that is where I am pleased to see the emergence of Lance Franklin in this space.



Adam Goodes, left, and Lance Franklin in 2013.

Like many of us, Lance's connection to his Indigenous culture is a developing story as he learns and understands more about his mob.

For Buddy, a large part of it has been discovered and explored.

Kickett connection

Franklin was born in Perth. His mother, Ursula, is a Kickett — Indigenous football royalty.

Derek Kickett, who played in the Swans 1996 grand final team, and the much-travelled Dale Kickett are just two of the most prominent members of a vast and talented family.

But when he was young, Franklin moved with his parents and three older sisters to the small town of Dowerin, 150km north-east of Perth, and for a time lost touch with his mother's family.

"As I've matured, I've got to know a lot more about that side of the family" said Franklin.

"But going to the bush like we did, I didn't get to see them that much."

In Dowerin, life was different than it might have been among the big Kickett clan in Perth.

"There were difficult times at school being the only Indigenous kid there," said Franklin.

"But I had my family for support and I had my four sisters. I was the baby boy. But I think there are a lot of challenges growing up."

Buddy does not want to talk about those challenges, but he still considers himself fortunate.

"There are a lot of kids out there who don't get seen," said Franklin, who won a scholarship at Wesley College in Perth when he was 15.

"I was fortunate to have great support from my mum and dad. Without them there is no way I would have gotten there."

At Hawthorn, Franklin was nurtured by Indigenous leaders Chance Bateman and

Shaun Burgoyne.

When he came to Sydney, Adam Goodes was not merely respected, but revered.

"They were really people who could help kids come in at a young age and help them grow as men," said Franklin.

"You couldn't ask for much more coming from Perth or Adelaide or remote places, you need that support. Especially if you are having troubles at home."

You ask what more can be done to help young indigenous players.

"I can only speak for what Sydney does, but I think this club has been amazing in supporting what we've done as Indigenous players and what we bring to the table," said Franklin.

That pride is evident when Buddy tells what it was like to be on the field with Goodes last year when he was constantly booed.

"For me personally, when I heard the booing, it was pretty sad really," he said.

"To see Goodes that upset, it was hard. It was hard for all the boys and we just had to be there to support him through it."

You can sense Buddy is embracing the idea he can inspire young Indigenous footballers as he was inspired by the likes of Goodes and Adelaide champion Andrew McLeod.

"When you see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders play well, being a kid from the bush, it gives you something to strive for," he said.

"For me, it made me want to work harder to achieve my goals. Football is what I always wanted to do and every training session I train my heart out and I try my hardest every weekend. To see those guys be successful was really good."

For Franklin, you suspect, there is more exploration of his heritage to be done.

The Indigenous round brings many of these issues into focus.

Buddy's status off the field could one day surpass his legendary status on the field.

Just like his hero Adam Goodes.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!

Netball leads the charge in women's sport



WOMEN'S sport is riding a wave of success and netball wants to be at the front, according to Netball Australia boss Kate Palmer.

An all-Australian league will next year replace the current trans-Tasman competition, with the New Zealand teams dropped in favour of three new local franchises.

AFL powerhouse Collingwood is behind one team, while another will be supported by NRL's Melbourne Storm, but based on Queensland's Sunshine Coast where their feeder teams play, and the other is a joint initiative of Netball NSW and the Greater

Western Sydney AFL club.

They will join the five existing Australian teams – the Queensland Firebirds, Melbourne Vixens, NSW Swifts, Adelaide Thunderbirds and West Coast Fever.

Netball Australia was forced to break away from the low-rating New Zealand teams and bolster the local content to secure a five-year broadcasting deal.

Two games will be shown live and free to air on Nine Network's digital channel Gem, while another two games will be broadcast live on Telstra TV, and shown on Gem on delay.

This means netball's audience will grow considerably on the back of such increased

exposure, with the game currently only available on pay TV.

"In the future, this day will be regarded as the beginning of full professionalism in Australian netball," Palmer said.

"It lays the foundation for the full professionalism of elite netball.

"We need to have a high profile to compete as women's sport becomes more competitive ... we liken it to being on the front of a wave.

"We've got that spot and we want to stay there and we've got the partners now who can help deliver that."

Netball's new deal, believed to be worth several million dollars, follows the success of

the women's Big Bash League cricket, while the AFL's women's competition will be up and running next year.

John Wylie, chair of the Australian Sports Commission, lauded the deal as a massive boost for women's sport.

"This is a red-letter day for netball and women's sport," Wylie said.

"Together with recent developments in cricket and football, these are the dividends of a long struggle for proper recognition of women's team sports."

Netballers across the globe will be scouted for the cashed-up Australian competition with about 35 additional players needed before the February start date. —AAP

Sports day gets bigger every year



HUNTER fields at Emu Plains, near Penrith, will be packed with children on Friday, June 24,

at the NAIDOC Cup sports day. Children from throughout the Penrith local government area – most of them Indigenous – will take part in oz tag and netball fixtures for grades 3-6.

There also will be a 'Joeys' group for K-2 children in Koomurri cultural experience – traditional Indigenous games and a craft and reading tent.

Organisers have been running the event for six years, starting with two schools. There now are 17 schools participating involving more than 600 students, with 70% being Aboriginal.

There's plenty of action in this game of touch football at a previous NAIDOC Cup sports day in the Penrith district.



30 years, and going strong

By ALF WILSON



ISLAND of Origin football will celebrate its 30th birthday from June 10-12 on Thursday Island, with up to 10 men's teams from around the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA)



competing.

To be held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval, the ABC will be there to film a documentary on the major Torres Strait football event.

A darts competition featuring teams from Thursday Island, some other islands and the NPA will be also held at the Bowls Club on June 9-10.

Sanctioned

Organiser Jermaine Reuben said the carnival would be Queensland Rugby League (QRL) sanctioned with referees from Cairns and Mackay as well as Thursday Island.

"There should be nine to 10 teams, but there's been no interest for a women's division," he said.

"Under 12s will also compete from the Eastern Cluster, Western Cluster,

near Western Cluster and NPA," Mr Reuben said.

It was modelled on the popular State of Origin competition between Queensland and NSW and some champion players have taken part over the years.

