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**QLD** Petrol sniffing. It's been a growing problem among the youth of Cherbourg, but now the residents of the south-east Queensland community have had enough of the devastation it's wreaking on young lives and families. Elders, council, community leaders, government and other agencies and, most importantly, local parents have banded together to stop the sniffing before it gets out of hand. They've thrown their support behind the grassroots 'Snuff Out Sniffing' campaign, launched last week with a rally and street march involving many in the community. See our special report on Pages 10-11.

# A new voice

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AFTER five years without a true 'national voice', Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Australians are arguably now back in the main political game. A media conference in Sydney on Sunday revealed the identity of eight Indigenous people who'll lead the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP) in its critical establishment phase.

Indigenous regional governance advocate Sam Jeffries, from western NSW, and Torres Strait Islander woman and Canberra-based

health researcher Dr Kerry Arabena will co-chair the new national representative body, now officially incorporated as a private company. Joining them as directors on an interim national executive will be six other people with extensive track records across a wide range of policy and practice: Educators Prof Peter Buckskin and Prof Colleen Hayward, community development specialist Josephine Bourne, the South Australian Government's top Indigenous adviser Klynton Wanganeen, Ned David from the Torres Strait, and Nyoongar woman but long-time Victorian resident Daphne Yarram.



New Congress Co-Chairs Sam Jeffries and Kerry Arabena.

The Co-Chairs said that the first directors were humbled by the opportunity to be part of 'such an historic movement', which would lead, influence and monitor the development of Indigenous public policy.

"Today is an important step in creating once again a national platform and voice



to advance issues important to our peoples," Mr Jeffries said.

Dr Arabena said the interim national executive faced a lot of expectation and enormous workload but also considerable on-the-ground goodwill towards the National Congress. She said she and

her fellow directors would be 'absolutely focused on encouraging participation by our own peoples to help establish and shape the organisation for the long term'.

The National Congress fills the void created when the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) was abolished by the Howard Government in 2005. While the then-Labor Opposition backed ATSIC's hatching, it went to the 2007 Federal election promising to establish a new representative body, albeit one with no service delivery role. The interim national executive is expected to announce within the next week or so the body's chief

executive officer, who'll assist it in finalising policies, procedures and rules, driving membership, and convening by the end of the year the first annual meeting of up to 120 delegates, including nominees of peak and sectoral bodies.

The Rudd Government has committed just over \$29 million to establish the National Congress and its initial operations, but has so far resisted calls for it to contribute to an investment fund to help the body become self-sufficient.

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I AM pictured here at the Coloured Diggers ANZAC day celebrations in Redfern with my daughter Pepper Jarrett, who is seven months old, her father Michael Jarrett, my father Les Beckett and his 'adopted' daughter Jodie Ossedryver.

My dad is from Bollon near Goodooga and plays harmonica. He lives in Ipswich and is on the board of Purga Mission.

I grew up in Sydney and Ipswich. I'm a performer, writer and mother to Pepper, my first baby, and Michael's twelfth.

Michael is my partner and lives with most of his kids at Nambucca. He is an Aboriginal language teacher, and teaches Gumbayniggirr in primary and high schools around the Nambucca Valley. I live in Sydney where I am pursuing a theatrical career.

Jodie and her mum were really good friends with my father, and dad has been teaching her the harmonica. She has

pretty much been adopted into the family.

I've also got a little brother Bindii who is 15 years old up in Ipswich. He is training to be a boxer and going to high school, and I have an older sister Christie, who is a visual artist and a mother of three.

Mum passed away when I was six years old but I've got a step mum Louise Butt – she's not married to dad any more, but she's Bindii's mum.

I was performing my theatre piece *Coloured Diggers* today and my father played the harmonica. The march came about from the poem *The Coloured Digger*, which was written about my great uncle Harold West. My family has had men and women serving in the defence forces since World War I, and we currently have an uncle, Joseph West, in the army. He is based up in Queensland.

We're here to honour and respect our troops and our family.

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## OUR CHILDREN



MELBOURNE Storm rugby league players, from left, Ryan Tandy, Dane Neilsen and Brett Finch are mobbed by pupils from St Michael's Catholic Primary School during a visit last Thursday to Palm Island, north Queensland. Photo: ALF WILSON

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# Palm calm after Melbourne Storm

By ALF WILSON

THE tropical beauty of Palm Island last Thursday was a world apart from Melbourne, and for rugby league legend Greg Inglis it was a brief but welcomed escape.

Inglis and his Melbourne Storm team-mates have been caught up in one of Australia's biggest sporting scandals – the \$1.7 million salary cap breach over five years by the Storm.

The fallout will continue for some time as number-crunchers sift through the financial affairs of the reigning NRL champions. In the meantime, the Storm players are trying to get on with their lives, knowing that their team has been stripped of competition points earned so far, and knowing that they won't be allocated points for the rest of the season.

And with the media focussing on the Storm's superstars (there are none bigger than Indigenous man Inglis), the players are under tremendous pressure.

But sitting under a tree on the base of a monument to one of the legendary Palm Island strikers of 1957, Inglis described the island as an escape from the reality of the world after 'a tough week'.

It was low tide and in the background was the Reel Women Palm Island jetty, and coconut palms swayed in the gentle tropical breeze.

The monuments are in honour of seven men who went on strike during 1957 on

Palm Island to protest against poor treatment and they were banished by a cruel government of the time.

Visiting Palm Island with Inglis were fellow Storm players Ryan Tandy, Brett Finch and Dane Nielsen.

They spent four hours there last Thursday – two days before the Storm met the North Queensland Cowboys at Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium.

The last thing Inglis wanted to talk about was the storm in Melbourne and his future.

But in the understatement of the year, Inglis did tell *The Koori Mail* 'it has been a tough week'.

"I am disappointed with the decision that we will play for no points, but we are playing for passion and our players love this club," he said.

"I have come to Palm to escape the reality of the world and to help kids."

Inglis ruled out any suggestion that he would leave the Storm.

This appeared to pour cold water on reports that Australian Football League (AFL) club Essendon was 'circling' Inglis with an offer to switch codes.

Addressing the island's Bwgcolman State Primary

School, Inglis spoke of the importance of education.

And he also touched on vandalism, telling the children 'you can end up in jail looking at four walls'.

At St Michael's Catholic School, Inglis spoke of the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

"Drugs and alcohol are not good things to do," Inglis said.

**'I have come to Palm to escape the reality of the world and to help kids'**



A reflective Greg Inglis on Palm Island.

# Davis gets top UN role



INDIGENOUS academic Megan Davis has been appointed to the United Nations Permanent Forum

on Indigenous Issues.

The Permanent Forum is the pre-eminent UN body on Indigenous matters.

Ms Davis was nominated by the Australian Government but will serve as an independent expert.

It is the first time the Australian Government has nominated an Indigenous person to a UN body.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith said Ms Davis was an



MEGAN DAVIS

outstanding candidate for the position and her nomination demonstrated the Government's commitment to engagement with the United Nations, and in

particular with the Permanent Forum.

They described Ms Davis as 'a leading scholar on Indigenous legal rights and international law'.

"She is the Director of the Indigenous Law Centre at the University of NSW, and has been active in the United Nations as an advocate for Indigenous rights, particularly for women," they said.

Ms Davis received the highest number of votes in her group in the election by members of the UN's Economic and Social Council.

Professor Mick Dodson is currently a member of the Permanent Forum. He will finish his term later this year.

## Crackdown on smoking wins support

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# 'The Congress will be a cornerstone for

The NCAFP's inaugural Co-Chairs share their hopes for the new organisation with *Koori Mail* Editor KIRSTIE PARKER\*

SAM Jeffries knows something about renewal. Earlier this year, huge floods saw much of his Murrumbidgee traditional country around Brewarrina in north-western New South Wales declared a natural disaster zone.

For a while, it seemed the deluge would never end.

But now, having ridden out the worst of things, the previously parched region has emerged replenished. With new growth, the landscape has changed. And the Barwon River is again flowing around Brewarrina's ancient and world-famous Aboriginal fish traps.

Five years ago, Sam Jeffries and the rest of Indigenous Australia watched as storms of another kind wreaked havoc, only running out of puff once the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) was abolished.

The father-of-two was in his fifth consecutive term as an ATSIC regional councillor and his third as regional council chairperson when the Commission was undone by a toxic cocktail of accusations of poor service delivery, low voter turn-out, attacks on the credibility of its highest-ranked members, and more.

Since that time, Mr Jeffries has headed the experimental but widely-revered Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, a peak regional community structure.

Now, he will play a leading role in what many people hope will be the rebirth of Indigenous political and social participation at national level.

In Sydney on Sunday, Mr Jeffries and Canberra-based health researcher Kerry Arabena – whose family comes from Murray Island in the Torres Strait – were named the inaugural full-time Co-Chairs of the new National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP).

Mr Jeffries and Dr Arabena will work with six other directors selected for the body's interim national executive – Prof Peter Buckskin, Prof Colleen Hayward, Josephine Bourne, Klynton Wanganeen, Ned David and Daphne Yarram (see biographies overleaf) – to get the new national Indigenous representative body into shape.

The interim national executive was selected by the steering committee, led by former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, which developed the model for the Congress.

The Co-Chairs said on Sunday that the first directors were humbled by the opportunity to be part of 'such an historic movement'.

The task of getting the potentially change-fatigued Indigenous community behind the Congress was no small one, they said, but entirely achievable

# Co-Chairs ready to lead way



Aboriginal representation at the national, state and local levels: National Congress Co-Chair Sam Jeffries (centre), with NSWALC Councillor for the north west region Steve Gordon, and Brewarrina Shire Councillor Jenny Barker at Brewarrina with the Barwon River in the background.

because the new body's structure strongly reflected views and opinions expressed during the national consultations.

Amongst other things, those consultations showed Indigenous people wanted the new body to be independent from government, highly credible, and properly resourced. They said it should formulate policy and advice, advocate and lobby, and monitor and evaluate government performance to Indigenous people – but not deliver services or programs, most of which had already been mainstreamed.

"The main thing that keeps me interested in this process is Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people have been the ones that designed and constructed this model," Mr Jeffries told *The Koori Mail* last week.

"It's not an imposition from government. It's been solely created by our own mob through a series of meetings, workshops and interviews. It's as simple as that; it doesn't have to be complex."

## Important

Dr Arabena said further development of the Congress would be an important 'nation-building exercise'.

"The Congress will be a cornerstone for Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people," she said last Thursday. "It is a flagship company of which all Australians can and will be proud."

Dr Arabena said the Congress took its guiding principle from the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which the Australian Government formally endorsed just over 12 months ago.

"The Declaration says that we actually have a right to participate in a decision-making process about our own affairs," she said.

The Congress will be constituted through a mix of nominations, internal elections and applications. It will have three chambers: One made up of

nominees from elected peak, national bodies; another of nominees from elected sectoral and state and territory bodies such as Indigenous health services, and local land councils; and the third made up of individuals regarded as experts or leaders in key fields.

It is hoped that the inaugural Congress can be convened by November this year, and the interim national executive can then hand over to a new one elected by the delegates.

The organisation will continue to evolve, but Mr Jeffries said the interim national executive would make a strong start.

"Our objective is to get the organisation established and then take things from there," he quipped.

"There's no good trying to ride your bike unless the tires are pumped up first."

Radically, the Congress will have guaranteed gender balance for both office holders and delegates, and built-in support for younger leaders.

One of its most contentious features has been establishment of an ethics council, including Mr Calma, to oversee its integrity and ethics of its representatives.

Critics say the measure imposes on Indigenous people unreasonable standards that not even Members of Parliament are expected to meet, legitimising a view that Indigenous people should be held doubly accountable.

But Dr Arabena and Mr Jeffries saw the Ethics Council as a selling point for the Congress.

"There was an overwhelming demand out of our community to ensure a proper process applied and we had credible people," Mr Jeffries said of the consultations.

"They said 'we want to have the standards or integrity in our Congress' and it's our job to make sure each and every one of those standards is met."

Dr Arabena, too, was unapologetic.

"These are not imposed standards. They've been designed and can be met by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said. "There are things we should aspire to. It's absolutely important to invest in good foundations of conduct because these things carry over into your personal, family and community life.

"Whether we like it or not we're role models. We need to be accountable; our people deserve no less."

Neither Co-Chair saw the Congress as the 'be all and end all' for Indigenous political representation; rather as fertile breeding ground for it in all forms.

"If we're talking about politicising issues, and training people for leadership, the next step in the next ten years or so when this organisation is independent is that we would be able to mentor and support people in different political processes – whatever that means," Dr Arabena said.

"It might mean at a local

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# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'

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community level, it could be about how to serve people through institutions but also engage with others around things that matter – for example training people in service delivery – or it might mean training people in regional engagement but also national engagement and international engagement.

"There might be opportunities to create pathways to the United Nations and economic pathways internationally. But that's situated well into the future and is up to the members to decide."

Dr Arabena rejected assertions by some Indigenous people as well as mainstream media commentators that the Congress was just another version of ATSIC or would be as ineffectual as the wholly-appointed National Indigenous Council (NIC).

"It is not a service delivery body; it's a representative body chosen by the people, not chosen or appointed by government, and it will conduct its own business through processes that the body has established itself," she said of the Congress.

"It will have gender equity and it will practice democracy, which is really inclusive."

"I'm very interested that we are using private company law to fulfil our public citizenship potential. That's really important; we're using private law to fulfil a public outcome."

The Federal Government has committed nearly \$30 million for the first three years. It has so far resisted calls for it to contribute to a proposed \$200 million investment fund to help the Congress become self-sufficient, but Mr Jeffries wasn't too worried.

"I don't think the Government has taken it completely off the table, but Congress must demonstrate that it can establish itself and perform and function and go through to the next phase," he said.

"The original idea was for a dollar-for-dollar basis and if we could get that, we could build what we have over time. We can get there. Nothing is impossible; it's just some things take a little to get to."

Mr Jeffries and Dr Arabena said they hoped every Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person over the age of 18 would consider joining the Congress as a member. Although the national executive had yet to flesh out the benefits of signing up as a 'card-carrying' member, they acknowledged that it should be a personal choice.

"We haven't decided what those member benefits will be but we will once the dust has settled," Mr Jeffries said.

"No-one will be compelled to join the Congress but, like winning Lotto, you don't have an opportunity to win if you're not in there."

"And the Congress will fail if it's not supported, there's no two ways about that. There's a lot at stake."

The choice to opt in or out was true democracy, Dr Arabena said.

"It's not for everyone and some people may be happy being



Dr Kerry Arabena (centre) relaxes at her home in Canberra with family and friends. Around her are, clockwise from top left, her son Brody, cousin Peter Savage, friend Kim Davison, cousin Val Cooms, Sissy Hodges, Peter's son Ethan, Kerry's nephew Jordan Savage, and her daughter Lauren. The centre of attention everyone's is Peter's lively son Henley, aged 22 months.

involved at their community level only," she said.

"But for those who want to be involved nationally, there should be pathways."

Most recently, Dr Arabena ran a consultancy in Canberra, where she lives with her teenage son and daughter. She was candid about feeling intensely emotional when approached for her role with the Congress.

"For the first couple of weeks, I couldn't stop crying," she said.

"I cry at the drop of a hat anyway but I was completely overwhelmed that I was able to be recognised by people of such high calibre in our community; that they thought I was ready for it."

"For someone who started off as a teenage mum, living in a caravan park wondering what her future would be and to have lived the life I have lived and got to this point... I am as honoured by this opportunity as I am amazed at my own determination to get where I am. I am really ready for this challenge."

Initially, the Congress will have offices in Sydney and Canberra. A website will be developed, and members of the interim national executive will undertake a

national tour.

"We'll be doing whatever is possible and providing as many answers to people about what this organisation is, why they should participate," Dr Arabena said.

"Because the idea is so new and the concepts so unique, it's really important that people have a chance to consider what this might mean to them in their own communities and in their own time."

Back in Brewarrina, the buzz around the new rep body and their local fella was good.

Local Shire Councillor Jenny Barker said she hoped the Congress would encourage more respect and recognition for Indigenous Australians. As the head of one of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly's 16 community working parties, she'd been impressed by Sam Jeffries' conduct in the public arena.

"I tell everyone that Sam's my prime minister. He's taken Murdi Paaki to where it is today. He's already a great leader and a great spokesman."

NSWALC Councillor for the state's north west region, and former ATSIC Commissioner, Steve Gordon also had high praise.



National Congress Co-Chair Sam Jeffries gets a congratulatory kiss from his mum Zeta at home in Brewarrina last week

Standing on the clay banks of the Barwon River last week overlooking the Brewarrina fish traps, he said nostalgically 'Sam and me, when we were young, we used to come here and fish'.

"So I know him and I think he's the right choice. He knows about the black people and can mix with government and leaders to take

us in a new direction. We have to change our direction to survive."

\* Kirstie Parker is a former Director of Public Affairs for ATSIC, and was amongst 100 Indigenous people who met in Adelaide in 2008 as part of the national consultations and contributed ideas to the Congress model.

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# Meet the Congress National Executive



**KERRY ARABENA (Co-Chair):** A descendant of the Meriam people from the Torres Strait, Kerry Arabena has an extensive background in public health, administration, community development and research. First trained as a social worker, she was recently awarded a doctorate in human ecology from the Australian National University. Dr Arabena's work has included co-ordinating population health strategies across northern Australia and contributions to Australia and the Asia Pacific region in cross-jurisdictional areas such as gender issues, social justice, human rights, violence, access and equity, service provision, harm minimisation and citizenship rights and responsibilities. She has also been a member of a range of local, state and national councils.



**SAM JEFFRIES (Co-Chair):** Sam Jeffries is a member of the Murrawari nation from north-west NSW and southern Qld and was born and raised in Brewarrina, NSW. Active in Indigenous Affairs for more than 25 years, he has worked in the cotton, hotel and meat industries, in the public service and in a range of organisations around housing and CDEP. For the past six years, Mr Jeffries was Chair of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in western NSW. He has been a councillor on the Walgett Shire Council and served five consecutive terms as an ATSIC Regional Councillor and three as Chair. He is currently Deputy Chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation, Chair of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Chair of NASCA, and member of the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme.



**JOSEPHINE BOURNE:** A mainland Torres Strait Islander born in Townsville in north Queensland, Ms Bourne's family ancestry is from Mabuiag Island, the Murray Islands and Moa Island (Kubin). Ms Bourne has contributed to many local, regional, state and national agencies through committees and working groups dealing with community capacity building, multi-media development and youth leadership. Tertiary studies in communications, Indigenous studies, community education and community development have led to positions with the Queensland Education Department in Townsville and in the philanthropic sector for the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) in Melbourne. Most recently, Ms Bourne has been working with the Steering Committee for the National Congress.



**Prof PETER BUCKSKIN:** A Narungga man from the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia, Peter Buckskin has been an educator and professional bureaucrat for more than 30 years. He is currently Dean and Head of School of the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research at the University of SA, Chair of the National Indigenous Higher Education Network, and executive member of the World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium, Co-Chair of the SA Aboriginal Education and Training Consultative Body and Co-Chair of Reconciliation SA. Previously, Prof Buckskin worked as a school teacher in WA and SA, was Chair of the SA Aboriginal Education Consultative Committee, ministerial adviser, Superintendent of Schools, and a senior Federal and State public servant.



**NED DAVID:** A Torres Strait Islander linked to the Komet Tribe of Mer (Murray Island) the Tudulaig of the Kulkalgal Nation of the central islands of the Torres Strait, Ned David has played a significant role in leading reform across a range of sectors including fisheries, native title, education, training and employment. He is currently the Director of the Yumi Education Support Services, and previously worked for the Department of Justice, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Island Industries Board, Aboriginal Hostels Ltd and the Island Coordinating Council. His current community roles include President of the Torres Strait Islanders Regional Education Council (TSIREC), President of the Urapun Tubudalgal Land Trust, and Secretary of the Torres Strait Islanders Media Association.



**Prof COLLEEN HAYWARD:** A senior Aboriginal woman of the Noongar nation in the south-west of WA, Colleen Hayward has an extensive background in a range of areas including health, education, training, employment, housing, child protection and law and justice as well as significant experience in policy and management. She is currently the Head of Edith Cowan University's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, Kurongkurl Katitjin. Prof Hayward started her working life as a teacher, other positions previously held include Manager of the Kulonga Research Network at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, senior roles at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services agency and ATSIC, and as deputy chief executive officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA.



**KLYNTON WANGANEEN:** A descendant of the Narungga and Ngarrindjeri nations, Klynton Wanganeen is currently the first Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in SA. In this role, he serves as a voice for the Aboriginal community in Government and provides independent advice to the SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation on Aboriginal matters. Mr Wanganeen has a long history as an advocate for Aboriginal affairs, and an educator. He is currently Chair of the Narungga Nations Aboriginal Corporation and the SA Congress of Native Title Committee. Previously he worked in education and was a member of the National VET Indigenous Taskforce, SA Zone Commissioner of ATSIC, chairman of the Patpa Warra Yunti and Regional Council, and chairman of the SA Aboriginal Health Partnership.



**DAPHNE YARRAM:** A Noongar woman born on an Aboriginal mission in south-west WA, Daphne Yarram has worked for the past 30 years within the Victorian Indigenous community in a range of professional positions including voluntary, community, government and private sectors. Now living in Sale in Victoria, Ms Yarram has supported, helped establish or worked with the Victorian Indigenous Leadership Network, Sale Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation, Gippsland Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee, Premiers Aboriginal Advisory Council, and the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum. Her current work includes establishing an Indigenous family violence healing service for East Gippsland.

# Countdown on for Long Walk



Ready for the Long Walk in their T-shirts are Michael Long, Pam Pederson (daughter of the late Sir Doug Nichols) and Essendon player David Zaharakis.



OFFICIAL T-shirts have been launched in the lead-up to this month's 2010 Long Walk.

In 2004, AFL champion Michael Long inspired the Long Walk, with his walk from Melbourne to Canberra to raise awareness about Indigenous health, education and employment. The Essendon star said he wanted equality between black and white Australians.

This year's Long Walk will be held on Saturday, 22 May, at Federation Square, Melbourne, with walkers going from the square to the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the

Dreamtime at the 'G annual match between Essendon and Richmond. The official T-shirts, with the themes of 'strength, respect and protect', feature a design by Indigenous artist Clinton Nain.

They draw on themes familiar in his work – the struggle for Indigenous rights, his iconography of hearts, targets, crosses and text as well as his use of tar, bleach and heritage colours.

Mr Long launched the shirts when he met with Mr Nain at the National Gallery of Victoria.

"We want the T-shirts to be worn proudly any day of the year as our way of saying that the Long Walk is not just about one day," he said.

"We work all year to promote Indigenous well-being. We know that when our culture is celebrated, our well-being improves."

Mr Nain has donated the original art works to the Long Walk to be auctioned later in the year.

As part of the Long Walk celebrations, Mr Nain will offer floor talks in the Ian Potter Centre, National Gallery of Victoria at Federation Square, from 4pm on Saturday 22 May.

For more information about the Long Walk event, how to get involved, and how to purchase Clinton Nain's T-shirts go to [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)

# Disappointment at rights stance

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HUMAN rights groups nationwide and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegation to the United

Nations have chorused their disappointment at the Federal Government's failure to introduce a national human rights act.

A human rights act was the major recommendation out of last year's national consultations. Out of 35,014 people who made submissions to a committee led by Jesuit lawyer Father Frank Brennan, an overwhelming 29,153 were in favour of such an act to protect human rights in Australians, especially vulnerable groups such as Indigenous people.

But in Canberra on 21 April, Attorney-General Robert McClelland said that other measures including ramped-up community education on human rights would instead form the centrepiece of Australia's new human rights framework because the Government believed human rights should be enhanced in a way that united rather than divided the nation.

Mr McClelland said the education initiatives would help to ensure information about human rights, including what they are, why they matter and how they are protected, was more readily available across the community.

He said the Government would also:

- Introduce ethical standards for public servants and officials to



ROBERT McCLELLAND

respect human rights standards and law in Australia

- Establish a new parliamentary committee to vet legislation for compliance with international human rights obligations

- Develop a new National Action Plan on Human Rights, to be lodged with the United Nations

- Combine Federal anti-discrimination laws into one single law to cut out overlap and make the system more 'user-friendly'

- Create an annual NGO Human Rights Forum to enable comprehensive engagement with non-government organisations on human rights matters.

The Australian Human Rights Group, Uniting Church, Law Council, Amnesty International and gay rights groups all welcomed the measures backed by the Government, but said its rejection of a human rights act flew in the face of strong community support.



DENNIS EGGINGTON

Indigenous Australians attending the ninth session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in New York, described the decision as another failure by the Government to regard all peoples of Australia as equal.

And they renewed calls on the Australian Government to immediately reinstate the *Racial Discrimination Act* in the Northern Territory to demonstrate respect for the equality of Indigenous Australians.

The group included the National Native Title Council, the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, the National Indigenous Higher Education Network, Aboriginal legal services from WA and SA, the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, and the Indigenous



CATHY BRANSON

Peoples Organisation Network Youth Delegation.

"We welcome this significant step forward in the promotion and protection of human rights in Australia, but express disappointment that the major goal of establishing a bill of rights has been abandoned," they said in a statement.

"...The absence of a bill of rights or any form of constitutional protection for the inherent rights of the first peoples remains as a deep stain upon the human rights reputation of Australia."

One of the delegates, Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) chief Dennis Eggington, described the Government's refusal to embrace an appropriate rights-based approach as 'a slap in the face' to the many organisations that contributed to the national human rights consultations.

He said that, while there was some merit in the education

measures announced, Aboriginal peoples were already well aware of the issues.

"Indigenous peoples have learnt the lesson first-hand of what happens when human rights are either abused or withheld," Mr Eggington said. "We could certainly teach the Government how painful and dispiriting this is if it chooses to listen."

Australian Human Rights Commission President Cathy Branson QC said that, without a human rights act, human rights protection in Australia remained 'piecemeal and inadequate'.

"There remain too many instances where a person whose human rights have been breached can do nothing about it," Ms Branson said.

"We must remember that an overwhelming number of Australians from all walks of life told the national consultation committee last year that they wanted adequate protection of their rights to housing, education and health. The Government's response does not address these concerns."

Mr McClelland and Finance Minister Lindsay Tanner said there would be no watering down of existing protections currently available under four Federal anti-discrimination laws: the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, and the *Age Discrimination Act 2004*.

The Human Rights Framework is available online at the website [www.ag.gov.au/humanrightsframe](http://www.ag.gov.au/humanrightsframe) work.

# Committee set to report on Muckaty dump site



A SENATE committee report into a proposed nuclear waste facility at Muckaty Station, north of Tennant Creek, should be released this week.

The committee was meant to present the report on 20 April, but Northern Territory Senator Trish Crossin said at the time that it would not happen for at least another week as the committee

continues its investigation.

Senator Crossin said the report was not looking at whether there should be a nuclear waste dump, but at the fairness of the proposed legislation.

Meanwhile, Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson last week said he was confident he was consulting with the right traditional owners over the proposed dump, despite a looming legal challenge.

The Ngapa traditional owners,

one of five family groups who are custodians of the land, nominated the site, but others oppose the dump.

The opponents have engaged lawyers for a possible legal challenge over who could rightfully have a say over the land.

## Report

Mr Ferguson said the Ngapa people's link with the site had been identified in a Northern Land Council anthropological report,

which would not be made public.

He was confident the Government was dealing with the right group.

While not surprised a legal battle was looming over the dump, Mr Ferguson said time was running out to find a 'mature' solution to the nuclear waste problem.

"Half a million Australians a year benefit from nuclear medicine," he said.

"Eighty-five per cent of that

nuclear medicine is actually manufactured in Australia, and in accordance with international protocols we have to select a site."

The nuclear waste dump site had to be selected and built by 2014 because 'time is not on our side'.

Mr Ferguson said his department would consult with the Ngapa people and surrounding clans before the site was approved, as required by the law.

# Moving to close the gap in ACT



THE Close the Gap campaign has welcomed Chief Minister Jon Stanhope's public commitment to end Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health inequality in the Australian Capital Territory.

Mr Stanhope last week signed a 'Statement of Intent' at a ceremony at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra, committing his Government and future governments to improving the health and well-being of Aboriginal people in the ACT.

Close the Gap campaign steering committee co-chair Tom Calma and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service CEO Julie Tong joined the Chief Minister in signing the nine-point Statement of Intent.

ACT Shadow Minister for Health and Indigenous Affairs Jeremy Hanson was present to show the Opposition's support, with Opposition Leader Zed Seselja to sign the statement in the near future.

The statement, also signed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and then Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson in March 2008, is a commitment between the ACT Government and Indigenous people to work together to achieve equality in health status and life expectancy between

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians by 2030.

It commits all parties to a plan that includes:

- Developing a comprehensive long-term plan of action to achieve equality of health and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians by 2030;
- Ensuring full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in addressing their health needs;
- Working together to address

the social determinants that affect health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

- Supporting and developing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services.

The ACT is the fourth government to sign up, after Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

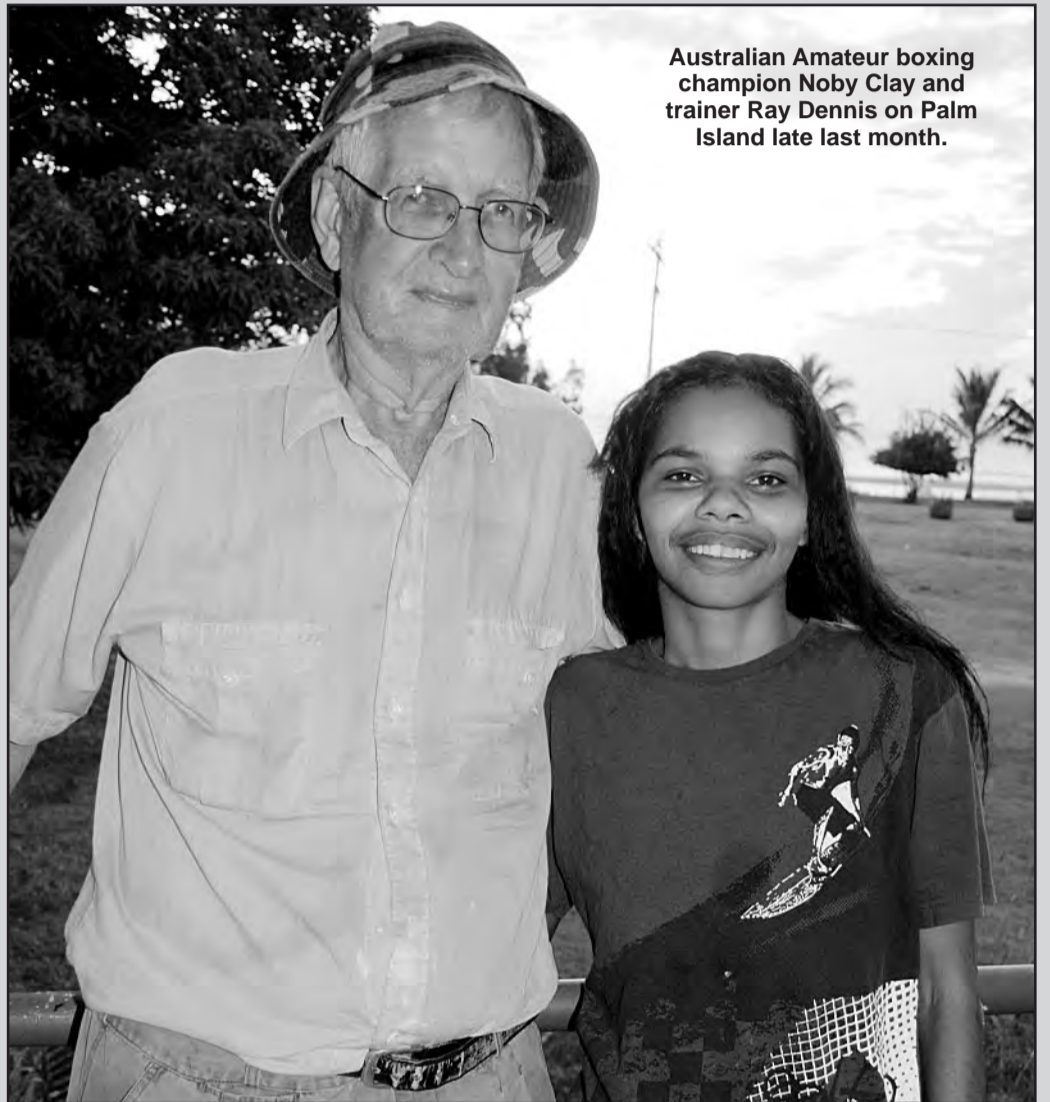
Mr Calma said real commitment from governments at

all levels to partner with Indigenous people was essential if the gap was to be closed.

"This formal commitment between the ACT Government and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples enables us to build on the significant progress we've already made, as governments around the country have come to realise that true partnership is the only way to close the gap," Mr Calma said.



JON STANOPE



Australian Amateur boxing champion Noby Clay and trainer Ray Dennis on Palm Island late last month.

# Message Sticks is shaping up

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island's boxing prowess will be showcased in style tomorrow

night, with the documentary *Boxing for Palm Island* one of two films chosen to open the 2010 Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House.

Palm Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis and 2009 female amateur boxing champion Noby Clay were looking forward to the world premiere when *The Koori Mail* caught up with them recently.

Also joining them on the red carpet tomorrow night will be male boxers Selwyn Seaton, Craig Destage and Dennis Haines junior.

Mr Dennis said film director Adrian Wills and his crew visited Palm Island four times doing interviews, and they also attended the state titles at Gordonvale and the Amateur Boxing League national championships at Geelong last November.

"Palm Island will get so much positive publicity from this and it will be great," he said.

"Down at Geelong the film crew spent a lot of time talking to Noby, who is one of the best female amateur boxers in Australia. They also did some great interviews with Craig Desage here on Palm. Craig is normally a quiet fellow and I didn't know he could talk so much, it will be great watching and listening to."

Ms Clay said she was

looking forward to being pampered by a fashion designer.

"(The event) will be hosted by Ernie Dingo and I have only ever seen the Opera House on television. This is going to be a deadly trip," she said.

The world premiere of *Boxing for Palm Island* will be part of the Message Sticks opening night gala event at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 6 May, with a limited number of tickets available for purchase.

Free screenings of the film will be held on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm at the Blacktown Arts Centre and on Saturday 8 May at 11am at the Sydney Opera House. Free tickets are available from one hour before the screening, with a limit of two per person.

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# Coloured Diggers honoured



Warrant Officer Class One Colin Watego leads the street march through Redfern as part of the Coloured Diggers ceremony in Sydney on Anzac Day. Services honouring Indigenous veterans and service personnel were held around the country during the annual 25 April commemoration. *Photo: Darren Coyne*  
 ● See more Anzac Day coverage starting on page 41

# Racism link to NT killing



THE bashing death of an Aboriginal man in Alice Springs was influenced by racism and a tone of 'antagonism towards and harassment of Aboriginal persons', a judge has said. On 23 April, Chief Justice Brian Martin jailed five white men over the death, saying their actions had caused 'deep and acute divisions in the community of Alice Springs'.

"A life has been taken needlessly ... and leaves a legacy of grief, anger and distress," he told the NT Supreme Court in Alice Springs.

Chief Justice Martin said it was a tragedy that a few seconds of 'drunken, aggressive and violent behaviour' had resulted in the incarceration of five young men of 'otherwise good character'. "For them, their families and friends, life also seems bleak," he said.

Anton Kloeden, 23, Glen Swain, 24, Scott Doody, 24, Joshua Spears, 19, and Timothy Hird, 22, all from central Australia, pleaded guilty the week before last to the manslaughter of Kwementyaye Ryder.

Mr Ryder, a 33-year-old trainee park ranger, had stopped

to join a group of Aboriginal people camped on the dry Todd River bed in the early hours of July 25 last year.

The five, four of whom were intoxicated, had left a casino in Alice Springs together at about 6am when they came upon the campers. Kloeden, who was sober, drove his four-wheel drive along the riverbed.

"You created a highly dangerous situation, and it is pure good luck that you did not injure or kill people in that camp," Chief Justice Martin said.

## Guilty

Kloeden also pleaded guilty to recklessly endangering life by driving so close to the campers that his vehicle ran over one of their swags.

"I have no doubt that if white people had been camped in the river bed in tents, you would not have set out to harass them," Chief Justice Martin said.

The five men left to get more alcohol and a Colt 45 pistol, containing blank ammunition.

The court heard Hird, who fired the pistol in the direction of the camp upon their return, was 'being a complete galah'.

The campers, who feared for their lives, got up and started running.

Mr Ryder, who was also

intoxicated, threw a bottle at the vehicle as it passed him on Schwartz Crescent near the Todd River, the court heard.

The men got out of the car and chased Mr Ryder.

"The deceased fell to the ground where Hird kicked him to the head one time, Swain kicked him twice to the head ... (and) Spears struck the deceased with a bottle," Chief Justice Martin said.

"I am satisfied that there were racial elements in the earlier events and that a tone or atmosphere was set of antagonism towards and harassment of Aboriginal persons that is likely to have influenced the later conduct of all offenders."

The court heard Mr Ryder had a pre-existing aneurysm that burst as a result of the fall or the 'cowardly and violent' attack.

Doody, who remained in the car during the attack, was sentenced to four years in prison, suspended after 12 months.

Hird, Kloeden and Spears were sentenced to six years' jail with a non-parole period of four years.

Swain was sentenced to five and a half years' jail with a non-parole period of three-and-a-half years. - AAP

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# Cherbourg community



Cherbourg Elders Helen Slater, Pauline Briggs, Euriel Mackey, Nellie Richardson and Annie Moffat standing strong for their community.



South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL player Chris Sandow with his son (on his lap) and family members. He came to lend his support to the campaign.



Stylin' Up Crew. The young people of Cherbourg wrote and performed song and dance routines on the day.



Linda Georgetown with her grandson Lewis Hopkins in Cherbourg.



Sharon McAvoy and Lornetta West.

# They're ready to snuff out sniffing



By *The Koori Mail's*  
**MAHALA STROHFELDT**  
who was in Cherbourg



AS parents Raylene Watcho and Steven Langton recall the moment they first realised their son was sniffing petrol, their faces betray the worry that only a parent can know.

It was just two years ago that he first started coming home reeking of petrol fumes, 'out of it' and unresponsive. He was ten years old.

It is a particularly painful reminder for Mr Langton, who is angry that he couldn't break the cycle. Just like his own son, he was also ten when he first started sniffing petrol.

"It was pretty bad, some nights he would come home smelling of petrol, he was sniffing glue and petrol, you couldn't reason with him or discipline him, we tried but nothing was getting through," Mr Langton recalls with deep emotion.

He joined a growing group of other youngsters in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland, as well as out-of-towners, who were hitting the streets at night

sniffing petrol. The numbers slowly increased, until the community realised about 12 months ago that they had a serious problem on their hands.

That's where the grassroots campaign Snuff Out Sniffing (SOS) was born. It's a zero-tolerance message that enough is enough.

Elders, council, community leaders, government and other agencies and, most importantly, parents have banded together to stop the sniffing before it gets out of hand. The program was launched last week in Cherbourg with unprecedented community support.

For Raylene and Steven, their son was the lucky one. He's 12 now, and by all accounts seems to have outgrown the sniffing. He's engaged in a number of healthy activities – mostly community driven. But his parents remain vigilant against the strong lure of petrol to the town's youth.

The family, with eight children and another bub on the way, have joined the SOS Parent Support Group to help

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Cherbourg parents Raylene Watcho and Steven Langton.

# unites to save children



Jarabah Davidson rings the bell out loud and proud during the march.



Cherbourg Primary School Deputy Principal Bevan Costello leading the march.

## 'We are the solution...'

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other families going through the same ordeal.

For them, and many others, there wasn't one simple cure to end their son's addiction, but rather a holistic approach that finally saw him overcome the sniffing.

"He's doing a lot better now, the support made it so much easier," Mr Langton said. "His football coach really helped a lot. He loved football and that made a difference.

"The community wasn't judgmental, they were really supportive."

The driving force of the SOS campaign and co-ordinator of the Community Training Centre Diversionary Program Bruce Simpson said the first response had been denial; no one wanted to talk about it, even though the sniffing groups were a visible and uncomfortable presence in the community.

"It was unspoken for a while, but we put it out there," Mr Simpson said. "We don't have the answers but we're going to try to sort this out. We aren't here to blame each other, we are the solution."

In the early days of the campaign, however, there was much angst from the community about how to solve the issue.

"I'd go to meetings and the first reports in seemed to point to a core group of around 20 sniffers, but some parents were saying there were up to 70 at any given weekend," Mr Simpson said.

And then there were the harrowing stories coming in from the parents who were dealing with the aftermath of the sniffing, with some as young as seven.

"One father told me of putting two of his sons into the shower after they had been out sniffing, drenched in petrol and just bawling because he didn't know what to do," Mr Simpson said.



Elder Lillian Gray spoke out at the meeting.

"Another told me his daughter, who was in Grade two, went up to a whipper-snipper and uncapped the lid and sniffed the petrol.

"These children obviously were just mirroring what they saw in the community."

And then there are the gaps in the health and juvenile justice system – no one seems to know what to do with these sniffers. There are no sniffing-specific rehabilitation centres, and those who do accept sniffers target mainly alcohol and other drugs.

When the young get caught up in the criminal justice system, there is no real support for them while they are incarcerated, and even less when they return to communities. Many simply fall through the cracks.

That is why, according to Mr Simpson, the real force of the SOS campaign lies solely in the community, who have gone all out to bring home the zero-tolerance message.

"To have any chance at beating this we



SOS Parents Support Group dad Keith Walk.

have to have big ideas, to think outside the square," he said.

"We have community leaders mentoring each other, families who buddy up with other families to support each other through. We've got dads who have been sniffers themselves going into schools to educate the young. It's all about the social emotional well-being of our community."

The plan is to get the early education and prevention sniffing programs into all of the schools at each level, including local media production team the Zebra Crossing Corporation producing a multi-media education kit – books and DVDs – recording the stories of parents who were sniffers.

"We're empowering people to take responsibility. Everyone can make a difference, we're all in this together and we need a team of proactive big-picture thinkers," Mr Simpson said.

"We also want to develop peer leadership amongst our young people."



Aunty Beryl Gambil does Welcome to Country.

To date, the Safe Haven Patrol can pick up young people sniffing on the streets and take them home, but more often than not they sneak out the window as soon as the bus is gone.

"One of our ideas is to have a safe facility to take these young people to where there are supports," Mr Simpson said.

"We're also thinking of asking the council to change the by-laws so we can legally take a bottle off someone. The community is starting to take ownership and responsibility and that's where we'll start to see real changes."

For respected Cherbourg Elder Lillian Gray, the success of the program lies in the strength of the community, who despite the challenges, have come together to fight for their children and young people.

"Today's been a very emotional day. Hopefully we can start to stop the sniffing," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"It won't happen overnight, but this program has made a huge difference. We can't ignore it, we have to talk about it."

"Cherbourg is a beautiful place to live, and the community is incredibly supportive.

"I make myself available because that's what we do. I can't help it because I care about what happens to our mob."

Ms Gray has supported the community through many challenges over the years, but admits that the enormity of the sniffing trend was surprising.

"We were seeing children at six or seven years of age, it's really taken hold of the community in the past year and I don't know where it's come from. We have a lot of supports for our young people here," she said.

"After this day, I hope Cherbourg children can see they have people behind them who care about them and support them through this, to stop the sniffing."

# New Zealand finally signs UN declaration

**N**EW ZEALAND has finally signed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples after initially refusing to do so in 2007.

NZ Minister for Maori Affairs Pita Sharples announced the change of heart at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York on 19 April.

Australia's Federal Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin welcomed the country's decision.

They said the Declaration was an historic document that recognised the legitimate entitlement of Indigenous peoples to all human rights, as

recognised by international law.

The UN General Assembly passed the sweeping declaration in 2007, granting native peoples the 'right to self-determination', with an overwhelming 143 votes in favour.

New Zealand was one of only four countries to vote against the declaration, along with the US, Australia and Canada. Australia reversed its position last year in April.

Mr Smith and Ms Macklin said Australia now looked forward to working with New Zealand to advance indigenous peoples' rights internationally.

"Along with the National Apology to the Stolen

Generations, Australia's announcement of support for the Declaration marked another important step in resetting relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," they said.

"This new relationship is based on good faith and mutual respect."

## Welcomed

The Maori Party also welcomed the NZ Government's decision to adopt the Declaration.

"This is a proud moment for this Government and Aotearoa," co-leader Tariana Turia said.

"September 13, 2007 was a day of great sadness for Maori

as the then Government denied a place for the declaration in Aotearoa while some 143 nations signed up to it," Mrs Turia said. "It takes courage to move us forward as Indigenous peoples and the National-led Government is to be commended, and this announcement rectifies the blot on this country's international reputation.

"Dr Sharples has been a constant advocate as have the Maori Party caucus."

Mrs Turia said while the declaration was non-binding, it would keep the Government accountable on matters concerning indigenous peoples and their human rights.

# Tasmanians stand firm on planned roadworks



**TASMANIAN** Aborigines say they'll seek an emergency declaration under state heritage laws to protect ancient Aboriginal heritage

threatened by the proposed Brighton Bypass, but are still hoping the Tasmanian Government will re-route the \$176 million roadworks.

An archaeologist's initial finding that the area on the levee of the Jordan River north of Hobart dates back 40,000 years was confirmed last month, making it the oldest in the southern hemisphere with evidence of human habitation.

"The long-awaited dating of the site gives us an insight into how our ancestors lived, played, ate, and enjoyed life in that area for over 40,000 years," said Nala Mansell-McKenna, State Secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC).

"This place has survived through two ice ages. The area is of major importance to the history of this country, not just for Aborigines but for everyone.

"Luckily, we were able to prevent the outright destruction of the site through our presence and protests against the Brighton bypass in the past, but plans have been put in place for development works to resume in the area."

The Government wants to build the bypass because the Midland Highway, the State's major north-south transport corridor, is causing 'conflict' between intrastate and local traffic in the regional service centre of Brighton and nearby Pontville.

## Significance

Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) Secretary Norm McIlfratrick confirmed that archaeologist Rod Paton's report – commissioned by the Government – showed the site was of national archaeological significance and of importance to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community. But he said that only a small part of the levee site was affected, and the present alignment of the 9km bypass was still the preferred route.

"An alternative route put forward by the Aboriginal community does not appear to be either practical or feasible, involving as it does, extensive property acquisitions if adjusted to meet project requirements and national safety standards," he said in a statement.

Mr McIlfratrick said DIER would work with the Aboriginal community to protect and conserve Aboriginal heritage values for the future, but remained committed to the bypass, which was originally due for completion by June 2012.

But Ms Mansell-McKenna said the department's suggestion to simply build a bridge over the heritage area was unacceptable. "It'd be like building a bridge over the Egyptian pyramids or Uluru," she told *The Koori Mail*. "You just wouldn't do it.

"The only reason they want to build the bypass is to make it quicker to get to Launceston. They're willing to destroy 40,000 years of Aboriginal heritage to save five minutes' travel in the car."

A TAC meeting with new Environment, Parks and Heritage Minister David O'Byrne last Thursday didn't elicit a commitment to re-route the bypass but, with Greens MP Nick McKim now a Government minister, Ms Mansell-McKenna said she was more hopeful the Aboriginal heritage of the area would be protected.

In the meantime, the emergency application for protection under state heritage laws was expected to be ready by the end of this week and the TAC's lawyers believed it would have a strong chance of success. – *By KIRSTIE PARKER*

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# Anti-smoking move backed

By **DARREN COYNE**



**INDIGENOUS** anti-smoking campaigner Tom Calma has backed the Federal Government decision to increase the tax on cigarettes, and for them to be sold in plain packaging.

Mr Calma, who is the National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking, told *The Koori Mail* the new tobacco regime would provide another incentive for people to reduce or quit smoking.

Mr Calma said up to 50 per cent of Indigenous people were smokers, with that percentage rising up to 80 per cent in some communities.

"Some of our mob will suffer (from the increased prices). But if they reduce their smoking they won't have to suffer as much," he said.

The Government last Thursday announced new laws making plain packaging compulsory by 1 January 2012, and has raised the tax on cigarettes by up to \$2.75 a pack.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said the move would give cigarette makers no room to gloss over the fact their product was a killer.

He said the changes – along with a ban on Internet advertising – would save lives and raise additional funds for hospitals.

Tobacco companies have indicated they will challenge the imposition of plain packaging in court, but the Prime Minister said the Government would not be paying compensation.

Mr Calma welcomed the new measures, saying they would be another plank in the fight against smoking.

As part of the \$100 million campaign he is heading, 'tobacco action workers' would be employed at 57 Aboriginal Medical Services around the country. They would work with communities to educate people about the dangers of smoking, and develop strategies to stop or reduce smoking.

Mr Calma said evidence from around



**Even more drawbacks ... The Federal Government plans to raise the tax on cigarettes by up to \$2.75 a pack and make plain packaging compulsory by 2012.**

the world suggested that plain packaging and increased excise were factors, which helped people to make the decision to quit.

He also backed the Government's claims that changing the packaging could help prevent younger people from becoming attracted to smoking.

Mr Calma conceded Indigenous people

would feel the brunt of the new pricing regime, but he said it would also encourage people to scale back on their smoking.

"It's been shown that people spend up to \$5000 a year on cigarettes, and in some extended families people are paying the price of a Toyota," he said.