The Origin will be a great boost for the Thursday Island economy and many of the visitors will be from inner and

outer islands and the NPA.

Last year six men's and two women's sides battled it out for honours.

Deddeyal Gummas won the women's decider.

Thursday Island Wahmere beat Northern Brumbies from the NPA 32-4 in the men's decider.

In 2010, the 25th carnival was held on Badu and since

then, one did not go ahead.

Many of the rugby league players at this Origin will be checked out by selectors of the Torres Stingers team to contest the FNQ RARL Challenge in Cairns on June 25.

The other major rugby league carnival – Zenadth Kes – will be held on Thursday Island in October.



The men get physical when it comes to the Island of Origin Series.

Rachel runs in Rio marathon



2014 INDIGENOUS Marathon Project (IMP) runner and Elcho Island (Yolgnu) woman Rachel Baker was in South America on Sunday to contest the Rio de Janeiro Marathon.

It was to be her third marathon in two years. IMP spokeswoman Kellie O'Sullivan described Baker as 'incredible ... she doesn't stop ... creating so much change ... unstoppable'.

Baker missed the 2014 New York Marathon because of injury, but ran in the Tokyo Marathon in February, 2015.

She followed that up by running the Melbourne Marathon in October, 2015.

"She's an absolute force to be reckoned with," O'Sullivan said of Baker.

"She wants to establish a new program to address various issues throughout Arnhem Land." Baker said that running, keeping healthy and giving up smoking had changed her attitude towards her work and health.

Baker was encouraged to try out for the 2014 IMP squad by 2013 IMP runner Evelynna Dhamarrandji.

Baker keeps active by walking and running every day, playing basketball and she has also competed at state level athletics in 100, 200 and 400m sprints.

In addition to mentoring women in her community, she has inspired a group of five friends who now join her on her regular runs and walks.

Baker is passionate about improving the health of Indigenous communities by reducing health-related illnesses and providing education about the importance of including better nutrition and more exercise into daily life.

When she's not training and working, she enjoys fishing for mud crab, turtle eggs, oysters and crayfish.



Rachel Baker with IMP head coach Mick Rees.

Captains show off Indigenous Round jumpers

The captains of the 18 Australian Football League clubs wear the clubs' Indigenous Round jumpers that featured last weekend.



JT better with age

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It seems that it is not only quality wine that improves with age.

If Johnathan Thurston could be bottled, his value would increase year by year.

He marked his 250th game with another stellar performance as he heads into Origin ready to write another chapter in his representative career.

Over the last couple of years, I have urged fans to appreciate the opportunity to see the likes of JT, Greg Inglis and Justin Hodges playing together.

With the retirement of Hodgo, there will only be limited opportunities to see JT and GI on the same team with Origin, Tests and All Stars games over their remaining seasons.

That said, it appears as if JT could play on forever.

Although he may be slowing down in terms of pace, he is so

sharp in his assessment of any situation on the field that he is often yards ahead of the opposition before he even touches the ball.

So what does it say about a player who is in arguably career-best form, yet whose physical tools have started to slow down?

Johnathan Thurston is one of the rare players who is feared and revered simply for his football brain, rather than his physical profile.

He used to keep opposition players up at night with the slick 'show-n-go' – slicing defences apart at the line – but with age came a different way to terrorise.

While his speed of game has clicked back a couple of gears, the transition has been seamless.

He is now the NRL's undisputed grand puppet master, stepping back to get a lay of the land and positioning teammates – often by physically grabbing them and placing them where he wants – like no other in the game.

That transformation has not gone unnoticed by coach Paul Green, who has seen a positive change in his star since arriving at the helm in 2014.

"I think he's probably learning how to step back from games at different times and manage them better, and just control the game," Green said.

Thurston was almost lost to the Cowboys in 2013 after Panthers supremo Phil Gould all but lured him to the foot of the mountains, but citing "unfinished business" with North Queensland, Thurston opted to stay.

History tells us it was the right move.

He finally skipped his side

to a premiership after a decade of falling short, and has continued his community legacy through off-field works.

On the field, Thurston links with Gavin Cooper on the left to form one of the most dangerous one-two combinations in the competition, and since rejoining the Cowboys in 2011, the back-rower has marvelled at the evolution of his running mate.

"He sees the game in slow motion; that's the easiest way to explain it," Cooper said.

"He gets a little frustrated on himself when he misses opportunities, but that's because he sees things that other people don't.

"Sometimes, if I do something wrong that he doesn't like, he doesn't have to say too much. He just gives me the evil eye and then I pretty much know on the spot what I've done wrong. He sees the game like no one else."

Plenty of admirers

Other greats are also in awe of JT.

Matty Johns says it's the way Johnathan Thurston has emerged from a visual player to being able to fall into structure and combine both aspects.

Greg Alexander believes it is his need to compete on every play in each match.

For Wally Lewis, it's Thurston's determination that separates him from the rest.

Regardless, the respected trio believes the North Queensland ace is already among the greatest ever to grace the football field.

"Two years ago I came out and said that I think in a short period of time he would pass Andrew," Matthew Johns said.

"For the sake of me being invited to Christmas lunch I'll opt



Jonathan Thurston directs traffic during a Maroons session at Sanctuary Cove, on the Gold Coast, last Thursday. Picture: AAP

out if he has or not. But at the very least, he is equal to Andrew. At the very least."

Alexander wanted to more concentrate on what makes JT unique.

"You have to look outside the football field and think about what sort of person Thurston is and what makes him tick," Alexander said.

"His greatest attribute is that he is a winner.

"He will do everything in his power to win a game of football. He will go down as one of the great champions.

"It's not even a competitive streak. That doesn't explain how good he is. It's something inside him that makes him compete for 80 minutes.

"There is not another player like him – the player who has the skill that the does and he has that need to compete. It's not that he wants to, it's like that it's a need and he has to.

"Sometimes he will push his team into shape and other times he has his head up and is just watching, waiting to see the opposition defence become

vulnerable, tired and a little bit out of shape and he goes bang."

But perhaps the most telling comment came from 'The King' himself.

Wally Lewis spoke of JT's humility on the field as a team player.

"One of the great things about Thurston is there is no arrogance about him," Lewis said. "He knows he is good and knows the expectations will be to perform week in, week out."

It is JT's trademark away from the game as well.

We all recognise and admire him for the simple things like giving his headgear away at the end of each game and picking up the kicking 'T' to hand back to the ball-boy.

But it is his unseen work in the community where the real JT emerges.

While he will lend his profile to worthy causes, he also has the time to give to individuals who approach him for his time and advice.

He deserves our continued support and recognition.

JT is indeed in vintage form!

Janice on her way to Vancouver



WHEN Janice Blackman answered her phone recently, she had no idea the voice on the other end was about to change her life.

The caller was Aussie Spirit head coach Fabian Barlow, and his message was straight to the point: Blackman had been chosen to represent Australia at the 2016 Women's World softball championship in Canada.

It was fantastic news for Blackman, although possibly not so great for her brother, who happened to be standing nearby when she took that phone call.

"I tend to get a bit over-excited, and this was one of those times," Blackman said.

"I started hitting my brother over and over while I was on the phone. I was jumping up and down and slapping him at the same time."

Blackman was called into the squad after fellow outfielder Leigh Godfrey withdrew with a shoulder injury.

According to Barlow, Blackman was the ideal replacement for Godfrey.

"Janice came very close and was unlucky to miss selection in the original 17," he said.

"It was a logical choice to make her the replacement for Leigh.

"I think Janice is the fastest player in the country. If she puts the ball in play, she will put pressure on the opposition defence. She has lots of tools, and if she plays to her ability, she will be able to really help the team."

For Blackman, 20, it will be her first taste of softball at world championship level, but not her first time overseas, having played in the Japan Cup last year.

Whirlwind ride

It has been a whirlwind ride for a player who first picked up a softball in the Queensland town of Mount Isa at the age of 8, following in her mother's footsteps.

Blackman remembers when she first began playing.

"I didn't really have a choice," she said with a laugh.

"My mum played and I'd go along to watch. Then I began sitting on the bench. That's where the love began."

Her career began to take off after she moved to Brisbane with her family at age 15.

Coaches turned her into a left-handed hitter to utilise her speed, and helped her eradicate some bad habits.

But she remains grateful to people in Mount Isa for teaching her some life lessons.

"Moving to Brisbane improved me as a player, but I learned a lot in Mount Isa," Blackman said.

"I'll always call Mount Isa home, no matter what. People up there, along with my mum, taught me right from wrong and how to use common sense. I can't stay away from the place."

Even with such a busy schedule in the next few months, Blackman is keeping an eye on the longer-term future. In the back of her mind is the possibility of being an Olympian if softball is reinstated as an Olympic sport.

"It definitely adds motivation," she said.



Outfielder Janice Blackman, a Mount Isa girl through and through, was converted from a natural right-handed batter to a left-handed batter. She is off to the 2016 Women's World softball championships in Vancouver, Canada, in July, joining two other Indigenous players – pitcher Vanessa Stokes and infielder Stacey Porter – in a squad of 17. Picture: Sam Donkin

"Not that I need much because I just love playing the game. But to be able to play the sport you love at the Olympics, that would be unexplainable. There are no words to describe how that would feel."

As an Indigenous player who grew up in an area that did not have all the advantages of larger cities, Blackman won't forget the people who helped her along the way, and plans to give back to the community.

She already coaches junior teams at her Brisbane club, the Bears.

On her radar is to go back to Mount Isa and do whatever she can to help develop softball there.

"It has dropped off a bit," she said. "A lot of kids are playing other sports. I'd love to go back there and help other kids develop their skills. Indigenous or non-indigenous, it doesn't matter. If I can help, I will."

The hardest part might be finding time. A full-time student and part-time worker, Blackman is also an ambassador for Deadly Choices, an organisation that encourages Indigenous people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families – to stop smoking, eat good food and get regular exercise.

Blackman's message to young people is simple: "Get off your phones, get outside and get active." – *Softball Australia website*



Sarrita King displays the netball she painted and the artwork on which it is based. Picture: bisazza-australia.com.au

Netball design tells a story



A NETBALL painted by artist Sarrita King will be used in two ANZ championship matches in the next two weeks in

celebration of National Reconciliation Week (May 27-June 3).

Match-quality Gilbert netballs featuring the artwork, approved by the Trans Tasman Netball League (TTNL), will be used during two Indigenous matches of the ANZ Championship hosted by Netball SA (Adelaide Thunderbirds v West Coast Fever, round 10, June 5) and Netball WA (West Coast Fever v Central Pulse, round 13, June 25).

A limited edition Gilbert replica of the match ball used in these games will be available for sale online through Netball Australia's My Netball Shop for \$34.95 plus postage from noon AEST on Sunday, June 5, coinciding with the start of the Netball SA Indigenous netball match in Adelaide.

Stocks of the replica ball are limited. A maximum of five Indigenous netballs can be purchased per transaction through the My Netball Shop.

Proceeds from the sale of the limited edition netballs will go to the Netball Foundation's Confident Girls campaign, to specifically fund initiatives to increase the support and engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The artwork on the netball features the magenta handprint of Sarrita King, the recognised 'signature' on all of her artworks that are shown around the world.

The artwork also featured on the cover of Netball Australia's first 'Innovate' Reconciliation Action Plan

that was launched in November 2015.

Sarrita King has created the artwork titled 'Gather As One' as a reflection of the Australian netball community.

King has many great memories of playing her development netball in the Northern Territory and relocating to play in South Australia to pursue her netball ambitions.

While her art career took her in another direction, King has returned to playing netball and is loving the game.

The netball community is still very prominent in her life even after retiring from high-level competition.

She also remembers the disciplines and skills she learned through the sport on a personal level and in a team environment.

She said these were the reasons she chose to paint imagery that showed the wide geographic environment people came from to become members of the Australian netball community.

King inherited her Australian Aboriginality from her father who was part of the Gurindji tribe from the Northern Territory. The Gurindji tribe came to public attention during the 1960s and 1970s when members employed by the Wave Hill cattle station led a landmark case which became the first successful land rights claim in Australia.

She has been included in more than 30 exhibitions, is represented in galleries in every Australian state, included in many high-profile Australian and international art collections.