# Intervention, RDA focus for big Alice convergence



A CALL has gone out for Aboriginal people and their supporters to gather in Alice Springs in July to pressure the Federal Government to immediately end the Northern Territory Intervention and unconditionally re-instate the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

The four-day 'Alice Springs Convergence' will be held at the Alice Springs showgrounds from 6-9 July, echoing a similar gathering in Canberra during February 2008 when about 1000 people marched on Parliament House to protest the Intervention.

Intervention critics say Government legislation currently pending in the Senate proposes to reinstate a very restricted version of the RDA compared with the one suspended in Intervention communities in 2007, and it'll still deny Aboriginal people the right to appeal measures such as the compulsory acquisition of their land by Government through five-year leases.

A range of prominent Australians are on board for a ramped-up campaign against the Intervention and Government plans to roll out the controversial measure of compulsory income management Australia-wide.

"Just as (Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin) and (Prime Minister Kevin Rudd) are threatening to expand these measures nationally, so we will expand our resistance nationally," said Michael Brull from the Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS).

At a Sydney forum on 23 April, Aboriginal lawyer and NAIDOC Indigenous Person of the Year Larissa Behrendt said Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin was misleading the public on the likely impact of the Government's proposed changes to the Intervention legislation.

"Under the new legislation, the Government is still denying



LARISSA BEHRENDT

the protections offered by anti-discrimination legislation to challenge discriminatory policies such as five-year leases, police powers and the powers of Government Business Managers," Prof Behrendt said.

"(The Minister) is continuing the denial of human rights protections of vulnerable Australians that began under the Howard Government."

Maritime Union of Australia Secretary Sydney Branch Paul McAleer told the same forum the Intervention had brought back ration days for Aboriginal communities and the union movement would stand behind Aboriginal workers in the fight for real jobs in all communities.

"Since July 2009, people on CDEP are working in their communities and only receiving Newstart quarantined on to the BasicsCard," Mr McAleer said.

"We are hearing of people working in construction and schools full-time who are being paid with a food card. This is a travesty which all unionists need to oppose."

Also supporting the campaign was Sydney Peace Prize winner John Pilger, who declared the Intervention 'a step back to Australia's dark past when racism was acceptable' and 'a fraud'.

And a spokesperson for Alyawarr walk-off from the community of Ampilatwatja said the Intervention diminished

Aboriginal people's control over their own lives.

"We're back to where we were 40 years ago," Richard Downs said. "It's time to start fighting back to defend our rights our county and our culture. We are fighting for our future, and for our children's future."

The Federal Opposition has indicated it won't oppose the Government legislation, expected to be passed later this month, but the Australian Greens are continuing to fight it.

The minor party's Aboriginal Issues spokesperson, Senator Rachel Siewert, has expressed deep disappointment at a Senate committee report that she said went to great lengths to back the Government's 'regressive welfare changes'.

"The Government was unable to provide any proof for its claims that mandatory income quarantining can deliver on its stated objectives of tackling child abuse and neglect," Senator Siewert said. "It has not been shown to bring about better nutrition, or to help people improve their money management skills."

"The indiscriminate income management scheme proposed is expensive, unproven, and will take money away from existing social services with a demonstrated record of helping those in need. It beggars belief that this Government could contemplate such a radical shift in social policy without any evidence base whatsoever."

Meanwhile, a group of 'Concerned Australians' has launched an online petition calling on the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) to press the Australian Government to 'an unrestricted and unconditional Racial Discrimination Act that will provide full protection for Aboriginal people in the NT'.

View the petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/online/35341.html>

By KIRSTIE PARKER

## New leader for Goldfields council



BARRISTER Hans Bokelund is the new Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) Chief Executive Officer. He replaces Brian Wyatt.

GLSC Chairman Ian Tucker said he looked forward to Mr Bokelund joining the organisation.

"Mr Bokelund's experience and his advocacy for Indigenous rights will bring new perspectives and insights to this role," Mr Tucker said.

Mr Bokelund is a barrister with over 15 years'

experience in private sector management, including five years in law, and has been with the Victorian Bar for the past three years.

Born in Queensland, Mr Bokelund has a Swedish father and is descended from the Darumbal and Wiri people on his mother's side. He is a former president of Tawirri, the Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association of Victoria, and a former Chair of the Aboriginal Reconciliation Committee of the Law Institute of Victoria.



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# Wallaga's high note

By LAURELLE PACEY



COMMUNITY members at Wallaga Lake on the NSW far south coast now have their own song.

"We love it, particularly the little kids who know it better than anyone," said Wallaga musician Warren Foster.

The song, *Gulaga and Gadu, keep on calling me...*, is the result of collaboration between members of the Black Arm Band and the Wallaga community, prompted by the recent Four Winds Festival at Bermagui.

"I'm still waking up singing it," said Black Arm Band's Lou Bennett.

"It's certainly stuck in my psyche, body and subconscious."

'Gulaga' is the nearby sacred mountain, and 'Gadu' is the sea.

Ms Bennett first visited Wallaga last June to talk with the community about what they could do together to get the Yuin and the wider Bermagui community involved with the Four Winds Festival.

The Black Arm Band had been invited by artistic director Genevieve Lacey to work with the community and perform at the Easter festival.

"When they first came out, everyone wondered what they were doing here," Mr Foster said. "But the second time, everyone got interested."

Ms Bennett's second visit was in January when she did a workshop, and *Gulaga and Gadu* came out of that.

"It was a beautiful day and it all went so quickly," she said.

"We talked up the ideas and themes the community wanted to sing about and why. It's a process I like to use when I go into communities.

"I try to keep the focus on the area and that seems to bring out the best in people and then they're confident about what



Sharing their song *Gulaga and Gadu* at the Four Winds concert were, from left, Warren Foster, Shellie Morris (Black Arm Band), Warren Foster Jnr, Riana Foster, Lou Bennett (Black Arm Band), Sam Foster, Ruby Foster, Stephen Foster, Yurruanna Foster and Greg Sheehan (Black Arm Band). Photo courtesy Four Winds

they're talking about.

"So basically I ask – what's so important about this place to you, why have you settled here, and what are the things that you love, and that can range in its complexity depending on the age of who's at the workshop."

Up to 15 people took part in the workshop, from Yuin Elder and Mr Foster's mother Aunty Shirley, to the kids from Little Yuin pre-school who popped in 'and put their two bob's worth in'.

Ms Bennett said Black Arm Band members felt it was important to share their knowledge and skills.

"It's a real two-way street, that sharing of knowledge and of music, there's a real priceless element to it," she said.

## Relationship

"As a band we also feel we need to set up some kind of relationship with communities, to keep that grassroots connection."

Ms Bennett returned to Wallaga with Shellie Morris and other members of the Black Arm Band just before Four Winds, and went through the song with the community, and also gave them a taste of Black Arm Band music.

Then came the big day, when locals were to perform with the Black Arm Band in front of 500 to 600 people in the closing stages of the festival.

A few backed out beforehand, but the rest took the stage – and loved it.

Department of Environment and Resource Management

## Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and Statutory Instruments Act 1992

### Regulatory Impact Statement and Temporary State Planning Policy: Protecting Wetlands of High Ecological Significance in Great Barrier Reef Catchments

The Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, and the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, have jointly made a temporary State Planning Policy: Protecting wetlands of high ecological significance in Great Barrier Reef catchments (SPP for GBR wetlands) and released a regulatory impact statement (RIS) on 30 April 2010.

The Queensland Government is committed to protecting the Great Barrier Reef. Wetlands in river basins and catchments that flow into the reef play a significant role in reducing pollution and sediment that can damage reef ecosystems.

Previously, wetlands of high ecological significance did not have specific protection from damage caused by high impact earthworks that change the way water flows in and out of these wetlands. These earthworks can include filling or draining wetlands, or constructing levees, bunds or dams.

Amendments to the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009 schedule 3, part 1, table 4, item 10 have established high impact earthworks as assessable development.

#### Have your say

Submissions are invited on the RIS and temporary SPP for GBR wetlands. For information about the new regulatory framework, including copies of the statutory documents, maps showing the wetlands to be protected, and a how-to guide on making submissions, please visit the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) website: [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au). Alternatively, contact DERM by phone on 1300 130 372 or email [planning.support@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:planning.support@derm.qld.gov.au).

#### Written submissions

DERM invites written submissions via:

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- Online submission form available through the DERM website.

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Project Manager  
Wetlands Protection Policy  
Natural Resource and Environment Business Group  
Department of Environment and Resource Management  
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The temporary SPP for GBR wetlands will apply for up to 12 months from the release date.

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# Legal action move over SA rail plan



ABORIGINAL people will take legal action over the approval of a rail line through ancient sites in South Australia.

In last year's Budget, the Federal Government allocated \$291 million for the Noarlunga to Seaford rail extension, incorporating a bridge across the Onkaparinga River in Adelaide's southern suburbs.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Grace Portolesi has approved the 1.2km

extension despite concerns from local Aboriginal group Kurna National Cultural Heritage Association (KNCHA). KNCHA Chair Lynette Crocker says consultation has been inadequate and she believes SA and Federal heritage laws have been breached.

Asked if the association would take legal action, Ms Crocker said: "That's our last resort, but yes, we plan to go ahead with it."

"We're calling on the minister to take her job seriously and look at the

application from the side of the Aboriginal people to have their heritage rights protected.

"But it seems to be too hard, there's no moral obligation."

Ms Portolesi says she's confident the Transport Department had consulted at length with the association before lodging its works application, but conceded people would be upset.

The minister met with the KNCHA last week, while a public meeting was held in January.

"While I acknowledge there will be some disagreement with my decision, I am pleased that (the SA transport department) is developing an Aboriginal heritage plan," she said in a statement.

"This includes engaging with the KNCHA about the use of Aboriginal monitors, that Aboriginal place names will be used in appropriate locations and that every effort will be made to respect Aboriginal culture as the project proceeds." - AAP



Protestors against the Roe 8 extension at Parliament House in Perth on 22 April.

## Pressure on to stop freeway

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



NYOONGAR people are maintaining pressure on the West Australian Government to stop a freeway extension on culturally sensitive wetlands in

Perth. Thousands of protest cards and a 2000-signature petition were handed over during the Nyoongar community rally late last month at Parliament House in Perth.

The WA Government is planning the Roe 8 extension which involves extending the existing Roe Highway in Perth's southern region over the Beelir wetlands that include Bibra and North Lakes.

Nyoongar community leader and co-Chair of the Cockburn City Aboriginal Advisory Committee Corina Abraham, who spoke at the rally, said all consultations with government committees had failed to stop plans for the extension.

"This is our land and if we let them go through there it would be like throwing dirt in our ancestors' eyes and it would be like disrespecting our old people," she said.

"Up until the 1950s my family was still being born there, and I've got grandmas who were born there at Bibra Lake and we always went there as kids, and our family still hunts around there."

"They've taken enough of our land and Bibra Lake and North Lake is the only significant land left in relation to

Nyoongar country, and within the Perth Metropolitan area it's the biggest."

Ms Abraham said the fact the Government had named the highway after 19th Century Surveyor General Septimus Roe was a double insult to Nyoongar people who had suffered at the hands of Roe and others in the colonial government of the 1830s.

"Septimus Roe murdered a lot of my ancestors and a lot of my old people and my great great grandfather escaped the Pinjarra massacre and so the name Roe Highway going through our land shows a total lack of respect for us," she said.



CORINA ABRAHAM

WA Greens MP Lynn MacLaren said the Roe 8 extension plan failed on economic, environmental, scientific and cultural grounds and should be abandoned immediately.

"The Government has thrown \$20 million into a costly consultation that excludes views of people who oppose the road," she said.

"Here's a colossal waste of taxpayers' dollars which creates

more transport problems than it solves at the cost of green spaces and native habitat."

WA Opposition Leader Eric Ripper also joined the protestors, saying the Barnett Government should scrap the plans for the highway extension and that it was clear there was widespread community anger at the plan.

Ms Abraham said another rally against the Roe 8 extension would be held soon.



THE Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) has welcomed the historic health-care agreement reached by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in Canberra last month.

AMSANT Chair Stephanie Bell said the agreement, giving the Commonwealth more control of services, promised significant benefits for Indigenous Australians.

However, she warned against Aboriginal health services being swamped by proposed primary health care organisations and called for 'creative thinking' around cross-border health services.

Every state and territory except Western Australia has signed the agreement.

In exchange for holding on to a third of state and territory GST revenue (except that of WA) allocated to health and hospitals reform, the Commonwealth will become the dominant funder of public hospitals and fund 60 per cent of building, equipment, teaching, training and services.

It will take over responsibility for primary care and aged care and it'll spend an extra \$5.3 billion over the next four years on 1300 new hospital beds, more than 6000 new doctors and 2500 new aged-care places.

The Commonwealth has agreed to cap emergency department waiting times at four hours, deliver elective surgery on time for 95 per cent of Australians, give an extra 20,000 young people access to mental health services, and better co-ordinate care for patients with diabetes.

And it will top-up states and territories to the tune of at least \$15.6 billion.

AMSANT's Ms Bell said the Commonwealth takeover of primary health care was welcome and long overdue.

"What is absolutely clear is that the comprehensive primary health care

model developed by the Aboriginal community-controlled sector over many years is now seen as the best approach to preventive health and chronic disease management in Australia," she said.

"Integrated, team-based primary health care is the way forward, and we have demonstrated this through our partnership on the NT Aboriginal Health Forum."



STEPHANIE BELL

"In fact, the NT is already two years ahead of the game compared to any other jurisdiction in Australia."

Ms Bell reiterated an earlier call for an Aboriginal Health Authority for the NT to carry forward reforms to primary health care already undertaken by the Aboriginal community-controlled health sector. And she said there needed to be creative thinking around state and territory borders.

"Extra funds will reduce waiting times, and we'd like the restoration of maternity services in places such as Tennant Creek," she said.

"But we need to think outside the square on hospital networks or, in this case, state borders."

"We should be thinking hard about Darwin and Alice Springs hospitals being formally recognised for the work they do with clients from the east Kimberley and central desert areas of Western and South Australia."

Ms Bell said the extra resources for primary mental health care had the potential to properly integrate services into the primary health care sector.

**'Integrated, team-based primary health care is the way forward, and we have demonstrated this through our partnership on the NT Aboriginal Health Forum'**

## Native Title Council office in Melbourne



THE National Native Title Council will establish its own independent office in Melbourne from this month. The office will be based at 638 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, and was due to open yesterday. NNTC Chief Executive Officer Bryan Wyatt said the NNTC had a membership base of 12 Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and Native Title Service Providers across the country.

"Being based in Melbourne we will be close to politicians and senior bureaucrats in Canberra and we can harness our expertise to influence some positive changes in the native title system," Mr Wyatt said.

## Broome set to host 100th Vibe 3on3



THE National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3 – is heading back to Broome to celebrate its 100th event this Saturday, 8 May.

Hosted by former Harlem

Globetrotter Dwayne Cross and Aboriginal basketball star Claude Williams, the event features a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

The Vibe 3on3 offers a free breakfast of cereal, fruit juice and fresh fruit to all participants and a barbecue lunch is also available.

For more information go to [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)

## Development officer for the New England



THE New England region of northern NSW now has a designated Aboriginal economic development officer. Chris Hepi was named as one of 10 new

officers created under a joint \$1.5 million Federal-NSW program. NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch launched the program last week in Armidale.

"Mr Hepi will develop links between Aboriginal people and the private sector and identify emerging opportunities," he said.

Mr Lynch said the Aboriginal population in the New England area was forecast to increase from 15,846 this year to 19,919 by 2021.

## Reconciliation the focus of Qld forum



INDIGENOUS entrepreneurs are being encouraged to attend the 2010 Reconciliation Business Forum to develop their commercial understanding and compete for the title of 'Master Business'.

Queensland Treasurer and Employment Minister Andrew Fraser said the forum would be held at the Mercure Hotel in Brisbane on Thursday 27 May, the start of National Reconciliation Week, and provided a valuable networking and learning opportunity.

The Master Business Award will be announced at the Reconciliation Awards for Business to be held that night.

More information is available from [www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au](http://www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au)

## Water statement is available online



AN Indigenous Water Policy Statement for northern Australia that was launched in Darwin on 24 March can now be viewed online at [www.nailsma.org.au](http://www.nailsma.org.au)

The statement was developed by the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, which is made up of land councils throughout northern Australia. The policy statement says recognising Indigenous 'commercial rights' over water is fundamental to Aboriginal economic development.

# Family planning to sue after Townsville death

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



THE lawyer for the grieving family of an Aboriginal man who died after being restrained by

Townsville hospital security staff and police says they plan to sue Queensland Health.

Brisbane-based lawyer Stephen Kerin spoke to media, including *The Koori Mail*, at a press conference at Townsville Airport on 22 April, after an inconclusive post mortem report.

"It was inconclusive and the coroner has requested that there be further examinations of my client's brain which the family has agreed to. Civil legal action will be taken against Queensland Health which will be served with Personal Injury Proceeding Action Notices," Mr Kerin said.

Mr Vaggs, 27, tried to admit himself to the mental health unit at Townsville Hospital several times on 14



Lawyer Stephen Kerin talks to the media.

April, complaining of hearing voices, but was told to go home and take his medication because no beds were available.

When his medication failed to give him relief, the father-of-three returned to the unit in an extremely agitated state and was restrained by security and medical staff before police were called.

He was handcuffed and injected with anti-psychotic drugs, although doctors had not had time to perform a

toxicology test to determine what drugs were already in his system.

It is believed that Mr Vaggs lost consciousness immediately, and doctors spent 40 minutes trying to revive him before he was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit. He died on 15 April after his life support system was switched off.

Mr Kerin said he had not ruled out similar legal action against the Queensland

Police Department, which would be looked at once the coroner handed down the full autopsy report after further pathology examinations.

"I have enough information at this stage to issue civil action against a number of persons and I'm going to do that," Mr Kerin said.

"I am yet to ascertain the full involvement of the Queensland Police and I will wait for the full coronial inquiry."

The legal action would deal with both the death and shock suffered by Mr Vaggs' family.

Also at the press conference was Mr Vaggs' aunty and Townsville community leader Gracelyn Smallwood. She said she hoped the matter would be resolved swiftly and not take years like the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee who died in the Palm Island police watch house in November 2004.

A Queensland Health spokesperson would not comment because the matter was in the hands of the coroner.

# Bleak outlook in WA report



THE West Australian Government's top advisory committee on Indigenous affairs says state programs are failing Aboriginal communities because government departments and

agencies are bogged down in crisis management instead of working together to address Indigenous need.

The Indigenous Implementation Board's damning second report to the Barnett Government was tabled in State Parliament on 20 April, and led the Labor Opposition to call on the Government to better support the committee or stop wasting its time.

The IIB is led by Lieutenant-General John Sanderson and made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people including performer and former West Australian of the year Mark Bin Bakar, retired magistrate Sue Gordon, Aboriginal psychologist Dr Helen Milroy, and child health expert Professor Fiona Stanley.

As well as developing its thinking about regional governance, IIB's latest report reflected on the response, or lack thereof, to its initial report in September last year.

"While some progress has been made on most of the board's recommendations, the gains to date are small and much remains to be done in engaging Aboriginal communities in developing solutions to improve their situations," the 55-page report said.

"There are some promising

developments where Aboriginal communities have been involved in determining service priorities, but these are still small in number."

The report said it was more common for Aboriginal communities to be approached about implementation of programs that had already been decided.

And it said that despite the efforts of some agencies to increase Aboriginal engagement and options for the future, the indicators of poor health, alienation and despair continued to rise in WA.

### Engagement

"This applies particularly to rates of engagement of Aboriginal youth with the criminal justice system which have risen alarmingly in the last six months and are a matter of national and international censure," the report said.

"Multiple agencies continue to engage on these issues with various Aboriginal representative bodies within their narrow areas of responsibility but there are no holistic programs that bring together all the matters that concern Aboriginal people in their search for a respected place in the nation.

"Much of the work of government agencies in particular, is directed to the task of crisis managing the complex and burgeoning consequences of this failure."

The report said considerable work was needed to reorganise government 'so that its silos are broken down' and it could provide a more holistic approach to

collaborating with Aboriginal people.

But it did acknowledge 'substantial progress' in engaging Aboriginal groups in regional conversations about whether they wanted to participate in regional governance, and said that process should be sustained – ideally supported by recurrent funding from the state's Royalties for Regions scheme.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Roger Cook said the Government had failed to respond to the issues confronting Indigenous communities. "If the Minister was real about the IIB identifying and cutting through obstacles and improving social and economic outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders then he would act on its advice," Mr Cook said.

He called on the Barnett Government to respond to the IIB's first report and to indicate whether it would implement its recommendations.

Tabling the IIB report, Deputy Premier and Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames acknowledged that it reflected much of the first report's content.

He said the report detailed 'progress' in a number of key areas and had, as one of its major themes, the creation of processes to enable Aboriginal people to take the lead in action that affected them.

Dr Hames said he was pleased to see the Board's recognition of initiatives to increase Aboriginal participation in planning and development of programs and resources.





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## Tasmanians seek heritage action



TASMANIAN Aborigines have called for a tripartisan approach to the protection of Aboriginal heritage in light of recent proposals made by the State's Department of Parks and Wildlife Service to protect Aboriginal heritage in the Arthur Pieman Conservation area.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has urged the Labor, Liberal and Greens parties to ensure the protection of all Aboriginal heritage throughout the state is one of their top priorities.

TAC State Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna said Tasmanian governments had stood by and watched as rock art had been cut up, midden sites trampled and old campsites and artefacts crushed and buried.

She said the Arthur Pieman Conservation area, one of the biggest Aboriginal sites in Tasmania, needed urgent protection.

Aborigines say tougher penalties and protection laws must also be introduced to put an end to any further interference and destruction of Aboriginal heritage.

## Council in call for kava crackdown



A MAJOR kava bust by Northern Territory police last month showed not enough was being done to keep the drug out of Australia, according to the Northern Land Council (NLC). Police arrested five men after intercepting 71kg of kava, with a street value of \$50,000-\$70,000, when they searched a car travelling on the Stuart Highway north of Katherine on 17 April.

The kava was reportedly contained in large plastic bags in suitcases in the back of the car, believed to have been en route to the Arnhem Land community of Ramingining.

NLC chief executive Kim Hill commended Katherine Police for their 'diligent and proactive work' in locating the kava haul, but questioned how it arrived in Australia in the first place.

"While this bust is a feather in the cap for members of the Northern Territory Police Force, it shows that kava continues to slip through the Customs net," he said.

## Atherton groups reach agreement



NATIVE title claimants and the local council on far north Queensland's Atherton Tablelands have signed an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA). The agreement protects Aboriginal cultural heritage and establishes how consultation for development will progress.

Representatives of the Tableland Yidinji People and the Tablelands Regional Council signed the ILUA in Atherton on 24 April.

It covers a 423sq km area, 23 kms south-west of Cairns, cementing a relationship that had been built over a year of negotiations.

Tribunal Member Gaye Sculthorpe, who mediated between the two groups, said the ILUA recognised the Tableland Yidinji People as the traditional owners of 437sq kms of land and waters around Atherton, where they have a registered native title claim.

## Public transport concern in NT



PEOPLE in Central Australia have no access to public transport to get to larger centres because there are no bus routes close to their homes. That's according to the Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS) which last week said the issue of public transport was 'critical' across regional towns in the NT.

NTCOSS Central Australia policy officer Jonathan Pilbrow said the issue had been on the public radar for a number of years, but the situation had generally remained the same.

"Some town camp residents in Alice Springs are more than 2kms from a bus stop," he said.

# Murriss are on the move



TWELVE Indigenous people from Central Queensland are learning to use earth-moving equipment as part of a jobs training program called Murriss on the Move.

The program is being organised by the Salvation Army Canaan School for Training and Development, and the State has committed \$194,170 to pay participants for 16 weeks of work.

Queensland Employment Minister Andrew Fraser said five people from Boulia, one in Barcaldine and two each in Longreach, Emerald and Woorabinda had been recruited to complete the work placements.

Member for Mount Isa Betty Kiernan said participants for the positions in each community were going through a selection process.

"Local councils identified their regions had a shortage of licensed workers in the

load-shifting industry and Murriss on the Move will train local Indigenous people to help fill that need," she said.

"The fact that this project has the support of local employers means participants will receive the training needed in their region, which will give them a better chance of finding long-term jobs."

Salvation Army Canaan School for Training and Development Manager Bradley Strong said the group was learning to

operate front-end loaders, backhoes, dozers, rollers and graders.

"Each participant will complete a job preparation and personal development course and earn the General Safety Induction White Card for the construction industry before they start on the machinery," he said.

For more information on the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative visit [www.employment.qld.gov.au](http://www.employment.qld.gov.au) or call 1300 369 925.



Ready for take-off ... Boulia participants in the Murriss on the Move project, from left, Desmond Bedourie, Lymon Dunne, Robert Wilde, Agnes Rosser and Jamon Spain.

# Legal groups seek funding

By LIZ MURRAY



A UNIQUE program safeguarding Indigenous detainees is under threat unless it receives a \$1.5 million grant.

Aboriginal Legal Service in NSW/ACT Chief Executive Gerry Moore said the Custody Notification Service NSW, which averages 310 referrals from NSW Police weekly, would be axed in coming months without a one-off funding injection.

Under the service, an Aboriginal legal service lawyer attends each time an Indigenous person is imprisoned, facilitating the identification of medical or welfare concerns.

Mr Moore's warning comes as the Law Council of Australia last week demanded an immediate injection of \$43 million in legal aid funds, as well as for \$220 million more to be allocated annually in this month's Federal Budget.

Law Council President Greg Ferguson expressed concern about the social and economic impact of inadequate funding on the well-being of Australian families - many of them Indigenous - and the broader community.

A PricewaterhouseCoopers report commissioned by National Legal Aid showed funding had decreased by 12 per cent since 1996-97.



GERRY MOORE

Mr Moore said his group's submission to the Federal Inquiry into the Over-representation of Indigenous Young People in the Criminal Justice System, outlining the effects of legal funding shortfalls, was overlooked.

ALS NSW/ACT Chief Legal Officer John McKenzie said the service was in a similar position to the Law Council and was virtually left to 'wither and die' during the Howard years, but since the change in government it had received only two grants and no increases to recurrent funding.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the Rudd Government

was 'aware of the increasing demand for legal assistance services and the pressures faced by all legal aid service providers', and blamed the dwindling funds on the Howard Government. But he remained tight-lipped on any changes in the upcoming Budget.

Mr McClelland rejected claims of under-funding for Aboriginal services, saying that when the Government came to power it injected \$18 million and had maintained previous funding with additional increases 'to allow for increases in price and wage indices'.

"The annual funding allocation for Indigenous legal aid services nationally has increased from approximately \$45 million in 2004-05 to over \$52 million in 2009-10," he said.

Mr McKenzie and Mr Moore said the \$52 million figure realistically needed to be doubled for Aboriginal legal services around the country to operate effectively.

Funding shortfalls for clients prompted a complaint in late 2008 to the United Nations by the Adelaide-based Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), seeking an investigation into possible discrimination in South Australian Government funding of legal representation for Indigenous people.

Late last year the ALRM also made a plea to the public for donations to cover a \$750,000 shortage of Indigenous legal funding.

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# DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



### LESLIE TCHEMJIRI

Mechanic and dancer,  
Belyuen community  
Northern Territory

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Bush yam.

**Favourite other food?**  
Fish.

**Favourite drink?**  
Coke.

**Favourite music?**  
Alan Jackson, and I like Kevin Bloody Wilson.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Anywhere where there's a beach with sand.

**What are you reading?**  
I don't really read a lot.

**What are you watching?**  
TV, and I really like the movie *The Gods Must Be Crazy*.

**What do you like in life?**  
Family.

**What don't you like?**  
Anyone who disturbs me when I'm fishing.

**Who would you most like to meet?**  
I'm a Kangaroos AFL fan, so I'd like to meet club and football legend Glen Archer.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My family.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Indigenous people?**  
I'd make it possible for my people to have real jobs.

## Quote



**'The Congress will be a cornerstone for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is a flagship company of which all Australians can and will be proud'**

— National Congress of Australia's First Peoples  
Co-Chair Dr Kerry Arabena

● See pages 4-5

## Unquote

# Our new voice must speak out

After four years of handwringing, talk and strategising, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians at last have a national voice once again.

While we're not quite out of the proverbial wilderness, the weekend announcement of the interim national executive of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples puts us within cooee of a good camp.

Notwithstanding its creditable gender balance, like most things the make-up of the executive committee is imperfect. Apparent gaps such as no Territorians, Tasmanians or Victorians, and the inclusion of two South Australians and three Torres Strait Islanders, will draw some criticism.

But we think this would be somewhat premature. It would ignore the undeniable skills and experience of those who made the grade in an interim capacity (as well as those who selected them), and the fact that the national executive is a 'work-in-progress'.

The litmus test should be reapplied at the end of the year, when the three chambers of the Congress should be starting to fill up and the first gathering of Congress delegates held.

While we mustn't fail to heed the lessons we've learned from ATSIC, the NIC and all of our experiences with governments, it is now time to move forward.

The Indigenous affairs landscape has changed immeasurably in the five years since ATSIC's demise.

The Close the Gap campaign has



taken hold and elicited an unprecedented financial response from COAG.

We've had the Northern Territory Intervention and all that came with it, including the ongoing suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act*.

The national apology caused hopes to soar and then slump somewhat in its aftermath. We've seen the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples formally endorsed, if not enshrined. And the emergence of some powerful individual Indigenous voices at the expense of some communities.

In these circumstances, the Congress must be given a real chance. This means the Government, after soaking up kudos for delivering on its pre-election promise, must now melt into the background while the interim national executive finds its feet.

They must be able to be honest about progress and any unforeseen difficulties in the execution of what is another bold experiment.

For all of the dark times of the past five – nay, 222 years – we're still here. And while we may be battle-weary, we can be more optimistic than we've felt for quite some time.

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# Holistic approach is Julie's remedy

For more than a decade, Wiradjuri woman **JULIE TONGS** has been Chief Executive Officer of Canberra's Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service. In that time, she has seen the health service through a physical move from one side of Canberra to another, a major expansion, a 24-fold increase in its budget, and growing demands on its services to match.

During the same period, the 57-year-old grandmother has experienced many personal highs and lows, from seeing clients' well-being improve with Winnunga's help to the death of her eldest child. Here, Julie candidly shares her story with *Koori Mail* Editor **KIRSTIE PARKER**.

**M**UCH like the Aboriginal community organisation she runs, Julie Tongs has become something of a Canberra institution. Born in Leeton in the Riverina region of New South Wales and raised with her five brothers and sisters in tiny nearby Whitton, she moved to the 'big smoke' of Canberra 39 years ago in search of work.

Julie's first job was in a nursing home before she joined the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and then transferred in 1989 to its successor, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

Along the way, she had four children: Her eldest Scott, then Fabian, a third son Adam who died of cancer aged just eight months, and her 'baby' daughter Casey, now 29. Formerly the manager of Dyrimal Migay, a local refuge for Aboriginal girls, Casey now works as Julie's executive assistant.

Julie married her husband Danny, a truckie, nearly 21 years ago and the pair are also good mates, sharing a cheeky sense of humour, true generosity of spirit, and something of an obsession with Ford cars. They also have custody of two of their five grandchildren.

These days, thanks to her job, Julie has a lot of contact with politicians, their staff and departments. She credits a career move back in 1992 into the office of then-Federal Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Robert Tickner for opening her eyes to the ways of government.

"I was an assistant adviser for Robert Tickner and did all kinds of stuff – checking briefs, answering phones, following up on messages," she said.

"It was an amazing time to be there because the National Aboriginal Health Strategy had gotten up just a few years before, we had the response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), and the High Court's Mabo decision around native title.

"Nowadays, it's not like it was back then. Everything has been rolled back, we're just trying to catch up.

"My time in Robert's office gave me really good grounding and taught me that politicians are human, just like the rest of us. Most of them work hard and there's an expectation that you will too.

"You'd go in one morning and go home in the dark, at 2am or 3am the next morning, then be back again at 8am.

"I would still recommend it to other Aboriginal people, though, because not enough of our mob knows what goes on with ministers and bureaucracies."

After Labor lost the election in 1996, Julie moved to the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) in the Department of Health and Ageing but left after just six weeks because, after the Minister's office, the job seemed pretty uneventful. She then worked for about a year as the



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service CEO Julie Tongs

lone Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) at the major Woden Valley Hospital, where she successfully lobbied for accommodation for interstate clients, Aboriginal child protection workers, and a male ALO to support male Aboriginal patients.

After sitting on Winnunga's board for about four years, Julie took leave from her job at the hospital in 1997 and went in to the health service as the administrator.

### Big moves

Six months after she started there, Winnunga moved from cramped offices at the back of an inner-city building to an old house in the northern suburb Ainslie, and again in 2005 to its current extensive premises in the southern suburb of Narrabundah.

"When I started at Winnunga, our annual budget was \$241,000 and there were five staff besides me," she said. "Now it is close to \$6 million. Most of that comes from OATSIH but, since Jon Stanhope has been the Chief Minister, the ACT Government has put \$1.5 million a year into Winnunga."

For all of this, Winnunga's funding is barely enough. The health service now sees 3500 clients a year (about three-quarters of them Indigenous and accounting for the majority of the ACT's Indigenous population), providing more than 25,000 occasions of service across the range of functions. And, with no Aboriginal health service over the border at nearby Queanbeyan, 23 per cent of Winnunga's clients come from NSW.

The fully-accredited service has grown from just a few doctors and counsellors to now encompass an award-winning social

well-being team; ten general practitioners – three or four of whom are rostered on during any given day; two midwives and an Aboriginal access worker; three practice nurses, about ten Indigenous counsellors; a psychiatrist two days a week and a psych registrar (a psychiatrist in training) five days a week; a perinatal psychiatrist who works one day a week with mothers and babies; a dentist four days a week; a denture-maker who comes in on Fridays; a physiotherapist half a day a week; and an audiologist three days a week.

Winnunga is also one of the biggest trainers of medical students from the medical school at the Australian National University (ANU), taking one every six weeks or so. Julie says none of Winnunga's doctors were Indigenous, but they were working on it.

The health service also runs a needle program, where people can collect clean injecting equipment – needles, swabs, saline etc – as well as condoms.

### 'Head in the sand'

"The ACT has a big drug problem but a lot of people put their head in the sand. We're not here to judge. There's always underlying issues with drugs, a lot of them related to mental health," she says.

It is not too surprising, then, when Julie says 'we don't do body parts first and foremost'.

"Our people don't just come in to see a doctor because they have a sore thumb," she said.

"They come in and you realise pretty soon that there's more going on and the doctors

refer them out to the social health team. They might have issues with Centrelink, housing, corrections, all of that underlying stuff that impacts on people's health.

"The number-one reason why our clients access Winnunga is psychological issues. It's not just schizophrenia or bipolar but also depression, anxiety and the like.

"And many Aboriginal people have co-morbidity; they have a mental health, or alcohol or drug problem or even all of the above combined with physical conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, infections and things like that."

Julie speaks from very personal experience in this regard. Her son Scott died in his home last June. Also a truckie, the 39-year-old was found in his shower, by housing workers who broke in after trying to raise him for a couple of days.

They'd noticed his car in the driveway and, through the lounge room window, the same DVD playing over and over on TV.

Scott suffered from severe schizophrenia, to a difficult relationship break-up may have contributed. He became psychotic on occasion and had been placed on orders to take his medication. In the period before his death, Scott had also put on a lot of weight by drinking copious amounts of soft drink and eating sweet and greasy food.

"I used to say 'Scott, you need to get checked for diabetes' and he'd say 'I haven't got it'," Julie said.

In the end, uncontrolled diabetes was the official cause of Scott's death. "He would have gone into a diabetic coma and collapsed," Julie said. "But, really, it was his schizophrenia because he had no insight into his condition."

After Scott's death and that of several other family members, Julie took time out, away from work.

"I had to take myself out of this space because I had seen a lot of death," she said. "Just because I am the CEO of Winnunga doesn't mean I don't experience a lot of the things our clients access our services for on a daily basis."

In fact, Julie struggled with alcohol until her mid-30s, something she attributes in part to identity issues.

"My dad was Aboriginal but didn't talk about it and my mother came from a fairly well-to-do white family who owned a property," she said. "Some of her family didn't accept my dad or us kids."

But she gave up drinking 24 years ago, after ending up in hospital with her addiction and then going to detox. She still smokes, however – a habit she'd dearly like to beat.

For all of the trying times she's been through in recent years, Julie said she loved her job working in the Aboriginal community.

"I enjoy having contact with our clients. It can get hectic but this is their service and they have a right to be heard," she said. "Whether you want to hear it or not, in the long run it is better that you do and that we have the right services in place."

In her speech last week at the signing of an ACT Government commitment to Winnunga and others towards closing the gaps in Aboriginal health, Julie said Aboriginal health services were the original GP super clinics.

"The ones they're rolling out now all over the country – with GPs and allied health professionals and specialists – are based on the model that our own health services developed," she said. "But for our clients, it's not just doctors and health workers and allied professionally. It's how you marry it all up. It's both the clinical and cultural."

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#### Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina bypass

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The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass.

#### Construction update May 2010 - July 2010

##### Bruxner Highway to Cumbalum

- ∑ Commence permanent road construction around the Teven Road twin bridges.
- ∑ Substantial completion of the Teven Road twin bridges.
- ∑ Complete the Emigrant Creek south balanced cantilever bridge.
- ∑ Erect remaining super T girders to all bridges.
- ∑ Completion of flood bridge no. 3, Emigrant Creek north substructure and substantial completion of the Cumbalum flood relief bridges.
- ∑ Complete bridge pile foundations to the Emigrant Creek north bridges.

##### Cumbalum to Ross Lane

- ∑ Complete finishing works and landscaping (including road furniture and some signage) from Upper Sandy Flat to Ross Lane bridge.
- ∑ Complete controlled blasting operations north of Ross Lane.
- ∑ Commence work on the northern tie-in to the existing highway north of Ross Lane.
- ∑ Complete removal of surcharge material between Cumbalum and Ross Lane.
- ∑ Commence paving between Cumbalum and Upper Sandy Flat.
- ∑ Complete paving from Upper Sandy Flat to Ross Lane bridge.
- ∑ Continue progressive landscaping works across the project.

##### Traffic conditions

Where necessary for safety reasons, changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress.

##### Safety

Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

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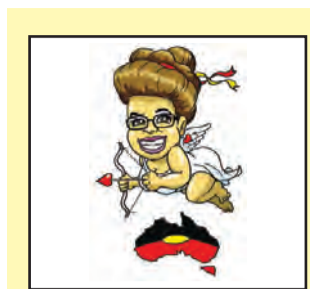
# Who's your mumma...

THE other day I was sitting up at a conference during a break sipping my tea and chatting to this one. We got to talking about our love lives (both single!) and what's happening for us at the moment.

I found out this person was quite happy being single but they were wanting my advice on finding a person interested in starting a family.

I was looking at this one thinking 'Hmm, good looking black one, interesting personality, single, could I be interested in having a family? I wonder what their timeframe is? Maybe I could hook up with this one, pop out a kid. I'll be in a relationship and they'll stick with me forever 'cos I've got their kid! I wouldn't be single any more! I'd fit into the I'm-a-real-woman-cos-I-gotta-kid-crew!'

These thoughts were cracking through my head at a rate faster than the Koori grapevine. After the brain fry I was left spinning at the thought



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of actually thinking like this. That need for love and what we will actually do to feel connected is strong, eh.

But on to my story. My morning tea friend was interested in starting a family. They were at a time in their life that they were starting to feel all clucky.

I could have said 'Garn, just go out to the club tonight then!'

I could have suggested they go out and adopt a kid.

I could even have suggested they just forget about it and live their life because the right person will come along and they would eventually have a kid.

But none of this advice would have worked.

This person, who was ready and able to look after a child, would never easily have a child as they needed something special - a person willing to have a child with someone who was same-sex attracted.

Finding love and starting a family must be two of the most important things in the whole world I can think of. And as you know, my dear readers, it's not easy to find love! I have been on the hunt coming up to five years now and I'm feeling the pressure of time and my biology to pop out a few kids.

I may not be able to find love, but I could start a family. I could go out tonight, ask a male friend to be my baby father or I could go and get IVF.

But our brothers and sisters who are same-sex attracted have many more issues to wade through on the road to parenthood. They can't go to the pub! They can't have an accidental pregnancy in their relationship!

What they have to do is create the family they want. They have to find someone they want to be connected to for the rest of their lives.

Then they have to find out how their relationship will work. They will have ups and down with their child's other parent, but for the sake of the child they will have to work it out.

At the end of the day they have to really want a child and work really hard to make it happen.

Sounds like a normal family to me.

If you are same-sex attracted and looking for love, visit [www.mkskoorilove.com.au](http://www.mkskoorilove.com.au) and post an anonymous message about finding love and starting a family.

# Hip-hopping beats blues

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



HIP HOP as a tool for combatting depression? Not as strange as it might sound. When Indigenous Hip Hop Projects (IHHP) visited

Hobart recently to conduct workshops, director Dion Brown, aka B-boy Mono Rock, explained what lay beneath his company's moves, grooves and beats.

Travelling to mainly Aboriginal communities all around Australia, IHHP have teamed up with Beyond Blue, the national depression initiative, aiming to remove the stigma that surrounds depression and anxiety, and promoting where help is at hand.

"Hip hop, it is such a powerful tool to engage kids and then be able to talk about important messages around health and education," Mr Brown told *The Koori Mail*.

"Once we form a relationship with young people we can talk about how they can make healthier choices, how they can look after themselves and each other."

Mr Brown said some Elders had initial concerns with hip hop due to the violent variety - which generally receives more airplay - that they were hearing in their houses, and misconceptions about what hip hop is.

But he said the reality is that young people identify with hip hop and they

have access to it on the radio and through cable TV.

Mr Brown said it was a culture that provided young people with a freedom to express themselves in a contemporary way.

"We use funky, uplifting music in our workshops," he said.

"The essence of hip hop is about peace, love, unity and harmony. Back in the days when hip hop first started out in America in the late 1970s, crews

had been overcome about the hip hop workshops, both the Elders and IHHP were delighted with the positives that had come from the experience.

Following workshops and an IHHP performance, the number of community children willing to embrace and perform their traditional dance jumped from five to 35.

"We talked them up about shame and confidence and leadership in our workshops. Then they wanted to show

off back to us, their dance. The only thing stopping them before was (lack of) confidence and pride in themselves," Mr Brown said.

He said IHHP work closely with Elders to incorporate culture, in some cases combining traditional dance moves with hip hop.

Mr Brown, who comes from a dance background, is passionate about what he is doing and the results he is seeing. He has brought together some of Australia's best break dancers and included a diverse range of cultures in his team.



Dion Brown, aka B-boy Mono Rock, gives the high five at a recent workshop in Hobart.

would come together and instead of sorting out their problems or differences with violence, they would battle it out on the dance floor. You weren't allowed to touch each other, it was who had the best moves. It unified the struggling cultures in the Bronx and Brooklyn," he explained.

In the remote West Australian Aboriginal community Kalumbaru, Mr Brown said once some initial concerns

Aboriginal academic Colleen Hayward recently completed an independent evaluation of IHHP for Beyond Blue.

As a result of her evaluation, IHHP now focuses its work on children as young as five.

"The work the IHHP do is fantastic, as is the support they get from Beyond Blue," Prof Hayward told *The Koori Mail*.



Indigenous Social Justice Association President Ray Jackson, left, queries media differentiation in the coverage of deaths in custody. See page 27

# 'Racist' killing in Alice Springs

ON Friday 23 April, in Alice Springs, five white men were sentenced to a total of eight years, six months' jail time (15 years, six months total of head sentences) for the 'racist' killing of a man camping in the Todd River.

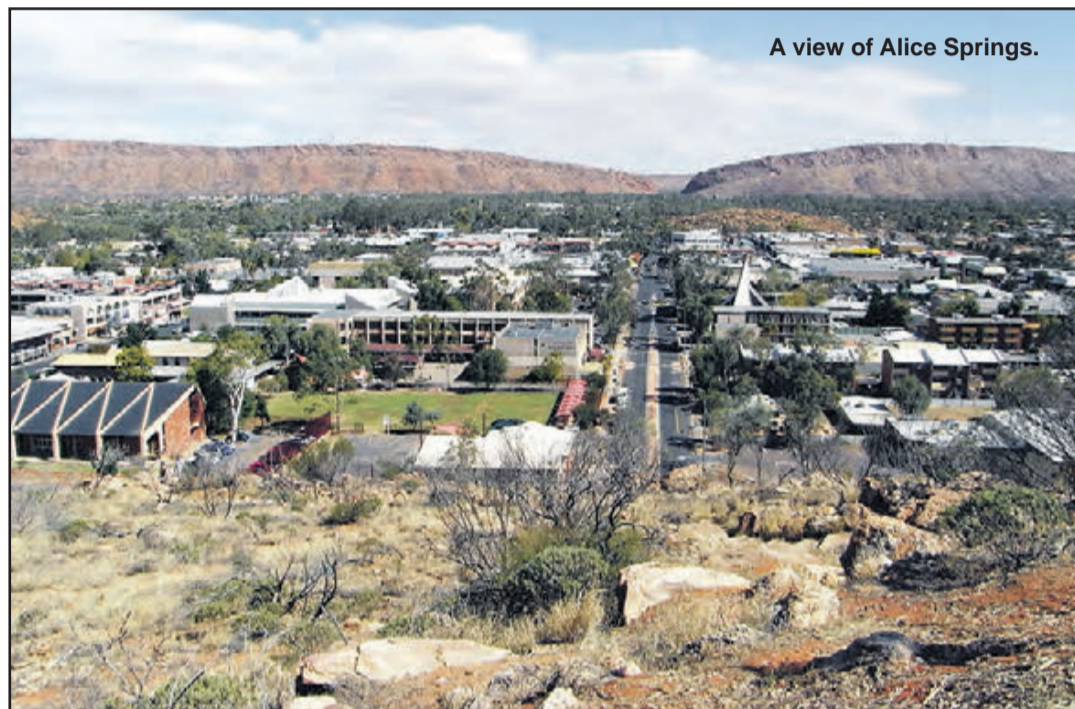
In the conclusion of NT Chief Justice Brian Martin, if the victim had not been Aboriginal, the defendants would not have acted as they did.

The most jail time for three of the prisoners will be four years, one 12 months and one three years and six months. This was after original charges of murder were plea-bargained to manslaughter ... which can still carry a life sentence in the Northern Territory.

Now we residents of Alice Springs are supposed to get on with our lives, be understanding of the circumstances of the defendants and respect the forgiveness and apologies the families extended to each other ... when they were no doubt in a time of deep grief, public exposure and social and media pressure.

What link does this case have when the *Racial Discrimination Act* is suspended in the NT and Aboriginal people are subjected to a different set of socio-political-economic laws to other residents?

Are we Alice Springs residents and NT citizens re-witnessing through this case the return to an era when Aboriginal people's rights were



A view of Alice Springs.

suspended forcibly through the justice system?

At this present time in the NT, there are white men serving life sentences for the murder and manslaughter of other citizens.

Martin Leach (a white man) is serving two life sentences for the deaths of two part-Asian women at Berry Springs.

Andy Albury (a white man) is serving a life sentence for the death of an Aboriginal woman in a hostel in Darwin.

Two young men – one Asian, one white – are serving no less than 15 years for the deaths of two Asian women weighed down and thrown alive into the Adelaide River.

Four young Darwin men (all white) were sentenced to lengthy sentences for the fatal bashing of an Aboriginal man sleeping with his wife in a toilet block in Darwin's Esplanade area.

Bradley John Murdoch (a white man) is serving a lengthy sentence for the murder around Barrow Creek of a British tourist, Peter Falconio.

What are the facts about other prisoners held in the NT who killed people in the NT and are now serving lengthy sentences for their crime?

What are the facts about Aboriginal people who killed family members (crimes of passion) in the NT who are now

serving lengthy sentences for their actions?

Like, Dennis Rostrum (an Aboriginal man) serving life-plus for the killing of several family members following a dispute. John Angeles (an Aboriginal and Asian man) serving life-plus for the murder of his estranged Asian partner and her daughter.

As an Alice Springs resident, I am having difficulty with being asked by people who consider themselves champions of our civil society ... to let the healing begin in the case of Kwementyaye Ryder.

KEZ HALL  
Alice Springs, NT

## Go NITV!

Go NITV, woohoo! Let's keep pushing for our own media.

JEANETTE OLIVER  
Manunda, Qld

## POETRY

### So Many

So many words to use, just don't how to put them.  
So many stars to count, have to start over and over again.  
So many birds you see flying, from tree to tree.  
So many mountains and hills around, as far as the eye can see.

So many times I've looked at the sky, with clouds or just clear blue.  
So many old things I have, sometimes I wish were new.  
So many times I thank God for what I have, and that I don't want for more.  
So many stories I hear, but sure I've heard before.

So many nights I lay awake, and listen to the still.  
Hoping to fall asleep, wondering if I ever will.

There's so many things I want to say, so many new things to do.  
So many different people, but inside they're just like me and you.

So many is too many, and not enough is just too much.  
I guess I could word it all so many ways, or add a different touch.  
So many things on my mind, all day and all through the night.  
But I can't see So Many, it's too far out of sight.

DANIEL DAVIS  
Aboriginal Poet, Qld

## The Policy...

Entrepreneurs of Change  
Fear encourages blame  
White Australians afraid  
Will their dues be paid?  
On our coastal edge  
Refugees make a pledge  
Allegiance to this place  
That was taken with disgrace  
Way back in 1788  
The flag we now debate  
British set upon our shores  
With grog and guns for war  
Without an invitation  
Lives were brutally taken  
Land was then consumed  
With a rifle's smoky plume  
Political grace and gain  
Masters of the change  
Breeders of a nation's shame!

Z QUAKAWOOT  
Mackay, Qld

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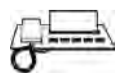
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# 'Political spin' of Humphries

TAKING a photograph of yourself in the lobby of Aboriginal Affairs NSW and sending it to the media is the high point of Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Kevin Humphries' policy development. ('DAA is in disarray, claims Humphries', *TKM*, 7 April).

His relentless pursuit of media stunts cannot mask his failure to articulate one significant policy in Aboriginal Affairs.

He thinks he is in Hollywood, not Parliament.

His indifference to the real issues of the portfolio is summed up by his ignorance of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

To their eternal shame, Kevin Humphries' predecessors in the Liberal and National parties opposed this watershed land rights legislation when it was introduced in 1983.

Since then, more than 2300 claims have been granted fully or in part, transferring about 82,000 hectares of land worth \$2.1 billion to Aboriginal land councils.

As a result of this landmark legislation, the NSW Government has been able to enter into a 25-year, \$200 million partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to build and upgrade water and sewerage infrastructure in Aboriginal communities.



NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Humphries

The only real interest Mr Humphries has taken in local Aboriginal land councils is to publicly brand them 'dysfunctional'.

Of course this doesn't stop Mr Humphries posing for a photograph with a local Aboriginal land council.

One day he'll congratulate a land council for securing NSW Government funding, the next day

he will talk them down.

When it comes to Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Humphries' political spin is about divided communities, dysfunction, mismanagement and failure.

Can anyone recall Mr Humphries announcing a major Coalition policy in Aboriginal Affairs – backed with significant funding?

This Government is supporting Aboriginal communities through significant investment in education, community services, language revitalisation, circle sentencing and water and sewerage infrastructure.

As Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, I continue to work in partnership with Aboriginal people and communities and listen to their concerns so we can deliver programs more effectively.

Mr Humphries clearly enjoys life in his comfort zone of media stunts and rehearsing the lazy, divisive political language that people are sick and tired of hearing.

What are the Liberal and National parties' solutions for closing the gap? What are their policies? Why haven't they committed any funding to back up Mr Humphries' rhetoric?

**PAUL LYNCH**  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs  
Sydney, NSW

# Spotlight on drug addicts

I WOULD like to comment in response to the front-page article (*TKM*, 21 April) regarding rehabilitation of Indigenous alcohol and other drug addicted people.

Firstly, the main focus appears to be on funding or the lack thereof. In 2002, I spoke by phone to a woman at Orana Haven, near Brewarrina (NSW). That lady said she was an assistant manager so was able to speak with authority on the progress of the place.

She said that funding was not a problem, that they had just received a grant of \$2 million.

On the same day I spoke by phone to a woman at the Roy Thorn rehabilitation centre at Moree (NSW). She also identified herself as an assistant manager and said that they had just received a grant of \$1.2 million.

I have no need or desire to doubt or question either of those ladies. My

question is what system of accountability do the funding bodies have?

Dr Ted Wilkes, Chairman of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee, suggested the Government do away with the notion that Aboriginal people living in urban centres were accessing main-stream services.

Well, Dr Wilkes, I'd like to know where you get your information and ideas. I invite you to join me and I will show you

where many Aboriginal people are successfully using mainstream services.

I am an 84-year-old Aboriginal person and I've been very involved in substance abuse rehabilitation for more than 30 years. I have worked in every state and territory of this country.

**HAROLD HUNT**  
St Mary's, NSW



The *Koori Mail's* 21 April front-page story on drug addiction.



**Human Services**  
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Dear Stakeholder

The Western Region Planning and Purchasing Team of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) NSW Department of Human Services, will be conducting Planning Forums from 4 May to 2 June 2010.

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The Department recognises the importance of the contribution of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Indigenous communities in these consultations. Indigenous consultation forums will be held in the following 8 locations – Albury, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Lightning Ridge, Lake Cargelligo, Cowra, Wilcannia and Broken Hill.

Dates and venues for the Indigenous Planning Forums are posted on the service provider's portal and advertised in the *Koori Mail*, *Indigenous Times* as well as newspapers covering ADHC's Western Region.

Please refer to the attached itinerary or your local newspaper for details.

Regards  
The Planning & Purchasing Team  
Western Region

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# GenerationOne explains

THANKS for the opportunity to respond to the letter from Robert Waters (TKM, 21 April). Our letter, following, sent to Mr Waters immediately on receiving his query is attached.

Thank you for your letter seeking additional information about a statistic used on the GenerationOne website. As the Campaign Director, your email has been referred to me for response.

GenerationOne uses fact-based information only and we work hard to ensure that all information used is based on official and reliable sources.

The statistic to which you refer is based on the actual caseload of unemployed Indigenous Australians within the Australian Government Job Services Australia system. Regrettably, Indigenous Australians are over-represented in what the Government

refers to as stream three and four – being job-seekers with more significant barriers to work, for a variety of reasons, than other streams.

In our 'Facts that Matter' sheet, which we have circulated widely – including to the media – we refer to the statistic and you will notice that it includes illiteracy as well as other barriers\*.

Unfortunately, the fact was transcribed erroneously to the section of the website you referred to in a recent revision of that page. Thank you for highlighting this and that section has now been redrafted. I hope you would agree that the corrected version is a better and more accurate reference.

In using the statistic, GenerationOne makes no assumptions other than the fact that 80 per cent of the caseload faces barriers more substantial than being

unemployed alone. This statistic helps describe to the many people of goodwill who are joining GenerationOne that the issues are complex and any movement dedicated to mending disadvantage through employment, training and education needs to account for these factors as well. For example, it helps dispel that view that the inability to get a job is purely a function of will, and therefore any mix of solutions has to incorporate a range of interventions.

We agree with your statement 'I do not want to discount the obvious alcohol, drugs or mental health problems within our community, as they severely impact all of our lives as Aboriginal people, but surely these are not the only reasons our people cannot find work'.

Indeed, illiteracy is another major reason, and the reference has been corrected.

As you would understand, any movement

aiming to end Indigenous disadvantage and canvassing examples of what is working and other ideas for the future has to start with an accurate reflection of the facts about 'the gap'.

Thank you again for asking about the statistic. In doing so, you helped us identify a typographical error that we were not aware of and which we have now fixed.

**ANNIE O'ROURKE**  
GenerationOne

\* Editor: Under a heading of FACTS THAT MATTER ON JOBS, SCHOOLS AND INCOME, the GenerationOne Fact Sheet says: "Eight out of ten jobless Indigenous people are unable to work, because of illiteracy, alcohol or other psychological problems."



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I wished I'd have known you  
I'm so proud you were my Aunt.  
I wish I could have been there  
But you know I couldn't Aunt.

It was well before my time  
Along, long time ago  
Gran told us girls your story  
And you are my hero.

I wished I could have been there to  
protect and keep you safe  
It breaks my heart to hear how many  
times that you were raped.

They took you from your children  
your husband and your tribe  
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called it suicide.

Your story passes on to me now,  
And I'll share it carefully  
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You and your family.

I feel your spirit gently brush past me  
and visit me sometimes  
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evil kind!

SANDRA McBRIDE  
Via email

**Society**

I don't want to live in shame, no  
regrets, or burdens or fear.  
I don't want to feel out of place  
whenever strangers are near.  
Yet that's the way some of us feel,  
that's how it's become.  
That's where society has put us,  
since they've taken us away from  
where we come from.  
We sometimes feel like we don't  
belong in those flash shops with  
fancy clothes.  
When we say 'Hello' to some they  
just turn up their nose.  
I sometimes wish I was perfect like  
them, or so they seem to think.  
They think we don't wanna really live,  
just sit around and drink.  
I can't believe there's still prejudice  
around, in these days that we live.  
They seem to be the only ones  
taking, and we're the ones who give.  
What's up with society, when do we  
get a break.  
We don't ask much, just a chance for  
our own sake.  
Society, society, to me that's a  
made-up word.  
Just like 'Justice', that's another  
gammon word one I've heard.  
Society, Society, Society.

DANIEL DAVIS  
Queensland

**Allen Hedger a strident advocate for his people**

**T**HE Aboriginal community has lost one of our greatest advocates, a friend and mentor in Allen Hedger, who passed away recently. NSW Aboriginal Land Council's Governing Council and staff offer their deepest condolences to Allen's wife Jennifer, sons Joe and Jake and daughters Trisha and Cagney.

A professional public servant, Allen had over 25 years' experience in the public service working in Aboriginal policy.

He worked with Aboriginal Hostels Ltd, the Aboriginal Development Commission, and ATSIC's National Centre for Legal and Preventative Services in Sydney before becoming Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the State's Aboriginal Housing Organisation in 2005.

Allen was very passionate about his work and he was a compassionate man. I had a great deal of respect for him because of his dedication and commitment towards achieving social justice for his people.

As a Bundjalung man, he

guide to many of our people who have gone on to be leaders and Elders in our community.

I know the respect in which he was held by the Aboriginal community.

Allen Hedger was man of strong personality with

Allen was a strident advocate for those of our people incarcerated in the prison system and the ongoing tragedy of our young people dying in police and prison custody was something he spoke about relentlessly.

Allen had a great ability to talk through issues with government policy makers and officials alike.

On behalf of NSWALC and the Aboriginal community of this State, I extend our condolences to the Hedger family and friends.

Allen Hedger will be honoured and

remembered by our people all over New South Wales.

TOM BRIGGS  
Deputy Chairperson  
New South Wales  
Aboriginal Land Council  
(NSWALC)

**'(Allen Hedger) was a mentor, friend and guide to many of our people who have gone on to be leaders and Elders in our community'**

demonstrated time and again a sense of loyalty and integrity to his colleagues, his family and his whole community.

When he gave a commitment to do something you knew it would get done.

He was a mentor, friend and

intense zeal and vitality – a fighter for the rights and betterment of his people.

He was tireless as an advocate for his people and despite his ailing health he never gave up his commitment to his mob.

**A fighter for rights, justice**

**T**HE community of Toronto at West Lake Macquarie on the NSW Central Coast has been left reeling with the sudden and unexpected loss of one its most revered leaders and Elders, Bob Sampson.

Hundreds of people turned out for a memorial on the Toronto foreshore last month to celebrate and remember Uncle Bob's life and achievements. He left behind a grieving family, but the impact of his death has been felt much farther afield.

Robert Henry Sampson was born on 21 January 1944 at Quirindi Hospital, the seventh son of nine children born to Clyde and Sarah Sampson, of Walhallow Mission at Caroona in western NSW.

He began his schooling at Caroona but completed his studies at Quirindi High where he became involved in the local police boys club and began his sporting journey which would end up including boxing, darts, football and other traditional games, to name just a few. He also took great pleasure in fishing, swimming, yabbing and hunting, often staying away on weekends doing the things that he loved most.

A move to Moree saw him excel and take his footballing career to another level, and he would end up representing the Moree Boars, making a name for himself as a tough footballer. He would later move back to Caroona and then on to Sydney and Newcastle, but it was Newcastle he would later call home.

It was at this time that Uncle Bob met his soulmate, Gail, and would end up going



The late Uncle Bob Sampson

back to Caroona where friends and family later witnessed their marriage at Walhallow. They ended up moving back to Newcastle where they raised their six boys – Rob, Carl, Grant, Noel, Phillip and Todd.

It was a near-death experience many years ago on the Newcastle wharves where Uncle Bob survived a 20-metre fall from a wheat silo that killed a colleague and left him with multiple serious injuries and in a coma for nearly three weeks, that led him to his

path of giving to the community and people he was so passionate about.

Uncle Bob began his fight for justice and his people and began self-empowering others to walk alongside him in his plight – encouraging people to take control.

He became instrumental in the establishment of many grass-roots organisations, encouraging Aboriginal people to manage their own affairs and 'get a fair go!'

Uncle Bob was particularly passionate about his involvement in the Westlakes Aboriginal men's group, encouraging many young local men to embrace their culture and be proud of their heritage.

He took on the governments, he took on the leaders at the top and strongly believed in justice for all his people.

Uncle Bob played a role to many – he was a husband, a father, a brother, an Elder, a leader, a counsellor, a mediator, a social worker – but most of all he was a friend and a mate to everyone who was lucky enough to cross paths with him.

He was a proud Gamilaroi man who fought not only for land rights but for social justice, basic human rights and was living proof of self-determination.

Both black and white alike will feel the huge hole Uncle Bob Sampson has left in the local community. The Aboriginal Elder zooming around on his mobility scooter with the Koori flag attached will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

By BRITTA LYSTER

# It's a white man's country, yet why the NSW media blackout?

IN March this year, the ABC's *Lateline* program showed an investigation into the tragic and unnecessary death of Mark Holcroft while being transported in a prison van from Bathurst Jail to Mannus Prison Farm near Tumburumba (NSW). A journey of about six hours.

Prior to Mark's death there was another death in custody at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Jail at Silverwater. This is identified as a jail for males and holds some 900-plus inmates. About 150 of the inmates identify as being Aboriginal.

Veronica Baxter was a transwoman who had been arrested by the Redfern police after the 2009 Mardi Gras. From the time of her arrest to her tragic and unnecessary death there is a gap of about 48 hours where it is not known what were the circumstances of her treatment, either by the police and/or the jail officers. What had brought about her alleged suicide by hanging?

Yet another death in custody and another tragic and pointless death happened in early December 2009 when 21-year-old Terry Griffiths is said to have, like Veronica, suicided by hanging. Young Terry was diagnosed as a schizophrenic, but was placed on the Young Offenders Program at John Moroney Jail at Windsor. Why? Was he fit to be on this program that catered for men aged 18 to 25?

These are but three of the tragic, needless deaths that occurred last year in the NSW jail system. These three deaths were

## Indigenous Social Justice Association President RAY JACKSON queries media differentiation in covering deaths in custody

made known to the Indigenous Social Justice Association.

But only one of these deaths was seen by the NSW media to be worthy of investigation and of being given 12 minutes of broadcast time.

A *Sydney Morning Herald* article was also printed on the same, single death. Not, however, the other two deaths. Well may we ask 'Why this media differentiation?'

Three deaths in custody, three

death in custody issues in the department has changed over the past four years and has become more secretive, similar to police deaths in custody.

Some families, when deemed possible by the Department of Corrective Services, are still given access to the scene of death at whatever jail it occurred and are spoken to by the governor or general manager of that jail. This happened for the family of Veronica, but the

suicided by hanging and one death brought on by heart failure.

It can be argued that there was great callousness shown to all three inmates. Definitely in the case of Mark Holcroft this blind callousness was made public by the *Lateline* program.

But why did one death outshine the other two?

Why was it deemed to be more newsworthy?

Why was the Holcroft death of a greater public interest?

focussed on assimilation as the way forward to some form of (white-managed) reconciliation. But Death in Custody reports are just not on, regardless of ethnicity, from any NSW media outlet.

The left and community media outlets were the only sites covering these issues, to a minimal audience.

The Queensland and West Australian media are different in their approach to Aboriginal deaths. The tortuous process after the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in 2004 on Palm Island, Queensland, clearly shows that.

Sadly the recent death of 18-year-old Sheldon Currie in the Arthur Gorrie Jail, Brisbane, was also given saturation media coverage. No media blackout here! In WA the public were openly told of the circumstances involved in the recent death of 33-year-old Dion Woods at a Perth police lock-up.

The last time the NSW media showed an equal enthusiasm for such reporting was during the police chase of T J Hickey and his subsequent death.

Allow me to be quite plain. I take no umbrage against the Holcroft Family in their ability to highlight the horror and criminality of their brother's death at the hands of a failed Department of Corrective Services transport system. More strength to them.

If only the NSW media had the same generosity of spirit when it came to Aboriginal deaths in custody.



**'Could it be that the NSW media is ruled by the fact that Mark Holcroft was white while the other two deaths were of Aborigines? Of course the only answer to this question is yes, without any doubt or equivocation'. - RAY JACKSON**

tragedies for the families involved. Each death, I would argue, no less horrible than the other. Three families screaming to remove the cloak of invisibility, with a range of questions that must be answered by the NSW Department of Corrective Services.

What circumstances had led these three inmates to seemingly lose their human rights to the department's legislated duty of care?

Access and information into

Griffith family was informed two days later by their local police.

For the Holcroft family, this did not occur as they were not notified of Mark's death for five days. This was blamed on a breakdown of the records system. The autopsy had been held prior to them being informed. The other two families attended the morgue to farewell their loved ones.

Three deaths: of a sister, of a brother, of a son. Ranging in age from 59 to 21. Two allegedly

Could it be that the NSW media is ruled by the fact that Mark Holcroft was white while the other two deaths were of Aborigines?

Of course the only answer to this question is yes, without any doubt or equivocation.

For many years the NSW mainstream media has tended to play the racist card in their news coverage. Aboriginal news is mostly negative, sprinkled with the odd good news story, but the editorial argument is still

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Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

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Queensland South Native Title Services would like to invite Indigenous persons indentifying as Jarowair, Barunggam, Western Wakka Wakka, Yiman & Cobble Cobble to an upcoming information workshop for the Darling Downs Region.

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# National Congress must get a fair go

**T**HIS week's announcement of the National Executive for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples should be greeted with resounding applause: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples now have a national voice again nearly five years after the formal abolition of ATSIC at the stroke of midnight on 28 May 2005.

Bringing down the curtain that night was the final act in a drama that both Labor and the Coalition parties had started some 12 months earlier when they both announced that ATSIC would be abolished.

The impact was immediate. I remember meeting with a group of people on a weekend in Melbourne virtually straight after that announcement to start thinking about a replacement body.

The process really gained momentum two years later when, in 2007, my predecessor, Tom Calma, commissioned research on different models for national representation in order to move forward in providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a voice once more.

Later that year, the Labor Party was elected on a platform which included a formal commitment to establishing a new national body, and it chose to base its consultations on the work Tom Calma had independently commissioned and undertaken.

After nearly 18 months of extensive consultations, a new national representative body was proposed that would provide national leadership in advocating for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as First Nations peoples, in protecting our rights, and advancing the well-being of our communities.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples had been born.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who participated in the consultation processes overwhelmingly decided that they wanted this new representative mechanism to be developed and established independently of Government. The National Congress therefore is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, rather than by statute, as was the case with ATSIC.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples said they wanted equal representation of Indigenous women and men in all processes of the Congress, particularly at the leadership level. The National Congress has again delivered on its promise.

I fully endorse these views and am particularly pleased to see gender equity not only being voiced as an ambition, but put into practice with equal representation of women and men on the National Executive and the organisation's Ethics Council.

Liz Broderick, the Sex Discrimination Commissioner at



**MICK GOODA**

Ethics Council has been established to ensure the highest standards of professionalism and organisational integrity, with processes that are transparent, participatory, informed and robust. The Ethics Council will oversee the ethics framework of the organisation, including

Importantly, delegates will participate as individuals, who will contribute to a national collective perspective rather than simply representing the organisation or state/territory that has nominated them or employs them.

I don't think we should kid ourselves about the magnitude of the challenges the National Congress will face in establishing its credibility with the Indigenous community, with all levels of government, with all levels of the community, and with the private and public sectors.

However, we should not lose track of the many reasons we have to feel optimistic.

First, I believe there is an appetite within the Indigenous community for a national voice that can clearly articulate the issues that confront us on a daily basis.

Second, there is strong support for the organisation across Government, led by the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, and the secretaries of all major government departments.

Indeed, there will be a queue from government seeking advice

face some challenges now.

Do we give this new body the best chance to grow into an organisation of which we can be proud, to represent our views and aspirations? Or do we undermine the body before it has a chance to prove itself?

I am not advocating that we provide our support blindly without question, but we must give the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples a fair go to establish itself, particularly in these early days.

To paraphrase John F Kennedy, perhaps we should ask ourselves what we can offer the new body, rather than what the new body can offer us.

I want to be clear and place on the record my support for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, and I will be engaging with the National Executive early to work out how my office can work with it constructively towards better outcomes for our people.

The structures and processes of the National Congress have been developed on the back of rigorous, robust and transparent consultations. We should all give it a go.

Finally, I have to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Tom Calma.

The abolition of ATSIC coincided with his appointment to the

position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

For almost all of his tenure, Tom's was often a lone voice advocating for Indigenous rights, but also for the development of this new body.

We should be eternally grateful for his energy and persistence.

● **Mick Gooda is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner**

**'I want to be clear and place on the record my support for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples'**

the Australian Human Rights Commission, had this to say on this aspect of the Congress: *"The proposed National Representative Body sets a new benchmark for any public organisation in this country. With Australia's poor record on supporting women into leadership, particularly in the private sector, I am delighted that our country's First Peoples are setting the pace – and challenging the rest of us."*

I am similarly enthused that an

consideration of breaches of ethical standards, and will also oversee merit selection components of election processes.

The National Congress will set the national policies and priorities through its annual congresses and will elect the National Executive. Over time, it is expected that state/territory level and regional meetings will be conducted to feed into the National Congress.

of the representative body. A major challenge is giving the body the time to develop itself and not be overwhelmed by Government.

Third, the appointment of the National Executive has been done under the auspices of the Ethics Council, which has come up with eight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in whom I have the greatest confidence.

But Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people also

## IBA pays tribute to former manager



**RON MORONY**



**INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) has paid tribute to its former General Manager Ron Morony, who retired last month after 13 years at the agency's helm.**

IBA Chairperson Dawn Casey has written to stakeholders, saying Mr Morony made a significant contribution to Indigenous Affairs for over 35 years, especially in Indigenous economic development.

"During Ron's almost 13 years as the General Manager, Indigenous Business Australia has seen substantial growth in the organisation's responsibilities

including the areas of Homes and Business Development and Support Program," Dr Casey wrote.

"In addition, the initial capital base has grown to around \$320 million."

Dr Casey said she understood that Mr Morony had built many significant and enduring partnerships with Indigenous corporations and the private sector during his time with IBA.

Mr Morony, an Arrernte man from Central Australia, told *The Koori Mail* last month that, while he had been heartened while at IBA to meet younger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women taking a leadership role in business, he

was appalled at governments' lack of real engagement with Indigenous people.

He spoke of Indigenous frustration and despair that government 'rhetoric' didn't match the real situation on the ground.

IBA is currently recruiting a new General Manager, with former high-ranking Commonwealth public servant Bruce Gemmell acting in the position in the interim.

Mr Gemmell is now a consultant but spent 34 years in the public service. He retired in 2007 after six years as former deputy chief executive officer and chief operating officer for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

# Rangers target weeds



YIRRALKA rangers who manage land and sea in the Laynhapuy Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) in north-east Arnhem Land recently took a tour through the Top End to learn about the impact of weeds. Weeds are a serious natural resource management issue in the Northern Territory and the trip involved a visit to Windows on the Wetlands and Fogg Dam, before heading to Wildman River and Litchfield National Park.

The five-day weeds awareness expedition was organised in conjunction with NT Parks and Wildlife rangers and Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Senior park ranger based at Laynhapuy Danny Barrow said it had been a great opportunity for Yirralka rangers to see first-hand how environments change if weeds take over the ecosystem, as well as learn more about some of the impacts and control methods.

He said healthy country was the connection to the strength of Yolngu culture.

"There is 9000 sq kms of pristine environment across the Laynhapuy homelands that need to be protected for future generations," Mr Barrows said.

CDU lecturer Michael Hicks also attended the five-day expedition to record the range of skills developed and demonstrated by Indigenous rangers to make teaching resources in Yolngu Mathu and English.

Yirralka rangers and CDU have established a close relationship over the past 12 months, which has provided training to equip the local rangers with the



Parks and Wildlife senior park ranger Lance Spain with Yirralka rangers inspecting weeds.

tools to manage their own country.

"The resources will be used to teach young Aboriginal people and other rangers about the role of rangers, identifying plant incursions and the value of being a ranger as a long-term career," Mr Hicks said.

The Yirralka rangers said they felt sorry

for the people's country they visited, as weeds had changed their way of life and made it difficult to find bush foods.

"If these weeds come to our country we are afraid we will lose our way of life, culture and health of our people," the rangers said.

"With the training from CDU and Parks and Wildlife we are ready to keep these bad weeds out of our homelands."

For more information on weeds and weed management, contact the weed management branch on (08) 8999 4567 or go to [www.nt.gov.au/weeds](http://www.nt.gov.au/weeds)



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**Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).**

The CFMEU Mining and Energy Division Queensland District Branch ABN 73 089 711 903 ("the Union") proposes to enter into negotiations for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement for the purpose of obtaining a lease from the Crown to erect a building for the Union in TIERI, Central Queensland.

The proposed lease contains an area of approximately 1000 square metres on the corner of Malvern Avenue and an unnamed road between Wallaby Street and North Road Tieri. The proposed use is as a Union office.

The ILUA area is not covered by any registered Native Title claims.

If you consider that you hold or may hold Native Title in relation to the ILUA area you are invited to register your interest.

Responses should be received by 26 May 2010 and should clearly set out:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis on which you claim to hold Native Title in relation to the area.

Responses or requests for further information should be to:

Mr. Ian Kelly  
Hall Payne Lawyers  
GPO Box 3114, BRISBANE QLD 4001  
Facsimile No: (07) 3229 9842  
Telephone No.: (07) 3017 2400  
Email: iank@hallpayne.com.au



**Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network Ltd (ICAN) Board Vacancies**

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- Business
- Banking/Finance
- Adult Education

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For more information, go to [www.ican.org.au/directors](http://www.ican.org.au/directors) email [info@ican.org.au](mailto:info@ican.org.au) or call Aaron Davis on 1300 369 878.

Applications close Thursday 20th of May 2010 at 5pm.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are encouraged to apply.



**Australian Government**  
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**INDIGENOUS STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

**Invitation to apply for study in 2011**

Scholarship applications are now open for eligible Indigenous higher education staff across Australia who actively encourage Indigenous students to gain formal higher education qualifications.

The program reflects the Australian Government's commitment to Indigenous education, and provides professional development opportunities for Indigenous scholars.

**How the scholarships will work:**

- Five national Indigenous Staff Scholarships are awarded annually for a 12 month period.
- Successful applicants can take 12 months leave from their employment to undertake full-time study in their chosen academic or professional area.
- The scholarship will approximately provide up to \$11,800 to cover tuition fees and student contribution amounts for the year and a stipend payment (living allowance) of \$23,600. These amounts are indexed annually.
- Priority will be given to staff undertaking postgraduate awards and who have not previously received an Indigenous Staff Scholarship.
- Scholarships will be awarded on merit against the selection criteria detailed in the guidelines.
- Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Minister for Education on advice from the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.

Applications close on: **25 June 2010**  
(No late applications will be accepted).  
Program information, guidelines and the application form are at: [www.deewr.gov.au/iss](http://www.deewr.gov.au/iss)

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# Project aims for a rise in Indigenous IT skills

**A** NEW project aiming to boost the IT skills of Aboriginal entrepreneurs in Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane has been launched.

The initiative, called Microsoft RISE, sees Newcastle-based Aboriginal organisation Yarnteen join forces with Microsoft Australia and Social Ventures

Australia (SVA). Project participants will have the chance to benefit from tailor-made IT business training, mentoring and support, based on an IT training needs analysis.

The ultimate goal of Microsoft RISE is to help develop sustainable businesses and social enterprises that create opportunities and jobs for

Aboriginal people.

Microsoft RISE's launch, at the Yaama Dhiyaan Centre at Redfern's Carriageworks, included performances by Aboriginal hip hop artists Street Warriors and singer/songwriter Rod Smith.

Yarnteen has had a history of successful partnership with

Microsoft Australia through the Microsoft UP Program and the Indigenous Youth Futures Project.

Microsoft Australia and Yarnteen are now working towards developing a best practice resource that will track the progress of the program, with the aim of rolling it out nationally.



At the launch of Microsoft RISE were, from left, Elder Uncle Greg Simms who performed the welcome to country, Yarnteen CEO Saretta Fielding, Beth Worrall, from Microsoft Australia, Microsoft RISE project manager Kath Allen and Yarnteen Chairman Jim Wright.

# Reform working insists Pearson



THE Queensland Government's welfare reform agenda is achieving results despite concerns it is failing in its objectives to encourage greater parental responsibility, Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson says.

The Queensland Government adopted the Cape York Welfare Reform, the brainchild of Mr Pearson, in 2008 to improve parental responsibility in four communities.

It included the establishment of the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC), which has the power to quarantine the welfare payments of Cape York parents who abuse or neglect their children, fail to send them to school or commit crimes.

The program is two years into a four-year trial in Aurukun, Hope Vale, Coen and Mossman Gorge.

However, FRC Registrar Tammy Sovenyhazi told a Senate hearing into remote Aboriginal communities that the scheme hadn't been as successful as

hoped and would struggle to reach its objectives during its trial period.

She said the number of cases referred to the commission by authorities such as schools and courts had not dropped in its two years of operation.

"We would have expected by this time that we would have started to see a drop in the notifications that we receive from those trigger agencies. That hasn't happened," she told a Cairns hearing last month.

"Our biggest concern is that the three-and-a-half years we have to operate is not long enough to see any real change in these communities."

However, Mr Pearson said the commission and welfare reform agenda were yielding results.

"I'm not as pessimistic about that, I think there's enough promising signs of school attendance and other indicators," he said after the hearing.

Mr Pearson said the welfare reform was improving 'social norms' within communities and the rise in expectations and standards had resulted in more

people being reported for breaches.

For example, he said, schools had stopped accepting week-long absences for funerals or other purposes as explained absences and now treated them as non-attendance, for which parents could be issued with a breach notice.

"What people defined as school attendance in the past was very flaccid (but) those figures that we are getting in relation to school attendance figures are very rigorous numbers," Mr Pearson said.

The FRC's most recent quarterly report said it received 782 notifications between October and December last year from a population base of about 3000.

By comparison, the commission received 754 notifications during its first six months of operation from July 2008.

The report also showed school attendance at the most trouble-ridden community, Aurukun, had jumped from 44 per cent to 66 per cent between term three of 2008 and the corresponding period in 2009. - AAP

# Fishing study focus



ABORIGINAL people are being invited to take part in a study into cultural fishing activity in the Tweed Heads area of northern NSW.

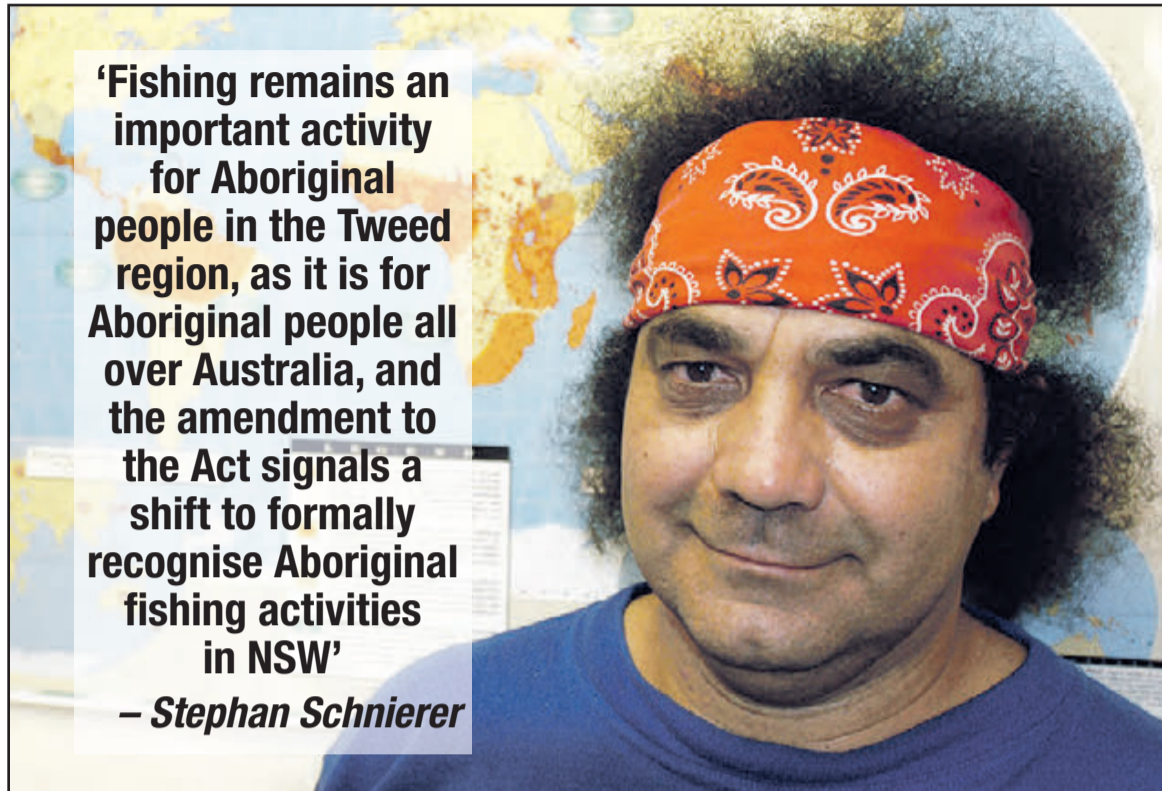
Southern Cross University researchers have started the 12-month study, which will examine recent amendments to the *NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

The Act now recognises Aboriginal cultural fishing activity alongside commercial and recreational fishing groups.

The study will assist in fulfilling objectives of the NSW Indigenous Fishing Strategy (IFS), which is a tool for carrying out recognition of cultural fishing activity under the Act.

Principal researcher Associate Professor Stephan Schnierer said the success of the NSW IFS had been hampered by lack of information about cultural fisheries.

"Historically fisheries management agencies have ignored Indigenous fishing rights which has resulted in restrictions on cultural practices which have contributed not only to a loss of access to traditional target



**'Fishing remains an important activity for Aboriginal people in the Tweed region, as it is for Aboriginal people all over Australia, and the amendment to the Act signals a shift to formally recognise Aboriginal fishing activities in NSW'**  
**– Stephan Schnierer**

species but a loss of traditional fisheries knowledge," he said.

"Fishing remains an important activity for Aboriginal people in the Tweed region, as it is for

Aboriginal people all over Australia, and the amendment to the Act signals a shift to formally recognise Aboriginal fishing activities in NSW."

The SCU study seeks to determine which fish species are of cultural relevance in the Tweed region; gain quantitative information about cultural catch

(for example species, numbers, weight, frequency of fishing); and establish a community-owned fishing database and build community capacity to conduct fisheries research.

The information will assist the Tweed community to better negotiate with the Government on such things as management options for cultural fishing.

Prof Schnierer said support and enthusiasm from the Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council and the Tweed Shire Aboriginal Advisory Committee for the project had been encouraging.

He said he hoped the wider Aboriginal community in the Tweed region would also embrace the opportunity to increase the representation and recognition of Aboriginal cultural fishing interests in NSW.

Aboriginal people interested in getting involved in the study should call (02) 6620 3572 or 0416 662 009.

The study is being done in consultation with the Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council and the Tweed Shire Aboriginal Advisory Committee, with funding from a grant from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.



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## Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Traineeships

### What are the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery (IRSD) Traineeships?

The IRSD traineeships will provide funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care and primary health care services in remote locations to employ Indigenous people as trainees in business administration. The Department of Health and Ageing will also arrange for the delivery of fully funded culturally appropriate and targeted training to suit the business and administration needs of aged and primary health care services.

The IRSD traineeships target training in Certificate I through to Advanced Diploma in business, administration and management.

The IRSD traineeships are fully funded including wages, training and on-costs.

### Who can apply?

Aged and primary health care services that provide care to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in remote locations that wish to employ a trainee may apply. This can be done by downloading the form at the Department's website at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and click on the Tender and Grants link.

### What will be funded?

The Department will provide funding for:

- wages, including on-costs, for the employment of trainee/s in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care or primary health care service; and
- training in business and administration through a registered training organisation contracted by the Department.

### Where can I get further information?

You can get further information from the Department by downloading the documentation from [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and click on the Tender and Grants link.

### How do I apply?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged care and primary health care services can request documentation including an application guide and application forms by accessing the Department's website at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and click on the Tender and Grants link.

### When is the closing date?

The closing date is 4 June 2010. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the Department of Health and Ageing.

Contact Officer: Rebecca Thurbon

Phone number: (02) 6289 3749

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**NOTICE OF AN AUTHORISATION MEETING for BIRRI GUBBA (CAPE UPSTART) "JURU" PEOPLE QUD 6249 of 1998**

A meeting of the members of the Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) People's native title claim will be held:

**Dates:** Saturday, 29th May 2010  
**Venue:** Bowen State High School Hall, 1-9 Argyle Park Road, Bowen  
**Time:** 9:00am - 4.30pm

The meeting is open to all members of the Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) claim group in accordance with prior and proposed descriptions of the claim group.

**Previous description of the claim group was people descended from:**

Emily Pickard and Tom Prior; the descendants of May Smallwood and May Smallwood's siblings; Billy Morrill, Tilly Bell; Tommy Hero; Lena Taylor; Sophie Skeene; Frank Fisher; Rosie Shilling; Eugene Stell; Arthur Lampton; Dan Kyle Snr; Tommy and Barney King; Gull Murdoch; James Larry and Family; Jenny Ross; Billy Lightning; George Bowen; George Waite; Whiley Whaller.

**That description was amended in 2004 to descendants of:**

Jennie Pickard and Nellie Steele/Stell

The purpose of this meeting is to consider and decide whether to authorise further amendment of the description of the claim group. Research by Dr Sandra Pannell shows that for the purpose of their native title claim Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) people should be described as follows:

"Membership of the Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) People's group is in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by them and is based upon descent from an acknowledged Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) antecedent or filiation with a Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) individual at the parental level (who is also a recognised Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) person), and acknowledgement of these 'bloodline' connections by the other members of the group.

Based on the current anthropological research, the Birri Gubba (Cape Upstart) People comprise all those persons who are descended from the following ancestors:

- Emily Pickard; • Con Limburner;
- Nellie Steel; • Lena Taylor;
- Billy Morrell and his wife Bessie Rook;
- Jinnie Ross; • Eliza Lampton (mother of Arthur Lampton)."

Please contact Lisa Raikaki on 4775 3900 or 1800 814 779 by 14 May 2010 to confirm attendance and to request assistance with travel.



**NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING**

**Date:** Sunday 23 May 2010  
**Time:** 10am - 4pm  
**Place:** Major Mitchell Motel, 44 Mertin Street, Bourke

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting of all Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in an area of land and waters which is bounded by and includes the towns of Brewarrina, Bourke, Coonamble, Gulargambone, Warren, Nyngan, Hillston, Mossgiel and Ivanhoe and the Bogan, Castlereagh, Barwon, Darling and Lachlan Rivers and as shown in black outline on the map below.



The meeting is being convened to discuss and authorise the filing of a native title application over the area described above.

**The AGENDA for the meeting is:**

1. Review of native title law and processes;
  2. Review of anthropological and historical research for the area described above;
  3. Decision making process;
  4. Considering and authorising a native title application over the area described above;
  5. Authorising the Applicant to make the native title application;
  6. Discussion of desired outcomes for the native title application; and
  7. Presentation on mining developments in the region.
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please contact NTSCORP - Cooffs Harbour Regional office by 19 May 2010 to confirm your attendance at the meeting. Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available but you will need to complete a registration and mileage form and return it to NTSCORP by 19 May 2010.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NEVILLE KIM AT THE COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL OFFICE OF NTSCORP ON PHONE 02 6651 4588 OR TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR FAX 02 6651 7954

# Polytechnic's best



Among the very best ... Lucas Kickett, Polytechnic West's Student of the Year for 2009.



**ABORIGINAL student Lucas Kickett has been named Polytechnic West's Student of the Year for 2009.**

The engineering, fabrication/heavy welding student took the top honour at the technical college's presentation night in Perth.

Mr Kickett said he had taken on his late mother's advice to 'achieve

your own goals, because nothing in life is free'.

"If I can say anything to the young kids it would be for them to get ahead, get a certificate, get some dollars and get some respect," he said.

**'Earn respect'**

Originally from Narrogin, Mr Kickett says he wants 'to earn respect for who he is'.

"I've said no to drugs and alcohol, they're not for me. If that makes me a role model for those around me, Aboriginal or not, then that's great," he said.

"My proudest achievement is having had the chance to make my mum proud of what I could do, and what she asked of me."

Polytechnic West's Indigenous Student of the Year was Kristy Lee Leitua.

# Tiwi timber bid facing the axe

By DARREN COYNE



THE Tiwi Islands' fledgling timber plantation industry remains in limbo and searching for commercial backing after having a \$4.5 million funding application rejected by the

Federal Government.

The Tiwi Land Council made the application to the Aboriginal Benefits Account, which distributes mining royalties with the approval of the government, hoping to fund the plantations through to the end of this year.

But the application was rejected so the Council, which took over control of the plantations following the collapse of Great Southern Plantations late last year, must now look to the commercial sector.

Tiwi Plantations Corporation general manager Roger Smith told *The Koori Mail* the rejection had left the Corporation in a difficult position.

"We asked for \$4.5 million from the

Aboriginal Benefits Account to fund the plantations through to 2010 and then we could seek commercial investors for the remaining funds to bring the plantations to maturity, somewhere in the order of \$18 million," he said.

However, Mr Smith did welcome an announcement last month of a \$6 million grant from the ABA that would fund environmental management projects and employment for around 15 Tiwi Islanders.

**Issues**

"The \$6 million allows continued employment of 14 Tiwi people who would otherwise have lost their jobs. It also covers environmental issues associated with the plantations," he said.

But that funding cannot be used to prop up the plantations.

Mr Smith said all was not lost as there had been some interest from the commercial sector, with a group of potential investors lined up to visit the Tiwi Islands in July, and another group in September.

"So the decision (by the Federal Government) is not terminal, but it hasn't made things easier," he said.

NT Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Adam Giles said the decision to reject the funding application was 'a bullet to Indigenous economic advancement'.

"The Aboriginal Benefits Account Board puts significant rigour into examining applications for funding by Indigenous organisations," Mr Giles said.

"But instead of showing equal rigour, (Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin sat on the Tiwi's application for three months while the forestry project, recently taken over from Great Southern Plantations, remained in limbo.

"To ultimately decide that this proposal shouldn't be approved is a bullet to Indigenous economic advancement."

When refusing the application, the Federal Government said: "The commercial risks involved in the forestry project are substantial and best left to the private sector to assess and manage."



# They have the ability to help



INDIGENOUS people with a disability in Sydney's outer western suburbs are now more likely to find work, according to Ability Options Employment, which opened a new office at Mt Druitt last month.

Ability Options Employment has been working with people with a disability for more than 30 years in the areas of lifestyle, accommodation, employment, well-being and independent living.

Having won a tender from the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to establish a new office in Mt Druitt, it will offer specialised employment services for Indigenous people with a disability and other clients

(mainly from multi-cultural backgrounds).

Ability Options says it encourages traineeships and apprenticeships which qualify for funding under the Indigenous Wage Subsidy (IWS) program, an incentive paid to employers when they employ eligible Indigenous Australians on an ongoing basis.

Mt Druitt Ability Options Manager Penny Noble said it had been proven that people with disabilities had a higher retention rate. "Our service offers employers good, quality staff who often outperform those recruited through conventional methods," she said.

"The team at Ability Options also aim to dispel the myth of 'disability' and barriers while giving individuals the opportunity to prove their abilities and the

valuable contribution they bring to the community."

Ability Options CEO Matt Donnelly said they were grateful to the Western Sydney Aboriginal Corporation, which offered a temporary office in their premises in Minchinbury last year to kick-start the services to Aboriginal people with a disability. He also thanked the local Elders for welcoming them to Mt Druitt.

"We won't let you down," he said.

Last month's official opening featured Aboriginal and multi-cultural entertainment.

Ability Options Employment services the districts of Mt Druitt-St Mary's, Blacktown, Rouse Hill, Penrith, Hills Shire and Paramatta.

For more information call 1800 447 427.



Specialist Ability Options Aboriginal employment consultant Yakup (Kuki) Tompull with one of his clients, Daniel.

# On the job in Mapoon



MAPOON (north Queensland) resident Daphne de Jersey has been appointed as the community liaison officer for bauxite miner Cape Alumina Ltd.

Ms de Jersey, who has lived at Mapoon for the past 13 years, will staff Cape Alumina's new office and community information centre, at the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council's Land and Sea Centre.

Cape Alumina Managing Director Paul Messenger said he was excited by Ms de Jersey's appointment, and hoped that she was the first of many local Mapoon residents to be employed by the company.



DAPHNE de JERSEY

"I am very pleased that Cape Alumina has been able to attract someone of Daphne's calibre to join our team in Mapoon," Dr Messenger said.

"Daphne is a well-respected

member of the Mapoon community with a deep understanding of the local region's needs.

"She will play a crucial role for Cape Alumina in helping to build and maintain strong links between the company and the local community."

Dr Messenger said Ms de Jersey's appointment was an important step towards the completion of the company's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and community consultation program, which he says is structured to ensure all local stakeholders are engaged and given an opportunity to provide input and learn the facts about the company's Pisolite Hills project.

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Information Workshops will be held to help applicants prepare a quality grant application and provide information on managing projects.

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To register for workshops phone Trust Administration on (02) 8837 6093.

For more information about the program and support with filling out your application contact the **Aboriginal Programs Officer on (02) 8837 6399** or **Tami Partridge on 8837 6093**.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website: [www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au)

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# Indigenous Crossover 4th-9th July 2010

The Indigenous Department of Screen Australia in association with Crossover is calling for applications for Indigenous Crossover 2.

Indigenous Crossover 2 will take five compelling proposals for developing digital and interactive media ideas into rapid development at a five-day residential lab.

The lab will focus on giving selected participants the tools to explore their concepts more thoroughly, test the proposal's usability and ready their pitch for financing.

Indigenous creators from all sectors of the audiovisual industries including film, TV, new media, web, mobile and games are welcome to apply.

Applicants may be individuals or teams, and may come from any Australian state or territory.

**Deadline for applications is COB: Friday 21st May, 2010**

The guidelines and application form can be downloaded from our website: [www.screenaustralia.gov.au](http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au)



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#### Aboriginal heritage impact permit: draft community consultation requirements for applicants

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is required for any activity likely to have an impact on Aboriginal objects or places. The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) issues AHIPs under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act).

DECCW respects and acknowledges the role of Aboriginal people in the management and protection of their cultural heritage. When administering its approval functions under the NPW Act, DECCW requires applicants to consult with Aboriginal people about the Aboriginal cultural heritage values (cultural significance) of Aboriginal objects and places within the area being considered for development. To facilitate this, DECCW developed Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants to clarify consultation requirements.

The Interim Community Consultation Requirements have now been reviewed following extensive consultation with stakeholders and replaced by the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.

A series of information sessions will be held across NSW. To find details of the nearest information session to you please go to [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences), email [ACHRegulation@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ACHRegulation@environment.nsw.gov.au) or call 131555.

For a copy of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* call 131 555, or download it from the web at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/)

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# Women sharing their knowledge



INDIGENOUS women from across the Hawkesbury-Nepean

catchment in NSW are at a conference this week to share their knowledge and stories about the regions waterways.

The conference 'Djuralie – Healthy River Healthy Communities... Our Rivers More than Just Water' – is on tomorrow and Friday at Mt Annan.

Hawkesbury-Nepean Aboriginal Advisory Committee member Dr Fran Bodkin said Indigenous women traditionally had a very close connection to waterways.

"Indigenous women continue this connection through their cultural practices and stories and we take seriously our responsibility to nurture and maintain the health of our local waterways," she said.

"At this conference we want to tap into this vast knowledge resource held by our local Indigenous women and for them to share what places in the catchment are important and why.

"We will also be providing a range of options for women outside of the formal proceedings to record stories they want to share – whether by video, writing or talking to someone."

The idea for the conference grew from local women attending last year's first statewide Aboriginal Women's Conference who requested a regionally focused event to bring local women together.

The conference has been made possible through the



Dr Fran Bodkin inspects a rock art site in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment.

sponsorship of the Federal Women and Tourism Minister; the Department of Environment, Heritage, Water and the Arts; the Department

of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Indigenous Leadership); the NSW Department of Environment,

Climate Change and Water and Mt Annan Botanic Gardens.

For conference details, call (02) 4725 3050.

# Gold miner joins Tennant Creek employment drive



A MAJOR gold explorer in the Barkly Region of the NT has joined a pre-employment program for Tennant Creek's budding Indigenous miners.

Local gold explorer Westgold Resources has joined transport contractor NRW and Bootu Creek mining site owner OM Managense Holdings in supporting a program to encourage more locals to take up a career in mining.

Developed in July 2009 by Skills DMC, the National Industry Skills Council, in conjunction with Charles Darwin University (CDU), the course gives students foundation skills in safety, communications and opportunities to experience life on a mining or exploration site.

Advice on course content was sought from key staff at the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine, the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the



Course participant Polly Dixon

Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI).

Managing Director of Westgold Resources Andrew Beckwith joined other involved parties to welcome participants for the most recent course.

He said Westgold was impressed with the program because it gave participants and their families a good insight in the

opportunities and realities of working on mining sites.

"It covers good core generalist skills that they will need in their future employment such as occupational health and safety including first-aid training, and critically, gives the opportunities for not only participants but also their family to come out and see where their relative might be working," Mr Beckwith said.

The course includes nationally accredited units from the Certificate I in Resource and Infrastructure Operations as well as providing literacy and numeracy support.

Polly Dixon, who attended the information session, said she was keen to make an opportunity for herself after moving to be with family in Tennant Creek. "I'm going to stick out the nine-week course because as a busy mum it's about making the most of it and Tennant Creek has so many great jobs on offer," she said.

# Institute crew on job at Alice sacred site



**BATCHELOR** Institute students are working with Landcare staff to install protective

fencing around a sacred site in Northside, Alice Springs.

The Landcare group was concerned about damage to the site in Maynard Park and obtained an NT Environment Grant to install fencing to keep bikes off the site and to discourage the use of shortcuts that are causing soil erosion.