She and her sister Tarrise also designed the 2016 North Melbourne Kangaroos AFL Indigenous Round guernsey.

Women continue the tradition



QUEENSLAND and New South Wales rugby league rivalry will continue well into July, with the Women's Interstate Challenge match confirmed for Saturday, July 23, on the Gold Coast.

The match between the best

female rugby league players in Australia will be played prior to the Titans v Eels round 20 National Rugby League (NRL) clash at Robina.

Both teams will be looking to capitalise on the growing pathways, fan base and media exposure that women's rugby league continues to attract.

Many of the Australian

Jillaroos players that took on the Kiwi Ferns in the Test match in early May are likely to be on opposing teams come July, with NSW looking for their first win against Queensland in more than a decade.

Fans who purchase tickets to the Titans-Eels match are encouraged to arrive at the

ground early to witness the women's match, with the cost of a ticket including both matches on Saturday.

The Interstate Challenge will kick off at approximately 3.10pm.

The Queensland team will be announced on June 5, while the New South Wales team will be announced on July 3.

Indigenous players in the mix for NSW selection include Rebecca Young, Emma-Marie Young, Caitlin Moran, Nakia-Davis Welsh, Rebecca Riley, Lavina Phillips, Simone Smith, Jasmin Allende and Kandy Kennedy.

Both teams will be in camp on the Gold Coast in the lead-up to the match.

Is NSW learning?



QUEENSLAND rugby league selectors have long known the potency of Indigenous players – and at long last NSW selectors might be catching on.

Nine State of Origin series wins in the past decade are impressive.

Much of Queensland's success can be put down to the influence of Indigenous players – superstars like Greg Inglis, Justin Hodges, Johnathan Thurston and Sam Thaiday.

Hodges will be missing from the Queensland line-up when the Maroons take on NSW tonight in rugby league's showpiece – the State of Origin match at Sydney's Olympic Park.

But there still will be a strong Indigenous flavour with Inglis, Thurston and Dane Gagai in the starting line-up and Thaiday a bench player.

Greg Bird has been the only regular Indigenous player in the NSW camp in recent years, but tonight he will have a couple of mates – centre Blake Ferguson and bench forward Andrew Fifita.

There is one statistic that clearly irks the all-conquering Queensland ahead of tonight's series opener – their record in Sydney.

And it seems new Maroons coach Kevin Walters has made it his first order of business after taking over the reins from the legendary Mal Meninga.

Time and again Walters brought up Queensland's 2-4 win-loss Origin record over the past five years in Sydney after unveiling his first 17 for the series opener.

And with two games in Sydney this year – the first time since 2013 – Walters admitted it was a hoodoo they must finally overcome.

"Since they started a three game series in 1983, it's been difficult (to win in Sydney)," Walters said.

"But with this team we are going to give it a real good shake.

"We have put all of our energy leading into that first game."

During their stunning Origin run since 2006, Queensland have a 7-6 win-loss record in Sydney.

However, it has been reduced to a worrying 2-4 tally since 2011.

Overall, the Blues have a dominant 24-1-17 win-draw-loss Origin record in the NSW capital.

"It's a real challenge for our guys," Walters said.

"We need to square the ledger a bit there if we can – that's what we will try to do."

Queensland captain Cameron Smith said they spent time on the very first day of their team camp discussing the one thing they had not quite got right during their 10-year dominance.

"We know they (NSW) are a great side



Queensland State of Origin player Greg Inglis speaks to the media during the Maroons Origin team training session at Sanctuary Cove, on the Gold Coast, last Thursday ahead of tonight's State of Origin series opener in Sydney. Picture: AAP

and they're particularly hard to beat in Sydney," Smith said.

"We haven't got such a great record there, that is for everyone to see, but we are out to change that this year."

Walters reckons his senior core of players will relieve the pressure.

In fact, a modest Walters claims he won't have to do much at all thanks to the Maroons veterans.

Walters admitted he wouldn't be reinventing the wheel after inheriting the reins from Meninga.

No wonder after Meninga set the blueprint for nine series wins in the last decade.

But Walters believed the Maroons dynasty had just as much to do with Queensland's "once-in-a-generation" players that are now suddenly at his disposal.

"Players don't learn a whole lot from coaches to be honest," he said.

"I know myself you learn more from the great players than the coaches.

"And what a great experience coming into this Maroons camp – we have once-in-a-generation players."

Justin O'Neill and Corey Oates will make their State of Origin debut in a new-look Queensland backline.

They are the only new faces in Walters' team.

North Queensland's O'Neill will partner Greg Inglis in the centres, having finally earned a Maroons nod after going agonisingly close to a debut when on standby for a recovering Darius Boyd ahead of the 2013 series opener.

Cowboys winger Kyle Feldt was overlooked after his error-riddled display against the Broncos – instead Maroons selectors remained loyal to incumbent Dane Gagai, who plays for NRL cellar-dwellers Newcastle.

Queensland were forced to unveil a new-look backline due to the unavailability of fullback Billy Slater (shoulder) and centres Will Chambers (foot) and Justin Hodges (retirement).

Meanwhile, former NRL bad boy Blake Ferguson has completed his redemption story with a recall to the NSW team.

Ferguson's career hit rock bottom when he was sensationally stood down from the Blues team and had his Canberra contract suspended following allegations he had indecently assaulted a woman in 2013.

He was later found guilty and banished from the NRL.

But after rebuilding his life at the Sydney Roosters, the 26-year-old has now added an emotional Blues recall to the Kangaroos debut he earned a month ago, completing his transformation.

Ferguson had just played his first and only Origin game when he was sacked by the Blues.

"It's been a long twirly (sic) road. I was there with my missus and my little one. We just had a moment, which was good," Ferguson said after his selection last week.

Asked whether he thought he would wear the Blues jumper again, he said: "Not early on. I always had confidence in my ability that I could eventually make it back, but to finally be here, I'm really happy."

Five newcomers

NSW coach Laurie Daley named five State of Origin newcomers in his original squad for the series opener, but one of them – Tyson Frizell – was later released.

The rookie Blues Adam Reynolds, Matt Moylan, Josh Mansour and Dylan Walker were included in Daley's 19-man squad.