The students are undertaking the project as part of their studies in Conservation and Land Management. Many are working as Indigenous rangers and learning about modern conservation practices while on the job.

Batchelor Institute Director Adrian Mitchell said that by working with Landcare, the students were gaining valuable exposure to the conservation industry and learning project management skills.

"By completing projects such as this they are also making a contribution to the



The Batchelor work crew working to protect the sacred site in Northside, Alice Springs.

community that will last into the future," he said.

Batchelor Institute is teaching the Conservation program across the Northern Territory, with classes

on-campus and in remote communities.

The Northern Territory-based Batchelor Institute is Australia's only dedicated Indigenous tertiary education

provider and offers a supportive study environment where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are respected and valued.

## 2010 Indigenous year for Magpies



THE Cowra Magpies of NSW are dedicating their 2010 rugby league season campaign as the Indigenous Heritage Year.

Spokesman Marc McLesh said the Magpies' history had been deeply influenced by Indigenous players and officials.

"The aim is to acknowledge the efforts of Indigenous players and officials in the Magpies history within the Group 10 competition," he said "We also intend to build awareness of the Wiradjuri people's contributions within the wider sporting community of Cowra."

The Magpies 2010 players' strip bears an altered Magpies logo as well as a Goanna design on the back painted by local artist David Newton.

The new look was to be launched at a gala day planned for the first home game on 8 May.

"We have also created a 'Koori All-star' team that will see the top 17 Indigenous players in Magpies history named in a merit team voted on by the local community," Mr McLesh said.

## Kimberley tourism future looks bright



INDIGENOUS tourism in the Fitzroy River and Kimberley region of Western Australia has a bright future. That was the assessment made by Indigenous tourism operators who took part in the recent Indigenous Tourism

Operators Forum at the Oongkalkada Wilderness Camp at Udialla on the banks of the Fitzroy River, about 200kms east of Broome.

The forum followed a similar event at the Jarlmadangah Burru Aboriginal Community last November and an Indigenous tourism workshop in Broome a year ago, organised by the Australian Conservation Foundation in conjunction with the Kimberley Land Council and Environs Kimberley.

Foundation Kimberley officer Paul Marshall said Indigenous tourism was a sector with enormous potential.

# Funding boost for Qld centres



INDIGENOUS Health Minister Warren Snowdon has announced an additional \$2.4 million for upgrades to four

Wellbeing Centres across Cape York.

The centres were established in 2008 as part of the Cape York reform trial to address increasing concerns from Elders and leaders about social health of the community.

They aim to address social and emotional well-being issues by providing a range of counselling services including drug and alcohol, mental health and domestic violence interventions.

"There's been a positive response, with a steady increase in client numbers and in most communities involved, more than a quarter of the local population are making use of the facilities," Mr Snowdon said.

The minister said the increased demand had resulted in the need for extra funding to expand existing services.



Staff members at the Aurukun Wellbeing Centre on Cape York.

## Swine flu strikes hard in Top End



INDIGENOUS people accounted for 72 per cent – or nearly three quarters – of all confirmed hospitalisations with human swine flu in the Top End over a three-month period last year, according to new research.

The *Medical Journal of Australia* has published online a report that says that from June to August 2009 there were 918 notified cases of swine flu in the Top End, and 161 hospital admissions – much higher than national rates and those reported overseas.

"Indigenous notification rates were 3.5 times higher than non-Indigenous notifications and ICU rates were five times higher," said report co-author Steven Tong.

"But what was particularly striking was that hospital admission rates for Indigenous people were 12 times higher. That rate of 269 hospitalisations per 100,000 population is the highest reported in literature."

## SA expands youth business program



THE South Australian Government is expanding the Young Indigenous Entrepreneur Program (YIEP) to get more Aboriginal high school students involved in business studies. Port Augusta, Kurna Plains and Woodville high schools are all confirmed YIEP locations for term two, as well as The Heights Modbury.

Small Business Minister Tom Koutsantonis said this year's program would involve 40 students, more than double the number who signed up during term four last year.

"YIEP gives young Aboriginal people the skills they need to ultimately operate a business and, in the meantime, makes them job ready," he said.



The fencing competition. Course graduates were split into teams and competed against each other in the bronco branding, fencing and the horse riding display.

# Graduates ride high



ABORIGINAL cowboys or jackaroos aren't hard to miss in Australia's country towns, mostly in the north.

They're often the ones with exceptionally straight backs, big hats, great shirts and an air of confidence.

But such figures have become fewer over the past 30 or 40 years, as the Indigenous rural workforce declined for a range of historical, social and economic reasons.

A fledgling training program being run on Queensland's Cape York is helping to change that.

Outstation North aims to better equip Indigenous young people to enter the rural workforce and is already delivering great results.

A partnership between Damien and Bridget Curr, a couple who own the 56,000-hectare Springvale Station at Lakeland on Cape York, and rural producers peak body Agforce has seen young Indigenous men who committed to a recent five-week intensive program developing skills in many aspects of station



Captains of the teams lined up ready to do the horse riding display. From left, Joseph Pluto (Borroloola NT), Nicholas Rosendale (Hopevale, Qld), Freddie Ara (Napranum, Qld), Anthony Savo (Weipa, Qld) and Craig Butcher (Lockhart River, Qld).

life, including horse-riding, mustering, and fencing.

And the young men, aged from 16 to their mid-20s, say the course has given them much more, building their confidence and sense of self-worth.

Seventeen-year-old Leroy

Greenwool told *The Cairns Post* that his old habits of drinking and smoking 'ganga' around the streets of his home town of Kowanyama were now gone.

"For a while we just all thought we were gangsters, but now I put on my cowboy hat and for the first

time I feel like I am a man," he said. "If I hadn't done this (the program) I'd still be just walking the streets all night, but now I feel like I can do something with my life."

With a Certificate II in Agriculture (beef production)

under their belts, all of Outstation North's first 17 graduates have since been offered full-time jobs, and 15 of them are already working.

A second program is currently under way, and at least two more lined up for later in the year.



The graduating group of 17. Of that number, 15 are currently in full-time ongoing employment on stations or mustering camps.

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# Children's book series launched



INDIGENOUS educator Trish Albert has written a children's book series and curriculum resource called *First Australians: Plenty Stories*, which was launched at the National Museum of Australia last month.

The 18-book series is a joint project by the National Museum of Australia and educational book publisher Pearson Australia, exploring different facets of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life in an accessible and classroom-friendly way.

"I hope this resource will help change the way Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures are taught and viewed in Australian schools," Ms Albert said. "Stories from many diverse Indigenous communities will for the first time become widely accessible. This series will help to raise the profile of Indigenous peoples in Australian school communities."

Books in the series range from historical tales like *Indigenous Sporting*

*Greats and Fighting for Rights*, to *Kaisiana's Journey to Torres Strait*, the story of a 12-year-old Indigenous girl retracing her roots.

The protagonist of the story Kaisiana Gibas (now 15) was one of the book subjects who attended the launch.



Author Trish Albert at the launch of *First Australians: Plenty Stories*.

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## Women wanted for pap test campaign



WOMEN who have had cervical cancer or an abnormal Pap test result, or people who have been affected by cervical cancer, are wanted to share their stories for a major awareness campaign this September being run by PapScreen Victoria.

Campaign organisers say they need spokespeople to raise awareness of the fact that regular Pap tests can help to prevent the disease. Full media training and support will be provided by PapScreen Victoria for those who would like to share their story. Contact Helen Marsden on (03) 9635 5427 or at [helen.marsden@cancervic.org.au](mailto:helen.marsden@cancervic.org.au) for a chat about becoming a spokesperson.

## 'Whole story' call on Governor Macquarie



THE NSW Government says this year's bicentenary of Lachlan Macquarie's arrival in Australia must tell 'the whole story'.

At a memorial ceremony on 18 April commemorating the 1816 Appin Massacre, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said it should not be forgotten that former NSW Governor Macquarie ordered the massacre, in which at least 14 Dharawal men, women and children were killed by soldiers on what are now Sydney's outskirts.

Members of the local Aboriginal community, representatives of Campbelltown City Council and other locals gathered at Cataract Dam at Appin on 18 April to acknowledge the traumatic historical event.

Mr Lynch emphasised the importance of 'truth-telling' in contemporary Australia.

## \$180,000 boost for Arnhem Land jobs



THE Federal Government has allocated \$180,000 to support employment and training initiatives in north-east Arnhem Land.

Federal Employment Participation Minister Mark Arbib said the Indigenous Employment Program funding would support a range of work by the Laynhapuy Homelands Association to support jobs and training.

"This funding will provide the necessary support Laynhapuy Homelands Association needs to continue their work in east Arnhem Land," Senator Arbib said.

## Disability brochure promotes hotline



A BROCHURE to encourage Indigenous Australians to access the National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline and Complaints Resolution and Referral Services (CRRS) has been launched.

Parliamentary Secretary for Disability Services Bill Shorten launched the guide to reporting abuse and neglect at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern.

"Around 37 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have some form of disability but very few have contacted the hotline or CRRS," he said.

The hotline number is 1800 880 052.

## Bush Traders on job in Darwin cottage



ABORIGINAL Bush Traders began operating from Lyons Cottage, the Museums and Galleries Northern Territory (MAGNT) heritage facility on The Esplanade in Darwin last month.

Aboriginal Bush Traders is a not-for-profit organisation that assists with the development, retail and promotion of Indigenous products and services from around the Top End region of Australia and says it will use Lyons Cottage to train Indigenous people in retail and tourism activities.

# Desert park gets a tick



THE Alice Springs Desert Park has been recognised with advanced accreditation for its commitment

to looking after the environment.

The park has received Advanced Ecotourism Accreditation and Respecting Our Culture Certification through Ecotourism Australia.

Advanced Ecotourism is awarded to businesses that are committed to achieving best practice when using resources wisely, contributing to the conservation of the

environment and helping local communities.

Desert Park Visitor Services Manager Olivia Chandler said the recognition reflected the key values of Desert Park.

"The Alice Springs Desert Park strives to give its visitors a unique experience with minimal impact on the environment," Ms Chandler said.

"Achieving Advanced Ecotourism Accreditation signifies to visitors to the Desert Park that we are dedicated to environmentally sustainable practice and utilising and preserving the Territory's natural resources."

The Alice Springs Desert Park also received Respecting Our Culture Certification, which is awarded to businesses that are committed to protecting cultural authenticity and integrity, developing sound business practices, environmental protection and businesses that acknowledge Indigenous peoples spiritual connection to the land and water.

Ms Chandler said receiving the Respecting Our Culture Certification was evidence of the Desert Park's commitment to maintaining operational standards that respected Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"The Desert Park site is of significant cultural importance to the local Arrernte people and includes parts of the Akngwelye Artnwere and Yeperenye Altyerre (Wild Dog and Caterpillar dreaming stories)," Ms Chandler said.

"The Desert Park provides a sensitive and realistic insight into Aboriginal culture by display and interpretation of the traditional use of plants and animals and with regular liaison with local Aboriginal groups."

● For more information on Ecotourism Australia visit <http://www.ecotourism.org.au/>



Olivia Chandler and senior park guide Doug Taylor with the Desert Park's electric vehicle which assists visitors around the park.

# Gumbaynggir share land to create new national park



NATIVE title claimant and respected Gumbaynggir Elder Aunty Jessie Williams said Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) was very important to her people. The area on the north coast of NSW was officially gazetted as a new national park on 22 April. It contains significant sites demonstrating the continuous use of the area by Aboriginal people for thousands of years.

"Apart from the spiritual significance, it was a gathering place to teach young people about the seaside, the sea, the fish, plants and animals as well," Aunty Jessie said.

"Now that it is in Aboriginal hands it gives us a feeling of security. We continue to carry out our cultural practices."

The new national park is mostly accessible from the water and is an easy boat ride from Nambucca Heads in the north or Scotts Head from the south. It will be managed by a board made up of a majority of Aboriginal owners, as well as government and community representatives, including Nambucca Shire Council.

NSW Climate Change and Environment Minister Frank Sartor acknowledged the generosity of the Gumbaynggir people for sharing their land with the community in the form of a national park.

"The Nambucca and Unkya Local Aboriginal Land Councils and an Aboriginal negotiation panel including highly respected community representatives have been negotiating since 2002 to create this national park," he said.

"This is a great outcome for the Gumbaynggir people and the broader community."

Mr Sartor said there would be funding to manage the new national park and this would create employment opportunities for the Aboriginal community.



A view of Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) National Park.



Aboriginal negotiation panel member Francine Edwards and Uncle Harry Mumbulla, from the Nambucca Local Aboriginal Land Council, on Warrell Creek, which borders the new national park.



The work crew at Sandstone Caves, from left, Garry Winsor, Angus Lamb, David Barker, Randall Ruttley, Glen Ruttley and Clinton Lamb.

# Men preserve heritage



ABORIGINAL men in the Barradine area of NSW have been preserving their heritage as part of a National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) program.

The men have been undertaking a three-week project to protect Aboriginal rock art and heritage and improve visitor facilities in the Pilliga forest.

NPWS Baradine ranger Michael Murphy said the team worked at the Sandstone Caves in Pilliga Nature Reserve and Pilliga East (Wilalla) Aboriginal Area.

"The project was initiated and supported by the Gawambaraay Pilliga

Co-management Committee, made up of Elders and Aboriginal people from the local area, and was supported by the Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council," he said.

"The team of six men were nominated by their respective communities to be employed for this project as part of a program to support the ongoing strong connection the Gamilaroi people have with the Pilliga forest.

"One part of the project was working with neighbours of Pilliga East (Wilalla) Aboriginal Area to maintain and protect an example of the historic dog-proof fence which forms part of the boundary of the reserve.

"The group worked with

neighbours Rudi and Daniel Palinkas to clear vegetation along a 1.3km section of the dog-proof fence to preserve an example of this important heritage item built during the Great Depression.

"It is great to see reserve neighbours and the Aboriginal community work together on this project and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

## Significant

"Other works at Pilliga East (Wilalla) Aboriginal Area included installing steel mesh flooring at a significant Aboriginal rock art site to protect the art by deterring goats from using the rock shelter."

NPWS Aboriginal field

officer Mark Cain said the team also conducted improvement works on the walking track at the Sandstone Caves in Pilliga nature reserve.

"The guys worked hard installing new dual-language signage and seats at the caves, as well as building a new section of walking track to avoid a steep section on the old track, making it easier for everyone to enjoy a visit to Sandstone Caves," Mr Cain said.

The Sandstone Caves is an important area for the local Gamilaroi Aboriginal people and a popular visitor attraction where people can see ancient Aboriginal rock art and gain an appreciation of local Aboriginal culture.

# Expert warns over bullying



ABORIGINAL children are being bullied daily and require their own solutions to tackle the problem, according to an Indigenous health worker. Julie Coffin, from the Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health in Western Australia, told the National Centre Against Bullying Conference in Melbourne last month that football, netball and other sports academies in Aboriginal communities were making the problem worse.

They did this by dividing the community further, said Ms Coffin, an expert in Aboriginal health.

But the organisations and corporations backing these programs, often with huge sums of money, were not seeing the problem, she said.

"They can't see it. Can you just tell me what happens to the Aboriginal kids who are not good at sport? There are those kids who are very undervalued if they are not playing sport," Ms Coffin said.

"We are creating another layer of the haves and the have-nots. Unfortunately,

what looks positive is having quite a negative effect."

One Indigenous sports academy – the Clontarf Foundation – declined to respond to Ms Coffin's criticism on the basis that the criticism was non-specific.

"We have no knowledge of problems in our academies," a spokesman said.

The Clontarf Foundation targets 'at risk' groups in Australia, establishing sports academies at established schools.

## Expanded

It began with Australian football for boys, but has since expanded to include girls in sports such as netball and basketball. Its academies are in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Participants must attend school regularly and abide by sets of rules designed to allow them to take their place in society.

The Clontarf Foundation uses sport as a vehicle to achieve its goals.

Ms Coffin's research also revealed that 95 per cent of bullying occurred amongst Aboriginal people themselves. This was the

result of a study of more than 300 people of the Yamaji community in WA.

Mainstream bullying programs did not work because they did not address Aboriginal culture and a life-time of oppression, which had resulted in post-traumatic issues and parenting issues, Ms Coffin said.

"Bullying is not even used as a word in Aboriginal communities," she said.

"Violence is normalised, it's cyclic and there's children growing up under a lot of pressure to conform to this behaviour.

"There are very few Aboriginal families you talk to that it doesn't affect. It's there all the time, it doesn't go away."

Ms Coffin said a sense of 'haves and have-nots' and jealousy, and use of drugs and alcohol, were fuelling the problem.

"If you live in a poverty situation and that's your life and that's your knowledge, jealousy is going to be second nature to you," she said.

Looking back to traditional ways of resolving disputes was part of the solution, such as learning and healing circles and shared care, she said

# NSW push for foster carers



THE NSW Government has embarked on a major recruitment drive for foster carers, with a particular focus on Aboriginal carers.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney launched the drive in late April at a function in Hyde Park, Sydney.

The recruitment drive is an initiative of Fostering NSW, a joint government and non-government campaign.

As part of the campaign there will be advertisements on television, radio and in newspapers.

"We want to get the message out far and wide, and start a public conversation about the importance of fostering and the urgent need for more people to take up this

important role," Ms Burney said.

"Fostering isn't always easy, but helping to improve the health and happiness of a child who is unable to live with their family can be a truly rewarding experience. A safe, stable and loving home can truly change a child or young person's life.

"I encourage people to think about fostering and consider whether they have the patience, compassion and energy to help children and young people in need. "The first step is to find out more and you can do this by visiting [www.fosteringnsw.com.au](http://www.fosteringnsw.com.au) and listening to the stories of real-life carers online.

"Research tells us that many people have never even thought of fostering, so I hope the campaign acts as a catalyst, and the website and the call centre

will help people get the information they need to make an informed choice."

Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) Bill Pritchard said it was great to see the need to recruit and train more Aboriginal carers was being acknowledged by the campaign.

"It is imperative that Aboriginal children entering the care system remain connected to culture, and to ensure this we need a pool of trained and accredited Aboriginal carers to look after our children when they come into care," he said.

Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Children's Welfare Association Andrew McCallum said the campaign was a timely joint initiative, given the Government's commitment

to expand the role of non-government organisations in out-of-home care in line with the five-year plan 'Keep Them Safe'.

"What many people may not realise is that you don't need to be a married couple with children to foster," he said.

"Carers come from all walks of life; they can be single, de facto, with or without children and from any religious or cultural background or geographical area.

"The Fostering NSW website has information about each of the agencies involved in caring in this state, so you can see which one suits you best."

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training, casework and peer support and a fortnightly allowance to cover day-to-day expenses.

# Summa carries on a family 'tradition'

SUMMA NAYLOR has only one sister, but while she was growing up in Armidale, northern NSW, there were always plenty of other kids around the house.

"That's because my mother had an open-door policy of welcoming our cousins and friends to stay for long periods," Ms Naylor, who lives in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, said.

Now 26 and a single parent with one daughter, Ms Naylor realised she wanted to carry on her mother's open-door policy and raise children other than her own.

At one point, she saw an advertisement in *The Koori Mail* calling for more Aboriginal foster carers and this spurred her to train as a foster carer.

Joining her at the training sessions was her mother, now living in Sydney as well, who wanted to use her vast child-rearing experience to benefit the wider Aboriginal community.

"We desperately need more Aboriginal foster carers to help our kids develop a sense of belonging and acceptance," Ms Naylor said.

"They can get love and stability elsewhere, of course, but I'd love to see more Aboriginal carers come on board for these kids to provide loving homes and a connection to their culture."

Last year, Ms Naylor welcomed a three-year-old Aboriginal foster daughter into her home for a long-term placement. She took a year off work to ensure the transition went smoothly.

"I didn't want to rush it," she said. The transition has gone well and



Summa Naylor with her birth daughter.

the little girl is now thriving, talkative and very fond of 'mum' and 'sissy'.

Ms Naylor will go back to work later this year. She works full-time at a university where she recruits tutors for Aboriginal students. She thinks that people who work full-time can manage fostering.

"I was wondering how I was going to organise those initial interviews with the caseworker, which take place at home during working hours so they

can see how you live," she said.

"I was very lucky as my boss was totally supportive of my plan to foster. I worked through lunch hours and then left early to meet the caseworker. It all worked out well."

There is a sizable Aboriginal community in the suburb where Ms Naylor lives, and she is now busy spreading the word amongst the community about the urgent need for foster carers.

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# Health award winners honoured



ORGANISATIONS and individuals have been recognised in new national Indigenous health quality and excellence awards.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon presented recipients with their awards at the Healthy for Life and New Directions Mothers and Babies Services Health Awards in Brisbane on 29 April.

The awards follow a

conference bringing together representatives who deliver Healthy for Life and New Directions Mothers programs, which focus on child and maternal health care, early detection and management of chronic disease and men's health.

Mr Snowdon said the six award winners highlighted the innovation and leadership being demonstrated by organisations and individuals in addressing the Government's targets to close the

gap in life-expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians.

The award recipients are:

- Noel Hayman (Brisbane, Qld) – Individual Contribution to Closing the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes.

- Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation (Broken Hill, NSW) – Organisational Contribution to Closing the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes.

- Julie Wilson (East

- Gippsland, Vic) – Recognition of Service, Individual Contribution to Closing the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes.

- Inala Indigenous Health Service (Brisbane, Qld) – Recognition of Service, Organisational Contribution to Closing the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes.

- Dennis Scott (Bega/Eden, NSW) – Encouragement Award, Individual Contribution to Closing

the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes.

- Mawarnkarra Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (Roebourne, WA) – Encouragement Award, Organisational Contribution to Closing the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes.

Nominations for the awards were assessed against the criteria of effectiveness, sustainability, innovation, adaptability, cultural relevance and leadership.



Artist James Simon, of Redfern, shows one of his paintings, 'Billabong'.



The Babana Aboriginal Men's Group, from Redfern, came to lend their support to the day and promote positive health messages.



Jaiki Pitt, 10, with his parents Andrew Pitt and Aboriginal lawyer Terri Janke.

# 'Me-mel' history revived

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOR some history buffs, Goat Island – one of the five islands managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) as part of Sydney Harbour National Park – holds a wealth of insight into Australia's colonial and convict past.

But for the traditional owners of Me-mel, the Aboriginal name for Goat Island, it was once a thriving port where the Aboriginal tribes gathered.

Their bark canoes have not been seen since the early 1800s when the Island became a base for the armaments complex, built by convicts and Aboriginal prisoners, holding the early British colony's gunpowder and forcing the local tribes off their land.

But a joint initiative between the Tribal Warrior Association and NPWS has brought to life again the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the island and its connection to local tribes.

Last week, the gathering 'Me-mel: Goat Island through Bennelong's Eyes' introduced visitors to the island's Aboriginal history in what is hoped will become a regular part of the Goat Island experience.

Tribal Warrior CEO Shane Phillips led tours around the island and said it was important to highlight the strong ties that Aboriginal people had to the land and the significance of the day – Aboriginal people had not practised culture or language on the Island since the early 1800s.

"This is a highly significant day for Aboriginal people," Mr Phillips said. "We want to share the history of our mob with others."

"When the colony took over in the early 1800s, that was the last time the bark canoes were seen here and we haven't

practised culture on this island since then."

On arrival, visitors were welcomed to country by Elder Uncle Max Eulo who performed a smoking ceremony. Mr Phillips said this was an important first step in the island's cleansing and healing of the past – groups walked through the smoke to begin the first cultural tour.

"It's a simple idea really, we want to showcase the Aboriginal culture of Sydney Harbour, we want it to be about our own mob. Our young people know all of these stories and we want to keep that alive," he said.

Mr Phillips said Goat Island was significant for Aboriginal people because of its connection to Woollarawarre Bennelong, one of the first Aboriginal



Tribal Warrior CEO Shane Phillips speaks of Goat Island's little known Indigenous history.

people to be captured, in 1789, by the British, and who went on to form an unlikely friendship with his captor, Governor Arthur Philip, even travelling with him to England in 1792.

NPWS Goat Island Ranger Robert Newton said the story of Bennelong formed an important connection to the island's history.

"Goat Island was reportedly a special place for Bennelong, one of the most well-known Aboriginal men in the early years of the colony," he said.

"He was often seen on Goat Island with his wife Barangaroo and he told colonists that the island had belonged to his father."

With about 100 visitors to the island, Mr Phillips said last month's event was the start of what he hoped would be a successful alliance between Tribal Warrior and NPWS.

"This is part of our bigger vision for Aboriginal cultural tourism in Sydney. We're also focusing on the next generation of young Aboriginal people, teaching them how to run a successful business and focusing them on something they can do, and do well," Mr Phillips said.



## Special mention for our service personnel



ABORIGINAL service personnel, border security personnel and the families of serving soldiers

received special mentions at Darwin's Anzac Day service.

Northern Command chief Commodore David Gwyther spoke not so much of the landing at Gallipoli 95 years ago but of the Territorians who had since 'personified the Anzac spirit'.

"We know the Anzac spirit has and always will march on," he told a crowd of a few thousand shortly before dawn at the cenotaph on Darwin's esplanade.

Commodore Gwyther paid tribute to the Aboriginal Territorians who have served in the Australian Defence Force.

"Their service is a testament to the Anzac spirit and shows how willingness to serve transcends the wide fabric of our nation," he said.

The men and women from the Army, Navy and Royal Australian Air Force, who worked in border protection were not often acknowledged on Anzac Day.

### Demanding

"A large number live here in the Territory (taking part) in this demanding, tiring, emotionally testing and, as we saw last year, hazardous work," Commodore Gwyther said.

He said that in coming weeks more of the personnel involved in the SIEV 36 asylum-seeker boat explosion would be recognised for their 'initiative, compassion and perseverance'.

As the sun rose above Darwin harbour, and against a backdrop of pink and mauve sky, a hair-raising bugle sounded the Last Post across the Darwin city centre.

Representatives from various community and government groups from both the Northern Territory and East Timor laid wreaths one by one at the foot of the cenotaph.

After the dawn service, Federal Population and Agriculture Minister Tony Burke said Darwin was a fitting place to spend Anzac Day.

"Given what happened here with the Darwin invasion all those years ago, the spirit of an Anzac ceremony takes a different tone here compared to any other part of Australia," he said.

"The real need to defend our nation strikes home when you're in Darwin." - AAP



World War II veteran Enemarki Zaro and son-in-law Tebay Marou in a jeep.

# Townsville claps for our veterans



Vietnam veteran, Aboriginal man John Deshong, waves to the crowd from a jeep.

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL Vietnam veteran John Deshong and World War II Light Infantry Brigade serviceman Enemarki Zaro were clapped and cheered at as they rolled by in jeeps during an Anzac Day parade and march in Townsville.

Indigenous people were well represented in what Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell said was the biggest march he had seen in the city, with more than 40,000 men, women and children watching. Hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were amongst those who queued 10-deep at some parts to watch the march.

Scores of Indigenous children and youths were represented amongst marchers from the 34 local schools.

The march was broadcast on ABC Radio by John Nutting with assistance from retired army brigadier Neil Weekes.

"Indigenous people have played a major role in our defence forces even back before they were given the right to vote," Brig Weekes said.

Light rain at Anzac Park did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance, as dignitaries gave speeches and wreaths were placed at the cenotaph.

Mr Zaro, 92, is one of the oldest living members of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion, which served with distinction during World War II. He was reportedly the oldest veteran at the entire Townsville event, and his son-in-law Tebay Marou was a passenger with him in the jeep as it travelled along the Strand.

"I can remember serving on Horn Island during the war and at times we went underground," Mr Zaro told *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Zaro's daughter, Lydia Marou, grandson Mimi Marou, 12, nephew Patrick Neliman and niece Mavis Neliman were all there to support Mr Zaro, who said he hoped to be back for the 2011 service.



Veteran Enemarki Zaro with family members, back from left, Tebay Marou, Mimi Marou, 12, and Patrick Neliman and front, Mavis Neliman (left) and Lydia Marou.



An Indigenous lance-corporal at the Townsville ceremony.

# Coloured Diggers march in streets of Redfern



Uncle Max Eulo did a smoking ceremony as people made their way into Redfern Park for the ceremony.



Visitors from New Zealand and members of the Maori Battalion were on hand to show their support for the Coloured Diggers. They were Lyn Speirs, Allie Watson, Parenihi Mikaere and Anne Worsley.



At the service were Buddy Parsons, Rexy Smith, William Hudson, Marlon Kelly, Guy Mitchell, Michael Kelly, Pam Handy, Jaharlyn Mitchell, Gary Mitchell and Nathaniel Warren. Mr Parson and Ms Handy are Aboriginal Community liaison officers with Dareton Police, and the boys helped set up and took part in the march.



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney was there.



Shane Phillips, Private Greg Stouffers and Mark Morgan.

By **DARREN COYNE**



ABOUT 200 people converged on Redfern Park on Anzac Day after taking part in the Coloured Diggers

March through the streets of Redfern.

They were there to honour the fallen – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who had served their country in every conflict since the Boer War, often without recognition.

Coloured Diggers Project co-ordinator Pastor Ray Minniecon said the service in Redfern gave the community an opportunity to recognise the services of those Indigenous men and women.

"In the past Aboriginal Diggers were not permitted to march with their comrades in Anzac Day parades or join them in the traditional after-march gatherings," he said.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans did not access

veteran's benefits. All too often, the names of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Diggers were omitted from war memorials in cities and towns across the length and breadth of Australia.

"Some Diggers even returned home to find that while they had been overseas fighting for their country, their children had been taken and placed in institutions."

NSW Premier Kristina Kenneally told the audience, made up of veterans, their families and supporters, that the Coloured Diggers event was her favourite part of Anzac Day.

Aunty Sylvia Scott provided the Welcome to Country, and reflected on the fact that 'so many went and fought so we could be safe'.

There were also performances by The Donovans, a dance by Terry Olson to the poem, *The Coloured Digger*, and a theatrical piece by Kate Beckett, which has been based around that poem which tells the story of her great uncle Harold West.



Former submariner Peter Wallen, of the Gold Coast, catches up with Uncle Les Lang, from Toomelah.

# Anzac Day 2010



Coloured Diggers marchers share a yarn along the way in Redfern.



Mick Mundine places a wreath at a memorial to those killed in battle.



Warrant Officer Colin Watego spoke about initiatives to attract Indigenous people into the Australian Defence Force.



Pastor Ray Minniecon sings during the Anzac Day ceremony.



Bagpiper Kyol Blakeney, of the Central Coast, with his maternal grandmother Rhonda Gray, Eunice Roberts and Leon Winters, of Katherine.



Coloured Digger co-ordinator Harry Allie, of the Indigenous Coordination Centre, is presented with a didgeridoo by Sydney MP and Federal Minister Tanya Plibersek.

# Aboriginal-Maori ceremony a first

By Perth Correspondent **KEN BOASE**



A SMALL event in the courtyard of a hotel in the Perth suburb of Midland made history on Anzac Day with the first Aboriginal-Maori commemoration ceremony in West Australian and, perhaps, Australian history.

The event was organised by the local Maori community in conjunction with the Honouring Indigenous War Graves (HIWG) group and was seen as a significant healing event between the two groups who have clashed violently in the past.

HIWG Manager John Schnaars said that the two groups coming together on Anzac Day was a powerful symbol of unity forged by the 'commonality between the two cultures' and the fact that many of their common ancestors fought side by side in war.

"Being a part of this Kiwi service here meant a lot because I was always taught about the Anzacs and my father fought in those wars so it was a really important occasion to be able to honour the New Zealand and Australian servicemen together," Mr Schnaars said.

"It's an event where we're recognising Indigenous servicemen who years ago never got anything, and a few were able to march but they had to march at the rear and the majority of them weren't even allowed to march.

"So when we do march, that's who we're marching for, and to be able to put that and come together with the Kiwis and acknowledge the part that Maori had in the war is really something special."

HIWG member and Nyoongar community leader Colin Headland, the son of famous sportsman and veteran of two wars Edward George Headland, said Aboriginal and Maori people had much in common.

"When we get invited to participate with



● **ABOVE:** Nyoongar leader Colin Headland and Maori Elder Bob Kihī at the Anzac Day commemoration service in Perth.

● **RIGHT:** HIWG Manager John Schnaars ... "It's an event where we're recognising Indigenous servicemen who years ago never got anything."



another Indigenous group I feel proud of it and our backgrounds are very similar and they're a part of us," Mr Headland said.

Maori Elder Bob Kihī said that the Nyoongar and Maori communities of Perth had a long history of contact and had worked together closely since the early 1990s, giving a clear framework and

understanding of the protocols between the two groups.

"We always ask the Aboriginals first if we want to have a community event. We must get the Nyoongar people to bless the area and these things are very important to us, and this Anzac Day was a wonderful opportunity to bring people together," Mr

Kihī said. "It's very important that this tradition of coming together be passed on and passed down to our young ones.

"Conflict among our kids has been caused by alcohol and drugs."

Mr Headland agreed, saying drugs and alcohol were ruining children's lives and it was up to both communities to teach youth to respect each other's place, and especially to respect Nyoongar and Maori Elders.

The HIWG group has applied for more funding to continue its work of providing a proper burial for deceased Aboriginal returned servicemen, many of whom still lie in unmarked graves all over Australia.

Mr Schnaars said that up to 500 deceased Indigenous ex-servicemen in WA were buried without any recognition of their war service record, and most did not even have a headstone.

The HIWG group has spent the past several years providing appropriate commemorations at about 100 grave sites in WA, Victoria and South Australia.

"There were thousands of Indigenous men and women who served in the first and second world wars but we'll never know the full extent of how many served because many of them took Indian or New Zealand names or took the names of the stations they were working on," Mr Schnaars said.

"If they had light skin they had to deny their Aboriginal heritage and say they were white people and all of that because they wanted to fight for their country, and it's a shame that a country like ours could do that, particularly when we were pointing the finger at South Africa for being racist.

"I had a call from a lady who wants me to put headstones on two of her uncles who are buried in Bourke, and one was awarded the Military Medal and one was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and they're in two unmarked graves in Bourke (NSW)."

# Questioning the Anzac tradition

## BOOK REVIEW

**What's Wrong with ANZAC – The Militarisation of Australian History**  
by Marilyn Lake and Henry Reynolds  
New South Books 192pp  
\$29.95

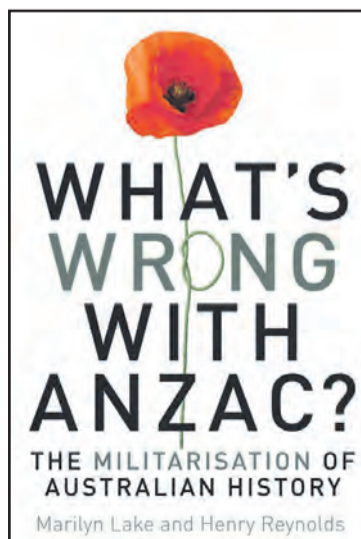
HENRY REYNOLDS, the respected author of *Frontier* and *Why Weren't We Told?*, about the Aboriginal resistance to white settlement, has ventured forth again with a new book co-authored with Marilyn Lake.

And *What's Wrong With Anzac – The Militarisation of Australian History*, is causing some controversy.

Prof Reynolds is concerned that the 'militarisation' of the Anzac tradition through official commemorations is sending the wrong message to young people. He argues that this has eclipsed other aspects of our history, especially the wars Aborigines fought with the British invaders, and how we became a nation.

He says this does not undervalue the Diggers at Gallipoli, which like all wars was a terrible tragedy.

Instead, he suggests 'a Memorial Day' that remembers all soldiers who have fought in wars overseas, including our Aboriginal soldiers. The nation's selective memory still does not fully recognise our own early frontier wars between blacks and whites, which are not represented in the Australian War Memorial.



"No official attempt has ever been made to find, mark and commemorate the sites where

Aborigines were shot down by settlers, soldiers and police," writes Reynolds and Lake.

In their book, the authors argue for a more multi-layered approach to Australian history. For instance, Prof Lake writes: "Surely it is inappropriate for a modern democratic nation to adopt an imperial, masculine, militarist event as the focus of our national self-definition?"

Prof Reynolds adds that before Gallipoli, Australia was becoming a progressive nation, 'the first years of the new Commonwealth (1901), ... introduced women's rights, a living wage, old-age pensions, and kindred measures that pioneered the welfare state'. It was also a time when going to war was fiercely debated internationally, and in 1901 the first Nobel

Peace Prize was established.

Ironically, academic Mark McKenna writes in a chapter of the book that Anzac Day is now developing some of the same problems inherent in Australia Day.

"The dilemma was expressed succinctly in a slogan formulated by the Aboriginal protest movement: 'White Australia has a Black History'," it says.

In the final chapter, Lake and Reynolds argue that celebrating an invasion shows that we feel 'no embarrassment, indeed even feel pride, in our invasion of Turkey at the behest of the British ... The key premise of the Anzac legend is that nations and men are made in war. It is an idea that had currency 100 years ago. It is now time for Australia to cast it aside.'

— Margaret Smith

# Focus on youth pride



FOR Gamilaraay man Matthew Priestley, one of the great tragedies facing Indigenous youth is the loss of their cultural identity.

It's something his company Desert Pea Media is hoping to address with the Indigenous cultural media mentoring project 'Step by Step - Flat Country' which was launched in Moree, north-west NSW, last week.

"It's all about building pride and acknowledging our past and what really happened in our country, and making our young people understand," he said. "One of the biggest failures of modern society is our young people are losing their sense of identity and who they are.

"There's so much lost, and that's what we're hoping to get back from this project."

Last week's launch featured film and hip-hop music productions, developed and presented by local young people - the culmination of mentoring in the communities of Boggabilla, Collarenebri and Mungindi.

Mr Priestley said Desert Pea Media was hoping to encourage young people to start documenting country and story.

"A lot of media groups that come into our country, they take the stories away. In a lot of communities that's all they've got left," he said.

Desert Pea Media co-director Toby Finlayson



Step by Step participant Robert Murray filming in Collarenebri and, inset, Step by Step participants Ronald Duncan, left, and Robert McGrady in Mungindi making a hip hop music video.

said the 'Step by Step' project was a pilot and aimed at engaging young people with culture by using

contemporary media. He said it was something the company had been working towards for 10 years.

"This is a pilot project and we're looking to get support from the local community," he said.

"We're hoping to be working in 18 communities in the Gamilaraay Nation in 2011."

## James Cook University honour for Ernie Grant



ERNIE GRANT has spent most of his life learning and then passing on his language and culture.

And that work has now been recognised by James Cook University, which has awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Letters.

Dr Grant, a Jirrbalngan (north Qld) man, has been a long-time campaigner for Aboriginal culture and values.

Working in the timber industry before turning to education, he devised an Aboriginal culture and language unit which was taught at Tully High School, and went on to become cultural research officer with the Queensland Department of Education, based in Cairns.

In that role he taught widely about Aboriginal cultural traditions and values.

Dr Grant has developed and catalogued a comprehensive collection of local historical information about his people,



Dr Ernie Grant (left) after receiving his honour with his friend and colleague Professor Bob Dixon.

and has traced the movement of the Aboriginal peoples of northern Queensland and the life of local Aboriginal communities through the food sources that became available.

One of his big achievements during the past few years has been the initiation and development of the Echo Creek

Cultural Centre just south of Tully, which is visited by students from schools and institutions across northern Queensland.

Now a respected Elder of the Jirrbalngan people, Dr Grant provides advice, adjudicates in disputes, and sees that the correct course of action is followed.



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# 'Careers, not jobs'

By MICHAEL WINKLER



ONE important aspect in the push for improved Indigenous education outcomes is often overlooked – what happens when secondary schooling ends? While it is essential that school outcomes for Indigenous students improve, it is also essential that school-leavers are given opportunities and support.

This was the theme of a conference attended by Indigenous and other education, community and business leaders in Melbourne. Delegates from every state and territory gathered in a meeting room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Simon Fewings, who co-ordinates the Dare to Lead School to Work Project in Mildura, said the high rate of Koori unemployment in his area led to a lack of role models.

"What I have found is young people all have career aspirations," he said.

"They all want to do something. They have career aspirations. I have never met a parent who does not have aspirations for their kids.

"When Kooris are employed in Mildura it is low-visibility employment. You don't see the Aboriginal people who are employed in our community.

"People in our community are employed in Koori-specific positions or in community organisations. We have low mainstream employment, and perhaps most importantly, minimal small business presence.

"Aboriginal people want careers, not jobs. We want to be paid right for what we're doing. Everyone does. You need to value the skills of Aboriginal employees, and I don't see that happening."

Mr Fewings said school-based training



Dare to Lead School to Work Project in Mildura co-ordinator Simon Fewings.

was an area of great need and also great opportunity.

"The challenge is there, for businesses to make sense of this at a strategic and economic level, but it will not happen without buy-in at management level," he said.

"Leadership needs to set 'smart' goals: Specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely. We need to hold business and other leaders accountable to those goals – not just pointing fingers backwards at students, schools and community. The expectations are pretty clear from community about what they want in this area.

"Something that can be really destructive is training programs disguised as employment. If there are traineeships with



Benson Saulo, of the ANZ Bank, left, with Richard Fry of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in Geelong, Victoria.

no commitment to ongoing employment it is a waste of time.

"What happens when that occurs is people leaving school or TAFE put their hand up for a one-year traineeship with no future pathway, and that has a demoralising and destructive impact on individuals."

### Partnership the key

Mr Fewings said partnership was the key. "But it must be genuine and must encompass all stakeholders," he said.

"For me, the key starting point is that Aboriginal communities need to be engaged at the strategic level. Everything flows from there. If you don't have that, you're creating strategic plans in isolation and things won't work."

Speakers at the Dare to Lead event came from the corporate, education and community sectors. Participants were organised into small groups, each of which incorporated people with diverse backgrounds and knowledge areas.

Guest speaker former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma provided the most recent data on a wide range of key indicators relating to the health, welfare and social situation of Indigenous Australians.

Human resources expert and businesswoman Lani Blanco-Francis was moderator of the event.

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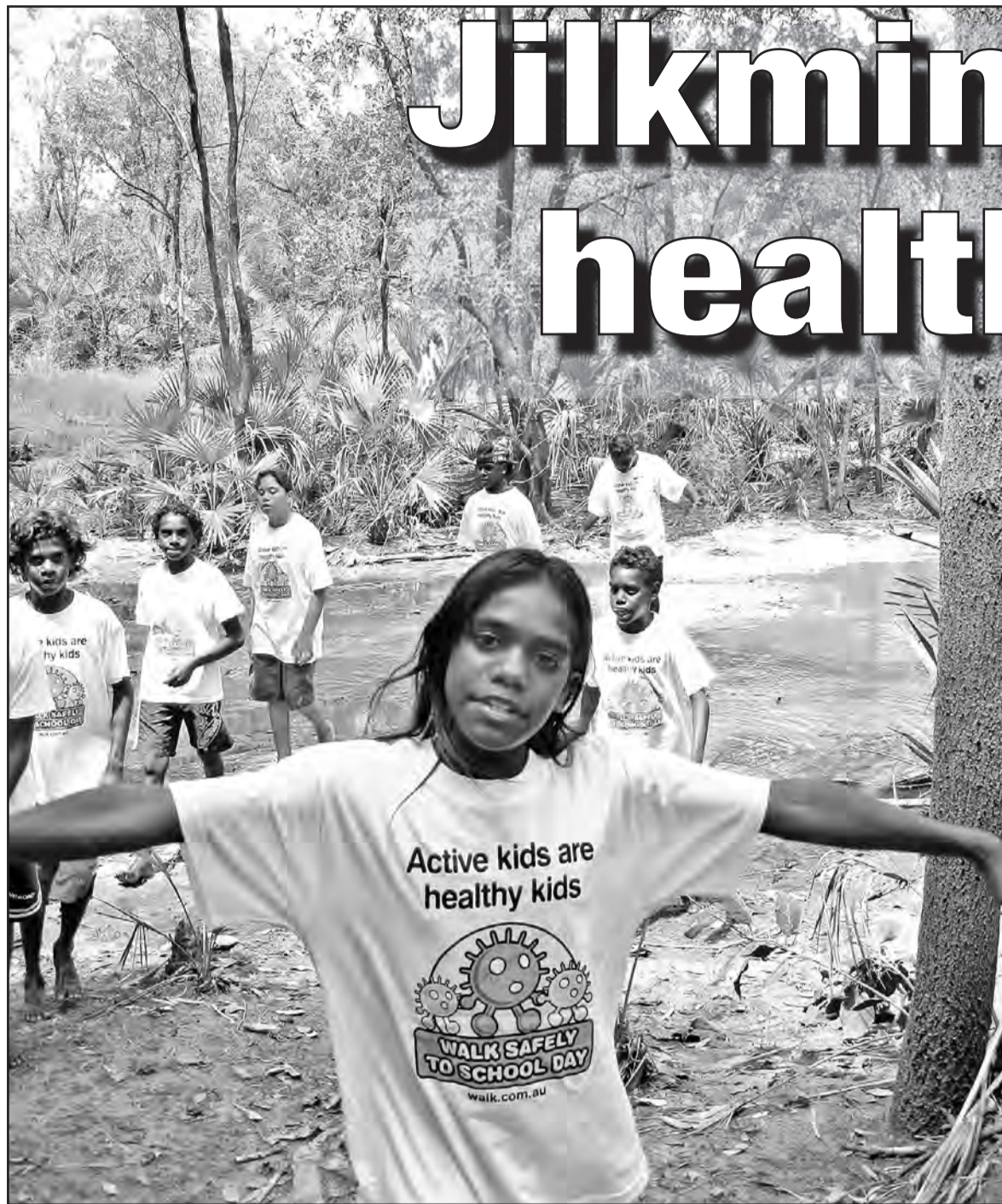
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# Jilkminggan's healthy feat



Jilkminggan Primary School students walking to school safely – NT style. They are, at front, Tarlisha Hodgson, then fellow students Lazarus Roy, Ossie Daylight, Metallica Sambo, Wanirr Godden, Jordan Sambo and Jarrod Henderson.



JILKMINGGAN School, about 45kms east of Mataranka in the Northern Territory has 110 students –

and virtually every one of them walks to school.

Principal Des Barritt says some students walk up to 1km through the bush and across streams.

"It's certainly a great way to start each day and, luckily, there are no crocodiles in this area," he said.

"This is a very safe community, with few vehicles. We do have a small bus which picks up pre-school and special-needs students.

"But everyone else walks. In fact, in the 28 years that I have worked in remote communities, Jilkminggan people walk the most.

"This has got to be a good thing – for their health and the environment."

The school will be taking part in this Friday's National Walk Safely to School Day, a Pedestrian Council of Australia initiative to promote the message that Active Kids are Healthy Kids.

Now in its 11th year, the

event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity a day. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease traffic congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.

Meanwhile, the search is on to find the Northern Territory's Walking Class Hero, with students invited to submit 50 words or less about why they like to walk. The writer of the winning story will be recognised as The Official Walking Class Hero Territory Ambassador and receive an official Walk Safely to School Day prize pack which includes a trophy, a brand new pair of Start-Rite school shoes, a new Nyda backpack and Walk Safely to School Day T-shirt.

To be in the running, submit a 50-word story to [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

Schools can also win \$500 worth of Nyda sports equipment by submitting photos to the same website.

## SCU doctorate for Langford



ABORIGINAL author and historian Dr Ruby Langford Ginibi has received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Southern Cross University in northern NSW. Dr

Ginibi was one of the speakers at a ceremony last month at which 400 students graduated from SCU.

She spoke about the history of her Bundjalung people, the importance of teaching the new generation to read and understand that history, and to do all they could to help make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal people.

"I am proud of how far I have come in my life. I had to leave school to earn a living when I was just 13-years-old," she said.

"I was in the lowest class 2F at Casino High School. I didn't have the same rights and opportunities as young people have today.

"At one time I had to earn my living by working in a fencing gang with men because there was no other way I could feed my family."

Dr Langford hoped that the new university graduates would realise how fortunate they were and what a positive contribution they could make to the lives of Aboriginal people through their attitudes and actions.

Her best-known book is her autobiographical work, *Don't Take Your Love to Town*, published in 1988, which won the Human Rights Award for Literature.

She has also written non-fiction books, essays, poems and short stories.

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Applications to be received at The University of Queensland (St Lucia campus) no later than 20 October 2010.



# New direction for AADS

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



THE new Executive Director of the Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service (AADS) in Perth, Daniel Morrison, is facing similar challenges to his father Jim, who ran the service under the Noongar Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service (NASAS) banner in the 1990s.

NASAS was set up in 1989 to provide a culturally appropriate service for Aboriginal people facing addiction problems and to set up links with mainstream services so that Aboriginal people, particularly youth, had solid, community-based help.

Now two months into his new position at AADS, Mr Morrison (Jnr) is determined to reconnect the service to the large network of mainstream organisations which either have no direct relationship with the service or have lost a previous connection through staff and cultural changes.

Mr Morrison comes to his new position well-equipped and well-connected to deal with the government sector after a career working in various bureaucratic roles.

The 31-year-old was the youngest elected representative of the ATSIC Perth Noongar



**'I've always seen AADS as a vital agency within the Perth Nyoongar community, and what I love about the organisation is the potential for great partnerships with the government and non-government sectors' – Daniel Morrison**

Regional Council, where he was Deputy Chair for three years, and was also Chair of the ATSIC Youth Committee in Perth.

He has also been a member of the Gordon Reid Foundation Youth Fund and the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Group, and has trained in community management and public sector administration.

After working for several Federal and state agencies in Perth, most recently with the Aboriginal Affairs Department, Mr Morrison admitted that working for a community-based organisation had been a huge learning curve.

He said the main task for the service would be to establish better partnerships with government agencies, especially the Department of Corrective Services through the juvenile remand centre and youth groups around Midland, Armadale and Northbridge.

"I've always seen AADS as a vital agency within the Perth Nyoongar community, and what I love about the organisation is the potential for great partnerships with the government and non-government sectors," he said.

"A lot of our work we can't do on our own so we have to re-establish those very important partnerships from community groups right up to government level to ensure

that mainstream drug and alcohol sector organisations are culturally appropriate."

Mr Morrison said AADS had memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with three mainstream rehabilitation centres around Perth, with six beds in each centre reserved for Aboriginal clients. But some partnerships had not been working as well as they should.

"What they're finding is that a lot of the Aboriginal people who are presenting are not coming from us, they're coming from all over the state, and so our issue is to get a successful referral process in place for those organisations," he said.

"We're dealing with about 70 referrals a month directly through AADS and we also have a number of referrals from different government agencies.

"Alcohol and drugs are a huge issue in our community and we know that crime committed by our people is often drug-related, so to see 70 people presenting direct to us every month means that we've got a lot of work to do."

Mr Morrison said AADS and other Aboriginal agencies had become isolated from each other in recent years and he would also work to repair those relationships so at-risk youth had a solid foundation of help to draw upon.



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# Serious message at Tas family day

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



AMONGST a hip hop workshop, football clinic, cultural feed, face painting and catching up at an Aboriginal family fun day in Burnie, a serious message about condom use was being subtly spread.

The latest Snakefest, held just over a week ago, launched the Snake-branded black, yellow and red condoms in Tasmania.

Health worker Jodie Edwards, from Burnie Aboriginal Health Service, said she hoped the family day would break down communication barriers in families when it came to talking about sexual health and condom use.

She said workshops also would be held about sexual health, contraception, the proper use of condoms and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

About 150 people were at the Burnie event, despite poor weather. Showbags were distributed containing promotional material and, of course, Snake condoms.

Snake Condoms is a not-for-profit organisation started by Aboriginal people in Mildura in 2003, where young



Jodie Edwards who organised the event with Snake Co-ordinator Michelle Latorre, Brendan Murray, Snake Manager Bev Greet and Snake Ambassador Nikki Ashby all sporting t-shirts with snake slogans.

people came up with the name.

The organisation's main message is to use condoms for safe sex, to prevent STIs and unwanted pregnancies.

Health workers at the family day donned t-shirts with slogans

emblazoned across them including such classics as 'is that a snake in your pocket' and 'wanna see my snake'.

Snake Manager Bev Greet said the Snake name lent itself to fun slogans and jokes.

She said the slogans had helped get rid of the 'shame job' around sexual and reproductive health and engaged the target audience, generally 16-year-olds and up.

Snake has promoted its

sexual health message and wares in other Aboriginal communities through discos, concerts and other 'Snakefests'. The group also runs workshops for youth and Aboriginal health workers.

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Jual Purton, Allison Cann, Julie Cann and Kate Lavell cooking up a storm at the family day event in Burnie.

# Action call on urban health

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## mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services.

### Mobile and Relocatable Service

**Cairns:** Early to mid May, Tully. Mid May, Innisfail. Mid to late May, Cardwell. Mid to late July, Lakeland. Late July, Laura & Pomppuraaw. Late July to August, Coen.

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**Ipswich:** Early to mid May, Boonah.

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**Sunshine Coast:** Early to late May, Tin Can Bay. Late May to early June, Maleny. Mid June to late July, Bribie Island.

**Toowoomba:** Early May, Injune. Early May to mid June, Roma. Mid to late June, Taroom. Late June to early July, Wandoan. Early to mid July, Miles. Mid to late July, Tara. Late July to late August, Chinchilla.

**Townsville:** Early May, Innisfail. Mid May, Collinsville. Late May to early July, Bowen. Early to late July, Magnetic Island. Late July, Mt Isa.

**Wide Bay:** Mid to late May, Gin Gin. Late May to June, Childers. Early to mid June, Howard.

For women, age is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer. Women aged 50-69 years are strongly encouraged to have a free breast screen every two years at a BreastScreen Queensland Service. Women aged 40-49 years and those over 70 are also eligible for a free breast screen. Please call **13 20 50** to arrange an appointment. Group bookings are also available. The schedule is a guide and subject to change.

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A BRISBANE-based Indigenous health expert has called on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to shine the spotlight on urban health.

Director of the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health Prof Cindy Shannon said efforts to close the gap must reflect a truer picture of where Aboriginal people live – the largest proportion reside in urban and regional settings compared to those in remote areas.

Current statistics show that 31 per cent of Indigenous people live in larger cities like Sydney, with 74 per cent in regional areas and less than 25 per cent in remote centres.

Prof Shannon said that while health outcomes for Aboriginal people in remote areas were poor, urban Indigenous health was equally important and needed attention.

"We are obviously not suggesting a reduction of funding to health programs in remote parts of Australia, but we want to remind COAG that we can't close the gap unless there is a specific focus on urban



**CINDY SHANNON**

Indigenous outcomes," she said.

"Governments need to invest in Aboriginal community controlled health services and acknowledge the role they play in urban settings where the majority of the health gap occurs."

Prof Shannon also said COAG must meet a key recommendation of the recent

National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) for 'a substantial increase on current Indigenous health expenditure'.

"The NHHRC called for an Indigenous health investment strategy 'that is proportionate to health need, the cost of service delivery, and the achievement of desired outcomes', if we are going to invest in Indigenous health according to need then there must be a substantial increase in funds going to urban services as well as the bush," she said.

Prof Shannon said a study conducted by the University of Queensland's School of Population Health pointed to some concerning disparities.

"The study found that while Indigenous Australians residing in remote areas experience a disproportionate amount of the health gap compared with non-remote areas, the majority of the health gap occurs in non-remote areas," she said.

"UQ's 'Burden of disease and injury in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' study provides clear evidence that addressing urban health inequity is a prerequisite for closing the gap."

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## Indigenous Writers' Fest events



WIRADJURI author Anita Heiss will read at a special benefit concert at the Sydney Town Hall next Saturday, 15 May, in association with the Sydney Writers' Festival to raise money for the Indigenous Literary Fund.

The *Songs for Stories* benefit concert will be hosted by Julie McCrossin and feature a line-up of musicians including Josh Pyke, Katie Noonan and the Captains, Street Warriors, Maggie Noonan, Koomurri Dance Troupe and Freshwater. Tickets are \$65 (\$55 concession) and are available from the Sydney Theatre [www.sydneystheatre.org.au](http://www.sydneystheatre.org.au) and (02) 9250 1988.

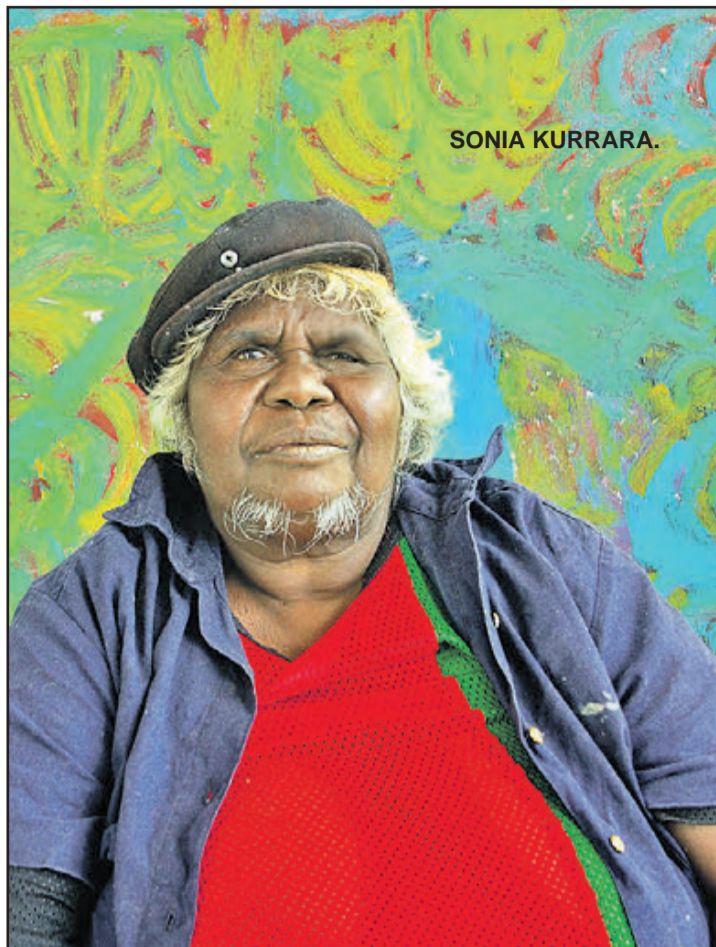
Also as part of the writers' festival, Dr Heiss will be part of a free discussion on 20 May called 'Who owns the story?' joining author and lawyer Terri Janke and playwright and director Scott Rankin to talk about whether traditional Indigenous stories and legends are in the public domain, or whether copyright should apply.

On 22 May award-winning writer Marie Munkara, whose debut book *Every Secret Thing* won the David Unaipon Award for Indigenous Writing, will share her stories at a ticketed event.

Meanwhile, Indigenous performer, storyteller and writer Boori Monty Pryor will share stories, music, dance and plenty of fun in a free event on 23 May.

Also on 23 May, Indigenous poets Ali Cobby Eckermann and Lionel Fogarty speak their mind on the intervention to Sarah Maddison, in a free session called *Deadly Voices*.

Events outside the Sydney centre include an evening of readings by Darug poets called *Goomeda Darug – Spirit of the Darug* – and a discussion of how Indigenous writers maintain an authentic voice in mainstream publishing and performance, both on at the Blacktown Arts Centre on 20 May. For details on these Sydney Writers' Festival sessions and more Indigenous events, go to [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au)



SONIA KURRARA.



WAKARTU CORY SURPRISE.

# Finalists named



WALMAJARRI woman Wakartu Cory Surprise is once more a finalist in the country's richest art award, after

she scooped the \$10,000 prize money for best WA artist in 2009.

Also selected as one of this year's 16 finalists in the West Australian Indigenous Art Awards is up-and-coming Walmajarri artist Sonia Kurrara.

The two women, who both belong to the Fitzroy Crossing arts collective Mangkaja Arts, are now vying for a share of the \$65,000 prizemoney spread across three categories.

The West Australian Indigenous Art Award (\$50,000) and the West Australian Artist

Award, (\$10,000), will be announced at the opening event on July 30.

Indigenous curators Brenda L Croft, Stephen Gilchrist and Glenn Pilkington make up the 2010 selection panel and will decide the winners.

### People's Choice

Meanwhile the People's Choice award of \$5000 will be presented at the end of the exhibition season to the artist who receives the highest number of visitor votes.

Wakartu was born in the Great Sandy Desert around 1929, walking out of the bush as a young woman. She later worked as a camp cook, following her husband on his fence building contracts.

She came to Fitzroy

Crossing in the 1950s and first started painting in the early 1980s.

"We told our stories through painting and learned to speak to kartiya (white people)...(painting) was how I told my story to kartiya," she said.

"When I paint, I think about my country and where I have been travelling across that country...I think about my people, the old people and what they told me and jumangkarni (Dreamtime). When I paint I am thinking about law from a long time ago."

Wakartu has a solo exhibition opening this Saturday in Sydney at Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, 2 Danks St, Waterloo, running from 8-22 May. She is also part of a group show called *Four Desert*

*Women at Short Street Gallery* in Broome which opens tomorrow, 6 May.

Sonia Kurrara grew up in the river country at Yungngora (Noonkanbah) and this provides her with a constant source of inspiration for her work.

"Rivers, rocks, pandanus palms, she's continually reproducing that imagery and abstracting it in terms of form and colour," said Mangkaja Arts manager Katie McGuire.

"Both of them (Wakartu and Kurrara) are amazing colourists – the way they put colour together and blend their paint – but their styles are completely different."

The West Australian Indigenous Art Awards will be on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia from 31 July.

# Packed program for Dreaming



*Black Sheep; Glorious Bastards* will feature at this year's Dreaming Festival.



THIS year's Dreaming Festival will host nearly 30 forums with around 70 presenters.

Artists and lawyers will join forces to explore whether we need to do more to stop the exploitation of Indigenous culture both in Australia and internationally in a forum called *Artists In The Black; How do we protect Indigenous Culture*, the award-winning Grant Sarra will be facilitating a people's think tank on the arts and Auriel Andrews, Michael Williams, Lisa Maza and Candace Wilde will come together for *Yarnin' 'bout my Generation*, to discuss and celebrate the differences between their generations.

Meanwhile the BlakDramatics program integrates audiences into the intimate worlds of ancestors, life cycles, the seasons and totems, while also traversing comedy, love, history and contemporary society.

Direct from the Melbourne Comedy Festival comes *Black Sheep; Glorious Bastards*, providing an irreverent, comical trip through Australia's stereotypes.

Kamahi King will not only perform his drag cabaret show *The Adventures of Constantina Bush and the Bushettes*, he will also show a more traditional side of himself through his paintings.

### Comedy

Only Indigenous Australia could bring us a comedy about a massacre, with *Bindjareb Pinjarra* telling the story of the Nyoongar people in 1934, meanwhile *Warupaw Uu – Echo of Drums*, choreographed by Rita Pryce, is a dance theatre piece that weaves dance, rhythm, the seasons and winds of the Torres Strait with the movement of the heavens. The Dreaming runs 11-14 June. For more details go to [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com)

# Grafton exhibits collection



A **FOCUS** on the *Aboriginal Collection*, an exhibition of work

Aboriginal Artists in the Clarence Valley (northern NSW) and showcase the work collected by the gallery.

highlighting the strength of local Aboriginal artists working with clay. The exhibition will also include a selection of paintings.

from the Grafton Regional Gallery's contemporary Aboriginal collection, will open at the gallery on 28 May. The contemporary Aboriginal collection has been developed through gifts, donations, acquisitions and the biennial Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award.

Organisers say the exhibition is an opportunity to see the outstanding level of work being produced by



Alison Williams' ceramic bird will feature in the show.

Artist featuring in the exhibition include Lexie Donovan, Alison Williams, Bevan Skinner, Frances Belle Parker, Debbie Taylor, Rosie Vesper and Irene Daly.

Local Aboriginal artist Alison Williams will conduct a storytelling session based around her

*A Focus on the Aboriginal Collection* comprises of work from Bundjalung, Gumbayngirr and Yaegl artists with an emphasis on ceramics,

work in the exhibition as part of the International Museum's Day Discovery Trail from 1pm on 16 May. More details at [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

# Rivers of Art in business



Rivers of Art Aboriginal Corporation board members Penny Evans, Robert Appo and Digby Moran, with Northern Rivers Indigenous artists Frances Belle Parker and Alison Williams.



NORTHERN Rivers Indigenous artists now have a new organisation to call their own – The Rivers of Art Aboriginal Corporation.

The corporation held its first meeting last week after almost a year of planning by Arts Northern Rivers and its Indigenous Artists Advisory Group.

The advisory group has been working with Arts Northern Rivers as the informal management committee for Lismore's 3 Rivers Aboriginal Art Centre since it was established in June last year.

The centre will be re-branded, and will now be eligible for funding as a fully-fledged Indigenous arts centre.

The board of directors for the new organisation includes local Aboriginal artists Digby Moran (Chairperson), Robert Appo (contact person), Karla Dickens, Les Evans and Penny Evans. There are two additional positions to be filled.

The Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous Artists Advisory Group was initially formed in 2005, at a meeting of more than 30 Indigenous artists from around the region,

convened by Bundjalung artist Digby Moran.

Over the past four years, working in conjunction with Arts Northern Rivers, the Advisory Group, comprising nine local Indigenous artists, has played a key role in securing funding for the Northern Rivers Indigenous Arts Development Program.

Key achievements include the employment of two full-time Indigenous arts workers; establishment of a dedicated Aboriginal Arts Space in Lismore, as a regional arts centre and business hub; presentation of three regional exhibitions and 13 professional development workshops for local Indigenous artists; and publication of the book *A Special Kind of Vision; Contemporary Aboriginal Art from the Northern Rivers*.

Mr Moran said the formation of the association was a great achievement for local Aboriginal artists.

Free membership to Rivers of Art is now open to all Aboriginal artists living in the Northern Rivers region.

For information contact Robert Appo on 02 6628 8120, or [robert@artsnorthernrivers.com.au](mailto:robert@artsnorthernrivers.com.au)

# WA stories show hope



The Three Trees Project team.



THE Three Trees Project: Gujarla (the other side) is a Pilbara-based community storytelling event that aims to lay out the dark history of Roebourne in a way the town has never seen before, based on hope for the future.

That's one of the aims of the project's creator, industry veteran and choreographer Michael Leslie, who has brought together a team of actors, including Ursula Yovich, Trevor Jamieson and director Scott Rankin.

Using songs and stories drawn from the heart of Roebourne, the project aims to capture the resilience and strength of the Ngarluma, Yindjibardi, Punjima and Kurrama people through music, movement and storytelling.

Through a series of community workshops and readings throughout the year, locals will be invited to take part and share their stories, language and songs that will come together in a final production in February 2011.

"We started out with this idea that we wanted to enrich the lives of the community, the project deals with the bad old days but it's also about empowerment and hope," Leslie said.

The community workshops will be stripped back to basics, with the actors, director and locals all sitting down together on the floor and working on the script.

"We've got to capture the community's imagination, most Aboriginal people have never been to theatre before, so it's like a whole new world," he said.

"Telling these stories is all part of the healing process."

On a deeper level, Leslie said he hoped to use art as a vehicle for getting rid of past baggage and shrugging off cultural shame.

"Shame is like baggage we need to get rid of," he said.

"You can be a shy person by nature, but not be shame. The hope is that this experience will encourage participants to aspire to go on to do something greater."

# New artistic director for Kurruru arts group



CONTEMPORARY and Indigenous dancer Deon Hastie has been appointed as the new artistic director for Kurruru Youth Performing Arts in Port Adelaide.

Hastie, who is from the Tjapukai language group in far north Queensland, co-choreographed Kurruru's award-winning dance show *Crossing Paths* for the 2006 Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Hitting the ground running, Hastie will immediately begin working on Kurruru's forthcoming work *Min Min*, which will debut as part of Ripples – Country Arts SA's Regional Centre for Culture program taking place in

Murray Bridge in 2010.

The development of *Min Min*, which takes its name from the unusual light formation often sighted in eastern Australia, will see Kurruru working with local artists, young people and Aboriginal community members in and around Murray Bridge exploring the unexplainable and mysterious natural occurrences of the river.

Drawing from the stories of the Ngarrinjeri people, audiences will gain insight into the relationship Aboriginal people have with country, and how an Aboriginal perspective offers explanations to every event, often different from that of mainstream science.

# New talent at film fest

AS Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival enters its second decade, festival co-curator Rachel Perkins said they were excited to be introducing a fresh crop of new talent.

"Last year we saw the huge success of *Samson & Delilah*. But it's a new decade, and we're introducing a whole new range of filmmakers," she said.

Tomorrow's gala red carpet opening night at the Sydney Opera House will feature two world premieres from filmmaker Adrian Wills, who is rapidly establishing a reputation for his intimate, behind-the-scenes portrayals of Black Australia. Wills' one hour documentary *Boxing for Palm Island* tells of the revival of the sport amongst the island's youth, while his latest short film *Daniel's 21st* stars Deborah Mailman.

Message Sticks 2010 also sees first-time filmmaker Mary Munro premiering a very personal documentary *Nin's Brother*, which follows her family's journey to bring home their brother and uncle to a proper resting place alongside the graves of his family.

In another world premiere, Michael Longbottom once more turns the camera on his community of La Perouse, following his mate Rodney, who is struggling with the crippling effects of diabetes and obesity.

Genevieve Grieves' debut documentary *Lani's Story* shows a young woman's journey from victim to victor, while also exploring the impact of inter-generational violence within a family and community.

Meanwhile Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond travels to heartland America to scrutinise the myth of 'the Injun' in Hollywood films in the Australian premiere of *Reel Injun*.

This year's shorts program showcases Indigenous filmmakers from around the globe.

Screenings will be followed by a short Q&A session with the subjects and directors, and this year for the first time, Message Sticks will also be screening at the Blacktown Arts Centre.

To wrap up the Sydney festival before Message Sticks hits the road to tour nationally, Ernie Dingo will be hosting a sing-a-long version of *Bran Nue Dae*, with song lyrics projected above the screen and special guests.

Ms Perkins said it was her business partner and festival co-curator Darren Dale's idea, and initially she was a bit sceptical.

"I was a bit worried, thinking 'everybody's already seen the film'. It's drawing from the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* and the phenomena that is karaoke," she said.

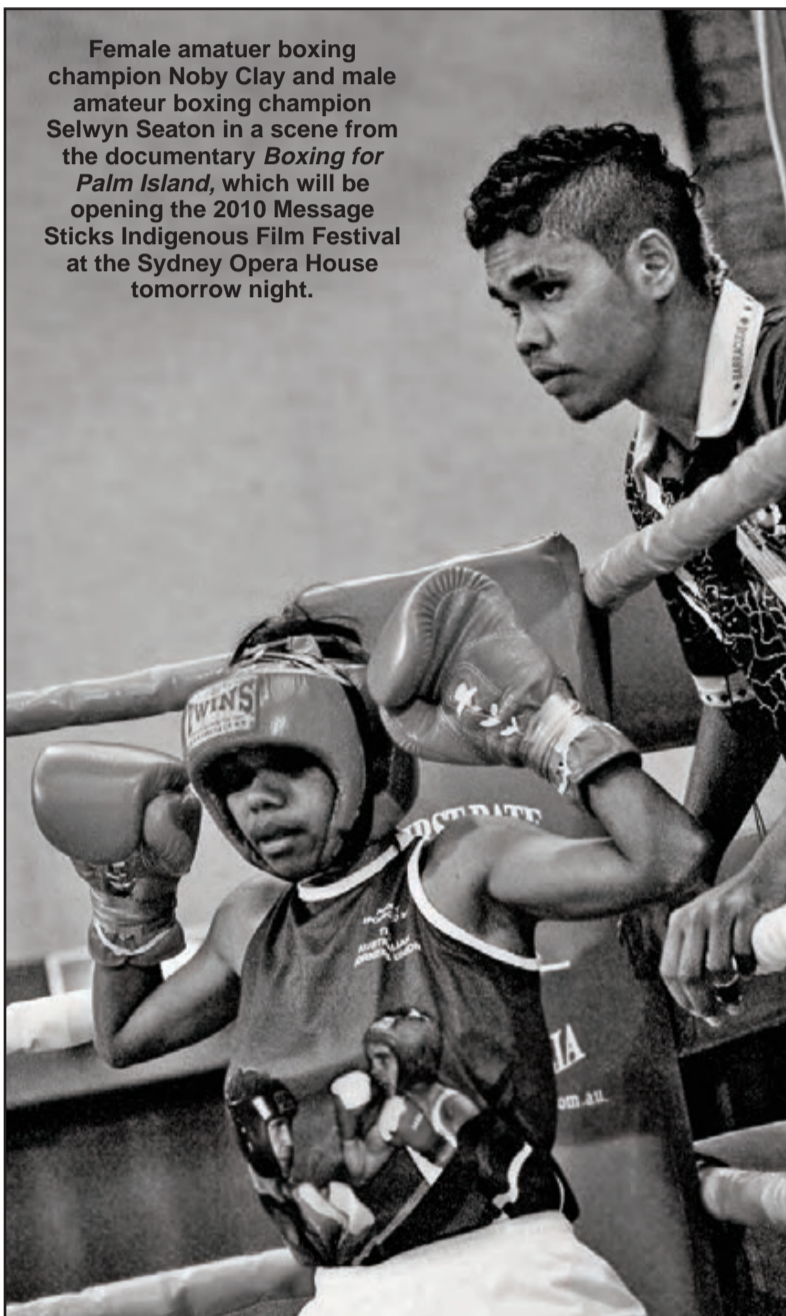
"Ernie's hosting it in character as Tadpole, and he's going to be doing a bit of a commentary and running into the audience and hamming it up and being a rat bag.

"It'll be like a giant Aboriginal karaoke, so it'll be an interesting experiment, if nothing else."

There are a limited number of tickets available for purchase for tomorrow night's opening night gala premiere (Thursday 6 May). All other sessions are free.

Free tickets are available from one hour prior to the session commencing, with a limit of two free tickets per person per session.

● See Page 8 for more about the subjects of the film *Boxing for Palm Island* and Page 71 for the rising popularity of the sport amongst young girls on Palm Island.



Female amateur boxing champion Noby Clay and male amateur boxing champion Selwyn Seaton in a scene from the documentary *Boxing for Palm Island*, which will be opening the 2010 Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House tomorrow night.

## Sydney Opera House

<b>Friday 7 May</b>	
Nin's Brother and Big Fella	7-8.30pm
<b>Saturday 8 May</b>	
Boxing for Palm Island	11-12.10pm
Shorts Program	1-2.30pm
Reel Injun	3.15-4.45pm
Lani's Story	5.30-6.30pm
Bran Nue Dae (Karaoke style)	7.30-9pm

## Blacktown Arts Centre

<b>Friday 7 May</b>	
Daniel's 21st and Boxing for Palm Island	6.30-8.30pm
<b>Saturday 8 May</b>	
Nin's Brother and Big Fella	11am-12.15pm
Lani's Story	1-2.10pm
Shorts Program	3.15-4.15pm
Reel Injun	5.30-7pm

## Blake Prize entries wanted by 25 June



ARTISTS exploring religious and spiritual concepts in their work are invited to enter the national Blake Prize, with \$20,000 awarded to the winner, and \$5000 each for the John Coburn Emerging Artist

Award and the Blake Prize for Human Justice. Now in its 59th year the Blake Prize is open to all art forms, with last year's prize going to a video work for the first time.

The Blake Prize Exhibition will be held at the National Art School Gallery, Forbes Street, Darlinghurst, from 3 September until 2 October.

Entries close on Friday 25 June. For more information go to [www.blakeprize.com.au](http://www.blakeprize.com.au)

## Finalists named in NT Literary Awards



THREE finalists have been selected for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers' Award in this year's Northern Territory Literary Awards.

They are: David C. Curtis for *I'll Get My Mate*, Renato Marocchini

for *Guilty* and Derek O'Keefe for *Outback Kingdom*.

The literary awards cover eight different categories, with the inclusion of two new categories this year – the Script Award and Screenwriting Award. More than 200 entries were received from across Central Australia, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin. The winners will be announced next Thursday, 13 May in a ceremony at Parliament House in Darwin.

## Funding boost for Qld performing arts



SEVEN new projects will share in \$259,000 funding aimed at boosting Indigenous performing arts in Queensland.

The projects supported by the new Indigenous Theatre Fund include a Torres Strait Islander

production that layers myths with the story of a grandmother and her grandson; a project at the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts that builds skills in Indigenous dance; and the staging of a new play by Bungabura Productions.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said Queensland had produced many talented artists in the theatrical sector, including actors Deborah Mailman, Leah Purcell and director Wesley Enoch. "We have to work to ensure the next generation of Indigenous talent gets the best opportunities to learn," she said.

● For more information on the Indigenous Theatre Fund go to [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au)



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## National

**Until 19 May:** GenerationOne launch. GenerationOne is a partnership for all Australians to participate in and a place for all to release their passion in three main areas: Education, jobs and job-ready training. Meeting with grassroots supporters and leaders. Stage performances. Details: Shaun Edwards (02) 9660 9400 or email [shaun@generationone.org.au](mailto:shaun@generationone.org.au) or visit [www.generationone.org.au](http://www.generationone.org.au)

**Until 19 May:** Calling for application in the 2010 Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship. The program supports one Indigenous student in every State and Territory to obtain a teaching degree. Details: 1300 363 079 or email [GovGenScholarships@deewr.gov.au](mailto:GovGenScholarships@deewr.gov.au) or visit [www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au)

Dates and locations:  
6 May at Kununurra, WA  
7 May at Darwin, NT  
10 May at Mt Isa, Qld  
11 May at Charters Towers, Qld  
14 May at Townsville, Qld  
17 May at Mackay, Qld  
18 May at Rockhampton, Qld  
19 May at Brisbane, Qld

**Until 2 October:** Bangarra Dance Theatre presents *Of Earth and Sky*. This is an original and evocative double bill inspired by contrasting traditional and contemporary themes and examining the fusion of dance and visual art. Details: (02) 9929 3770 or (0412) 601 816 or visit [www.bangarra.com.au](http://www.bangarra.com.au)

Dates and locations:  
1-10 July at Brisbane. Ph (07)

3840 7466 or visit [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au)  
23 July-28 August at Sydney. Ph (02) 9250 7777 or visit [www.sydneypoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneypoperahouse.com)  
3-4 September at Canberra. Ph (02) 6275 2700 or visit [www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au](http://www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au)  
8-11 September at Adelaide. Ph 131 246 or visit [www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au)  
16-18 September at Wollongong. Ph (02) 4224 5999 or visit [www.merrigong.com.au](http://www.merrigong.com.au)  
23 September-2 October at Melbourne.

**Until 10 October:** Menagerie National Tour. This exhibition explores a contemporary Indigenous perspective on animals and their relationship to people, place and country, revealing individual stories of maker and object. All welcome. Details: (02) 9320 6000 or visit [www.aboriginalartnews.com.au](http://www.aboriginalartnews.com.au)  
Dates and locations:  
15 May-27 June at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, Tas  
23 July-10 October at Tandanya, National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide.

## NSW

**Until 11 May:** Commonground Art Exhibition. Showcasing works from the Gnarra Aboriginal Home and Community Care Aboriginal artists group. Guest speaker Tess Allas, curator College of Fine Arts NSW University. Free and all welcome. Held at Hazlehurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Talara Rd, Gympie, from 2.30pm. Details: June Riemer (02) 9528 0287 or (0402) 037 745 or email [kuranula@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kuranula@bigpond.net.au)

**Until 20 May:** Thinking Outside the Square: A retrospective (1972-2010) photo exhibition. The exhibition showcases more than 200 black and white and colour pictures and typifies those who find themselves on the fringe of society. Alcohol and drug-free event. All

welcome. Held at the Uniting Church, 56a Raglan Street, Waterloo. Details: Elaine Pelot-Syron on (0411) 725 981 after 2pm.

**Until 25 June:** Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize – calling for entries. The art prize is open to Aboriginal artists 18 years or older who are born in NSW and belonging to a NSW language group. Prize value of \$20,000. For conditions of entry and more information contact: (02) 4645 4100 or visit [www.cofa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.cofa.unsw.edu.au)

**15-23 May:** Sydney Writers' Festival. The festival celebrates the year's literature and welcomes the writers, local and international, who have produced it. Events for all ages. Most programs are free of charge. All welcome. Held at Sydney Opera House, Ground Floor, 10 Hickson Rd, The Rocks. Details: (02) 9250 1988 or (02) 9252 7729 or visit [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au) or [www.sydneypoperahouse.com.au](http://www.sydneypoperahouse.com.au)

**16 May:** Celebrating the opening of the Resource Information Centre. An invitation to all members of the Darug community and friends to join in celebrating the opening of the Resource Information Centre. The facilities are yours to have a place to meet friends for coffee, family gatherings and picnics while researching your ancestors. Free and all welcome. Held at Grantham Heritage Park, Grantham Estate, Seven Hill, noon onwards. Details: Sandra Lee (02) 9622 4081 or (0415) 439 326 or visit [www.darug.org.au](http://www.darug.org.au)

**26 May:** Sorry Day celebrations. The event will include a flag-raising ceremony, traditional dance and didgeridoo performances. Visit to Stolen Generations Garden followed by a barbecue lunch. Free and all welcome. Held at Liverpool Regional Museum at 10am. Details: (02) 9602 0315 or 1300 36 2170.

**29-30 May:** *Discovering Country* fundraising photographic art exhibition. This exhibition will

showcase beautiful landscapes from 16 photographers who focused on incorporating local Indigenous people's understanding of the land in their own photography storytelling. Free and all welcome. Held at 2/8 Kendall Lane, The Rocks, Sydney. Details: Shane Herrington (02) 6947 7066 or (0418) 409 980 or email [tumutrvcc@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tumutrvcc@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**2 July:** Regional NAIDOC Ball. Theme is formal. Cost \$35 per person and includes three-course meal, drinks and entertainment by the Donavans and more. All welcome. Held at the Liverpool Catholic Club, Hoxton Park, from 6pm. Details: Tina Taylor on (02) 9602 5280 or visit [www.gandangara.org.au](http://www.gandangara.org.au)

**9-12 July:** Broken Hill bush camp. This is an Indigenous bush camp for youth that's organised by East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network. Cost: \$130 per person. All welcome. Held at Penrose Park, Silverton. Details: (02) 4393 6965 or (0404) 233 603 or email [nedann@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nedann@optusnet.com.au)

**10 July:** NAIDOC dinner-dance. This dance is for the Western Sydney community to celebrate NAIDOC Week. All welcome. Held at the RSL Club, Corner of Sherbrooke and Railway St, Rooty Hill, 6-11pm. Details: (02) 9839 6167 or email [robert.leslie@blacktown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robert.leslie@blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

**18 July:** The Last Kinecton Propa Mad Deadly Tour. Featuring special guests Impossible Odds, Mr Morgz, Tjimba and the Young Warriors, Johnny Mac, Lady Luck, Alter Egoz, Little G, Koori Boy and DJ Deadly. Cost: \$20 at the door. All welcome. Held at Oktober Lounge, 911 High St, Northcote, from 8pm. Details: (0402) 354 382 or visit [www.lastkinecton.com](http://www.lastkinecton.com)

## Northern Territory

**6-9 July:** National Aboriginal Customary Law and Culture Movement. This is an historic

national gathering of Aboriginal peoples and supporters from across Australia to call on the Rudd Federal Labor Government to immediately end the intervention and unconditionally reinstate the Racial Discrimination Act. All welcome. Held at the Alice Springs showgrounds. Details: Richard Downs on (0428) 611 169 or John Hartley on (0424) 943 990 or email [karranj@hotmail.com](mailto:karranj@hotmail.com)

**20 August:** NT Indigenous Music Awards. The awards acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's Aboriginal music performers in contemporary and traditional genres. Food and drinks available, no BYO alcohol. Limited seating so bring a rug. All welcome. Held in Darwin. Details: (08) 8981 1995 or email [admin@musicnt.com.au](mailto:admin@musicnt.com.au) or visit [www.musicnt.com.au](http://www.musicnt.com.au)

## Queensland

**Until 21 May:** Western Cape Artists Exhibition. This art gives a definite insight into the strong cultural and religious significance the Indigenous people have with the lands of Western Cape York and the Rainforest region. Free and all welcome. Held at Emu Apple Gallery, 48 Rodger St, Spring Hill from 11am-4pm. Details: Helen (0439) 799 288 or email [helen@emuapple.com.au](mailto:helen@emuapple.com.au)

**Until 30 May:** Aiewal Come, Gather art exhibition. This is an exhibition of work produced at creative skills development workshops in the Torres Strait during 2009. All welcome. Held at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Corner Blackall St and Victoria Parade, Thursday Island, Torres Strait. Details: (07) 4090 2130 or visit [www.gabtitui.com.au](http://www.gabtitui.com.au)

**Until 30 June:** Red Desert Gallery. This Indigenous art gallery showcases Indigenous artists such as Bruce Rivett, who paints his

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## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia.

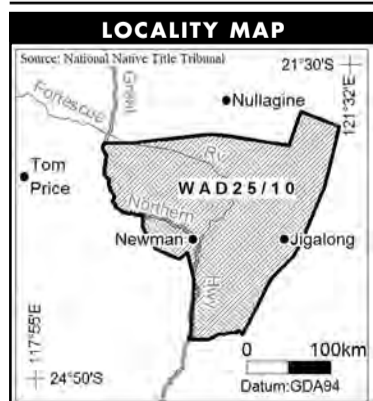
Notification day: 19 May 2010

## National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, on or before 18 August 2010. After 18 August 2010, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



**Application name:** E.W. Coffin & Ors and State of Western Australia (Wunna Niyaparli)

**Federal Court File No:** WAD25 of 2010

**Date filed in the Federal Court:** 8 February 2010

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or determination in relation to it.

**Description of the application area:** The area subject to this application covers about 40,600km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the vicinity of Newman as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of East Pilbara, Shire of Ashburton, Shire of Meekatharra and the Shire of Wiluna.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal

For assistance and further information contact Gerry Putland on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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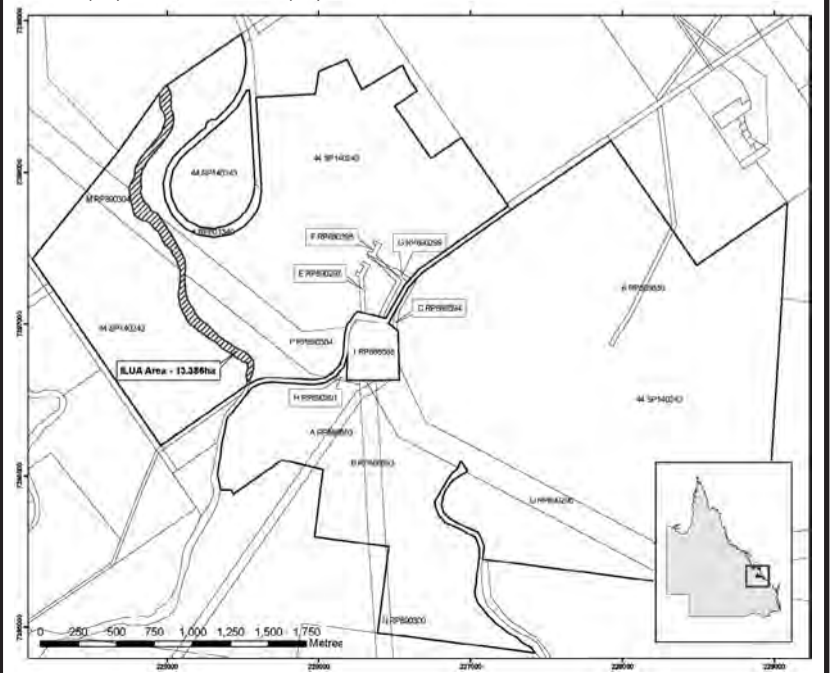
## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Darumbal People as native title applicants (QUD 6131/98) propose to enter an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) with Stanwell Corporation Ltd (Stanwell) pursuant to Subdivision C, Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Under the proposed ILUA, consents are given for acts in relation to the area identified in the below map. The area is the bed and banks of Stony Creek.

Persons who claim to hold native title in relation to the area to be covered by the ILUA are invited to register their interest in writing no later than 19 May 2010 by contacting:

Douglas Hatfield  
133 Dee Street, North Rockhampton  
Tel: (07) 4926 0026 Fax: (07) 4926 7457



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customary kin stories from the Torres Strait background. Free and all welcome. Held at Red Desert Gallery, 102 Memorial Dr, Eumundi. Details: (07) 5442 7172 or email paulc@reddesertgallery.com.au or visit www.reddesertgallery.com.au

**Until 6 October:** FOGs Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo. The expo is held to promote job opportunities for young indigenous job-seekers. Opportunity to meet Queensland's State of Origin legends, All Stars captain Preston Campbell and along with current Gold Coast Titans players. Free and all welcome. Details: (07)3331 5175 email admin@fogs.com.au or visit www.fogs.com.au

Dates and locations:  
12 May, Rockhampton  
2 June, Mt Isa  
21 July, Mackay  
15 September, Brisbane  
6 October, Townsville

**7 May-8 June:** *Selected Collection* art exhibition. This is an exhibition of recent works by Billy Missi. Opening by Cairns-based Indigenous actor, Aaron Fa'asso and includes tradition dance performances. Free and all welcome. Held at UMI Arts office and Gallery Space, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or email admin@umiarts.com.au

**15 May:** Yarning Circle. Families are invited to come with their children to listen to stories from Aboriginal Elders and learn about what makes Teralba Park a special place for us all. Light morning tea provided. Free and all welcome. Held at Stolen Generations Memorial Plaque, Teralba Park, Everton Park, from 9.30am. Details: Aunty Amy Atkins (0424) 743 483 or Mariya Coblentz on (07) 3289 1824 or email magpiehouse@ihug.com.au

**26 May:** Dawn Ceremony – prayer, song, and lighting of candles, laying flowers and sharing of experiences on what the day means to us. Light breakfast included. All welcome. Held at Teralba Park from 6.30am onwards. Details: Aunty Amy Atkins (0424) 743483 or Mariya Coblentz (07) 3289 1824 or email magpiehouse@ihug.com.au

**27 May:** Equity and Diversity Awards Interactive Panel Discussion. The awards recognise and reward the achievements of staff and students in furthering equity and diversity throughout UQ and the community. Panel discussion topic: Our Global Community - Reflections and Predictions. All welcome. Held at UQ Centre, Union Road, St Lucia. Details: (07) 3365 3374 or email diversityweek@uq.edu.au or visit www.uq.edu.au/diversity-week

**27 May:** Reconciliation Business Forum 2010 – 'Master Business'. The forum will consist of a series of workshops where you can learn to produce a winning business case in a challenging and competitive business team environment. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Free and all welcome. RSVP by 30 April. Held at The Mercure Hotel, North Quay, Brisbane, from 8.30am-4.30pm. Details: (07) 3225 2682 or email Christy.Anderson@deedi.qld.gov.au or visit www.indigenous.business.qld.gov.au

**28 May:** Workshops to focus on Stolen Generations. This is a capacity-building workshop for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with or advocate

## Young Territory rangers to tackle Kokoda Trail

**N**ORTHERN Territory Parks and Wildlife rangers and two budding young Indigenous leaders employed as apprentice rangers will be trekking the Kokoda Trail as part of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program co-ordinated by the Jobs Australia Foundation.

Apprentice Indigenous rangers Joslyn McDonald and Liam De La Cruz will be accompanied on the trek by their mentor and Parks and Wildlife ranger at Keep River National Park, Andrew Coats, with the trio to participate in pre-trek training with 14 other young Indigenous leaders.

Mr Coats said the trek was an outstanding opportunity for Joslyn and Liam to foster their natural leadership skills and develop their potential as role models within the community.

"Joslyn and Liam have proven their abilities as apprentice rangers, and they are passionate and enthusiastic about having a personal and positive impact on the future of other Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory and beyond," Mr Coats said.

"The trek is the perfect opportunity to achieve these goals as they will experience and share Indigenous culture with local Papuan groups, and will formalise their experience by completing components of a Certificate III in Indigenous Leadership."

During the pre-trek training, the participants will be briefed by trekking company Kokoda Spirit on appropriate trek preparation, receive a presentation from the 39th Battalion Association and will also complete a three-hour bush walk to test their fitness.

"Each participant has set their own personal goals for the program that they will review and reflect on during the training," Mr Coats said.

"The pre-trek training is a chance for us to test our limits physically and mentally in preparation for the Kokoda Trek, which will undoubtedly be one of the toughest but most rewarding experiences of our lives."

The Kokoda Trek will be from 1-10 August.



Andrew Coats, Liam De La Cruz and Joslyn McDonald, ready to tackle the Kokoda Trail.

on behalf of the Stolen Generations. Focus on seeking and competing for funding opportunities. All welcome. Held in Brisbane. Details: Dushanka Matijevic on (02) 6212 9494 or Selena Reardon on (02) 6212 9722 or email StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au

**29 May:** 'Stylin UP' tenth anniversary. Australia's largest Indigenous-owned youth, music and culture festival. Entertainment includes Archie Roach, Impossible Odds, Dizzy Doolan, Stunna Set, Poetic Murriz, Harmony Hip Hop PJ, Cat Thompson, Guttaklass, MC Murriz and PI Boys, Broadkast and lots more. Drug and alcohol-free. All welcome. Held at C J Greenfields Sports Complex, Freeman Rd, Inala. Details: (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

**6-14 June:** Cooktown School of Art Society 32nd annual Art Exhibition. The Indigenous art award will be open to artists with successful art piece. All welcome. Held at The Elizabeth Guzseley Gallery, 125 Charlotte St, Cooktown. Details: Ph: (07) 4069 5322 or email cooktownart@bigpond.com or visit www.cooktownart.com.au

**8-9 June:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing and Service Infrastructure. The conference will address problems of overcrowding

and poorly maintained housing stock across remote and urban communities to close the gap on disadvantages. Keynote speakers include Brian Gleeson, Michael Mundine, Russell Logan, John Mofflin and more. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at The Mercure Hotel, Brisbane. Details: 1300 316 882 or email registration@criterionconferences.com or visit www.indighouses.com

**11-14 June:** The Dreaming Festival 2010. The Dreaming is an international Indigenous festival that offers a showcase of Indigenous arts from across the country and around the world. This festival includes traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story circles, stalls and heaps more. Held in Woodford. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email info@thedreamingfestival.com or visit www.thedreamingfestival.com

**6-7 November:** Rainforest Cup Indigenous Cricket Carnival. This is an annual drug and alcohol-free carnival run by a group of individuals from the Indigenous communities of Jumbun, Tully, Innisfail, and the Atherton Tablelands. Team submissions closing 8 October. All welcome. Held at the Tully Cricket Grounds. Details: (07) 4066 8300 or Stan Lenoy on (0437) 635 124 or email rainforestcup@gmail.com or visit www.members.westnet.com.au

on behalf of the Stolen Generations. Focus on seeking and competing for funding opportunities. All welcome. Held in Melbourne. Details: Dushanka Matijevic on (02) 6212 9494 or Selena Reardon on (02) 6212 9722 or email StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au

**19 May-15 June:** *Winyarr-Ngu-Bala* art exhibition. An exhibition that celebrates a group of Victorian Aboriginal women's identity and connection to culture, community and family. Featuring artists include Vicki Couzens, Maree Clarke, Bindi Cole, Megan Cadd, Paola Balla and Patricia Harrison. Free and all welcome. Held at Manningham Gallery. Details: Ph: (03) 9840 9367 or email gallery@manningham.vic.gov.au or visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery

**22 May:** The Long Walk 2010. The annual celebration of Michael Long's walk to Canberra. The Long Walk starts at Federation Square and walks to the MCG from 4-6pm. All welcome. Details: Kim Kruger on (03) 9230 0300 or email admin@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

**26-27 May:** Gippsland 35th anniversary celebrations. The Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative is celebrating their achievements of the past 35 years. Free and all welcome. Held at Gippsland and East Gippsland Co-Op, Bairnsdale. Details: Celeste Ryan (03) 5150 0700 or Grattan Mullett (03) 5152 1891 or (0400) 562 474 or visit www.gegac.org.au

## Western Australia

**Until 30 May:** Desmond Taylor *Yiwarra Rudall River Stories* art exhibition. The artist will be present for the opening. Free and all welcome. Held at 115 Hay St, Subiaco Perth. Details: (0439) 176 694 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au

**9 June:** Workshops to focus on Stolen Generations. This is a capacity-building workshop for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with or advocate on behalf of the Stolen Generations. Focus on seeking and competing for funding opportunities. All welcome. Held in Broome, WA. Details: Dushanka Matijevic on (02) 6212 9494 or Selena Reardon on (02) 6212 9722 or email StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au

**24-31 July:** Burrup (Murujuga) Heritage Tour. Come and experience the majestic wonders of the Burrup – over 500,000 rock art engravings dating back 30,000 years. Gain an understanding of the importance of preserving this world-renowned archaeological site and experience a rare opportunity to meet with expert archaeologists and Aboriginal custodians of the Burrup rock art. Cost, \$1550 which covers bus transport to and from Karratha, camping equipment and all meals. Details: Judith Hugo on (0439) 090 321 or email tour@fara.com.au

**26-30 July:** 'Closing the Gap' Blank Page Summit Hard Yarn. Closing the Gap means no more muckin around. There are programs, policies and initiatives under way all around Australia to 'close the gap' for Indigenous Australians. All welcome. Held at Billard Learning Centre, near Broome, WA. Details: Chris Wagner on (0434) 378 939 or visit www.blankpagesummit.com.au

## South Australia

**20-29 May:** *7 Stages of Grieving*. It will take audiences on a poignant emotional journey through love, anger and loss, showing us that, despite our race, compassion and understanding are the greatest strengths against adversity. Presented and written by Wesley Enoch and Deborah Mailman. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Space Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre. Details: (08) 8231 5151 or visit www.statetheatrecompany.com.au

**24-28 May:** Out of the Glass Case Road Show. A series of workshops and participatory teaching sessions for school groups, concluding with a community day involving local artists, crafts people and musicians. Free and all welcome. Held at Umuwa, APY Lands. Details: Sue Mikkelsen on (08) 8272 3080 or (0412) 697 016 or visit www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/events/roadshows

## Victoria

**11 May:** Workshops to focus on Stolen Generations. This is a capacity-building workshop for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with or advocate



# Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



SA MDB NRM Board Working on Country project rangers, from left, Ken Hamilton, Joe Abdulla, Ken Karpany, Ray Sumner, Steven Cullingford, Ross Sumner, Calperum project officer Elizabeth Reid, Tim Abdulla, Heidi Zielke and Amanda Morgan.

**SA** FIVE Aboriginal rangers are helping to protect and restore Riverland wetlands through the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resources Management (SA MDB NRM) Board Working on Country project.

The rangers are gaining experience in restoring and monitoring key wetlands protected

under the world-wide Ramsar convention, remnant native mallee habitats and cultural heritage sites in the Riverland region of South Australia.

Aboriginal NRM project officer Chris Koolmatrie said the rangers were protecting biodiversity and natural icons, along with being involved in revegetation and establishing a small-scale nursery.