James Maloney returns to the Blues halves, to partner Reynolds, for the first time since the 2013 series.

Incumbent halves Mitchell Pearce and Trent Hodkinson were axed.

Beau Scott was also dumped alongside Will Hopoate.

Andrew Fifita's starring role for Cronulla in their 20-12 win over Manly was a timely reminder for selectors to look at him for Origin duties.

He staked a late claim for a jumper with a game-high 202 metres, five offloads and five tackle busts.

Josh Dugan was a late withdrawal and was replaced by Josh Morris.

Queensland team for Origin I: Darius Boyd, Corey Oates, Greg Inglis, Justin O'Neill, Dane Gagai, Johnathan Thurston, Cooper Cronk, Matt Scott, Cameron Smith (capt), Nate Myles, Aidan Guerra, Matt Gillett, Corey Parker. Interchange: Michael Morgan, Sam Thaiday, Josh Papalii, Josh McGuire.

NSW squad: Greg Bird, Boyd Cordner, Josh Morris, Robbie Farah, Blake Ferguson, Andrew Fifita, Paul Gallen, Josh Jackson, Michael Jennings, David Klemmer, James Maloney, Josh Mansour, Matt Moylan, Adam Reynolds, James Tamou, Dylan Walker, Aaron Woods.

– With AAP

Russ stands tall



FORMER champion Russel Molony (Central Coast, NSW) took out the open men's division at the Australian Indigenous surfing titles at Bells Beach

on May 21.

With perfect 2-3ft waves on offer, the 39-year-old has been one of the most consistent surfers in the past five years, making the final in every year since his first win in 2012.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet, but I'm stoked to win and have my family and all of the mob here to support me," said an ecstatic Molony.

Coming up against fellow New South Welshman John Craig (Woolgoolga), Molony started slowly, but locked in an event-high 9.87 and 8.00 ride to take out the title.

Craig countered with an excellent 9.10 ride, but could not find a strong enough back-up to take the win.

"It was always going to be a hard heat, but the waves were just perfect out there. We always seem to score perfect waves

for the event," said Molony.

"John has been ripping, it's great to see him here. He was one of the craziest guys to surf against when we were younger."

Craig may have been runner-up in the open final, but he didn't go home empty-handed after the 37-year-old claimed the Masters title.

Surfing against former event champion Robbie Page (Kempsey, NSW), Scott Winch (Wollongong, NSW) and Allan Campbell (La Perouse, NSW), Craig dominated with a combined heat total of 14.67 points.

"I've been meaning to come down to this event since it started in 2012. I spoke to my cousin and we decided to come down this year. It's been good fun," he said. "Surfing against the boys in the Masters is great. Everyone is laid back and having a good time. Its not so much about the win, more about the experience."

The Masters runner-up was Scott Winch, with Robbie Page and Alan Campbell finishing third and fourth.

Summer Simon (Port Kembla, NSW) won her second consecutive open

women's title and Tom Avery (Lismore, NSW) took out the inaugural longboard division.

Simon, 14, won the women's final with a heat total of 11.33 points over Leilani Smith (Kincumber, NSW), who finished with 8.50 points.

"I feel super stoked. I was just happy to be out there at Bells with all of the girls. Winning was just a bonus," said Simon. "All of the culture and the history of the event and the area makes this event so special. I'm looking forward to coming back next year and having even more girls compete."

Jasmin McCroquodale (Bateau Bay, NSW) finished third and Jalaan Slabb (Fingal Head, NSW) was fourth.

The inaugural longboard division saw Lismore's Tom Avery take out the event in small conditions.

Avery is a Gomerioi man who has been living in the Bundjalung nation for almost 15 years, where he is well known as a musician who plays by the name Blakboi.

But for the past week he swapped the guitar and didgeridoo for a longboard, and surfed his way through three days of heats

to take out the title.

"I'm really happy to win the longboard division down here on the land of the Bunjil. It has been a long few days with a lot of heats," Avery said.

"Everyone here is connected by the salt water. It provides health and healing and allows us all to come together to have a good time."

Robbie Page (Victoria) and Ash Zunker (Bargara, Qld) finished third and fourth.

The expression session winners were also awarded, with best move going to former event champion Otis Carey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) and best moment going to Bohdi Simon (Port Kembla, NSW) who surfed Bells Beach for the first time at the age of nine years old.

Open women's final: Summer Simon (11.33 points) 1, Leilani Smith (8.50) 2, Jasmine McCroquodale (6.56) 3, Jalaan Slabb (1.80) 4.

Longboard final: Tom Avery (13.50) 1, Robbie Page (10.00) 2, Rhys Collins (6.73) 3, Ash Zunker (4.70) 4.

Men's Masters final: John Craig 1, Scott Winch 2, Robbie Page 3, Alan Campbell 4.



Competitors at the Australian Indigenous surfing championships at Bells Beach, Victoria.



Tom Avery won the inaugural longboard division.



Otis Carey is one of Australia's best expression surfers and he performed some hot manoeuvres at the Australian Indigenous titles at Bells Beach.

at surfing titles



Russ Molony shows the style that carried him to victory.
Pictures: Surfing Victoria



Surfing legend Robbie Page enjoys Bells Beach.



Goofy-footer Beau Wills is in good form in the open men's division.



Tournament winners, from left, Tom Avery (longboard), Summer Simon (open women's), Russ Molony (open men's) and John Craig (Masters).



Jordie Campbell competes in the open men's division. He is Surfing Victoria's Indigenous aquatics officer.



Leilani Smith (Kincumber, NSW) finished second in the open women's division.



Open women's winner Summer Simon rides to victory.



Rhys Collins, who finished third in the longboard division, walks the plank.

Focus still on the 'G

By PETER ARGENT



THE Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Round encapsulates all 18 clubs, but the focal point is still the

Dreamtime at the 'G clash between Richmond and Essendon.

Now in its 12th year, this game was the centrepiece of the newly renamed Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round – named after the first Aboriginal to don the Victorian state jumper.

The Tigers were always expected to win on Saturday night and duly delivered against an Essendon rebuilding after the 2012 drugs scandal and the subsequent imposed sanctions.