"Some of the sites that they are working at include Calperum Station, Banrock Station and

Kurlana, which all have a range of highly significant environmental and cultural values," Mr Koolmatrie said.

"They are also protecting heritage sites including middens, burial sites, scar-trees, along with culturally significant species such as bush tucker, medicinal plants and ngatijis.

"The project is creating a knowledgeable, skilful, qualified and employed Aboriginal community able to confidently

manage their local environment."

Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland economic development officer George Lovegrove said the program was developed to engage Aboriginal people in long-term work opportunities in natural resources management.

"Through a partnership approach, we are working together to teach and mentor the trainees and to help them develop a range of skills and increase

confidence," Mr Lovegrove said.

"Accredited training in a real work environment will build employment and life skills and will hopefully lead to sustainable employment."

The project began last November and is a partnership between the SA MDB NRM Board, the Riverland Aboriginal NRM Group, Australian Landscape Trust, Banrock Station and the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

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The ACT's public schools are co-educational and non-selective and offer exciting teaching opportunities for enthusiastic teachers. Our schools are committed to ensuring students succeed through quality teaching that engages them and supports the development of capabilities for life. The ACT recruits high quality staff who are provided with excellent professional development and career opportunities. There is a strong focus on school improvement, teamwork and sharing of best practice, across schools which are organised into four networks. School network leaders work closely with school leadership teams to improve school performance and student outcomes, particularly in literacy and numeracy. To find out more about teaching in the ACT visit [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au).

## Schools in Canberra offer a range of different educational settings including:

- Early childhood schools
- Years P-6 (primary schools)
- Years P-10 (primary/middle/high schools)
- Years 7-10 (high schools)
- Years 7-12 (secondary school)
- Years 11-12 (secondary colleges)

Special schools (for students with moderate and severe disabilities).

## Qualified teachers are needed in all teaching areas.

Particular areas of need include English, social sciences, technology, mathematics, science, music, languages, disability education (including autism), student support (student management specialists), hospitality and teacher librarianship.

## School counsellors

Information and applications for school counsellor (school psychologist) recruitment is available at the ACT Department of Education and Training website [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au).

## Employment opportunities

Permanent or temporary employment is offered on a merit basis to successful applicants. Only applicants who have a minimum of four years full-time (or equivalent) tertiary study leading to an award of a recognised school teaching qualification are eligible for permanent appointment.

## Attractive employment conditions

Teachers in the ACT enjoy favourable employment conditions including employer superannuation contributions, cumulative paid personal leave, annual leave bonus, parenting leave, 18 weeks paid maternity leave and salary packaging opportunities.

The salary range for four year trained classroom teachers in January 2011 will be \$55,327 to \$78,837. The ACT provides recognition of prior experience and additional qualifications for starting salary purposes.

## Professional learning opportunities

ACT teachers have excellent professional learning opportunities with access to a range of in-school and system wide professional learning programs.

A comprehensive induction and orientation program is available to support educators who are new to the Department.

## Submitting an application

Applicants must submit a completed application form - *Application for Employment Classroom Teacher 2010-2011* together with your professional teaching statement, supporting documentation and curriculum vitae by close of business Friday 2 July 2010.An application package may be obtained by registering your details on the website [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au).For further information, call (02) 6205 9284 or email [teachingincanberra@act.gov.au](mailto:teachingincanberra@act.gov.au).

Applications must be received by close of business Friday 2 July 2010.

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## Project Manager

- Youth in Communities Program
  - Supportive environment and great conditions
- Are you passionate about the development of youth in remote communities?**

This exciting opportunity will be responsible for the delivery of the Youth in Communities program in 5 communities across the Top End of the NT. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others in providing direction and leadership to the Youth in Communities program.

A high level of management, communication, negotiation, initiative and organisational skills will see you succeed in this role and contribute to ensure the development and delivery of services and programs in the lives of youth in communities. You will have experience working with Indigenous programs, working with remote Indigenous communities and the ability to engage with young people 10-20 years of age. Experience developing programs and strategies that address core challenges faced by Indigenous youth is also desirable. Work as part of a team of highly committed professionals.

For more information or a position description, visit our website

[http://redcross.org.au/careers\\_default.htm](http://redcross.org.au/careers_default.htm)

or contact Alison Cull on (08) 8924 3940.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Wednesday 12 May 2010.

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Relief in times of crisis, be it big or small, care when it's needed most and commitment when others turn away. Red Cross is there for people in need, no matter who you are, no matter where you live.

## Parent Craft/Parent Education Worker

- Sydney East Base with travel to Central Coast, Western Sydney and South Coast
- Permanent Full Time Position

**Do you want to make a difference in the lives of parents in the community?**

With more than 100 million volunteers worldwide and 60,000 members and volunteers in Australia, Red Cross reaches people and places like nobody else and cares for local communities in Asia Pacific and Australia.

This role is a permanent role and is responsible for developing programs to support positive parenting. You will provide guidance to young parents and staff in the areas of child development, settling, behaviour support and health.

For further information and a copy of the position description, contact Anne King on 02 8383 7516 or visit our careers site at

[http://redcross.org.au/careers\\_default.htm](http://redcross.org.au/careers_default.htm)or send your application (including a CV and cover letter stating relevant experience) to: People and Learning Department, [nswjobs@redcross.org.au](mailto:nswjobs@redcross.org.au) Please note that all attachments must be in WORD format.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 10th May 2010.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Red Cross is a child safe organisation, requiring all candidates to be screened for suitability to work with children, youth and vulnerable people.

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CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS  
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

## Centre For Indigenous Education and Research

Australian Catholic University is a leader in Indigenous education, with a demonstrated commitment to Indigenous Australians through the provision of appropriate programs and culturally appropriate, safe and respectful practices and services. The University's Centre for Indigenous Education and Research (CIER), aims to build upon this commitment by becoming a centre of excellence in Indigenous education, policy development and practice, research and scholarship and community engagement.

The Centre's activities, under the coordination of the Director, CIER, are provided from our Indigenous Higher Education Units located across our national network:

- *Yalbalinga* (Place of Learning) — covering our MacKillop and Mount St Mary campuses in New South Wales;
- *Weemala* (Distant View) — at the McAuley Campus in Queensland;
- *Jim-baa-yer* (To Learn) — covering our St Patrick's and Aquinas campuses in Victoria; and
- *Dhara Daramoolan* (Earth, Spirit) — at the Signadou campus in the Australian Capital Territory

Each Indigenous Higher Education Unit provides education programs and appropriate cultural, personal and academic support in an environment which promotes positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

CIER has an opportunity for two experienced, passionate individuals with a demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and communities to join the team at our McAuley Campus, Banyo.

## Research Assistant (Project Manager)

This role will provide research support at the campus and national level to the Director, CIER and the Australian Catholic University Indigenous Research Advisory Group (IRAG), to carry out and promote Indigenous research, postgraduate research studies and research workshops and training.

## Personal Assistant

This role will establish sound administrative systems and build and maintain strong relationships with University staff, external agencies, and community members, whilst providing a range of corporate administrative functions to support the role of the Director.

Applications for both of the above positions close: 19th May 2010

## HOW TO APPLY:

Obtain further information, including the position description and selection criteria from the ACU Careers website. [www.acu.edu.au/careers](http://www.acu.edu.au/careers)

Applicants should demonstrate commitment to the specific mission and Catholic ethos of the institution. Australian Catholic University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

[www.acu.edu.au/careers](http://www.acu.edu.au/careers)



## Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

## CARERS WANTED

Want to make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal young people and help keep them connected to culture and community?

Come and join us in our new and exciting Aboriginal Adolescent Community Placement House Program.

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is a state-wide Aboriginal community controlled organization whose purpose is to advocate on behalf of and provide services for Aboriginal children, young people and families premised on human rights, self-determination, cultural respect and safety. Our new Aboriginal Adolescent Community Placement House will provide care and nurture to three Aboriginal young people in a culturally sensitive family environment.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed person or couple to become:

### Live-In Carer/s –

Live your dream of caring for kids and supporting them to grow up strong and proud with the additional benefits of:

- Rent free accommodation
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- AND a generous tax free reimbursement.

For more information including reimbursement rates please contact Julie Toohey on (03) 8388 1855 [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)

Applications close: Friday 14th May 2010

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants are STRONGLY encouraged to apply.

## Lecturer in Aboriginal Education

### Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education is widely acknowledged for its leadership in the field of Education, both nationally and internationally. It has an outstanding reputation as a provider of quality programs of study at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In addition, the Faculty of Education has a strong commitment to innovative evidence based research and it is currently entering an exciting period of growth. The Faculty is very well supported and resourced by the University, there is a high level of collegiality among staff and we are extremely proud of our close working partnerships with members of the teaching profession and the broader education community.

The Faculty is seeking an experienced Lecturer to teach, coordinate subjects and research in the field of Aboriginal Education. The successful candidate will have knowledge of key research, policies and practices in Aboriginal education, experience in teaching and sound ability to articulate a vision for Aboriginal Education.

The University of Wollongong considers that being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

Candidates must address the Selection Criteria specified in the relevant Position Description which is available from our website. Only candidates who address each of the selection criteria will be considered for appointment. Please also refer to the Position Classification Standard.

For further information please contact Professor Paul Chandler, Dean of Education on +61 2 4221 3961.

Applications Close 13 June 2010

Quote Ref No: 23573

**how to apply:** Please go to our website <http://employment.uow.edu.au/> to submit your application online & for more information about the position and UOW.

University of Wollongong



## Chief Executive



Leader ▲ Strategic ▲ Passionate ▲ Inspiring

Reconciliation Australia is the leading national organisation responsible for building and promoting the bringing together of Indigenous, and non-Indigenous Australians. It is a not-for-profit organisation working in partnership with the Australian community to further increase awareness and capacity for change in closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

This is an incredibly exciting time for Reconciliation Australia; it is our 10 year anniversary and we can celebrate considerable success. We now need to appoint a dynamic CEO to continue to build on our success. As the CEO, reporting to the Board of Directors you will be responsible for delivering the strategic plan and organisational objectives. You will lead a talented and experienced team of people who are accountable for inspiring all Australians to come together on this journey.

Your key attributes and previous experience must include:

- ▲ Influencing community attitudes and public policy
- ▲ Strong leadership and management skills
- ▲ Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills
- ▲ Demonstrated capacity in cultural awareness
- ▲ Resilience to work successfully in areas which can be personally and politically challenging
- ▲ Ability to work effectively with a broad group of stakeholders including employees, partner organisations and the wider community
- ▲ A reputation for being creative, able to capitalise on opportunities and delivering outcomes
- ▲ Experience in the Indigenous or reconciliation field is an advantage

To apply for this role, or to find out more information, please email your resume to:

[ros.morgan@morban.com.au](mailto:ros.morgan@morban.com.au)

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Australian Government  
Indigenous Business Australia

making a difference  
[www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au)

## Manager Home Lending Melbourne based

Salary \$66K - \$75K plus 15.4% super and bonuses

Are you:

- + Experienced in home or business lending?
- + Seeking to make a real contribution in a dynamic and challenging, yet rewarding work environment?
- + Interested in promoting Indigenous economic empowerment?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Home Lending Manager to be responsible for the delivery of its housing loan products in Victoria and Tasmania.

The successful applicant will have:

- + experience in successfully leading a diverse team to achieve required outcomes
- + extensive knowledge of home or business lending
- + good oral and written communication skills
- + an ability to communicate effectively and with appropriate sensitivity with Indigenous people

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including job description, selection documentation and how to apply go to [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au). If, after reading the job documentation, you have any questions, please contact John Gillespie (02) 6121 2611 or email [john.gillespie@iba.gov.au](mailto:john.gillespie@iba.gov.au).

Applications close on 10 May 2010.

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IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



## ABORIGINAL CASEWORKER



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## Orana & Far Western NSW Safe Families Program

Salary package from \$61,806 – \$85,393 p.a.

Do you have two years experience working with Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?

Safe Families is an innovative program delivering integrated casework services to promote community engagement, participation, and action in dealing with the issue of child sexual assault. Safe Families caseworkers will work as members of an interagency casework team to establish partnerships with communities, create links with the whole service system, and forge strong partnerships with local Joint Investigation Response Teams (JIRT), Community Services Centres (CSCs), and sexual assault services.

Join us now if you want a challenging and rewarding role with the opportunity to improve the lives of Aboriginal children, young people, and their families.

You will benefit from:

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities.

Please contact Michelle Kelly on 0439 598 166 or Sharryn Wheeler 0413 805 606 to find out more about the role and about Safe Families team locations.

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Join us now.

For more information and to apply visit [www.community.nsw.gov.au/ruralcareers](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/ruralcareers) or phone 1800 149 919



Human Services  
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## LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER – INDIGENOUS STUDIES

(Ref. 17811)

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Applications will only be accepted via the Macquarie University online system. Macquarie University is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to diversity and social inclusion. We encourage applications from Indigenous Australians; people with a disability; those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and women (particularly for senior and non-traditional vacancies).



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## Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

### Client Assessment and Referral Consultant (Disability)

Clerk Grade 6/8, (Aboriginal Identified),  
Central Sydney Office (Haymarket)  
(Job Reference No.: CA10/053)

**Description:**

1. Provide clinical expertise to legal officers and Courts to address the socio-legal needs of clients with an intellectual disability or acquired brain injury in relation to Section 32 applications under the Mental Health (Criminal Procedure) Act 1990.
2. Provide short-term casework services to clients, including direct advocacy and education with services, to ensure clients with complex needs, such as dual-diagnosis, can access services in the community and receive appropriate care and support.
3. Complete a report detailing project outcomes, including devising measures and indicators of outcomes and strategies to address systemic obstacles to accessing justice and services for this client group.

Applicants **must** obtain an information package for full position details and selection criteria.

Inquiries: Danielle Castles on (02) 9219 5753

Information packages: [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 14 May 2010

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**Marrngoneet Correctional Centre is recruiting NOW!**

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Applications close 5pm, Monday 11th May 2010

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



## Water Resource Planner

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport

Professional 2 (\$66 100 - \$80 137)

Water Management - Alice Springs

Permanent

As part of a regional and Territory wide multi disciplinary team, manage and regulate the utilisation of the Northern Territory's water resources under the Northern Territory Water Act to ensure its sustainable use. The goals of this position will be achieved through the generation and delivery of expert water resource information advice and assessment as well as regional plans and strategies formulated in strong partnership with stakeholders and the community.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 18298

Closing date: 14 May 2010

**Contact us now**

Phone: 1300 659 247

Email: [Recruitment@nt.gov.au](mailto:Recruitment@nt.gov.au)

Visit: [www.nt.gov.au/jobs](http://www.nt.gov.au/jobs)



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- > Trainee Paramedics
  - > Qualified Paramedics
- Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**

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Tel: (02) 9320 7644 or  
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**Human Services Community Services**

## Manager, Aboriginal Employment & Development Clerk Grade 11/12

Ashfield, Head Office

Permanent Full-Time

Salary package from \$109,316 to \$126,424 per annum

Lead and manage a specialised team responsible for undertaking significant strategic initiatives and projects aimed at recruiting, building Indigenous staff capacity and increasing professional experience through development activities.

**Requirements:**

- Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
- Demonstrated experience and skills in developing frameworks for strategic initiatives, for example corporate policy.
- High-level project management skills including a thorough understanding of the principles of project management from inception to finalisation and experience in managing complex information needs for projects.

**Join us now.**

For the full selection criteria and to apply online, visit [www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers)

For information about the position, please call Simon Jordan on (02) 9716 2217.

**Applications Close: Friday 14 May 2010**

**Vacancy No: 10/CS\_0629**

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- Commerce
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Applicants for the 2011 graduate program must be Australian Citizens and have, as a minimum, completed a qualification equivalent to a three year Australian undergraduate degree prior to February 2011. Health, security and character clearances, and evidence of qualifications must also be met.

Applications for the 2011 Graduate Program open 29 April 2010 and close 31 May 2010.

Apply online at [www.ag.gov.au/graduate](http://www.ag.gov.au/graduate)

For more information contact the Graduate Program Coordinator on [graduatecoordinator@ag.gov.au](mailto:graduatecoordinator@ag.gov.au)



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## GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Attorney-General's Department is the key policy and coordinating body for the Attorney-General's portfolio. The Graduate program gives you the opportunity to be at the forefront of this work.



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## Museum/Gallery Assistant

**Ref 10130** An enthusiastic, responsible and committed person with demonstrated knowledge of Indigenous Australian art and culture is required to perform a range of duties that support the program and day-to-day operations of the Flinders University Art Museum and City Gallery at the State Library of South Australia. Effective written and oral communication skills including the proven ability to interact effectively with Indigenous Australian artists, art centres and communities are essential.

*In accordance with the University's Employment Strategy for Indigenous Australians and pursuant to Section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 as amended, applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people only.*

- Art Museum
- Available on a continuing, full-time basis
- Salary (HEO3): \$45 397 to \$48 922 pa
- Plus 17% employer superannuation
- Applications close: 11.00 am, Monday 24 May 2010

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our [Jobs@Flinders website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment)

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CRICOS Provider Number: 00114A



Yunggoendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research is looking to appoint a number of staff to the Centre to support its teaching, research and student service activities.

## Academic Adviser

**Ref 10116** The Academic Adviser will be involved in the recruitment of Indigenous students from secondary schools, TAFE Colleges and Indigenous organisations. The appointee will also be required to provide academic support and advocacy to enrolled students with a particular focus on first year students.

- Available immediately until 28 February 2011 with the possibility of a twelve month extension, full-time
- Salary (Level A): \$55 742 to \$67 890 pa
- Plus 9% employer superannuation

*Pursuant to Section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 as amended, applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people only.*

## Office Coordinator

**Ref 10117** The Office Coordinator will be responsible for the provision of a range of administrative support and office coordination duties to assist the Director of Studies, teaching staff and the Executive Officer.

- Available on a continuing, full-time basis
- Salary (HEO4): \$46 418 to \$50 186 pa
- Plus 17% employer superannuation

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*

## Administrative Assistant

**Ref 10118** The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the provision of high quality customer service and administrative support to the staff and students of Yunggoendi First Nations Centre. The position works closely with the Coordinator, Tjilbruke Student Services to support the recruitment and retention of Indigenous students undertaking university study.

- Available on a continuing, full-time basis
- Salary (HEO3): \$41 814 to \$45 397 pa
- Plus 17% employer superannuation

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*

Applications for the above positions close at 11.00 am, Monday 17 May 2010.

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our [Jobs@Flinders website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment)

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## NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer Grade 3

New Directions Malabar Aboriginal

Temp Full Time for 6 months Position No: NNRHW10/341  
An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.  
Enq: Elizabeth Cox, (02) 9382 6019.  
Apps: rhwhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au  
Closing Date: 18 May 2010.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit [www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

## Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

### SOLICITOR (Career Development Program for New Solicitors)

Aboriginal Identified, Legal Officer I-III,  
Newcastle Office, Temporary Full-Time  
(Job Ref No.: EX10/041)

Total remuneration package valued to  
\$71, 662 pa including salary  
(\$57, 697 - \$64, 941), employer's contribution  
to superannuation and leave loading.

We are looking for bright, hard working newly admitted solicitors to join our two-year rotational Career Development Program working as legal practitioners in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil divisions.

**Notes:** The position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This position is temporary full-time under Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period of 2 years. Note that the placement is in the Newcastle Office with the rotations occurring in different practices of law. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants

**Inquiries:** Anita Fredkin on (02) 9219 5954.

**Information Packages:** [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

**Applications to:** [employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing date:** Friday, 28 May 2010

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[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## PAYROLL ASSISTANT

Aboriginal targeted position

Internal Customer Services

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Suburb: Parramatta

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 10/056

Salary Package: \$60,102. Salary: \$50,100 - \$54,465.

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

Accurate and timely processing of routine conditions of employment, payroll and related data via the department's human resource management system (SAP). Provision of routine advice/information to staff and managers in a prompt and confidential manner. Undertaking mail and records management duties as required.

**Job Notes:**

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Enquiries/Information Pack:** Patricia Parsons on (02) 8835 9538 or [ics-recruiting@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ics-recruiting@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** Patricia Parsons, Internal Customer Services, NSW Police Force, Level 5A, Police Headquarters, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

**Closing Date:** Friday 14 May 2010

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NSW Police Force  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## LEADING CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Aboriginal targeted position

Operational Information Agency - Service Centre

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time  
up to 6 months

Suburb: PARRAMATTA

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 10/059

Salary Package: \$60,102. Salary: \$50,100 - \$54,465.

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

This position is responsible for the provision of customer service within the Operational Information Agency Service Centre which is a 24/7 operation.

**Job Notes:**

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 6 months.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Rotational shifts 24/7.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Enquiries/Information Pack:** Sergeant Jessica Currie on (02) 8835 7848 or [curr1jes@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:curr1jes@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** Business Manager, Operational Information Agency, Level 10B, Police Headquarters, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

**Closing Date:** Friday 14 May 2010

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Northern Land Council

The Northern Land Council is a dynamic organisation charged with the responsibility of assisting traditional owners and native title holders to establish their land and sea rights. NLC provides a friendly and flexible team environment with attractive remuneration packages.

## Media and Information Officer

The Media and Information Officer will participate in the development and implementation of information strategies aimed at various stakeholders with interests in the work of the Land Council and general land rights issues.

Under the direction of the Senior Media and Information Officer you will be responsible for briefing the Chairman and CEO on media issues, organising media conferences, preparing media releases, speeches, newsletters and NLC publications, maintaining liaison with the media and relevant Aboriginal organisations.

You should have relevant tertiary or professional qualifications. Experience in the fields of journalism or public relations is highly desirable.

For further information about the position contact Syd Stirling on (08) 8920 5113.

Applications close Monday 10 May 2010

To obtain a selection pack please call (08) 8920 5183, email [jobs@nlc.org.au](mailto:jobs@nlc.org.au) or visit our website [www.nlc.org.au](http://www.nlc.org.au)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

AAP/NLC2919

**Knox Community Health Service**  
**ABORIGINAL LIAISON PROJECT OFFICER**  
 0.5FTE - Fixed Term 12 months  
 19 hours per week

We have a vacancy for an Aboriginal Liaison Project Officer to work with Knox Community Health Service to plan, deliver and increase access to mainstream health programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families. Pre-requisites include relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent experience.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

For a position description visit: [www.kchs.org.au](http://www.kchs.org.au)  
 Applications to: [recruitment@kchs.org.au](mailto:recruitment@kchs.org.au)  
 Applications close:  
**Friday 14 May 2010 at 5.00pm**



**Careers with Queensland Health**

**Allied Health/Clinical Support**

**Advanced Health Worker - Indigenous and Homeless Outreach Community Team, 'Biala' City Community Health Centre, Alcohol and Drug Service, Primary and Community Health Services, Brisbane, Metro North Health Service District.** Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Readvertised. Previous applicants need not reapply. Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10PCH03147. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide advice, support and education/training to primary health care workers in the provision of primary health care and information to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, homeless people and their families, who are experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drug use. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Benita Pope (07) 3837 5633.  
 Application Kit: (07) 3170 4261 or (07) 3170 4260 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)  
 Closing Date: Monday, 17 May 2010.

**Corporate Support Services**

**Indigenous Service Improvement Worker - Chermide Community Health Centre, Indigenous Health Service Clinic, Primary and Community Health Services, Chermide, Metro North Health Service District.** Remuneration value up to \$84 958 p.a., comprising salary between \$68 414 - \$74 461 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A05) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10PCH04148. **Duties/Abilities:** Monitor and evaluate the activity of the Community Indigenous Health Workers within the Indigenous Health Service. Provide leadership and support to the Community Indigenous Health Workers to achieve work place targets and work towards aims of the Indigenous Health Service. Facilitate and encourage Indigenous consumer participation in activities within the Metro North Health Service District. Act as a District representative on committees/meetings in support of the Indigenous Health Service. Monitor, evaluate and implement training according to the needs of Indigenous Health Service.

Enquiries: Robyn Chilcott (07) 3139 4123.  
 Application Kit: (07) 3170 4260 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)  
 Closing Date: Monday, 17 May 2010.

**You can apply online at**  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

**BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION**

**Training & Project Officer**

There are 3 fixed term positions available as per details below:

**Position No.: Supn**  
 Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to June 2011 – Alice Springs, NT

**Position No.: Supn**  
 Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to June 2011 – Alice Springs, NT

**Position No.: Supn**  
 Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to Oct 2010 – Tennant Creek, NT

**Remuneration Academic Level A/B - \$47,452 - \$79,570**

The above mentioned positions are responsible for the delivery of a new innovative approach to supporting Indigenous learners in early childhood settings to become qualified in Certificate I, II and III in Children's Services. This involves facilitation of workshops, on-going professional support and development; support for learning in the workplace, typically in remote early childhood services. Liaison with remote Aboriginal communities and with industry partners is required and working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement.

**Applications close Friday 14th May 2010**

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au) (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email [recruitment@batchelor.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@batchelor.edu.au)

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

**AWABAKAL**

**NEWCASTLE ABORIGINAL COOPERATIVE LTD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
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Established in 1976, Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Cooperative, a community controlled, non-for-profit organisation operates an Aboriginal Medical Service, aged care programs and children's services in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter Region. Our organisation has an annual turnover of eight (8) million dollars, one hundred and twenty five employees and currently administers thirty five (35) programs.

The opportunity exists for an experienced and capable Chief Executive Officer to take on the Cooperative's key leadership position and play a significant role, working collaboratively with the Board and senior management, to take the organisation forward.

You will provide high level strategic planning input to a seven member Board, implement their approved strategy/s and manage the day to day operations of the organisation.

**KEY ROLE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:**

- Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification, exemption claimed under Section 14D of the Antidiscrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
- Capacity to lead change and work with a senior management team to affect organisational efficiencies.
- Understanding of good corporate governance and experience in working with Boards
- Excellent networking and relationship building ability
- An appreciation of the importance of the role of community controlled organisations in the delivery of health and other programs for local Aboriginal people.

A competitive remuneration package including a motor vehicle and relocation expenses will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

**Contact:**  
 HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS on (02) 4940 8700 or by emailing [Glynis@humanresourceconsultants.com.au](mailto:Glynis@humanresourceconsultants.com.au) to obtain a complete Information Package and full selection criteria.  
 Applications close: Friday 14 May 2010.

**PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Aboriginal Education Officer** vacancies exist at a number of NSW public schools. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in these positions.

The role of the Aboriginal Education Officer is to support Aboriginal students and parents and their teachers in developing student outcomes, and to be a point of contact between the school and the Aboriginal community.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

<b>Forbes High School</b> (02) 6852 2666	<b>Weilmoringle Public School</b> (02) 6874 4941
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**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Understanding of the needs of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures. Effective communication skills. Ability to interact with Aboriginal students and parents. Knowledge of the local Aboriginal community.

*N.B.: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

**Remuneration Package** valued up to \$50,550 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary range \$42,136 - \$45,809).

**To apply for this position online go to [www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au).**  
**Closing date for applications is 21 May 2010.**

*Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.*

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

# Water Advisory and Regulatory Officer

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport  
 Technical 3 (\$54 196 - \$61 567)  
 Water Resources - Katherine

Temporary part time vacancy available to 25/04/2011 for 0.5 per week

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport is a dynamic organisation that exists to ensure the long term economic and social well being of Territorians by fostering use of natural resources within sustainable limits.

A Water Advisory and Regulatory Officer is sought to join a close knit multi disciplinary team to assist with the management, regulation and licensing of Northern Territory water resources under the Northern Territory Water Act 1992. Another key role of the position is the delivery of advice and technical information to the general community to aid in the promotion of sustainable natural resource management and protection of the Territory's pristine water resources.

It is essential that you have completed your secondary education with good level of Maths, English and Technology, however an appropriate Degree or Diploma in Natural Resource Management and experience is desirable. The position requires high level customer service and negotiation skills, and demonstrated experience in the use of mapping products such as cadastral, topographic, Geographical Information System (GIS) and geological maps.

For further information please contact Lachlan Kelsall on (08) 8973 8840

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 200048  
 Closing date: 14 May 2010

**Contact us now**  
 Phone: 1300 659 247  
 Email: [Recruitment@nt.gov.au](mailto:Recruitment@nt.gov.au)  
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**RTA School Crossing Supervisor – Various locations: Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Council Areas**

Work with your community – an important person in a young child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they learn to cross the road with safety.

You will need: community spirit, good communication skills, reliability, an alert and professional work attitude and a patient and caring personality.

The hours are usually 8-9:30am and/or 2:30-4pm, Monday to Friday during school terms. Typically working 5 to 10 hours per week. These casual hours and having school holidays free would certainly suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful community work, but not full-time.

The rate of pay for \$18.25 per hour for permanent staff and \$21.90 per hour for casual staff. All training for the role is provided by the RTA.

The RTA is actively working to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities we serve. We encourage diversity in our teams to provide a more creative, innovative and responsive workforce to meet the challenges of the future.

**For an application or for more information about this job opportunity, call Lee-Anne Roth at Universal Labour on 02 4272 7444.**

For further enquiries  
[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers)

Juvenile  
Justice



## Careers in Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice, Department of Human Services is NOW recruiting; permanent, temporary, full-time and part-time; and casual frontline staff for state-wide employment opportunities.

### YOUTH OFFICER

Youth Officers working in Juvenile Justice are responsible for providing a positive leadership role while assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody in NSW.

Salary package from \$48,765 to \$60,102 pa, plus shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

For further information about a career with Juvenile Justice or to apply, please visit our website: [www.djj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au) or telephone 1800 355 562.

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**AIATSIS**  
Australian Institute of Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islander Studies

## JOIN AUSTRALIA'S PRE-EMINENT NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

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Over the past 40 years AIATSIS has established itself as Australia's premier national institution for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies. We are responsible for a broad research program, manage world class collections of cultural and research material and publish a range of material through Aboriginal Studies Press. Together, we work to enhance the lives of Australian Indigenous peoples, increase appropriate access to the collection and enable a better understanding of Australian history by all Australians.

### Curator (Photographic)

**Note: previously advertised as Digital Assets Co-ordinator**  
**Previous applicants need not re-apply**

**APS 5**

**Audiovisual Archives**  
**\$56,802 - \$60,230**

**Non-ongoing for 12 months**

The Curator (Photographic) is responsible for the cataloguing of digital images, overseeing the photographic digital preservation project and ensuring the accurate ingest of digital photographic archive files and associated metadata into the AIATSIS Digital Asset Management System (DAMS).

### Archive Officer

**APS 4**

**Audiovisual Archive**  
**\$50,926 - \$55,295**

**Two positions available**  
**Non-ongoing, Full-time**  
**01/07/2010 - 30/06/2011**

The Archive Officer positions are located within the Collections Management Unit of the Audiovisual Archive. Archive Officers are responsible for the accessioning and cataloguing of photographic and moving image collections onto the Institute's online catalogue. These officers are also responsible for producing higher level documentation such as finding aids or caption lists in order to facilitate enhanced access to the collections.

Please consult the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au) to obtain the selection documentation for this position. For those without access to the Internet, selection documentation can be obtained from David Jeffery on (02) 6246 1139.

If after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact David Jeffery, on (02) 6246 1139 or e-mail: [david.jeffery@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:david.jeffery@aiatsis.gov.au)

Applications together with an application cover sheet and the names and telephone numbers of two recent referees should be forwarded to:

**The Recruitment Officer**  
**Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies**  
**GPO Box 553**  
**Canberra ACT 2601**

**Closing Date: COB 14 May 2010**

Applications may also be forwarded by e-mail: [HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au)

Applicants must address the selection criteria, which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce in order to promote knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELLOR

We are seeking enthusiastic and qualified applicants to work with the Indigenous Domestic & Family Violence Counselling Service within the Cooktown district.

Based in Cooktown this position will provide specialised counselling to victims of Domestic and Family Violence. This new 3 year pilot program will also provide outreach services to the communities of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura and aims to provide an early intervention and prevention counselling service in conjunction with the Children's Domestic Violence Counsellor.

The position is 30 hours per week, Community Services and Crisis Assistance Award level 6 \$47,000 - \$49,000 with salary sacrificing offered and is funded by the Dept. of Communities.

For an application pack please contact the Manager on 4069 6098 or [reception@cooktowndvc.org.au](mailto:reception@cooktowndvc.org.au)  
**Closing date Friday 28th May 2010, 5pm**



## Chief Executive Officer

*Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation has been established since July 1991 and provides services to the Indigenous community in South West Victoria. The services include Family Support, Health Services, Housing, Education, Employment, Land Management, and Youth and Cultural Activities.*

We are seeking a Chief Executive Officer who will provide leadership, a strong emphasis on strategic planning and goal setting, people management and provide support and direction for continuous improvement within our Corporation. You will be able to raise the profile of WMAC within the public and private sectors, have input and action to our strategic plan for the future growth of the Corporation.

You are an effective networker and will be able to represent WMAC at all levels of Government, Business and within the Community. You will be able to identify new opportunities and market these opportunities appropriately.

You will have empathy and a strong knowledge and understanding of the local Indigenous communities. The position reports to the Winda Mara Board of Directors, who will provide support and advice to the successful applicant. The position is based at our Heywood office, but will involve extensive intrastate and some interstate travel.

### We offer

- A fulfilling and rewarding position.
- A flexible, family friendly workplace.
- Support and training to ensure you succeed in your role.
- A part or full time ongoing position along with a competitive salary package, which includes a fully maintained company car, mobile phone, laptop, and access to salary sacrificing.

### Conditions of Employment

- You will need a current Victorian Drivers Licence.
- Willingness to undergo a Police and Working with Children Check.

Enquiries to Denis Rose, Chief Executive Officer on 03 5527 2051 or mobile 0409 502 645.

Please send a covering letter and resume, addressing the key selection criteria as mentioned above to: Linda Thompson, Human Resources / Safety, WMAC, PO Box 218, Heywood, Victoria, 3304 or via email [hr@windamara.com](mailto:hr@windamara.com) by Monday, 24th May 2010. Copy of position description is available upon request.

*Windamara Aboriginal Corporation is an equal opportunity employer. All applications received are treated with the strictest confidence.*



## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL COMMERCIAL ANALYST

- Highly Property Focused
- Diverse and Exciting Role in a great Team Environment
- Opportunity to demonstrate your Creative Problem Solving Skills

Reporting to the Commercial Director you will be responsible for undertaking a complex and challenging role which includes analyzing complex land dealings across the state; strategic planning & management of a commercial properties portfolio and the provision of business advice to a range of stakeholders.

Suitable applicants will possess a strong understanding of sound financial and business management principles and demonstrate a proven record in commercial analysis. Excellent interpersonal skills including the capacity to negotiate and mediate. The capacity to prepare high quality reports and recommendations together with an appreciation of Aboriginal issues is also essential.

An attractive remuneration package (neg.) with a range of salary packaging options and employment benefits will be available to the successful applicant.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Diane Lee by email: [diane.lee@alc.org.au](mailto:diane.lee@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to [diane.lee@alc.org.au](mailto:diane.lee@alc.org.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Coordinator Human Resources  
NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

**Applications close 12 May 2010**

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*

## Social & Emotional Well Being Officer - Derby, WA

- \* Help 'Close the Gap' in Indigenous health!
- \* Excellent remuneration pkg, circa \$53k!
- \* Further benefits inc. relocation and more!



Derby Aboriginal Health Service (DAHS) has an exciting opportunity for a Social and Emotional Well Being Officer to join its team in the Derby region, WA. In this diverse role, you will provide social and emotional wellbeing care to DAHS clients. DAHS is an organisation that truly values its team, and is committed to improving employee knowledge, skills and experience. You will receive an attractive salary package circa \$53,430, plus salary sacrifice up to \$30k p/a, as well as district allowance and 5 weeks annual leave! Don't miss out - Apply Now!



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## Manager - Aboriginal Tenancy Service

38 hours p.w.

The Greater Sydney Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service are auspiced by Dtarawarra Pty Ltd. Dtarawarra seeks to employ an Aboriginal Tenancy Service Manager, based at Sydney.

### Applicants must demonstrate:

- Experience at a high level in organisational and project management
- ability to understand and interpret legislation
- ability to manage own caseload
- ability to lead and manage a team
- experience in working with Aboriginal communities
- current driver's licence
- willingness to undertake training & travel

Applications **must address** all points on the selection criteria.

Selection criteria and duty statement from Ruth Simon on (02) 9589 1839 or 0425 290 066.

**Application close Friday 7 May 2010**

### Applications to:

Confidential  
Director - Dtarawarra Pty Ltd  
PO Box 126, JANNALI NSW 2226

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S140 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1987 (NSW)

SYDNEY INSTITUTE

TAFE

Ultimo  
College

## Assistant Outreach Coordinator (Aboriginal)

Permanent Full time

Location: Sydney Institute - Ultimo College

Job Reference No: 10/027/KP

**Duties:** Identify areas of unmet educational needs and develop Access DET programs in the community in consultation with students, TAFE staff and other organisations. Ensure that an effective learning environment is provided for Outreach students by planning course outlines and teaching approaches with Outreach teachers and managing the implementation of educational provision.

Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package by emailing [SI.Recruitment@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:SI.Recruitment@tafensw.edu.au) or calling 9217 4152.

Short listed applicants will be subject to employment screening.

**Inquiries:** Camilla Couch, (02) 9217 5005 or email [camilla.couch@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:camilla.couch@tafensw.edu.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday, 21 May 2010



Koorie Heritage Trust Inc  
Gnohan Darna Mulla Kuri

Project Manager  
Schools & Student  
Engagement programs



*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

The Koorie Heritage Trust Inc (KHT) is a not for profit Aboriginal community organisation that aims 'to protect, preserve and promote the living culture of Indigenous people from the south-east of Australia'. The Trust also aims 'to bridge the cultural gap between Koories and the wider community'.

This position will be responsible for two key school/student projects.

The Long Walk's School program, 'Get The Conversation Started', as well as the KHT 'Koorie Youth/Student Engagement' project initiative.

The Long Walk is a charity inspired by Michael Long's walk to Canberra. The successful applicant will work with KHT Education Unit, The Long Walk Project Manager, Victorian schools, Elders and community members.

### Please include the following with your application:

- Current CV / Resumé
- A brief response to each of the Key Selection Criteria
- Details [www.koorieheritagetrust.com](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.com)

**Salary Range:** \$55,173 - \$60,690 pro rata (inclusive superannuation and leave loading)

**Employment Status:** Four Days per week part-time - 24 months with possible extension subject to funding.

**Further Information:** Application to be sent to Jason Eades, Chief Executive Officer, at [ceo@kooieheritagetrust.com](mailto:ceo@kooieheritagetrust.com) or by mail to 295 King Street, Melbourne 3000

**Closing Date:** Friday 14 May 2010



## Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position in our Link Up Program

### Link Up Manager

We are looking for someone with the following qualities:

- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society and the ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal people
- Good Management skills.
- Sound program development skills.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

For a copy of the job description, please contact Connie Salamone on (03) 8388 1855.

Applications close: Friday 21st May 2010

[www.linkupvictoria.org.au](http://www.linkupvictoria.org.au)

## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Medical Secretary

Paediatrics, John Hunter Children's Hospital, New Lambton  
Perm Part Time, 28 hpw Position No: 67226  
Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions.

This position has been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply.

In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants include: permanent employees and temporary employees who have been employed for more than 12 months and who have been employed as part of a merit selection process. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Enquiries: Karen Dixon, (02) 4921 3671, [karen.dixon@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:karen.dixon@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)  
Closing Date: 14 May 2010.

### Aboriginal Family Violence Worker

Kaleidoscope, Wallsend  
Temp Part Time, 11 hpw until May 2011  
Position No: 67178

This is a designated 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. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Enquiries: Nicole Carter, (02) 4924 6191.

### Social Worker

HealthOne, Quirindi  
Temp Part Time, 8 hrs Position No: 67220  
Enquiries: Michelle Gallagher, (02) 6746 0232.

### Enrolled Nurse

Murrurundi  
Perm Part Time with creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions  
Position No: 67272  
Enquiries: Judith Collison, (02) 6546 9023, [judith.collison@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:judith.collison@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

### Registered Nurse

Murrurundi  
Temp Part Time with creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions  
Position No: 67264  
Enquiries: Judith Collison, (02) 6546 9023.

### Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Allied Health, Maitland  
Perm Full Time Position No: 67133  
This is a designated 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. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

### Clinical Nurse Consultant

Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal People Community Health, Inverell, Moree, or Armidale (location negotiable)  
Perm Full Time Position No: 67103  
Enquiries: Vicki Holliday, 0438 692 709, [vicki.a.holliday@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vicki.a.holliday@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

### Environmental Health Officer

Population Health (location negotiable)  
Temp Part Time, 19 hpw until June 2011  
Position No: 67085  
Enquiries: Philippe Porigneaux, (02) 4924 6494.

Closing Date for all positions (unless specified): 21 May 2010

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

## Manager - Strategy and Evaluation

Department of Education and Training

Indigenous VET Initiatives

**Additional Info:** This full time permanent position is a specified position since a significant proportion of the duties involve policy and program development for Indigenous people in Queensland.

**Salary:** \$93,945 - \$99,361 per annum

**Location:** Brisbane

**Reference:** CO20034/10C

**Key Duties:** Provide leadership within Indigenous VET Initiatives and across Government in the development and co-ordination of VET policies, programs and initiatives directed at Indigenous Queenslanders. The person will also provide strategic advice to the Department's Executive on strategies to maximise VET outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders.

**Skills/Abilities:** You should possess extensively developed interpersonal, oral and written skills in preparing significant submissions, reports and high level departmental papers.

**Enquiries:** Margaret Browne on (07) 3227 8680

To apply please visit [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 19 May 2010

[www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)



## Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission

The Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) is an independent statutory agency that promotes equality and resolves complaints of unlawful discrimination across Victoria in the public, private and community sectors.

### INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

DJ 8101, VPS GRADE 3  
FIXED TERM FOR 12 MONTHS  
\$51,818-\$62,917 + SUPER

An exciting opportunity exists for a human rights motivated professional to make a difference in the Victorian Indigenous community. This position is responsible for the day to day delivery of the Commission's human rights and equal opportunity education and engagement programs with the Indigenous community.

This is an Identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy, and is part of the Commission's commitment to providing culturally appropriate and accessible services. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Closing date for applications: 23rd May 2010**

**Enquiries: Jason Rostant on 9032-3401**

To apply online and for further information on position description and selection criteria visit: [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

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## Australian Government

### Aboriginal Hostels Limited

## Assistant Manager

Canberra  
Indigenous Youth Mobility Program  
APS Level 6  
\$61,626 - \$69,319 pa, plus superannuation

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) is an Australian Government Indigenous Partnerships initiative that supports Indigenous young people who wish to move away from home to gain the qualifications they need to have a greater chance of obtaining sustainable employment in their home community or elsewhere.

### Duties

- Assist in the management and coordination of the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program;
- Assist with major and/or complex projects relevant to the IYMP, in particular the establishment of new houses;
- Undertake planning and analysis of capacity and performance of IYMP accommodation.

### Want to know more?

Contact Robyn Dass on (02) 6212 2083

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Robyn Dass on (02) 6212 2083

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to The Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, Woden ACT 2606 or email [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au)

### Closing date

By 5pm 14 May 2010

## Assistant Marketing Officer

Canberra  
Marketing Unit  
APS Level 4  
\$50,665 - \$54,175 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Design and layout of publications and promotional materials
- Assist in planning and production of corporate publications and media releases
- Develop and maintain distribution and mailing lists
- Marketing, publicity and promotional projects
- Develop and maintain design standards

### Want to know more?

Contact Suzie Duffy on (02) 6212 2095

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Suzie Duffy on (02) 6212 2095

### How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to The Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, Woden ACT 2606 or email [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au)

### Closing date

By 5pm 14 May 2010

## Assistant Hostel Manager

Melbourne  
George Wright Shelter  
APS Level 2  
\$312.44 - \$331.55 per week, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Part time 15.2 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

### Want to know more?

Contact Robert Rudnew on (03) 9642 2775.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Rebekah Zechner on (03) 9642 2775.

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to The Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 486G, Melbourne VIC 3001 or email [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au)

### Closing date

By 5pm 14 May 2010.

**This is a homeless (men only) hostel.**

### Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

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## Indigenous Student Support Officer – Faculty of Science and Engineering (Half-Time)

Ref. No. 10102 – Townsville

The appointee will be responsible for facilitating an increase in and retention of the number of Indigenous students enrolled in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. This will include the implementation of strategies to improve the learning experience of Indigenous students, assisting in targeted recruitment drives in Schools in the greater Townsville and Cairns areas and working closely with Indigenous communities in North Queensland, to identify and attract suitable Indigenous students to the Faculty. The appointee will also act as liaison officer between academic staff and students to facilitate student integration into Faculty programmes in order to maximise completions. Development of a network of relevant key stakeholder groups, internal and external to the University, with the aim of linking students to social support structures and funding sources will be a key function of the position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

**Employment Type:** Appointment will be half-time on a continuing basis subject to a probationary period.

**Salary:** Higher Education Worker Level 6 – \$28,341 - \$30,715 per annum. Benefits include generous employer superannuation contribution and attractive options for salary packaging.

**Applications close** on 14 May 2010.

For more information go to:  
[www.jcu.edu.au/jobs](http://www.jcu.edu.au/jobs), enter the  
Reference Number in the search field  
and follow the links.

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The Department brings together the core elements of the Government's productivity and participation agenda from early childhood, through schools, trade training, wider vocational education, universities and employment participation.

DEEWR has a particular focus on Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage, and works across a range of jurisdictions to improve policy, programs, services and outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

HIGHER EDUCATION GROUP, CANBERRA

## Policy Officer

Executive Level 1 | \$85,868 to \$94,903 | Ref no: 10/0818 (Identified Position)

APS Level 6 | \$69,830 to \$76,790 | Ref no: 10/0817 (Identified Position)

The Branch plays a key role in developing and implementing the Australian Government's recent higher education reforms, with a particular focus on improving outcomes for Indigenous students, students from low socio-economic backgrounds and other equity groups.

The Indigenous Higher Education Policy team provides policy and secretariat support to the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.

We seek pro-active individuals who thrive in a team environment, people who analyse issues from a range of perspectives, communicate clearly and will take responsibility for managing work projects to achieve results.

**Contact Officer:** Shona McQueen (02) 62405441

**Applications close:** 13 May 2010

LIFTING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES GROUP, CANBERRA

## Program Officers

APS Level 6 | \$69,830 to \$76,790 | Ref no: 10/0800 (Identified Position)

The School and Student Support Branch of the Lifting Educational Outcomes Group is seeking candidates to undertake a range of duties at the APS6 level. It is expected that one or more vacancies will be available across the Branch.

The Branch contributes to the implementation of the Australian Government's policy agenda for lifting the educational outcomes of Australian students, in particular disadvantaged and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. Successful candidates will be expected to undertake various roles, encompassing contract and project management, development of program documentation and other duties as required.

Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

**Contact Officer:** Barry Lohse (02) 6240 7943

**Applications close:** 20 May 2010

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## Indigenous Health & Wellbeing Program Coordinator

We need your strong project management and relationship building skills to lead the implementation and management of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing program.

Your understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing and experience of working with Indigenous communities will make you the ideal candidate.

Please visit [www.oxfam.org.au/jobs](http://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs) for application details. Salary \$60,171 plus benefits and access to packaging schemes. **Closes 19 May.** We promote diversity and practice equity. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.*

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[www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au)



## Intensive Koori Support Case Worker

North and West Metropolitan Region  
Youth Justice  
\$60,143 to \$67,651 (+ Superannuation)  
Full Time, Ongoing

Are you:

- Experienced in providing culturally based services and interventions to young Koori people and their families?
- Able to work effectively in the criminal justice system and Koori community to assist young Koori people to address their offending behaviour, thus reducing Koori over-representation?

This position provides innovative culturally based support, assessment and casework for young Koori people subject to deferral of sentence or community based orders, including Probation, Youth Supervision, and Youth Attendance Orders, and provides court advice to the Children's Koori Court as required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Eva West - North West Metropolitan Region Youth Justice/Unit Manager on (03) 9470 0379. To apply online and view the job description, visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference no. DHS/NWR/76309. Closing date for applications is Sunday 23rd May 2010

*Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.*

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.  
[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)



## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL LALC SUPPORT OFFICER

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has a vacancy for a **LALC Support Officer** at our Eastern Zone Office. (Office located at Parramatta with potential relocation to Central Coast).

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options.

This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

As part of a committed pro-active team you will be involved in providing an extensive range of assistance, support and advice to enable Local Aboriginal Land Councils to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

The successful applicant will need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, experience with program delivery, sound communication skills and the ability to coordinate a diverse range of functions. An understanding of Aboriginal issues and a willingness to travel are also required.

For detailed information about the position, the benefits/conditions and how to apply please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: [diane.lee@alc.org.au](mailto:diane.lee@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4499.

**Applications can be forwarded to [diane.lee@alc.org.au](mailto:diane.lee@alc.org.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:**

A/Human Resources Coordinator  
NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

**Applications close Monday 17 May 2010**

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*



## ILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE DRUG AND ALCOHOL HEALTH WORKER

(Working with Male Aboriginal adult clients)

**Full time position**

**Essential Criteria:**

- Certificate IV AOD/Community Services(or equivalent)
- Demonstrated knowledge of case management
- Demonstrated knowledge of treatment models
- Previous experience working in Drug and Alcohol/Community Services field
- Proven ability in delivering presentations and facilitating group work
- Proven ability in counselling single clients, couples and families
- Computer literacy
- Proven report writing skills
- Current Drivers Licence

**Desirable:**

- Knowledge of local AOD issues/Aboriginal people
- Experience working in a community controlled organisation or NGO

**To apply for the position contact:**

Leanne Lawrence Phone 02) 4262 8777

email: [llawrence@illawarraams.com.au](mailto:llawrence@illawarraams.com.au)

A criminal record check will be carried out on the successful applicant.