Despite their lack of experience, the Bombers still stretched Richmond.

In the final term, they made a run at their opponents, but went down by 38 points.

On an icy Saturday night before 56,948 hardy souls, the score was Richmond 16.9 (105) to Essendon's 10.7 (67).

Dustin Martin, who produced a superb 38-disposals four-quarter effort, was presented with this year's Yiooken Medal as best player in the contest.

Senior Aboriginal talent at the Tigers, Shane Edwards, was impressive in the first half, kicking a goal, but was more subdued in the second.

Daniel Rioli was quiet up forward having sustained a knee injury during the third term.

"We won ugly," Hardwick said at the post-match media conference.

"All credit goes to Essendon.

"I thought their pressure was very good – they smashed us in tackles and their pressure around the contest was good."

Best of the Bombers brigade was Courtney Dempsey, who gave drive out of defence and was mentioned among the best players.

Tiwi islander Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti was explosive at times, displaying his dash and appetite for the contest.

Shaun Edwards, who returned to Essendon for this game, was a little quiet, but still collected 14 possessions.

A feature of the Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round was the brilliantly designed playing jumpers that all clubs donned over the course of

the Indigenous Round weekend.

If Richmond are to pull another rabbit out of their hat and play finals this year, the stellar play of Dustin Martin will be a key factor.

The Tigers won their third game on the trot.

The bullocking midfielder amassed a career-high 38 possessions.

He earned the Yiooken Award for best on ground and the praise of coach Damien Hardwick, who agreed Martin was in career-best form.

Martin's performance was pivotal, but Brett Deledio, Trent Cotchin, Shane Edwards and Shaun Grigg were also important in a Richmond midfield that proved the difference.

Even so, after a 1-6 start to the season, Hardwick isn't about to paper over the cracks in his team's play after a workmanlike win over a severely depleted Bombers side.

The Tigers will try to make it four in a row when they face ladder leaders North Melbourne in Hobart on Friday night.

Yiooken Medal points:

- 13 - D Martin (Richmond)
- 9 - B Deledio (Richmond)
- 3 - S Edwards (Richmond)
- 3 - D Zaharakis (Essendon)
- 1 - T Cotchin (Richmond)
- 1 - D Parish (Essendon)



Richmond's Shane Edwards displays finger-tip control.



Essendon's Shaun Edwards gathers the ball.



Tigers Shane Edwards, left, and Daniel Rioli are happy winners.



Essendon's Courtney Dempsey finds a target.



The Essendon war cry was a feature of the Dreamtime at the 'G Indigenous Round. Pictures: Petere Argent

'Blue at Uluru'?

Mundine proposes Green bout in central Australia



FORGET the 'Rumble in the Jungle', Anthony Mundine wants a 'Blue at Uluru' with Danny Green.

Ten years after Mundine beat Green in a unanimous points decision in Sydney, the pair continues to squabble over the terms of a rich rematch – reportedly valued at \$8 million – but now a new venue has been put on the table.

"I would like (the fight) to be at Uluru," Mundine told the Triple M Grill Team last month.

"We'll talk to the traditional owners and we'll see what we can do."

It was understood the fighters were initially hoping to stage the big-money bout in Melbourne in August.

But Mundine's latest wish throws an iconic Australian landmark into the promotional mix – a sacred indigenous site that would carry special significance for the proud 40-year-old Aborigine.

However, probably the most pertinent issue to be resolved for the bout to go ahead is agreement on what weight they will step into the ring.

Mundine is prepared to fight significantly lighter than Green – who he wants to drop to 83kg – but only if he gets a 60-40 share of the purse.

"If I'm going to give up 13 kilograms ... then give me something. Give me some motivation to do it," Mundine said.

"It's never been done in boxing history, someone from super welterweight, jump all the way over light heavyweight to catch weight."

A catch weight describes a weight limit for a fight that does not fall in line with the traditional limits for weight classes.

Regardless of the jump in weight, Mundine typically backed himself to win even if Green entered the ring over 10kg heavier.

"I'm ready to go man. I told ya. 60-40, I will whip his arse. I will knock his arse out, for real," Mundine said.

Mundine lost his most recent fight to American Charles Hatley while Green in November pulled out of his most recent fight against Konni Konrad with a back injury.

During the radio interview, Mundine also talked up a possible return to ruby league. – AAP



Anthony Mundine misses with a right during his loss to Daniel Geale for the IBF world middleweight title at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on January 30, 2013. Geale won on points. Picture: Joseph Mayers

Geale back in ring after 12-month absence



DANIEL Geale is to fight for the vacant International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world super middleweight title at Campbelltown on

June 24.

The former World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) world middleweight

champion will take on fellow-Australian Renold Quinlan over 12 rounds at the Wests Rugby League Club.

Quinlan has had 11 professional fights for 10 wins (6 KOs) and one loss.

His loss came when fighting for the Australian super middleweight title against Josh Carr in Sydney in December 2014.

His last fight was an eighth-round KO

win over Australian Michael Van Nimwegen in a super middleweight contest over 10 rounds at Perry Park, Sydney.

Geale hasn't fought since losing to Miguel Cotto in the fourth round of a 12-rounder for the World Boxing Council (WBC) world middleweight crown in New York 12 months ago.

Other world title losses for Geale

were to Gennady Golovkin (Kazakhstan) for the WBA super world middleweight crown at Madison Square Garden, New York, in July 2014, and to Englishman Darren Barker at Atlantic City (New Jersey) for the IBF crown in August 2013.

Geale has had 35 professional fights for 31 wins (16 KOs) and four losses (2 KOs). – Graham Hunt

Injury ends Hodgson's season



Matt Hodgson

By CHRIS PIKE



THE Western Force coach and players have vowed to finish the 2016 Super Rugby season

strongly to pay tribute to inspirational captain Matt Hodgson who will miss the remainder of the campaign with a shoulder injury.

Hodgson has continued to be an outstanding leader in some difficult times for the Perth-based Super Rugby franchise in 2016 and again in the team's last home game before the break for international fixtures, he was playing well.

The Force fell 17-3 behind against the Blues from Auckland in the first half, but Hodgson scored the home side's only try of the night in the second half to give them a chance of victory.

However, the 34-year-old soon after suffered a dislocated

shoulder, ending his night prematurely, and the Force were unable to fully pull off the comeback with the Blues winning 17-13.

That left the Force with just two wins from 11 games with finals once again out of the question.

When the team's medical staff struggled to get Hodgson's shoulder back into place, it soon became apparent it was a more serious injury than first thought.

Hodgson and his wife Jo departed Perth soon after the game to be with his ill father in Sydney, but the Force have resigned themselves to being without Hodgson for the rest of the season.

With finals no longer a prospect for the Force, the best option is for Hodgson to now have surgery on his shoulder and begin preparations to get fully healthy for 2017.

Force coach Michael Foley is disappointed for his captain, but remains confident the team's

other leaders can now stand up.

"That's a real kick in the guts for us, but I also think there's an opportunity there for other guys who have been leaders in the team for a long period to fill those pretty big shoes," Foley said.

"Hodgo leads by example and I would think the guys around him are doing the same thing. Without doubt, our players will want to deliver for Matt in the last games of the season starting in Melbourne, but then the final three games in Bloemfontein, at home and then in Canberra."

One of those leaders is scrumhalf Alby Mathewson and he will be extra desperate for a strong finish to the season to pay tribute to his injured captain.

"In terms of taking more of a leadership role, obviously it's a big void to fill with Hodgo not there, but we've got a good core leadership around him with guys like Dane (Haylett-Petty) who have stepped up with leadership as well as his outstanding play on

the field," Mathewson said.

"Everyone will step up right across the board. It is a challenge, but we are all looking forward to it."

There were immediate fears that Hodgson may have played his last game for the Force when he went down injured, but he is expected to play on for at least one more season.

Hodgson has been with the Force since the club's inaugural Super Rugby season in 2006 and has been captain since 2013.

He re-signed for the 2016 season with an option to extend to 2017, and it's believed he is desperate to now return and see that contract through.

Without question, Hodgson has been the Force's best and most loyal player over the club's history.

He has now played 131 Super Rugby matches for the club, been named their Player of the Year on three occasions and made 11 Test appearances with the Wallabies.

Indigenous team's



THE first all-Indigenous Australian women's cricket team to travel overseas has returned from a 10-day tour of India.

The squad of 14, led by NSW star Ashleigh Gardner, played matches in Delhi and Mumbai against the Yuvraj Singh Cricket Academy, Delhi women's team and the Mumbai Cricket Association women's team.

Selection was based on performances at club level and at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships – which had a record number of female participants – in February.

The tour was the first of its kind.

It came in the year of the 150th anniversary of the ground-breaking all-Aboriginal cricket team that played its first match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in 1866, and later became the first Australian sports team to tour overseas when it embarked on a tour of the UK in 1868.

Opening match loss

In their opening match at New Delhi's Jaypee Sports Complex, the Indigenous women went down to the Yuvraj Singh Academy.

Scores: Yuvraj Singh Academy 9-162 from 20 overs (Natalie Plane 3-17) d National Indigenous Women's Team 6-110 from 20 overs (Ashleigh Gardner 26, Roxsanne Van Veen 38).

The team's introduction to Indian conditions was an eye-opener.

The team adjusted as the match went on, but the local team was too strong on home soil.

Natalie Plane impressed with the ball early and in the dying overs to finish with 3-17.

NSW duo Roxsanne Van Veen and Ashleigh Gardner led the touring side's run chase.

The second match in Delhi was washed out, but in the third game, the Indigenous women beat Delhi Women.

Scores: Delhi Women 113 (Sally Moylan 2-16, Natalie Plane 3-19, Ashleigh Gardner 2-16) d by National Indigenous Women 7-115 off 19.2 overs (Carly Fuller 46, Ashleigh Gardner 20).

The Indigenous team claimed its historic first win under lights.

Samara Williams hit her first ball for four to seal the game in the final over after Carly Fuller and Ashleigh Gardner set a strong batting platform.

Natalie Plane again took a liking to the Indian conditions with 3-19 to lead the bowling attack for the Indigenous women.

In the fourth match, this time at Mumbai, the Indigenous team was beaten by the Mumbai women's team.

Scores: Mumbai Women 8-214 off 40 overs (Natalie Plane 4-34, Jacinta Goodger-Chandler 2-29) d National Indigenous women's team 111 off 27.4 overs (Roxsanne Van-Veen 25, Sara Darney 21).

It was a tough match on a low, tricky pitch against a high-quality Mumbai outfit that contained at least one Indian national player.

Victorians Natalie Plane and Jacinta Goodger-Chandler led the bowling and the NSW double act of Roxsanne Van Veen and Sara Darney were the best of the batters.

The Australian girls played back-to-back T20s against the Mumbai women's team in Mumbai on Saturday to end the tour, and lost both games. The final match was reduced to 15 overs because of the oppressive heat.

On Friday, the team joined Magic Bus to provide a special cricket clinic for local Mumbai kids. Magic Bus works with India's poorest children and young people to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to grow up and move out of poverty.

Sightseeing

The team combined playing duties with a trip to the iconic Taj Mahal, a visit to the Australian High Commission in Delhi, and community work with Magic Bus.

Former ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year and four-time Australian Women's Cricketer of the Year Shelley Nitschke coached the team on the tour.

The squad was selected by Cricket Australia (CA) national female pathway manager Shawn Flegler, CA head of community engagement Sam Almaliki, and CA Indigenous engagement specialist Paul Stewart.

The tour was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Australia-India Council.

The squad was: Emily Bowden (WA), Sara Darney (NSW), Carly Fuller (Qld), Ashleigh Gardner (NSW), Jacinta Goodger-Chandler (Vic), Samantha Gordon (NSW), Haylee Hoffmeister (NSW), Jemma Astley (NSW), Sally Moylan (NT), Kavita Pepper (WA), Natalie Plane (Vic), Roxsanne Van Veen (NSW), Taylor Wigg (Tas), Samara Williams (WA).



Natalie Plane winds up against Yuvraj Singh Cricket Academy in the opening match at New Delhi.



From left: Sara Darney, Samantha Gordon and Sally Moylan get together before the start of the game on day six against Mumbai women.

The Indigenous Australian women cricketers visit the Taj Mahal on day one of their tour of India. The Taj Mahal is at Agra, 215km south-east of New Delhi.



The Australian team before their opening game of the tour in New Delhi.



The Australian Indigenous girls limber up before one of their games.



The Australian Indigenous team seems well satisfied with its work in the field during the second match of the tour.

tour to remember



Ashleigh Gardner and Australian High Commissioner Harinder Sidhu pose for a photo at the High Commissioner's residence in Delhi during a reception for the Australian Indigenous women's cricket team.



The Australian Indigenous team and the New Delhi women's team get together after their match.



Indigenous vice-captain Sally Moylan in the field in the opening match of the tour.



Jemma Astley (NSW) sends one down in the opening match against Yuvraj Singh Academy.



Muruwari woman Ashleigh Gardner bowls one of her off-breaks in the first match of the tour.



At a reception at Government House, Canberra, before the team's departure for India are, from left, Indigenous team vice-captain Sally Moylan, captain Ashleigh Gardner, coach Shelley Nitschke, Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, and Australia's first Aboriginal women's Test cricketer Faith Thomas.

Quick turnaround for Ash Gardner

ASHLEIGH Gardner had no sooner returned from a cricket tour of India when she took off overseas on another tour.

While she was leading the Australian Indigenous women's squad on a tour of India, word came through that she was to be part of the Sydney Thunder Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) team now attending a six-day camp in Dubai.

The Sydney Thunder has been joined by the Sydney Sixers women's team at the camp.

The two Sydney teams, who featured in the 2016 WBBL final, are at the home of the ICC where they are undertaking a number of

training sessions during the day and under lights, as well as a match against each other at The Sheikh Zayed International Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

The players will also engage in a number of local community opportunities, including meeting school kids who play cricket in the region and training with the UAE women's cricket team.

The players will also see a number of the sites around the cities, including Burj Kalifa, the Mall of the Emirates and the Zayed grand mosque in Abu Dhabi.

The teams left Sydney last Monday and will return on Monday, June 7.



Tigers dream



RICHMOND'S Australian Football League (AFL) AFL season continues to

gain momentum, with the Tigers defeating Essendon by 38 points in their Dreamtime at the 'G clash for their third win in a row.

Led by a standout performance by Dustin Martin on Saturday night, Richmond improved to a 4-6 win-loss record with a workmanlike 16.9 (105) to 10.7 (67) victory in front of 56,948 fans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Coach Damien Hardwick will gleefully bank the four premierships but he perhaps won't be quite so pleased when he reviews a few aspects of the Tigers' performance.

Richmond looked set for a handy percentage-boosting win when they led the depleted Bombers by 28 points early in the second term, but they went missing in patches and weren't able to go on with the job.

Still, a win is a win.

Martin continued his stunning run of form with a career-high 38 possessions, while Trent Cotchin, Brett Deledio, Brandon Ellis and Shaun Grigg were influential.

And after just two touches last week, Ty Vickery was much improved with three goals.

After leading by 16 points at halftime, the Tigers played some breathtaking football as they jumped to a 36-point advantage.

But John Worsfold will have plenty of positives to point out to his players, perhaps most notably the way they fought out the game.

Essendon finished the game a man down on the bench after defender Michael Hartley suffered a hamstring injury in

the third quarter.

The result keeps Richmond in sight of the top eight but Hardwick admitted his side must play a lot better to make further inroads.

"I think we won ugly," Hardwick said.

"All credit to Essendon. I thought their pressure around the ball was very good.

"We weren't overly pleased with our performance, but we were good enough to get the four points.

"We've got some work to do. There's no doubt about that."

The Bombers trailed by 41 points at the last break, but kicked the first two goals of an encouraging final term.

Expectations

"They're achieving the expectations they've set on each other around having a crack," Worsfold said of his players' determined effort.

"They're training well and going into games not giving up, not getting despondent and not dropping their bundle if they make errors and get turnover goals against us.

"We just back up and we'll go again. On that side of things I am really pleased."

In Adelaide, Great Western Sydney coach Leon Cameron thought it was pure genius. Adelaide Crows coach Don Pyke reckoned it was special.

Eddie Betts' latest goal-of-the-year contender left both rival AFL coaches awestruck.

Adelaide's Betts tiptoed the boundary line before curling a spectacular 40-metre snap shot in the Crows' 22-point win against Greater Western Sydney on Saturday night.

"I think I made a comment in the box to the boys. I said, 'Geez, that's a bloody good goal, isn't

it?'" Cameron said.

"He's a special player. It's a special round. Let's be honest, it's a fantastic round and the AFL do it terrifically well. The Indigenous boys no doubt live up our game just by what they can do.

"That goal that he did was just pure genius."

Crows coach Pyke said of Betts: "He's a special player. He does special things."

In other AFL games last weekend, the Sydney Swans ended North Melbourne's undefeated run, winning 14.7 (01) to 9.11 (65) at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday night; Hawthorn beat the Brisbane Lions 21.9 (135) to 13.9 (87) at the Melbourne Cricket Ground; St Kilda beat Fremantle 15.11 (101) to 10.7 (67) at Etihad Stadium; Port Adelaide beat Melbourne 18.13 (121) to 10.16 (76); and Adelaide beat the Giants 15.17 (107) to 13.7 (85) at the Adelaide Oval.

Three Sunday games were to complete the Indigenous round.

Meanwhile, the 2016 AFL Rio Tinto Footy Means Business program concluded on Saturday with the Lawrence team winning by one point over the Davey team in the Rio Tinto Cup.

The program squad of 50 Indigenous men, aged 18 to 24 years, was broken in half and played for teams led by coaches Aaron Davey and Barry Lawrence in the curtain-raiser match to Dreamtime at the 'G.

Each year the Footy Means Business program provides its participants with exposure to elite AFL programs and training, along with networking opportunities in corporate environments over two development programs.

● See page 64 for more on Dreamtime at the 'G



Tiwi Islander Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, playing his first Dreamtime at the 'G Australian football match, contests a mark for the Essendon Bombers against the Richmond Tigers on Saturday night. Picture: Peter Argent