**Closing Date:**

**5 pm Friday 21st May 2010.**

**No applications will be taken after this time.**



## Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Education Office

### Indigenous Assistant – ACT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the full-time position: Indigenous Assistant in the Catholic Education Office (CEO) of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

This is an Indigenous identified position. The successful applicant will have significant experience in Indigenous education, liaising with Indigenous communities and providing Indigenous perspectives across the curriculum.

This position involves working with children. The appointment of the successful applicant will be subject to satisfactory employment screening for child related employment in accordance with CEO policy.

Applicants must address the selection criteria which is available from Mrs Leonie Kelly on 02 6234 5412 or [leonie.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:leonie.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au) or visit our website at [www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au)

**Closing date:** Friday, 14 May 2010

*Together Building the Future of Catholic Education*

## Central Australian Remote Health Development Services (CARHDS) ACN 098 256 387

CARHDS is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation governed by the Primary Health Care (PHC) services in Central Australia. CARHDS provides work based in-service and off-site education and training to employees and Aboriginal Boards of Management of the PHC services.

Our aim is to build the confidence and capacity of Aboriginal people and health professionals to improve Aboriginal health through a unique regional model of delivery to remote health services as well as services located in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

This model is industry driven, reflects the strategic goals of PHC services and is directly accountable to the PHC services for outcomes.

### Aboriginal Health Work Educator

**1 x Full time**

CARHDS is offering an exciting and challenging educator position for a highly motivated person with a strong commitment to education and training in the Aboriginal primary health care sector.

Applicants must be eligible for registration as an Aboriginal Health Worker; and have extensive experience and/or relevant qualifications in indigenous Primary Health Care.

The successful applicant will also have qualifications and experience in training and assessment or be willing to obtain. Applicants must be available to work in remote communities for up to one (1) week at any given time.

**Excellent conditions** – Level 8 (\$56,970. – \$61,505 per annum) including six (6) weeks annual leave with 17½% leave loading, 3 weeks study leave, district allowance, 9% superannuation plus generous travel allowance and salary packaging.

**For further information** please contact Clarissa Comerford or Linda Zerna on (08) 8953 5500.

For a copy of duty statements and selection criteria's please contact Stacey Stanton on (08) 8953 5500 or email [office@carhds.nt.edu.au](mailto:office@carhds.nt.edu.au)

**Comprehensive applications addressing the selection criteria with two (2) referees should be made to:**

Linda Zerna, CEO CARHDS  
PO Box 8475, Alice Springs NT 0871  
or by email [director@carhds.nt.edu.au](mailto:director@carhds.nt.edu.au)

**by COB 28th May 2010**

*CARHDS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*



**LECTURER, INDIGENOUS HEALTH  
SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL**

REFERENCE NO. 1059/0410

The Sydney School of Public Health is seeking to appoint a Lecturer to teach within its Indigenous Health programs. The role will involve teaching, curriculum review and resource development.

Visit [sydney.edu.au/positions](http://sydney.edu.au/positions) and search by the reference number for more information and to apply.

CLOSING DATE: 27 MAY 2010



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**JEAN'S PLACE**

**Service Manager**

Women and Children's Refuge Crisis Accommodation  
70hrs per/ftn Manage a small team

The organisation works from a feminist philosophy and works with women and children escaping domestic violence. The organisation provides services to a diverse cultural range of women and children.

The role of the Service Manager is to provide high quality management, including the overall administration and coordination of the service and staff.

The applicant must demonstrate a clear understanding of the impact of domestic violence on women and children.

Conditions of pay are under the Social & Community Services Employers (State) Award Grade 6 year 1-2 depending on experience.

**Essential:** By law all selected applicants must be willing to undergo "The Working for Children Check" to be eligible for employment. Under the NSW Child Protection Act 1998 it is an offence for a Prohibited Person to apply.

A current driver's licence is also required.

Women from CALD and Aboriginal backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Being a woman is a genuine occupational requirement of this position under Section 126A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Closing date:** Monday 28TH May 2010 at 5.00pm.

For a package outlining the essential & desirable criteria please call Tracey Robinson on 02 95581702.

**GREATER WESTERN  
AREA HEALTH SERVICE  
NSW HEALTH**

**ALLIED HEALTH**

**Broken Hill**

**Sexual Assault Counsellor**

PFT (jobshare considered), **Salary:** As per relevant skills & qualifications, **Recruitment No:** GW61825, **Enquiries**

**& Application Kit:** Sue Burke, (02) 6363 8020 or [sue.burke@gwhs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sue.burke@gwhs.health.nsw.gov.au) **Close:** 21/05/10.

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



**Victorian Aboriginal  
Child Care Agency**

**Support Worker**

Aboriginal Adolescent Community Placement House

- Make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal young people.
- Help keep them connected to culture and community.
- 15 hr per week role with flexible work hours including weekends and weeknights.

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is a state-wide Aboriginal community controlled organization whose purpose is to advocate on behalf of and provide services for Aboriginal children, young people and families premised on human rights, self-determination, cultural respect and safety.

Our Aboriginal Adolescent Community Placement House is an exciting new program which accommodates up to three Aboriginal young people in a culturally sensitive family environment cared for by a live-in carer/s and supported by a team of staff. As a support worker you will have an important role in providing practical hands on support to the young people within the house. Responsibilities may involve assisting the young people with their homework, supporting them to attend cultural and recreational activities, and developing their independent living skills.

**We are looking for someone who:**

- Has a sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures and values.
- Is able to communicate effectively with Aboriginal young people.
- Is able to contribute to Aboriginal young people's physical, emotional, psychological, and cultural wellbeing and development.
- Is able to work collaboratively as part of a care team.

For more information and a copy of the position description please contact : Julie Toohy on (03) 8388 1855

**Applications close: Friday 14th May 2010**

[www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY



**MAGISTRATES' COURT OF  
VICTORIA**

**ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER**

*Ongoing - Full Time*

**VPS Grade 3 (\$51, 818 - \$62, 917)**

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person. The Aboriginal Liaison Service forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP). CISP provides a multi-disciplinary team approach to the service and treatment of accused people.

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer Service addresses the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Identified Indigenous position, which will involve the development and delivery of programs and services which impact on Indigenous people.

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) or contact Janelle Cooper on 8615 3856. Applications close 9th May 2010.

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**Want to be your own Boss?  
or looking for help finding a job?**

**Then give the Hunter Region  
BEC a call today to secure an  
interview.**

The Hunter Region BEC supports Aboriginal people to move into self employment and also assists people to gain employment or training towards employment.

Our Aboriginal Enterprise Development officer and New Careers for Aboriginal People officer are available Monday to Friday to answer your queries.

Phone today on **02 4936 2557** for a confidential interview.

Proudly supported by the NSW Department of Education and Training Aboriginal Community Programs.

**Hunter Region BEC**  
**PO Box 195**  
**Kurri Kurri NSW 2327**  
[www.hunterregionbec.com.au](http://www.hunterregionbec.com.au)



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Blacktown City is a modern city of 47 suburbs, home to 300,000. Council is continuously evolving and our 2025 Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.

**Aboriginal Arts Development  
Officer**

Position No: BCC1064

You will implement a comprehensive Aboriginal arts development strategy for Council, including economic and professional development opportunities for Aboriginal artists, and ensuring that opportunities are made available for the development and recognition of arts development in Blacktown's Aboriginal communities. You have tertiary qualifications in a related field or extensive relevant experience, plus knowledge of services and resources available to support arts development in Aboriginal communities and specifically, issues affecting Aboriginal artists.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position in accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

A voluntary information session for those considering applying will be held from 6pm - 7.30pm on Tuesday, 11 May at the Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown.

**Enquiries:** Jenny Bisset, Manager Arts and Cultural Development, on (02) 9839 6081 or Bob Leslie, Aboriginal Community Development Worker, on (02) 9839 6167.

**Salary Range:** \$1,017.80 to \$1,139.90 (Grade 11) pw + vehicle allowance.

**Closing Date:** 4.30pm Friday, 21 May 2010.

**For this position: Application forms and descriptions are available on our website. Applications MUST quote relevant position number. Salary and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council's Enterprise Agreement.**

Blacktown City Council

[www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

**Legal Aid  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

**Solicitor  
Legal Officer V**

**Childrens Legal Service, CL10/046 (Permanent)  
Criminal Law  
Parramatta Justice Precinct  
Permanent  
Legal Officer Grade V**

**Total remuneration package valued to  
\$114,931 pa including salary (\$102,150 -  
\$104,151), employer's contribution to  
superannuation and leave loading.**

**Important Notes:** Provide high-level legal advice and representation to people facing criminal charges, primarily in Children's committal matters, serious Children's indictable matters and more difficult hearing matters conducted in the Children's Court.

Provide leadership in advocacy and negotiation with prosecuting agencies in the conduct and resolution of matters, primarily at the committal stage to ensure that legal advice and representation is provided to all eligible clients who are facing indictable criminal charges in the Children's and higher Courts.

Provide management and supervision support to the Childrens Legal Service based at Parramatta Justice Precinct including the mentoring of less graded Legal Officers.

Applicants **must** obtain an information package from [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au). The package will contain the selection criteria and a Position Description along with vital information on how to apply for this vacancy.

**Inquiries:** Debra Maher on 8688 3865 or [debra.maher@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:debra.maher@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

**Packages:** [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

**Application to:** [employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing date:** 17 May 2010

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NSW Police Force  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
SUPPORT OFFICER**

Aboriginal targeted position  
Castlereagh Local Area Command, Walgett

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2  
Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time up to February 2011  
Suburb: WALGETT  
Vacancy Ref: 10/065

Salary Package: \$60,102. Salary: \$50,100 - \$54,465. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

The position provides support focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The position also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support, including within the Court Process Office.

**Job Notes:**

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 up to February 2011.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- Position will generally be rostered to perform work on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer. Applications must address all Selection Criteria.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Enquiries:** Benjamin Salt on (02) 6828 6801 or [salt1ben@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:salt1ben@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Pack:** Cheryl Henry on (02) 6828 6803 or [henr1che@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:henr1che@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** Benjamin Salt, Acting Local Area Manager, Castlereagh Local Area Command, PO Box 312, Walgett NSW 2832

**Closing Date:** Friday 14 May 2010

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

### 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 mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1295	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	39.88ha	29km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°30' Long 121°52'	Coolgardie
24/750	Xceed Biotechnology Ltd	289.83ha	56km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/695	St Barbara Ltd	2.24ha	43km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 121°08'	Leonora
37/975	St Barbara Ltd	78.6ha	39km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°34' Long 121°08'	Leonora
37/977	St Barbara Ltd	1.48ha	50km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/1294	Trevor John Dixon	694.92ha	13km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°28'	Leonora
77/881	St Barbara Ltd	0.66ha	74km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°31' Long 119°41'	Kondinin
77/883	St Barbara Ltd	0.28ha	78km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°35' Long 119°43'	Kondinin
77/1092	St Barbara Ltd	36.93ha	76km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°38' Long 119°41'	Kondinin

**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:** 5 May 2010

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 5 August 2010. 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*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination 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 leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 5 September 2010**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

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 3828.

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Environment,  
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## Aboriginal Project Support Officer

Clerk Grade 3/4, Wollongong, Temporary Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: DECCW 106-10

Total remuneration package to \$67,675 p.a. including salary \$56,009 p.a. to \$61,328 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Undertake tasks to assist in reserve management, ranging from cultural and natural heritage protection projects to liaison with neighbours and community. Strong focus on creating ties with the local Aboriginal communities associated with Dharawal Reserves.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities.
- Appreciation of biodiversity conservation, cultural heritage and natural resource management issues.
- Demonstrated organisational skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision and work as part of a small team.
- Demonstrated ability to research, analyse and organise information from a variety of sources and provide concise and clearly expressed reports and documents.
- Well developed written and verbal communication and computer skills in data-processing, word processing and spreadsheet applications.
- Ability to maintain and develop positive working relationships with local Aboriginal Community groups and local Area and Regional staff.
- Ability to implement minor works projects to protect places or items of cultural significance.
- Current drivers licence with the ability to operate manual vehicles and, safely operate and maintain minor plant and equipment.

**Job Notes:** Temporary position up to 30 November 2010. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Enquiries:** Anita Zubovic (02) 4223 3005 (M) 0439 485 434 or anita.zubovic@environment.nsw.gov.au

**Information Packages:** (02) 4223 3000 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date: 14 May 2010**

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Australian Government

Indigenous Land Corporation

## PROJECT ADVISER

- Exciting opportunity based in Brisbane
- Interesting, challenging and rewarding work with regional travel
- Salary Range \$69K to \$75K (plus Super)

The ILC assists Indigenous Australians to acquire and manage land to provide cultural, social, economic or environmental benefits for themselves and future generations. We are looking for an energetic, highly focused, strategic thinker to work in a challenging and rewarding team environment. You will be a member of a small multi-disciplinary team which:

- provides advice to the ILC Board Land Management about land acquired by the ILC and progress towards the granting of lands to Indigenous title holding bodies;
- administers land management projects on Indigenous-held land, including coordinating assistance from other agencies; and
- provides advice to clients, stakeholders and Management on issues relating to the ILC's programs.

The successful candidate will have excellent project management, organisational and communication skills which will enable them to facilitate high quality outcomes with Indigenous clients. You should also have a well developed knowledge of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities, with the skills and knowledge to be able to deal with a range of land management and/or built environment issues.

Commencing salary is negotiable within the range above depending on your skills and experience and you will have access to excellent conditions including the opportunity to further develop your skills through our Studies Assistance program.

For further information, please contact **Robert See, Operations Manager on (07) 3854 4600 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au))

Applications are to only include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and an ILC Cover Note (located on the ILC website). Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 14 May 2010. Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au) or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to: Adam Jenkins, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

### 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 prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5502	Kurana Pty Ltd	9.71ha	6km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/5510	Focus Minerals Ltd	8.05ha	7km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°13'	Coolgardie
15/5512-6	Auzex Resources Ltd	979.16ha	25km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
15/5519	Focus Minerals Ltd	191.53ha	18km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°05' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
20/2128	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	18.02ha	54km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 117°27'	Cue
25/2117-9	Boulder Resources Pty Ltd	503.53ha	37km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3686	David Joseph Birney	49.22ha	4km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2009-12	St Barbara Ltd	657.28ha	18km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°38'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1199-204	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	1084.91ha	139km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 122°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/7896	Stuart Lindsay Williamson	128.71ha	8km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°23'	Leonora
37/7897	Donald Vernon Winter	35.55ha	52km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°04'	Leonora
45/2782	Jozsef Csak	13.9ha	83km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°21' Long 118°58'	East Pilbara
53/1528	Magellan Metals Pty Ltd	22.25ha	30km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°35' Long 119°55'	Wiluna
57/1259	Legend Resources Pty Ltd	49.73ha	67km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°23' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
59/1924	Mark Denis Hargreaves	43.09ha	2km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
63/1809	David John Powter	191.94ha	74km E'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 122°33'	Dundas
63/1810	David John Powter	195.17ha	68km E'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°06' Long 122°29'	Dundas
63/1812	David John Powter	166.47ha	30km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°57' Long 121°56'	Dundas
77/3984	Wayne Craig Van Blitterswyk	50.73ha	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°31' Long 119°49'	Kondinin
77/3994	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	158.12ha	74km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°10' Long 119°16'	Yilgarn
77/3996-7	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	245.86ha	32km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°43' Long 118°57'	Yilgarn

**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.

**Notification day:** 5 May 2010

**Native title parties:** Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, 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 **5 August 2010**. 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*. 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. 5 September 2010**), 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 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. 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 3828.

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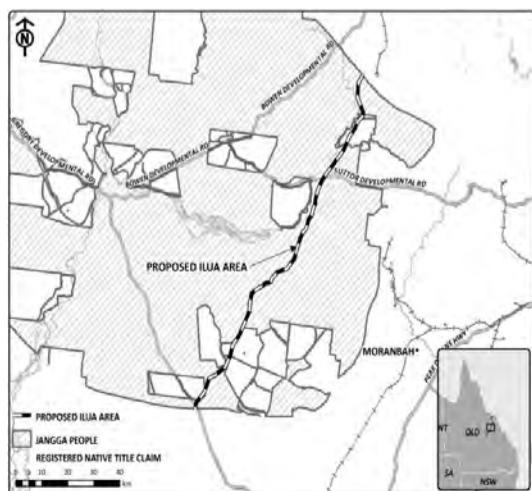
### PUBLIC NOTICE

## JANGGA CLAIM GROUP'S AUTHORISATION MEETING

### AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JANGGA CLAIM GROUP AND HANCOCK FOR PART OF THE ALPHA COAL PROJECT

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd ABN 69 008 676 417 (**Hancock**) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**Proposed ILUA**) with the Jangga People native title group. The purpose of the Proposed ILUA is to authorise the construction and operation of a portion of a 495km mine to port railway between Alpha and Abbot Point and all other necessary infrastructure associated with the Alpha Coal Project within the ILUA Area.

The ILUA Area is shown on the map below.



The Jangga People native title claim (QUD6230/98; QC98/10) covers the ILUA Area and describes the Jangga People native title claim group as the descendants of the apical Jangga persons more particularly identified as Charles Tears, Dick Heggerty/Dinduck, Pompey Earl, Johnny Havilah, Mick Havilah, Albert Twist, Pincher Cook/Bell and Charlie and Judy Pinkipie. (**Jangga Claim Group**).

### 1. Information Meeting

An information meeting regarding the Proposed ILUA will be held in Charters Towers as follows:

**Date and time:** Monday, 10 May at 11:00am.

**Place:** Cattleman's Rest Motor Inn, Cnr Bridge & Plant Streets CHARTERS TOWERS QLD 4820.

**Purpose:** to provide information on the Proposed ILUA to all people who hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Anyone who considers that they are a member of the Jangga Claim Group is invited to attend the information meeting.

Refreshments will be provided to attendees but no sitting fees will be paid for the information meeting.

If you would like to make an enquiry regarding the information meeting please contact Nathan Cammerman at Hancock on 07 3231 9600 or fax 07 3229 4788.

### 2. Authorisation Meeting

An authorisation meeting regarding the Proposed ILUA will be held in Collinsville as follows:

**Date and time:** Saturday, 29 May 2010 at 10:00am.

**Place:** Collinsville Community Centre, 11 Conway Street COLLINSVILLE QLD 4804.

**Purpose:** to authorise the Proposed ILUA between Hancock and the Jangga Claim Group.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you are a member of the Jangga Claim Group. If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting or have any questions in relation to it, please contact Gail Christianson at Jangga Operations Pty Ltd on 0410 343 041 by Friday, 21 May 2010 if possible, so that arrangements can be made for catering, travel, accommodation etc.

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area but do not consider that you fall within the description of the Jangga Claim Group then please contact Nathan Cammerman at Hancock on 07 3231 9600 or fax 07 3229 4788.



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These positions require Project Officers with demonstrated experience working with Indigenous communities on development, capacity building or volunteering projects. Demonstrated ability to work in a small team environment, excellent communication

skills and a capacity to build and maintain productive relations with people of diverse backgrounds are essential.

A current drivers licence and ability to travel in regional and remote Australia is essential for this position.

**Applications must include a statement addressing the selection criteria.**

For a full position description and selection criteria please email [jclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:jclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au) or visit [www.icv.com.au](http://www.icv.com.au).

**Applications close:**

**22nd May 2010** and should be emailed to [jclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:jclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au).

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

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 miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/193	Atlas Iron Ltd	2002.01ha	30km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°07' Long 119°41'	East Pilbara
59/80	Karara Mining Limited	14316.96ha	61km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°13' Long 116°38'	Perenjori
59/81	Karara Mining Limited	4991.35ha	57km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°12' Long 117°06'	Perenjori
59/83	Karara Mining Limited	4991.35ha	57km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°03'	Perenjori

**The purposes for L45/193, L59/80-1 and L59/83 are search for groundwater**

**Nature of act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 5 May 2010

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, 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 **5 August 2010**. 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*. 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. 5 September 2010**), 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 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. 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 3828.

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### Water Planner (Aboriginal Communities)

Clerk Grade 7/8

Armidale/Tamworth/Parramatta/Queanbeyan or other negotiable location  
Temporary Full Time

Job Reference No: NOW2010/025

Salary: Total remuneration package valued at \$91,779 per annum  
(includes salary \$75,137 pa - \$83,171 pa).

Provide advice and support to water planning staff to facilitate the engagement and input of Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders in the water planning process. Deliver the NSW Government's water sharing planning arrangements in NSW.

Temporary position under Section 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE & M Act 2002 for a period up to 12 months. Location for the position can be Armidale/Tamworth/Parramatta/Queanbeyan or other negotiable location.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage issues.
- Sound knowledge of water resource management issues and the State and Commonwealth Government's water reform agendas.
- Demonstrated networking skills and proven ability to build and maintain effective networks and relationships with Aboriginal peers and stakeholders.
- Proven ability to provide high level advice to other staff and senior management.
- High level oral and written communication skills.
- High level problem solving and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work well in a team environment working with, and remotely from, other team members.
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple project activities and achieve results.

**Enquiries:** Dave Miller, Phone: (02) 6561 4973

**Information Packages:** Please send an e-mail to [dwe.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dwe.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au) with 025 in the subject line. This is an auto response.

**Applications:** Please apply on line at [Jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://Jobs.nsw.gov.au). Or by post to Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124

**Closing Date: 9 May 2010**

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## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National Native Title Tribunal

State of Queensland

Notification day: 19 May 2010



**QI2010/004 Surat Gladstone Pipeline SGP and Iman People #2 ILUA**

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers about 511km<sup>2</sup>, located approximately 40km south-east of Taroom as shown on the locality map

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Banana Shire Council and the Western Downs Regional Council.

**Parties to agreement and their contact address:**

Surat Gladstone Pipeline Pty Ltd  
C/- Gilkerson Legal  
GPO Box 598  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Madonna Barnes, Richard Doyle, Eve Fesl, Cynthia Kemp, Troy Noble, Patrick Silvester, Russell David Tatow, Fred Tull and Fergus Waterton as registered native title claimants for Native Title Determination Application QUD6162/98 (Iman People #2)  
C/- Michael Owens & Associates  
Suite 3B, 41 Sturt Street  
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

**The agreement contains the following statements:**

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

**Statements of the kind mentioned in ss. 24EB(1) or 24EBA(1) or (4)**

**Clause 19 Technicalities for Future Acts**

19.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Act covered by the Agreement.

**Clause 22 Consent to Future Acts Covered by the Agreement**

22.1 The Parties consent to any Future Act in the ILUA Area. [The definition of Future Acts in Schedule 1 sets out the class of Future Acts that is covered by this clause].

**Schedule 1 – Dictionary**

**'Future Act'** means any Pipeline Related Act including a Pipeline Related Act which:-

- involves or relates to the grant of an easement for the Project or any part of it;
- involves or relates to preparation for construction, construction or operation of the Project;
- involves or relates to any Looping Project;
- where permission for the Project under Part 5 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act, 2004 has not been granted at the Registration Date – the grant of that permission; or
- where any other Pipeline Related Act has not been validly completed before the Registration Date (for example, validly under one of the provisions of the Native Title Act apart from Part 2 Division 3 Subdivisions C and E) – that Pipeline Related Act.

**'Looping Project'** means any activity by, for or on behalf of SGP (or any assignee) which permits or requires or which consists of, the construction, operation, maintenance, use or repair of any future gas pipeline which:-

- augments the capacity of the Project pipeline; or
  - is located generally parallel to the Project pipeline,
- and which is for the same or similar purpose as the Project pipeline.

**'Pipeline Related Act'** means any activity by, for or on behalf of SGP (or any assignee) in or relating to the ILUA Area which permits or requires the construction, operation, maintenance, use or repair of the Project or any part of it or which consists of the construction, operation, use, maintenance or repair of the Project or any part of it.

**'Project'** means the construction and operation of a gas transmission pipeline and related facilities by or for SGP or any assignee in the ILUA Area.

**Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified**

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **19 August 2010**.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001 by 19 August 2010**.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this application, contact Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

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**Closing date: 7 May 2010.**

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# NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

## 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 exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1921	Faurex Pty Ltd Michael Morawa	653.18km <sup>2</sup>	116km E'ly of Derby	Lat 17°27' Long 124°42'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1965	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	35.9km <sup>2</sup>	99km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°34' Long 124°54'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/2041	Twelve Mile Pty Ltd	550.93km <sup>2</sup>	52km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat 22°00' Long 115°26'	Ashburton
08/2083	Yarri Mining Pty Ltd	9.47km <sup>2</sup>	125km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 22°46' Long 115°08'	Ashburton
09/1665	Rodney Laurence Bellotti Boleslaw William Kozyrski Phyllis Marie Brosnan Allan Neville Brosnan	18.76km <sup>2</sup>	160km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°01' Long 116°18'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1699	Phyllis Marie Brosnan Allan Neville Brosnan	219.63km <sup>2</sup>	157km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°39' Long 115°27'	Carmanon/Upper Gascoyne
09/1705	GTI Resources Ltd	78.27km <sup>2</sup>	159km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°53' Long 116°08'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1721	Paul Winston Askins	207.11km <sup>2</sup>	128km E'ly of Kalbarri	Lat 27°21' Long 118°24'	Murchison
09/1731-2	Glinton Pty Ltd	390.41km <sup>2</sup>	123km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°17' Long 116°05'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1738	GHL Resource Investments Pty Ltd	74.56km <sup>2</sup>	127km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°53' Long 116°27'	Upper Gascoyne
21/143	Noonpark Pty Ltd	33.41km <sup>2</sup>	21km SE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°35' Long 118°00'	Cue
21/144	Cue Minerals Pty Ltd	12.15km <sup>2</sup>	23km SE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°34' Long 118°03'	Cue
25/440	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	5.87km <sup>2</sup>	64km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°06' Long 122°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/443	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	8.81km <sup>2</sup>	63km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°03' Long 122°18'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/446	Paddock Investments Pty Ltd	2.93km <sup>2</sup>	45km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 122°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/447	Imperial Granite & Minerals Pty Ltd	11.78km <sup>2</sup>	25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°43'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/145	Australian Mines Ltd	5.88km <sup>2</sup>	27km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°56' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/151	Imperial Granite & Minerals Pty Ltd	11.77km <sup>2</sup>	32km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1977	Pioneer Resources Limited	64.85km <sup>2</sup>	65km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 122°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2020	Ponton Minerals Pty Ltd	587.7km <sup>2</sup>	75km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 31°03' Long 124°26'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2040	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	47.38km <sup>2</sup>	116km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°15' Long 122°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2041	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	41.44km <sup>2</sup>	121km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°16' Long 122°36'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2042	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	164.68km <sup>2</sup>	98km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 122°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2043	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	67.53km <sup>2</sup>	105km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°06' Long 122°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/764	Peter Ronald Gibson	26.93km <sup>2</sup>	62km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°19' Long 120°33'	Menzies
29/767-70	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	590.41km <sup>2</sup>	87km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°36' Long 120°15'	Menzies
31/922	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	35.85km <sup>2</sup>	76km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°22' Long 121°52'	Menzies
31/923	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	65.7km <sup>2</sup>	60km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°26' Long 121°35'	Menzies
36/721	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	139.61km <sup>2</sup>	38km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°45' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/737	James Ian Stewart	120.99km <sup>2</sup>	54km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°19' Long 120°23'	Leonora
36/738	Strategic Resource Management Pty Ltd	15.12km <sup>2</sup>	36km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°10' Long 120°28'	Leonora
36/740	Lakeway Resources Pty Ltd	39.63km <sup>2</sup>	78km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°21' Long 120°13'	Leonora
36/741	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	211.51km <sup>2</sup>	67km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°25' Long 120°18'	Leonora/Menzies
36/742	Alamar Resources Ltd	126.94km <sup>2</sup>	79km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°37' Long 119°58'	Sandstone
36/743	Alamar Resources Ltd	12.18km <sup>2</sup>	64km N'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°23' Long 120°56'	Leonora
37/1014	Yellow Resources Pty Ltd	197.18km <sup>2</sup>	81km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°45' Long 121°30'	Leonora
37/1056	Anglo Australian Resources NL	24.06km <sup>2</sup>	20km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°19'	Leonora
38/2265	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	33.04km <sup>2</sup>	19km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°31'	Laverton
38/2323	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	15.02km <sup>2</sup>	21km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°14'	Laverton
38/2383	Bruce Robert Legendre	153.14km <sup>2</sup>	166km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°39' Long 122°09'	Wiluna
38/2412	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	3.02km <sup>2</sup>	14km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°30'	Laverton
38/2414	Eagle Pty Ltd	51.42km <sup>2</sup>	101km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°02' Long 123°55'	Laverton
38/2415	Electra Mines Ltd	12.09km <sup>2</sup>	75km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°05' Long 123°39'	Laverton
38/2420	Shaun Christopher Busby	12.12km <sup>2</sup>	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°48' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2423	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	5.99km <sup>2</sup>	45km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°37'	Laverton
38/2424	Alamar Resources Ltd	115.62km <sup>2</sup>	85km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°23' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2427-9	Electra Mines Ltd	602.6km <sup>2</sup>	156km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°56' Long 124°04'	Laverton
39/1548	Rubicon Resources Ltd	11.96km <sup>2</sup>	66km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°13' Long 122°20'	Leonora
39/1553-4	Electra Mines Ltd	401.49km <sup>2</sup>	173km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 29°04' Long 124°10'	Laverton/Menzies
39/1555	Electra Mines Ltd	116.78km <sup>2</sup>	186km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 29°09' Long 124°16'	Menzies
40/285	Trevor John Dixon	5.99km <sup>2</sup>	22km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 121°23'	Leonora
45/2573-4	Croydon Gold Pty Ltd	449.88km <sup>2</sup>	30km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°34' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/2575	Croydon Gold Pty Ltd	147.65km <sup>2</sup>	43km E'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°27' Long 118°59'	Port Hedland Town
45/2778	Atlas Iron Ltd	165.48km <sup>2</sup>	73km NE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°42' Long 118°44'	Port Hedland Town
45/3376	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	67.6km <sup>2</sup>	5km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°18' Long 119°33'	East Pilbara/Port Hedland Town
45/3583	Bookaburna Minerals Pty Ltd	223.26km <sup>2</sup>	76km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°29' Long 120°42'	East Pilbara
45/3592	Robert Keith Leslie	57.66km <sup>2</sup>	36km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°57' Long 120°00'	East Pilbara
45/3601	Atlas Iron Ltd	35.2km <sup>2</sup>	40km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°59' Long 119°25'	East Pilbara
45/3603	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	118.24km <sup>2</sup>	83km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°03' Long 118°34'	Port Hedland Town
45/3619	Atlas Iron Ltd	12.8km <sup>2</sup>	50km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°12' Long 119°16'	East Pilbara
46/734	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	6.34km <sup>2</sup>	46km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°18' Long 120°06'	East Pilbara
46/816	Mesa Minerals Limited	223.25km <sup>2</sup>	52km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°46' Long 120°36'	East Pilbara
46/825	Witx Pty Ltd	49.52km <sup>2</sup>	41km N'ly of Newman	Lat 22°29' Long 120°26'	East Pilbara
46/826	Witx Pty Ltd	411.77km <sup>2</sup>	37km N'ly of Newman	Lat 22°30' Long 120°38'	East Pilbara
46/883	Geoffrey William Pember	3.18km <sup>2</sup>	49km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°37' Long 120°29'	East Pilbara
46/884	Geoffrey William Pember	6.37km <sup>2</sup>	45km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°40' Long 120°29'	East Pilbara
46/885	Geoffrey William Pember	12.76km <sup>2</sup>	33km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°39' Long 120°19'	East Pilbara
46/888	Jupiter Mines Ltd	111.06km <sup>2</sup>	84km NE'ly of Newman	Lat 22°11' Long 121°01'	East Pilbara
47/1855	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	50.44km <sup>2</sup>	28km S'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°56' Long 117°48'	Ashburton
47/2168	Strzelecki Metals Limited	89.41km <sup>2</sup>	61km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°08' Long 118°12'	Port Hedland Town
47/2171	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	25.28km <sup>2</sup>	107km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°36' Long 116°26'	Ashburton
47/2220	Mine Services and Construction Pty Ltd	6.4km <sup>2</sup>	54km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°42' Long 118°17'	Port Hedland Town
47/2236-8 & 47/2241-2	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	608.22km <sup>2</sup>	52km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°01' Long 117°12'	Ashburton
47/2237	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	151.28km <sup>2</sup>	40km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°59' Long 117°21'	Ashburton
47/2238	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	198.52km <sup>2</sup>	26km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°01' Long 117°30'	Ashburton
47/2241	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	110.33km <sup>2</sup>	28km N'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°57' Long 117°35'	Ashburton
47/2242	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.3km <sup>2</sup>	36km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°54' Long 117°31'	Ashburton
51/1355	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	37.07km <sup>2</sup>	89km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°52' Long 119°51'	Meekatharra
51/1399	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	49.39km <sup>2</sup>	34km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°19' Long 118°20'	Meekatharra
51/1400	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	159.7km <sup>2</sup>	29km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°20' Long 118°26'	Meekatharra
51/1416	Atlas Iron Ltd	83.11km <sup>2</sup>	121km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°00' Long 117°28'	Meekatharra
51/1417	Atlas Iron Ltd	49.23km <sup>2</sup>	84km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°05' Long 117°52'	Meekatharra
51/1419	Teck Australia Pty Ltd	6.14km <sup>2</sup>	42km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°17' Long 118°45'	Meekatharra
51/1420	Teck Australia Pty Ltd	6.14km <sup>2</sup>	37km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°23' Long 118°48'	Meekatharra
52/2376	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	12.59km <sup>2</sup>	14km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 119°49'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
52/2463	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	274.86km <sup>2</sup>	118km S'ly of Newman	Lat 24°25' Long 119°41'	Meekatharra
52/2510	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	120.35km <sup>2</sup>	89km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°47' Long 118°26'	Meekatharra
52/2532-3 & 52/2535	Chrysalis Resources Ltd	1407.46km <sup>2</sup>	182km S'ly of Newman	Lat 24°54' Long 119°08'	Meekatharra
52/2538	Atlas Iron Ltd	126.57km <sup>2</sup>	154km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°42' Long 117°19'	Meekatharra/Murchison
52/2544	Glenn Griffin Venn Money	96.3km <sup>2</sup>	160km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°09' Long 120°04'	Meekatharra
52/2550	Delgare Pty Ltd	44.08km <sup>2</sup>	35km E'ly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 120°03'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
53/1535	GHL Resource Investments Pty Ltd	162.53km <sup>2</sup>	40km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°49' Long 120°32'	Wiluna
53/1540	Desert Energy Ltd	204.99km <sup>2</sup>	77km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 119°32'	Wiluna
53/1542	Duketon Consolidated Pty Ltd	21.36km <sup>2</sup>	71km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°10' Long 120°32'	Wiluna
53/1543	Duketon Consolidated Pty Ltd	9.18km <sup>2</sup>	37km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 120°25'	Wiluna
57/818	Central West Resources Pty Ltd	120.97km <sup>2</sup>	49km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°14' Long 119°42'	Sandstone
57/825	Golden Mile South Pty Ltd	17.99km <sup>2</sup>	113km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°01' Long 118°49'	Sandstone
58/382	JML Resources Pty Ltd	79.29km <sup>2</sup>	25km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°50' Long 117°50'	Mount Magnet
59/1590	Extension Hill Pty Ltd	38.74km <sup>2</sup>	61km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°36' Long 117°11'	Yalgoo
59/1600	Carlinga Mining Pty Ltd	175.53km <sup>2</sup>	70km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°59' Long 115°52'	Mullewa/Murchison
59/1634	Broken Range NL	56.88km <sup>2</sup>	42km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°07' Long 117°17'	Yalgoo
59/1635	Broken Range NL	17.93km <sup>2</sup>	48km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°16' Long 117°11'	Yalgoo
59/1647	Grigson Pty Ltd Birlthalya Holdings Pty Ltd	75.27km <sup>2</sup>	7km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°14' Long 117°37'	Yalgoo
59/1654	GHL Resource Investments Pty Ltd	82.2km <sup>2</sup>	122km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 27°17' Long 116°19'	Murchison
63/1381	Mulciber Metals Pty Ltd	81.47km <sup>2</sup>	100km E'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°57' Long 122°48'	Dundas
63/1397	Geotech International Pty Ltd	163.04km <sup>2</sup>	75km E'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°29' Long 122°40'	Esperance
63/1398	Centipede Minerals Pty Ltd	58.24km <sup>2</sup>	50km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 122°09'	Coolgardie/Dundas
63/1400	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	5.81km <sup>2</sup>	18km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°53'	Dundas
63/1401	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	11.57km <sup>2</sup>	30km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°28' Long 121°44'	Dundas
63/1402	Ilmenite Resources Pty Ltd	11.63km <sup>2</sup>	125km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°08' Long 120°27'	Dundas
63/1403	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	26.16km <sup>2</sup>	19km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°04' Long 121°55'	Dundas
63/1404	Peter Romeo Gianni	89.16km <sup>2</sup>	104km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°01' Long 122°45'	Esperance
69/2764	Teck Australia Minerals Pty Ltd	183.42km <sup>2</sup>	231km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°45' Long 125°05'	Laverton
69/2767	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	324.8km <sup>2</sup>	225km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°45' Long 125°01'	Laverton
69/2768	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	66.03km <sup>2</sup>	231km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 28°57' Long 125°02'	Laverton
70/3122	Concept Nominees Pty Ltd	69.81km <sup>2</sup>	25km W'ly of Perth	Lat 32°01' Long 115°36'	Fremantle City
70/3676	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	176.63km <sup>2</sup>	43km NW'ly of Three Springs	Lat 29°12' Long 115°32'	Mingenew
70/3677	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	59.78km <sup>2</sup>	24km NW'ly of Three Springs	Lat 29°20' Long 115°40'	Mingenew/Three Springs
70/3716	Magnetic Resources NL	521.97km <sup>2</sup>	29km W'ly of Corrigin	Lat 32°15' Long 117°35'	Brookton/Corrigin/Quairading
70/3734	Keith Edward Jackson	12.13km <sup>2</sup>	11km SE'ly of Dongara	Lat 29°20' Long 114°59'	Irwin
70/3777	Injula Coal Pty Ltd	119.68km <sup>2</sup>	22km W'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°13' Long 115°47'	Mingenew/Morawa
70/3787	Ord River Diamonds Pty Ltd	14.23km <sup>2</sup>	8km W'ly of Bridgetown	Lat 33°57' Long 116°03'	Bridgetown-Greenbushes
74/440	Ponton Minerals Pty Ltd	199.75km <sup>2</sup>	32km S'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°51' Long 120°10'	Ravensthorpe
77/1684	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	26.18km <sup>2</sup>	77km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°05' Long 119°36'	Yilgarn
77/1750	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	2.9km <sup>2</sup>	70km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°27' Long 119°39'	Kondinin
77/1755	Mwyn Exploration Pty Ltd	8.91km <sup>2</sup>	76km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°13' Long 119°08'	Yilgarn
77/1756	Mwyn Exploration Pty Ltd	2.96km <sup>2</sup>	83km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°09' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
77/1757	Central West Resources Pty Ltd	113.57km <sup>2</sup>	134km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°29' Long 119°40'	Menzies
77/1758	Central West Resources Pty Ltd	38.79km <sup>2</sup>	139km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°35' Long 119°14'	Menzies
77/1759	Annette Margaret Oliver	179.7km <sup>2</sup>	15km SW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°55' Long 119°25'	Yilgarn
77/1765	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	11.77km <sup>2</sup>	10km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°55' Long 119°03'	Yilgarn
77/1766	Evanston Resources NL	2.96km <sup>2</sup>	75km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°11' Long 119°13'	Yilgarn
77/1767	Polaris Metals NL	207.21km <sup>2</sup>	40km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°37' Long 119°05'	Yilgarn
80/4396	Pathfinder Exploration Pty Ltd	16.83km <sup>2</sup>	58km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°44' Long 127°52'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** 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:** 5 May 2010 Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, 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 5 August 2010. 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. 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. 5 September 2010), a native

## CALL FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

This is a public announcement inviting Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to Aboriginal objects and places in two quarries north of Bungendore, Parish of Curandooly, to register an interest in a process of community consultation regarding the conservation and preservation of Aboriginal heritage on Lot 31 DP634213, and the investigation of Aboriginal heritage on Lot 21 DP715621.

All parties must register their interest by writing before 19 May 2010 to:

Heritage Consulting Australia Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 2677, Canberra ACT 2601  
M 0406 996 204  
lucia@heritageconsulting.com.au

People who register an interest must be advised that their details will be forwarded to DECCW and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless they specify to the contrary.



## NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES - SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 S63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that STRATEGIC MINERALS CORPORATION NL ACN 008 901 380 of Suite 4, Level 1, 460 Roberts Road Subiaco WA 6008 and any of its respective successors or assigns propose to undertake mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence Number 3508 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Exploration Licence and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held over the area of the Exploration Licence or any part of that area) on the following land:

**EL 3508 MARTINS WELL AREA** - approximately 120 km SE of Leigh Creek, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°14'S and longitude 139°14'E, thence east to longitude 139°17'E, south to latitude 31°15'S, west to longitude 139°16'E, south to latitude 31°19'S, west to longitude 139°15'E, south to latitude 31°19'S, west to longitude 139°15'E, south to latitude 31°25'S, west to longitude 139°13'E, south to latitude 31°40'S, west to longitude 139°10'E, north to latitude 31°39'S, west to longitude 139°09'E, and north to latitude 31°38'S, west to longitude 139°08'E, north to latitude 31°36'S, west to longitude 139°00'E, north to latitude 31°32'E, east to longitude 139°02'E, north to latitude 31°30'S, west to longitude 139°00'S, north to latitude 31°26'S, east to longitude 139°05'E, north to latitude 31°21'S, east to longitude 139°14'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°28'S and longitude 139°09'E, thence east to longitude 139°11'E, south to latitude 31°30'S, west to longitude 139°09'E then north to the point of commencement. All the within the stated latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on Page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette Number 84 dated 6 October 1966 (AGD66) ('land').

**AREA:** approximately 585 square kilometres.

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:**

Exploration operations, to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation, which may include (without limitation) such activities as magnetic, gravity, electrical, electromagnetic and seismic surveying; geophysical surveys; geological mapping; geochemical, soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the land there are no native title parties in relation to the land to which this notice relates, Cauldron Energy Limited or any of its respective successors or assigns may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 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 is invited to contact the proponent Licensee and any of their respective successors or assigns for the purpose of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the land.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if within four (4) months from the initiation of these negotiations, the Licensee and any of its respective successors or assigns and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the land to which this notice relates.

Strategic Minerals Corporation NL  
c/- Teneman Consulting  
PO Box 115, KENT TOWN SA 5071  
Phone: 08 8414 3352  
Mobile: 0415 397 870  
Contact: Teena Coppin



## Plenty Valley Community Health

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program Positions

Plenty Valley Community Health is a Primary Health Service that provides a range of primary health, dental, disability, health promotion & social support services to the growing communities of the outer northern suburbs of Melbourne.

We have 2 part-time positions that work very closely with each other; or there is also a unique opportunity to combine the roles to equate to 1 fulltime role. The choice is yours.

#### ATSI Program Development Officer

It has a strategic rather than service delivery focus although some direct service will be required. This is a part-time (38 hours per fortnight) 12-month Maternity Leave position.

#### ATSI Program Facilitator

It has a service delivery rather than strategic focus although some involvement in project planning will be required. This is a part-time (38 hours per fortnight) permanent position.

#### For more information Contact:

Emma Hughes, Program Manager Health Promotion on 03 9409 8743.

Applications stating details of qualifications and experience including referees by **COB Tuesday 18th May 2010**

To view the position descriptions please visit our website.

Please send applications to jobapplications@pvch.org.au OR Human Resources, Po Box 82, WHITTLESEA VIC 3757

[www.pvch.org.au](http://www.pvch.org.au)



## 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
28/1685	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	339226	63.94ha	136km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°03' Long 123°04'	Kalgoorlie - Boulder City
31/865	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	341138	113.22ha	79km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°23' Long 121°53'	Menzies
		341139	23.49ha	75km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°22' Long 121°53'	Menzies
		338195	34.29ha	41km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 121°10'	Leonora
		338196	27.63	37km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°34' Long 121°11'	Leonora
		338197	2.01ha	34km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°12'	Leonora
37/1011	Bruce Robert Legendre	342838	24.02ha	64km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°53' Long 121°19'	Leonora
		343997	70ha	64km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°04' Long 118°47'	Meekatharra
		338842	16.41ha	12km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
51/1246	Everett Smith & Co Pty Ltd	338198	47.33ha	32km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°14'	Leonora
		338198	47.33ha	32km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°14'	Leonora
57/704	Wiraminn Gold NL	338842	16.41ha	12km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
77/1353	Troy Resources Ltd	343344	70.02ha	87km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°03' Long 119°16'	Yilgarn

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 5 May 2010**

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, 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 **5 August 2010**. 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. 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. 5 September 2010), 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 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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 3828.

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## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of a Mining Lease proposed, shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
<b>ML90197</b> <b>Paradise South</b>	Approx. 117km North North West of Mount Isa  Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Mount Isa City</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 1 on UN6 - Lease for a Term of Years 0/221301 (mining) Lot 2 on SP162421 - Pastoral Holding 13/2514 (access) Lot 5 on CP865892 - Pastoral Holding 13/4151 (access)  <b>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 2275.13 ha</b>	<b>Legend International Holdings Inc.</b> ARBN 120 855 352

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

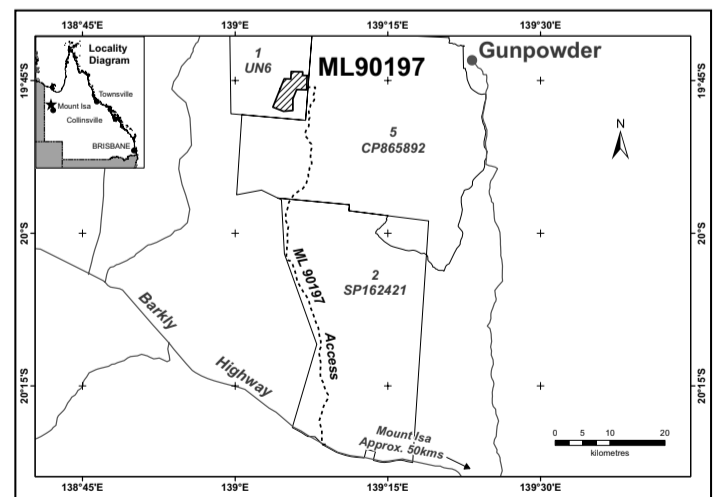
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mount Isa Mining District, 13 Isa Street Mount Isa, Qld 4825, Telephone: (07) 4747 2103.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the 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, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto: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 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 28 May 2010**



Queensland Government

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Aboriginal Medical Service  
WESTERN SYDNEY

# Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney

## MEDICAL CLINIC

Community Nurse – Full-Time – (12 month leave placement)

Community Nurse – Part-Time

Aboriginal Health Worker – Full-Time

## MUMS & BABIES PROGRAM

Child and Family Health Nurse – Full-Time

AMSWS is offering challenging employment opportunities for community minded Aboriginal people with strong communication skills, a good listener, prepared to become part of a holistic health team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney from our centre at Mt Druiitt.

Established in October 1986 we have been providing primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community since August 1987.

AMSWS is a vibrant non-government community run organization with Public Benevolent Institution status, our main source of income comes from federal and state government grants.

All applications will be assessed against a selection criterion that includes essential and desirable qualifying factors.

Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

Notes: In these positions an applicants' race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Enquiries: Joanne Delaney on 02 9832 1356 or email Joanne@amsws.org.au

Information Packages: Jean Blair on 02 9832 1356 or email Jean@amsws.org.au

Website: www.amsws.org.au

Written applications to:

The Chairperson,  
Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney  
PO Box 3160 Mt Druiitt Village NSW 2770

Closing date: Friday, 21st May 2010 @ 4:30pm

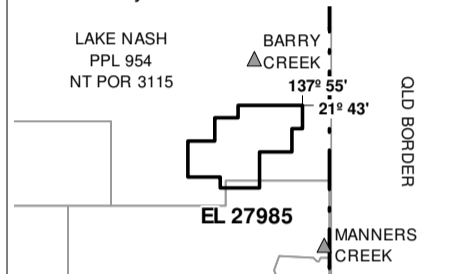
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

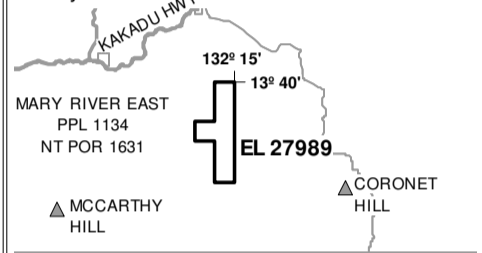
#### Applications to which this notice applies:

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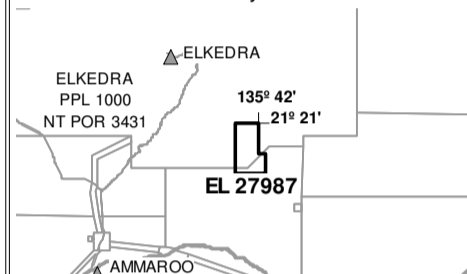
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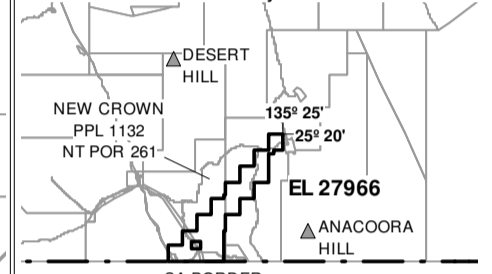
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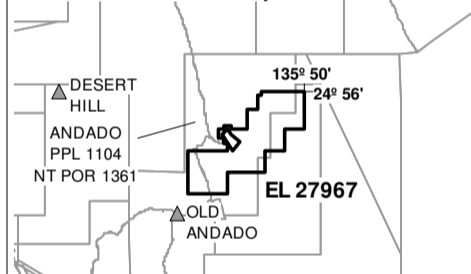
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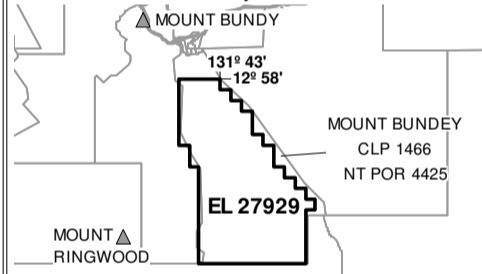
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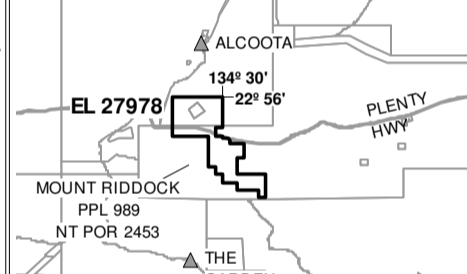
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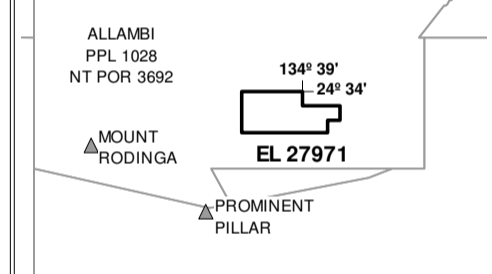
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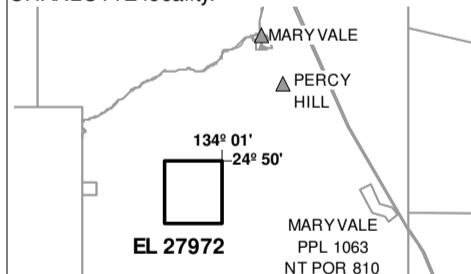
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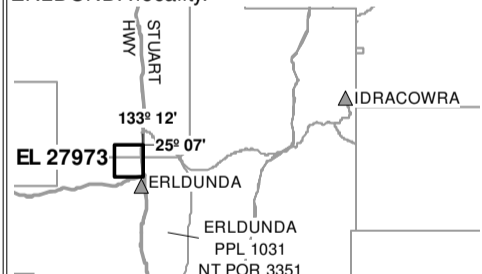
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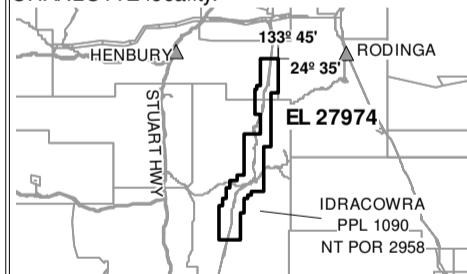
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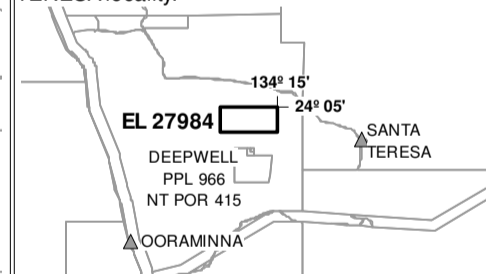
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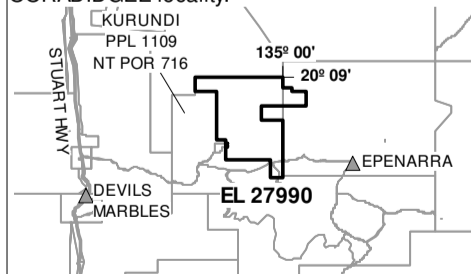
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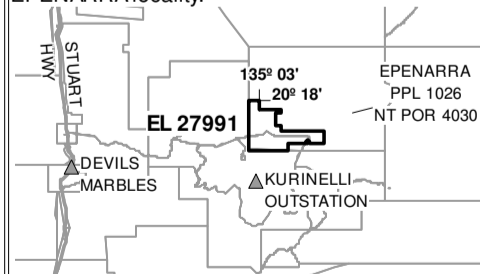
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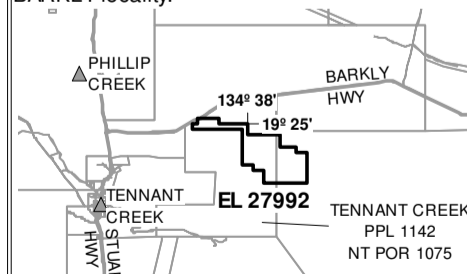
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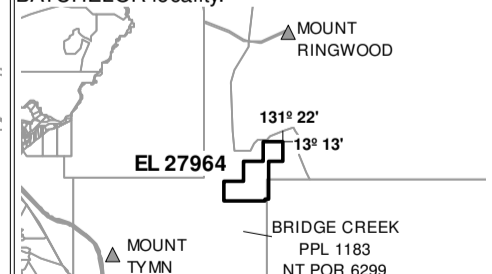
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Exploration Licence 27964 sought by WOODS INVESTMENTS (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 128 908 663 over an area of 6 Blocks (15 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



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**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**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, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 05 May 2010

# Girls glove up

By ALF WILSON



MORE young Palm Island females than ever before are boxing and that is being put down to the efforts of Australian champion Noby Clay.

Numbers at after-school training sessions on Palm Island are increasing, according to trainer Ray Dennis.

"There are more females coming to training and many look up to our champion boxer Noby Clay," Dennis said.

Most week days more than 50 youngsters attend boxing training at the Palm Island PCYC.

In the past, only a handful were girls, but that has rapidly increased to now make up about one-third of the total.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to four girls at the gym – Sinnear Bourne, 10, Margaret Fraser, 11, Naomi Blanket, 10, Zinikia Luff, 15.

"Many of my relatives have been boxers, including my uncle Peter Bonner, who I am very close to," Zinikia said.

Peter Bonner is the first professional boxer from Palm Island in 20 years and now lives in Townsville.

Another of Zinikia's relatives who was a quality boxer was her uncle Thomas Bonner.

Ray Dennis was glowing in his praise of Zinikia, who will make her debut as an amateur



Young Palm Island female boxers, from left, Sinnear Bourne, 10, Margaret Fraser, 11, Naomi Blanket.

won her gold medal when she defeated Deanne Schafer, from Mount Isa, in the female 48kg class at Geelong.

Noby is happy to be a role model for young girls wanting to

Blanket could not be matched.

Rising star Reggie Palm Island won the main senior support bout and defeated two-times Australian Amateur Boxing League champion Harley Broom, from Rockhampton.

"It was a top-class bout and once again Reggie gave away a lot of weight and boxed better than he has before. Reggie and Harley have fought each other six times and won three bouts each," Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis said.

William Palm Island gave away 9kg and defeated Jack Busby, from Rockhampton, in a 55kg bout.

"William only weighed 46kg and is 17 and being a light

flyweight, it is almost impossible to get him a bout – he is very strong and never looked like losing," Dennis said.

Super heavyweight schoolboy David Sam, a son of former Palm Island Deputy Mayor Zac Sam, weighed in at 94kg and defeated J Green, from Logan PCYC.

"David Sam is a big, strong and very fast and Green did well to go the distance with him. He has a big future in boxing if he continues to train hard," Dennis said.

Timothy Nardoo also gave away weight and easily defeated D Ash, from Logan.

"Timothy weighed 64kg and his opponent was 69kg and has

won two of his last three bouts and is getting better all the time," Dennis said.

Albert Gorrige beat Lincoln Martin, from Rocky, in a 44.5kg bout and Palm Islander Sterling Aden did well in only his third bout, fighting a draw with Australian champion Gage Ireland, from Mackay.

Patrick Clarke acquitted himself well even though beaten by experienced Rockhampton boxer Wade Goltz.

"He lost in a split decision in the 60kg bout and Patrick is only aged 16 and his opponent was 19," Dennis said.

Dennis said it was a good tournament and all enjoyed the trip.



● LEFT: Noby Clay in new head gear and gloves. The 27-year-old mother from Palm Island is an Australian Amateur Boxing League national champion

boxer soon.

"Zinikia has the best right-hand punch on the island and that includes the male youths who come here," Dennis said.

Sinnear said she enjoyed coming to the gym to learn boxing and hang out with other young Palm islanders.

"There are more girls here now and we all get on and we learn self-defence," she said.

Margaret, Naomi and Sinnear hope to box in the ring during 2010.

Noby won a gold medal at the Australian Amateur Boxing League national titles at Geelong, Victoria, last November.

Her 14-month-old daughter Lorna Clay-Nallajar made the marathon journey with Noby to watch her fight.

Noby, who celebrated her 27th birthday last December,

take up boxing.

"I love boxing and there are so many females on Palm Island who could be good at it. I encourage more to start and it stops them being bored," she said.

Dennis is predicting a spate of champion young female boxers in coming years.

"I think the efforts of Noby have made them want to follow in her footsteps," Dennis said.

Palm Island boxers, including Noby, are part of a documentary premiering in Sydney tomorrow.

MEANWHILE, 11 Palm Island boxers travelled 700km by bus to Rockhampton and returned with five gold medals on a gala 26-bout Sunstate Amateur Boxing League program.

However, it was disappointing that young Palm boxers Allan Palm Island and Thomas



Seven of the Palm Island boxers who went to Rockhampton, from left, Timothy Nardoo, Thomas Blanket, David Sam, Reg Palm Island Jnr, Sterling Aden Jnr (rear), Allan Palm Island, and William Palm Island.

## State of Origin TV coming straight at you



THIS year's Harvey Norman State of Origin rugby league matches are to be televised in 3D.

The Nine Network said the State of Origin would be the first sporting event to be broadcast live in 3D on free-to-air television.

It had been reported that this year's FIFA World Cup (soccer) tournament in South Africa would be the first 3D terrestrial broadcast.

But Nine's announcement on the

State of Origin means that the rugby league series will sneak in ahead of the World Cup.

The first Origin game is at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on 26 May.

Nine CEO David Gyngell said the project was an enormous undertaking.

### Early development

"It's early days of course because the technology is still developing, and its availability to consumers right now is limited. But 3D is about to arrive with a bang across the world, and the Nine

Network and Harvey Norman want to pioneer the revolution in Australia," Mr Gyngell said.

"Capturing an event in 3D involves different camera positions and viewing angles. Because 3D carries a level of emotion and involvement beyond regular HD, it can literally put you in the best seat in the house.

"Our producers and directors will be working to harness this new technology."

National Rugby League (NRL) Chief Executive David Gallop, said: "3DTV is

a really exciting opportunity for rugby league fans. It will bring a new level of the toughness, excitement, speed and skill of rugby league into the homes of viewers through one of our game's showcase series."

Consumers will be encouraged to use wireless-enabled, active shutter glasses to watch 3DTV, which most TV manufacturers consider optimum for domestic use.

The circular polarised glasses used in cinemas are not suited to the home environment.

# Cape-Torres split?

## Separate entities for Foley Shield on agenda

By ALF WILSON



TEAMS from the Torres Strait and Cape York could compete as separate entities in the prestigious north Queensland Foley Shield rugby league competition as soon as the 2011 season.

At present Torres-Cape competes as a combined side and lost their first round game of the 2010 season 40-10 to Cairns at Cooktown on the last weekend in April.

Of the 25-member Torres Cape squad selected after trials at Bamaga, eight were from the Weipa wet season competition,

seven from the NPA, eight from the Thursday Island-based Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition, and two from the new TSI outer islands competition.

In other matches in round one on 24 April, a combined Mount Isa-Midwest side rolled reigning champions Innisfail-Eacham 34-26 at Normanton, and Townsville defeated Mackay 36-4 at Sarina.

Mount Isa-Mid West consists of mainly Indigenous players from mining city Mount Isa and communities Doomadgee, Cloncurry, Hughenden and Normanton.

The Foley Shield started in 1948 and Torres-Cape entered in 2009 and defeated Cairns, Mount Isa-Mid West and Townsville in qualifying matches before losing the grand final 32-22 to Innisfail-Eacham.

Under the new proposal, a combined team picked from players in the Thursday Island-based Kaiwalagal Rugby League and the new outer islands competition would represent a stand-alone Torres team.

A Cape side would comprise players from Weipa, Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun, the Northern Peninsula Area centres Bamaga, Old Mapoon, Injinoo, Umagico, Seisia and towns further south such as Hopevale, Cooktown, Coen and Lockhart River.

It is no secret that Torres Strait players and officials have wanted their own team.

QRL Northern Division

manager Scott Nosworthy told *The Koori Mail* there was a strong possibility of Torres-Cape splitting into two teams.

"How soon we are not sure. There are many factors to consider before we make this decision, especially the funding factor," he said.

"If the teams split, it will mean there would be seven teams in the Foley Shield which could be an issue as well.

"This proposal has always been on the boil, but we need to make sure we are doing what is best for the game.

"The QRL Northern Division has always been aware of the talent in the Torres and Cape areas and we are always looking at ways to harness this and give these players an opportunity to show their skills at a higher level."

KRL president Harry Cook was delighted to hear about it.

"That's awesome. It's been our intention since 2006. I look forward to the official announcement," Mr Cook said.

Outer Islands competition president Sam Maka told *The Koori Mail*: "It would be of great benefit to Torres Strait rugby league and would be great for the younger players."

Meanwhile, the Foley Shield finals weekend was held at Brother's Leagues Club, in Townsville, on 1-2 May and *The Koori Mail* was there to cover all the action for the next edition.



Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) president Harry Cook.

## Torres Strait Islander named assistant coach

By ALF WILSON



CANBERRA-based Torres Strait Islander Michael Zitha has been appointed assistant coach of the Australian touch men's over 40 team for the upcoming Trans-Tasman series against New Zealand this June in Townsville.

"This tournament is an extremely vital one," Zitha said.

The 2010 Masters Trans Tasman series is being held at Queens Park, Townsville, from 11-13 June.

The Australian teams will assemble in Townsville the Wednesday before in preparation for the tournament.

Zitha said he was excited about the

appointment, which had been the culmination of a lot of hard work.

I have always shared what I've learned with the coaches and players back at home with DVDs, training programs, drills and any advice I could give," he said.

"My ambition is to coach at the highest level, keep learning and support all Indigenous players around the country."

Zitha said that since moving to Canberra in 2007, he had been developing his coaching skills by working with ACT representatives coaches, Australian coaches, coaching (under 18 boys and mixed), playing (over 40s) with the ACT representative sides since 2007 at the national touch titles, and had been on two Indigenous tours to New Zealand as an assistant coach for the open men's 2008-2010 sides.



Touch football assistant coach Michael Zitha.



# Thunder comes crashing down



Territory-based Thunder have been brought back to earth with a thud.

The Thunder lost their next two

FOLLOWING their lightning start to the 2010 Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL) competition, the Northern

games – first to the Redland Bombers in Brisbane, and then at home (Alice Springs) to reigning premiers Morningside.

In their first game of the season, the Thunder roared into life with a demolition of the Brisbane Lions at TIO Stadium Darwin.

But in their first away game, the Thunder lost by 22 points to

the Redland Bombers.

In their short time in the QAFL, the Thunder are yet to record a win over the Bombers.

In their latest encounter, the Bombers led at every break and won 17.20 (122) to 15.10 (100).

The Thunder knew they had another tough match on their hands when they came up against premiers Morningside Panthers

the following week at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

The Panthers continued on their winning way, securing their 21st win in a row.

The home team led 20-8 at quarter-time, but its margin at half-time was just two points.

The Panthers edged ahead by three-quarter-time, leading 9.9 to 9.8.

The final term was a disaster for the Thunder as the Panthers kicked 5.5 to the Thunder's 2.1 for a 98-75 result.

On a positive, note, 2009 Ray Hughson Medallist Darren 'Boof' Ewing kicked seven goals against the Panthers and before last weekend was topping the QAFL leading goal kicker ranks with 14 majors.

# Our greatest boxer?



THE unveiling of a memorial plaque near Ipswich this week honouring Ron Richards has revived memories of the great Aboriginal boxer.

Richards sits at or near the top of the list of Aboriginal boxers, along with Lionel Rose, Dave Sands, George Bracken, Anthony Mundine, Tony Mundine, Daniel Geale and Hector Thompson.

The Ron Richards memorial will be unveiled this Saturday at the Purga Aboriginal Mission site at 587 Ipswich-Boonah

Road, Purga.

The event will be hosted by the Purga Elders and Descendants Aboriginal Corporation in partnership with the City of Ipswich and will commemorate the

100th anniversary of the late Ron Richards' birth date.

Purga Elders and Descendants chairman Steven Davidson has been thrilled with the community response to the event and said his organisation had been overwhelmed with inquires from all over Australia, particularly from Sydney, where Ron Richards spent a large part of his life.

## Pride, inspiration

"Uncle Ron was a resident of Purga Mission and was a source of pride and inspiration to not only his family and friends on the mission but to Aborigines across Australia," Mr Davidson said.

"He was a genuine superstar of his time and his legacy is enormous, particularly in inspiring Aboriginal boxers such as Elley Bennett to take up the sport."

As part of the ceremony, boxing historian and Australian National Boxing

Hall of Fame representative Ken Watson will present a Hall of Fame induction award to Ron Richards' nephew, Max Ford.

Richards was inducted into the Australian National Boxing Hall of Fame in 2003.

"I believe Ron Richards should be mentioned in the same breath as Les Darcy and Dave Sands," Watson said.

Richards' battles with the greats of the Australian ring – Jack Carroll, the four fights with Ambrose Palmer, the ten fierce fights with fiery Fred Henneberry, with the Australian middleweight and British Empire titles at stake – are unsurpassed in Australian ring history.

In a remarkable career, Ron Richards retired in 1945 having amassed a ring career in excess of 140 fights and more than 60 knockout victories.

He died in 1967, aged 56, at Dulwich, Hill, Sydney, and is buried at the Rookwood cemetery.

Richards was a good-looking, tough boxer, ranked by experts as one of the finest produced in this country.

Having never fought outside of Australia, he was a serious contender for world honours in two divisions – middleweight and light-heavyweight.

In 1938 he was ranked number three by the *Ring* magazine in both divisions.

A number of Richards' career highlights included wins like 'the 60 second' knockout of Ray Actis, the number two light-heavyweight in the world; the convincing 12-round win over Gus Lesnevich, who went on to win the light-heavyweight world title and held it for seven years; the two fights with the legendary Archie Moore, having put Moore down to nine count with the first right hand he threw, only to lose in the tenth round via cuts; in the re-match, Moore won a close decision, having being taken to the full 12 rounds for the first time in his career.

# It's one big happy family in Top End



RIVAL Darwin Australian football competitions the Top End Australian Football Association (TEAFA) and the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) have merged.

The TEAFA competition was played by amateur teams in the Darwin area on Sundays.

Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) chief executive Tony Frawley said AFLNT was 'extremely pleased' with the outcome of merger talks.

"We can look forward to creating the new three-tier competition which will ultimately benefit the development of Australian rules football in the Top End," he said.

"The process for the merger began two years ago, and the strategic planning and due diligence conducted by all parties concerned including AFLNT, NTFL clubs, TEAFA and the TEAFA clubs was pleasing and we now have consensus on a model that will be implemented in October."

Under the new arrangements,

there will be the NTFL Premier Division (eight NTFL clubs); the NTFL Division 1 (11 teams, seven NTFL Reserve teams plus four TEAFA A-grade clubs); NTFL Division 2 (ten teams, eight TEAFA B-grade and stand-alone clubs plus two NTFL development teams.

TEAFA history will be preserved through the AFLNT Hall of Fame, NTFL life memberships and other award categories incorporating TEAFA achievements.

The TEAFA general manager is to be employed by AFLNT and join the existing six full-time football operations staff at AFLNT housed at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Gardens Oval will be retained as a venue for all three divisions, with TEAFA clubs to receive home games at Gardens Oval.

All TEAFA umpires will be offered membership with the NTFL Umpires Association under AFLNT Umpiring Development program.

"With the advent of the Tiwi Bombers three years ago, we had a point of difference in the NTFL, with the addition of the TEAFA merger, we now add a

new flavour to the mix and another dimension that will see the NTFL grow to new heights," Frawley said.

TEAFA president Mike Harrison was pleased with the merger and said it was a natural progression for the TEAFA clubs.

He believes the benefits outweigh any negatives associated with the move.

"The merger will provide a platform to grow the game in the Top End, including providing opportunities for new teams from communities," said Harrison.

"TEAFA will now focus on working hard with AFLNT to ensure that the transition to the competition is as smooth as possible."

AFLNT has also accepted a submission from AFL Katherine for a under 18 team in the 2010-11 TIO NTFL season as well as additional junior teams from Tracy Village Football Club.

"We envisage the Katherine under 18 team to grow into a senior NTFL team based on their performance in the NTFL under 18 competition in 2010-11," Frawley said.

# Howard's ICC aims stalled



FORMER Australian Prime Minister John Howard has had his elevation to the vice-presidency of the International Cricket Council (ICC) stalled.

The subject of Howard's nomination as the preferred candidate of the Australian and New Zealand cricket boards was referred by the ICC board in Dubai to the organisation's executive.

ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat, president David Morgan and incumbent vice-president Sharad Pawar have been given permission by the board to discuss Howard's nomination.

The move is a hurdle for Howard's plans to take the position, given the board usually rubber-stamps a nomination.

It is understood the ambiguity over Howard's endorsement prompted the board to send the matter to the executive, as Cricket Australia and Cricket New Zealand were originally at loggerheads over nominating Howard.

New Zealand originally wanted their own candidate, Sir John Anderson, to take the role before Australia got their way.

An ICC spokesman denied Howard had had his nomination blocked by Zimbabwe because Howard in 2007, as Prime Minister, ordered the Australian team not to tour the African nation.

"Nobody has been blackballed by anybody," the spokesman said.

The ICC remains confident Howard will be appointed vice-president in June, when Pawar takes over the presidency from the outgoing Morgan.

Under ICC rules Howard would assume the presidency in 2012 once Pawar had finished his two-year term.

Howard's pending appointment drew criticism from some Indigenous Australians, with *The Koori Mail* reporting that NSW Aboriginal Land Council boss Bev Manton had joined South Australian Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement CEO Neil Gillespie in calls to have the former PM's nomination refused.

Gillespie, the father of former Test cricketer Jason Gillespie, said he would consider severing ties with cricket if the Howard appointment went ahead.

– With AAP

# A Jump Start to New Delhi



Jamie-Lee Peris signing autographs after the game: "It's crazy, they want to know you and want to grow up and be like you. They are good supporters," Peris said.

## Jamie-Lee on the ball for Tassie Tornadoes

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Launceston Inspiration Tornadoes basketball team has scored well with the addition of young Aboriginal woman Jamie-Lee Peris to its ranks.

The unassuming 21-year-old who was born and bred in Darwin, moved to Tasmania in January to join the Tornadoes.

Head coach Rick Wyllie said Jamie-Lee worked hard for the team, playing a 'big girl's' role, and did extremely well.

He told *The Koori Mail* that she brought happiness to the team.

He said the Tornadoes were looking for big things from Jamie-Lee, and he believed she had slipped under the radar of opposing teams.

Jamie-Lee said it took dedication, lots of time, effort and training to be a good basketballer. In fact, in any given week you will find her doing four training sessions and two or three sessions in the gym, on top of the two games she plays a week – one for the Tornadoes and one Somerset, in the North-West Tasmanian Basketball League.

### 43-point game high

It was with Somerset last month that she scored her career best of 43 points.

The Tornadoes are part of the SEABL professional basketball league, playing sides from Tasmania to Queensland, but Jamie-Lee is aiming for bigger things.

"The sky's the limit, that's my motto," said the motivated centre who ditched hockey, the sport her family is well known for, to play basketball when she was 11.

"One of my favourite players, Rohanee Cox, made the Olympic team in her late 20s, so I've still got heaps to go.

"She's in the Opals team; she really inspires me.

"It's hard to get recognised, but it would be awesome to play at that level."

● On the day *The Koori Mail* caught up with Jamie-Lee, her grandmother and one of her greatest fans, Nora Peris, passed away.



THE Jump Start program, which aims to assist Indigenous athletes, had its largest contingent compete at a national championship when 13

took part in the meeting in Perth last month. With perfect conditions and a spanking new track, athletes had every opportunity to record personal bests.

The Jump Start team came away with six medals and three top-eight finishes.

Jacob Groth started collecting medals in the men's 100m, finishing third in an exciting race.

Evergreen Patrick Johnson was placed fourth and Jump Start athlete Liam Gander finished eighth in his first open nationals final.

Johnson, being disappointed with his fourth placing the day before, pulled himself together and won the 200m with another B qualifier time. (See back page)

Johnson is looking to improve this to an A qualifier before the 16 August deadline.

Groth again proved his consistency by finishing third and winning his second bronze medal of the meet.

Perth Indigenous runner Ray Williams finished seventh in the 200m.

### Women join spoils

The Jump Start women again proved they are a force, collecting four medals during the weekend.

Laura Whaler carried her great form from the earlier Grand Prix series meets and came second in the 100m and 200m, collecting B qualifiers along the way.

Shannon McCann capped off an amazing domestic season by smashing the B qualifier in the women's 100m hurdles, taking a silver medal.

She hit the sixth hurdle and this may have cost her the national title and a berth in the Commonwealth Games team.

Whaler and McCann have had sensational seasons and will still be looking to qualify in the next couple of months.

The surprise medal of the weekend came from local girl Casey Narrier, who, after a disrupted training season, came



Benn Harradine winds up in the discus event in Perth. Images: Getty

third in the women's high jump.

Tenika Demamiel jumped for her life in the triple jump qualifying round. With a big personal best, she made it through her pool and finished a creditable eighth in the final.

While the Jump Start athletes did very well, other Indigenous athletes were outstanding in Perth.

Robbie Crowther, from the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), after a long season of being injured, won bronze in the long jump in an event that took the discipline to another level in Australia.

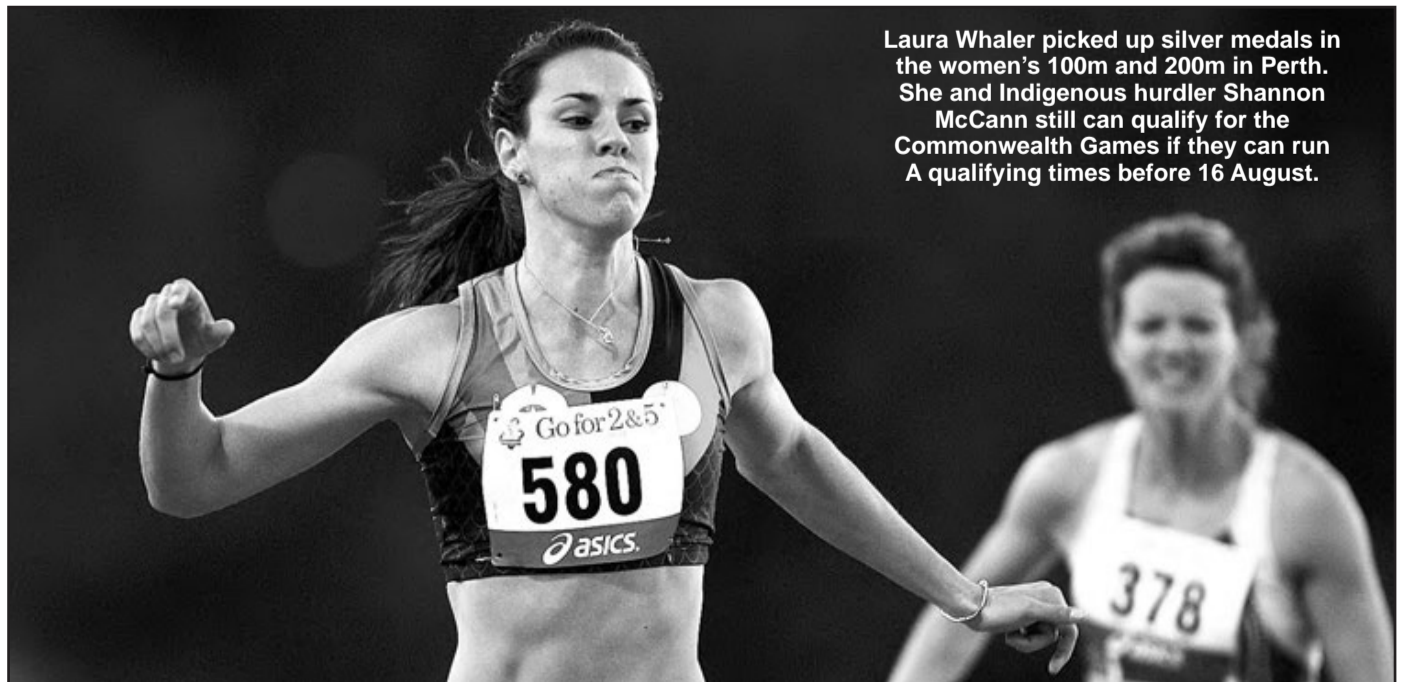
Benn Harradine had his best weekend for a long time. Stepping into the discus circle for the first time, Harradine threw a mighty 60.06 metres to record a Commonwealth Games A qualifier and placing him as firm favourite for the final the following day. (See back page and page 79)

Harradine continued his dominance by taking the Australian title with another A qualifying throw of 62.26 metres. Later at the awards dinner he was named the Athletics Australia Indigenous athlete of the year.

Athletes will now be looking to improve on their standards to gain individual berths for the Commonwealth Games by competing at a number of events being held on the Gold Coast.



Patrick Johnson competing in Perth. He still can qualify for the 200m at the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.



Laura Whaler picked up silver medals in the women's 100m and 200m in Perth. She and Indigenous hurdler Shannon McCann still can qualify for the Commonwealth Games if they can run A qualifying times before 16 August.

# Never give up

**O**UR recent win against the Sea Eagles was exciting for our fans and the players alike.

When Anthony Lafranchi scored with a few minutes remaining, we knew that we just had to hold on for an historic win.

It was the first time a team from the Gold Coast has won a game at Brookvale, and ensured we kept our place in the hotly-contested top four.

But at the end of the day, the game was worth the same as any other competition game.

Two points.

But this was the type of win you can build a season on.

Statistically, there was no way we should have won the game.

At half-time, we had made three-times the amount of tackles the Sea Eagles had made.

They dominated field position as well and with the attacking players they had at their disposal, it was a miracle to many that we were only four points behind at half-time.

But there are no miracles in football.

From the youngest age, you are always told to never give up.

To play one tackle at a time.

To have faith in the player beside you to do the job.

As simple as this sounds, this was how we won the game against the Sea Eagles.

The Titans are a team that is proud of competing to the last minute of the game, no matter what the score.

We try to work together in defence and not only make each tackle count, but also count each tackle.

If every tackle in defence is a separate

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**With Guest Columnist PRESTON CAMPBELL**

contest, then you can just progress from one tackle to the next without focusing on the score.

For this to work at a team level, you need everybody to buy in.

You also need everybody to believe in each other.

It was that belief that won us the game at Brookvale.

At half-time, we looked each other in the eye and knew that we had a chance.

We had not played to our potential in attack, but had managed to make the best of two opportunities to keep in touch.

Having a player with the pace of Kevin Gordon certainly makes it easier to capitalise on breaks.

I certainly gave him the ball as early as I could when he ran in his second long-distance try!

But the main thing we knew at half-time was that we had worked for each other.

We had not given up because we knew the player either side of us was also busting his gut to make the next tackle.

Each tackle defending our line was a minor victory.

### Confidence grew

And as each tackle tallied up, our confidence and belief in each other grew.

After our win against Melbourne Storm, we knew we could come back in the second half.

But again we knew it would be a battle from tackle to tackle.

That is where self-belief comes into play.

Knowing that you have done all the hard work together helps.

Drawing inspiration off the efforts of your mates as you work towards your common goal.

Lifting your mate after he might have made a mistake and letting him know that you will work even harder with him to make up for it.

Working as a team.

There is no doubt that certain players help lift a team and our hooker Nathan Friend was certainly inspirational keeping us in the game.

Pound for pound, I doubt if there is a stronger player in the game.

His front-on defence is exceptional – particularly the way he can lift players who look twice his size and drive them back into the turf!

People asked me if the try I scored off a Nathan Friend pass was lucky.

In one sense I can understand what they mean because it was a low percentage play.

But two things drove me on to be in the position to support Nathan.

The first was that I believed that he had the ability to produce the miracle pass.

The second one was that I was taught to never give up.

I was taught that every time that you supported a player and he didn't off-load the ball, you were closer to the time that he would deliver the pass that led to a break or a try.

That was the case against Manly.

It was my job to be there in case the ball could be off-loaded.

If I hadn't been there, I would have shown my team-mates that I had given up.

I would have wasted the team's efforts in the first half that kept us in the game.

It wasn't just me, because a few minutes later, Anthony Lafranchi was there to put his body on the line to accept another pass from Friendy that eventually won us the game.

It was an historic win for the club, but we still only got two points.

But we may also have discovered the belief that we can win the competition.

It is a belief that comes from never giving up!

## Keen judges say 'Kevin' is one to watch

**I**T was great to see my old mate David Peachey travelled out to Bourke last week to attend the Outback Challenge.

He travelled with his fellow Rugby League One Community Ambassadors Mario Fenech and Hazem El Masri to watch 14 teams from various schools compete in a round-robin event with semi-finals and a grand final.

It was also great to see the team from Goodooga Public School snatch the grand final from Dubbo South.

Even a Dubbo boy like 'Peach' couldn't help but be impressed by the efforts of the kids from this small community that has recently been isolated by the floods.

All the good judges reckoned that young Kevin, who led the team to victory, could be an NRL star of the future after scoring five tries in the final!

Good luck to all the kids who enjoyed a rare opportunity to play in a quality competition!



Mario Fenech, Hazem El Masri and David Peachey with some of the youngsters at the Outback Challenge at Bourke.

# Living the dream

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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At different stages of your playing career, you often think you know more than the coach. You can't understand why the coach doesn't agree with you or why he can't see that his tactics are plainly wrong.

The coach is always the first person to blame, whether you are a player, a fan or a member of the media.

As a former player and sometimes media commentator through this column, I have changed my tune since returning from the recent Australian Institute of Sport trip to South Africa.

On the trip I ventured to the dark side of the clipboard when I was given the very temporary position of coach of the South African side.

As was the case with the Indigenous Flying Boomerangs tour, the trip was as much about the personal development of the players involved as it was about the development of the game.

The AIS players are the elite players from all over Australia aged between 16 and 17.

Most of them will be drafted and some have already been taken or identified by GWS and the Gold Coast team.

However, on the day of the match, I became an honorary South African!

I don't know whether they learned a lot from me in the short period of time I was

their coach. I also doubt whether I will be invited to coach them again. But I do know we had a great fun in the short period we were together!

I had a great time mixing with them in the change rooms and talking to each and every one of them.

I tried to inspire them when I took off my Australian T-shirt to reveal a SA Lions jumper on underneath.

The players went wild and they started to hug and tap me on the back and saying I was one of them.

Our optimism was short-lived because once we ventured on the field, the class and experience of the AIS side showed when they scored a huge 132 against us.

This was to be expected and it certainly didn't affect the enjoyment the South African boys got out of the experience.

On a personal level, however, I cannot hide the fact that my coaching career suffered a crisis of confidence!

Certainly, the rest of the AIS coaching staff didn't lose a chance to rub it in!

One thing everybody agreed on was that, although the Australians had a decisive victory, it was the promotion of Australian rules football in South Africa that was the real winner.

Coaches and spectators were impressed by the skill level and tenacity shown by both sides.

The AIS Academy team played an exciting and attacking brand of football for the whole match, but my South African Lions did not give up, scoring three goals in the last quarter of the match!

AIS Academy coach Alan McConnell said the South African tour offered a fantastic opportunity for the young footballers to develop their skills and to improve their game.

"Not only has the squad benefited from playing an international match against the athletic South African team, but they have experienced lessons that will stay with them for the rest of their lives that will make them better footballers and individuals," McConnell said.

I couldn't agree more, as many of the boys had their eyes opened to a different world to home.

The game is also having a positive impact on the broader community, with a lot of development work being done by the AFL.

Footy Wild is a modified version of the AFL's Auskick program specifically



● ABOVE: The South African Australian football team that *Koori Mail* columnist Michael O'Loughlin (back row, second from left) coached in a game against a junior team from the Australian Institute of Sport in Cape Town.

● LEFT: Michael O'Loughlin gets to know some of the South African locals.

designed to give South African footballers an opportunity to learn how to play the game in a fun and safe setting.

There are an estimated 17,000 people who play Australian rules football in South Africa.

If people doubt the wisdom of this investment, they need look no further than Bayanda Sobetwa.

Bayanda had never heard of the AFL, never seen it played on television, and wasn't initially convinced the game was for him.

A 17-year-old Sobetwa, from the South African township of Khayelitsha, south-east of Cape Town, had intended to play a game of cricket with his friends at the local park.

### Remarkable dream

Instead, he walked in on an Australian football skills camp and three years later the most remarkable dream has come to life.

Now, 20, Sobetwa is now in Sydney having accepted a scholarship with GWS that will see him study and work in Australia as well as develop his football skills.

"It has been my dream to come to Australia and play football, but now I am really here, I think the dream is becoming alive," Sobetwa said.

"It is very exciting but I'm a little bit nervous now.

"I'm not surprised to be here. I have worked hard for this to happen. This is what I have told myself I wanted to happen. Now I am just looking forward to getting involved in some good [competitive] football, because we don't get that same level back home in South Africa."

Sobetwa said his knowledge of the game was non-existent when he ventured to that park in 2007, and admitted he didn't think too much of the game at first.

"I was going to play cricket at the ground, and I saw them kicking this football around and I thought I might join," he said of the camp conducted by AFL South Africa.

"The next day, when I didn't come, they went and fetched me at home and said: 'You've got a talent for the sport, come back and play'. They kept saying I had the talent for AFL, and that's when I started working hard.

"I had never heard of AFL before, and at first me and my friends didn't really like it. But once I started, I began to enjoy it. When I started, I was barely kicking it ten feet, but they must have seen something in me, and as the time went on, and we went through the basics and I saw the videos, I began to improve, and the improvement has been fast.

"I think when you start something having not known anything about it, everything is a step up for you and that's the way it's been. And now it's a big step up for me, but one I'm looking forward to."

His progress has been impressive.

Sobetwa represented South Africa against the AIS/AFL Academy in 2008-09, and he performed strongly at the 2008 International Cup, in which South Africa finished third of 16 countries.

He also trained with North Melbourne in the past pre-season, but after a visit at home from GWS coach Kevin Sheedy, he agreed to head to Blacktown.

"It was a sad moment leaving my family, especially my mum, she was crying, but I'm going to get through. This is the start of a new life ... if I do make it to the AFL, maybe my family can come out and see me play then," he said.

I will have the opportunity to work with Sobetwa in my role with the AFL.

As an honorary South African, I will take special pride in my role with him!

Sobetwa's story should be an inspiration to any Australian kid – whether he comes from a remote Indigenous community or a major urban centre.

Hard work enables dreams to come true!

I just hope he gets a better coach than me as he pursues that dream!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

● Another tour success – See facing page

# Another tour success

By PETER ARGENT



FOUR 17-year-old Aboriginal players were part of a successful three-game fourth tour by the

Australian Institute of Sport-Australian Football League (AIS-AFL) Academy.

The tour included a game in South Africa.

The Indigenous boys on the tour were West Australians Gerald Ugle, from Beverley, and Coodanup's Harley Bennell, Northern Territorian Curtley Hampton and South Australian Chad Wingard.

Bennell is the younger brother of former Collingwood rookie listed player Johnnie Bennell.

Hampton is from Alice Springs and Wingard is from Murray Bridge, but plays with the Sturt Football Club.

The team was coached by AFL high-performance manager Jason McCartney, assisted by former AFL stars Michael O'Loughlin, Tom Harley and Matthew Lloyd.

## Lost first game

Before flying to South Africa, the 2010 AIS-AFL Academy team lost its first game to the Sydney Swans reserves by 19 points.

They made a slow start in that game, being 21 points down at the first break. Running against senior players, they displayed fortitude to compete for the remainder of the contest.

In their only match in South Africa, they defeated the South African Lions representative team by 149 points at the famous Sahara Park ground at Newlands, in Cape Town.

The AIS-AFL Academy team finished its tour with a 78-point victory over West Perth in the curtain-raiser to the AFL match between West Coast and Essendon at Subiaco.

AIS-AFL Academy coach Jason McCartney was high in his praise for all four



2010 AIS-AFL Academy Indigenous players Curtly Hampton (Alice Springs, NT), Gerald Ugle (Beverley, WA), Chad Wingard (Murray Bridge, SA) and Harley Bennell (Coodanup, WA).

Indigenous boys. "Chad was absolutely outstanding and has many wonderful traits, including a natural leap, which I suggest comes from his basketball background," McCartney said.

"He plays a lot taller than his size suggests.

"Coming off the bench, he kicked three

goals and created a couple of others in our first game.

"Electrifying, he played as a midfielder/forward against the South Africans and kicked 3.5."

Bennell has already played WAFL football with the Peel Thunder in Perth.

"Harley is a natural footballer who plays on pure instinct," McCartney said.

"He has great speed and is a good decision-maker.

"Gerald is a sublimely skilled left-footer who reads the game well and played mainly down back.

"He's now at Guildford Grammar in Perth and is one of the players who fall in the window to go to Greater Western Sydney as one of their 12 17-year-olds born in the first four months of the year."

## Bound for GWS

Curtly Hampton missed most of the 2009 campaign after foot surgery, and being from the Northern Territory is regarded as a Greater Western Sydney zone player.

"Curtly had limited opportunities as we needed to manage his injury," McCartney said.

"He played 40 per cent of game one and about 70 per cent of game three.

"A classy player who wins his own football, he was very dangerous when he got on the ground.

"He set up a couple of goals early in the game against West Perth."

The Academy squad also held footyWILD clinics for hundreds of

children in the Nyanga township in Cape Town during the South African visit.

"The entire squad has had a great tour and really pushed the Sydney Swans reserves before easily accounting for the South African Lions, many of whom had only taken up the game in the past 18 months," McCartney said.

"They travelled well, trained well and developed as people and footballers.

All are expected to play a significant role for their respective states at the national under 18 championships.



Gerald Ugle in action in Cape Town, South Africa.

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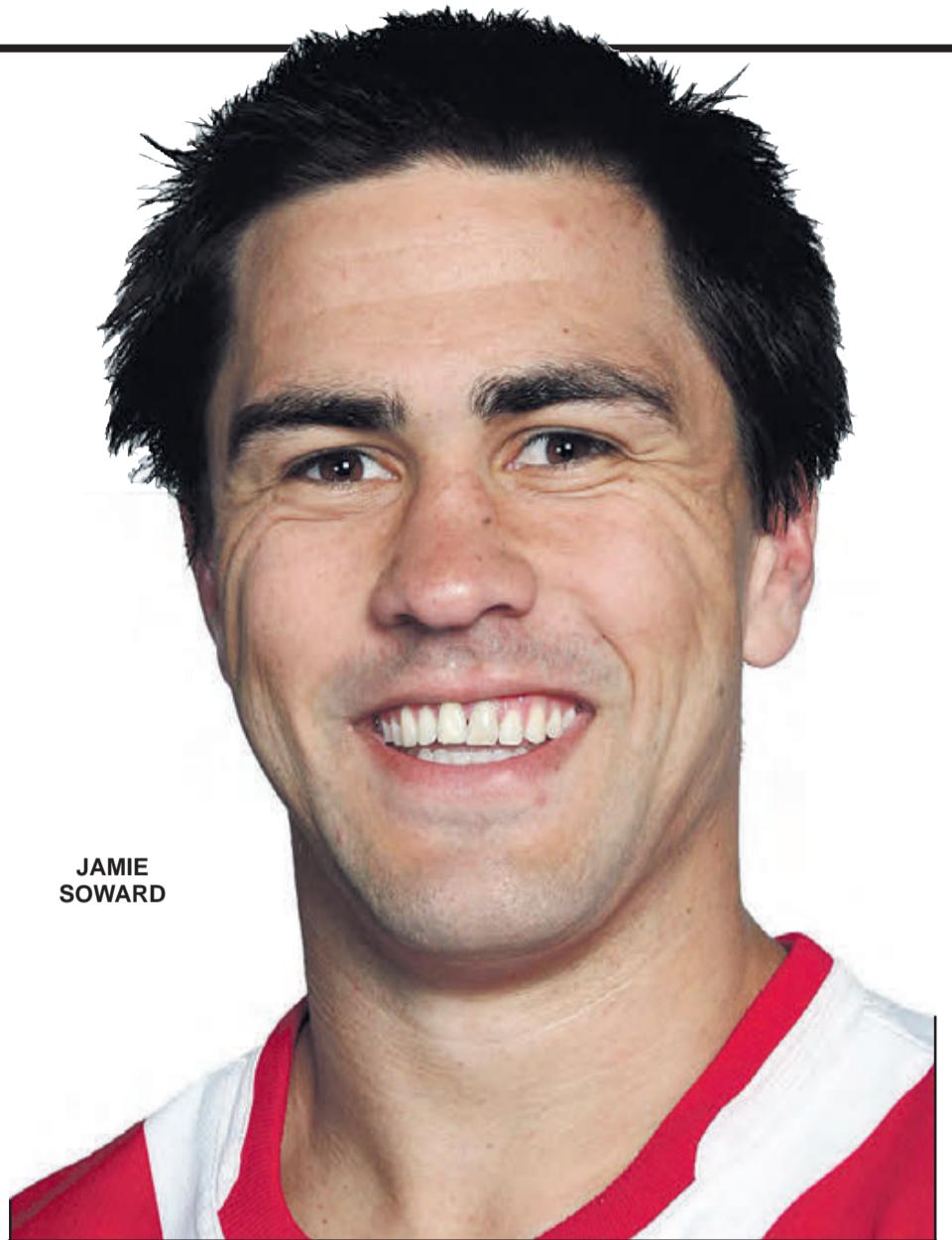
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# 'Origin: What's that?'



JAMIE SOWARD



THE dreaded second-year syndrome was staring St George Illawarra star Jamie Soward in the face like a monster front-rower this National Rugby

League (NRL) season.

But just like he would on the field, the Dragons linchpin has chipped over the top, regrouped and left the pressure and doubters for dead.

He topped all the stats in 2009 and even went close to stealing the Dally M Medal from Jarryd Hayne.

A comedown was possible, perhaps likely, but Soward has continued to prove he's no flash in the pan.

## Cleared hurdles

There's no doubt teams have tried to nullify his effectiveness, but as the surest sign yet he's ready for representative football, the Red V's five-eighth has so far overcome the challenges.

For Soward, it's not about being as good as he was last year, it's about

being better. "I think what was important for me this year and I probably didn't realise it until after (the Dragons' round five loss to) Melbourne, I can't just come in and do what I did last year," Soward said.

"The team can't come in and just expect it to happen, you've got to start from scratch, and I'd like to think I'm getting back to playing some good footy.

"The little things I was doing last year I'm hopefully doing this year.

"Teams get better, faster, stronger, watch more video, change their game plans to when they play you now so if you have a look, my kick metres have been down because wingers are dropping back.

"So you change your game and that's what makes our game so good because everyone gets better every year and it's a challenge week in, week out to get better yourself."

Soward's emergence as one of the game's best playmakers began on Anzac Day last year when he decimated the

Roosters, scoring two tries and 21 points in the Dragons' 29-0 rout.

He put on a master class that day, with five tackle breaks, two line breaks and a try assist to go with his point-scoring haul.

"It was just one of those days where the ball just kept finding me I didn't have to find the ball," he said.

## Proving himself

While last year was about proving the nay-sayers wrong, 2010 is about proving himself to NSW selectors.

Soward hates talking about his Origin prospects and says a sky-blue jumper isn't in his thinking, but he concedes the big-game atmosphere of an Anzac Day

clash is the perfect stage to further push his NSW dream.

"I think every match is an opportunity to build your case because the selectors are looking for consistency, they're looking for guys who are doing their job week in, week out because you only have a short preparation in Origin," Soward said.

"I don't really like answering Origin questions because I haven't played it ... I'm not a guy that's worrying about Origin, I'm more worried about what Wayne (Bennett) wants me to do (for the Dragons) and what the team wants me to do.

"I guarantee you now, the last thing on my mind is Origin." – AAP



Jamie Soward kicks ahead in the 2008 game between the Australian Indigenous Dreamtime team and New Zealand Maori at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.



# 'My time is now'



**BENN** Harradine, pictured, believes the time has arrived for him. The Indigenous discus thrower is in the United States as he builds up to the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India, in October.

Born in Newcastle but now living in Melbourne, the 121kg 189cm athlete represented Australia in the discus event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the World Championships in Berlin.

New Delhi will be his second Commonwealth Games, having finished eighth in the event at Melbourne four years ago.

In Beijing and Berlin he encountered obstacles before both meetings and did not get through the first round.

Now experienced on the world stage, Harradine believes this year is 'my time'.

"I'm not going to put pressure on myself, but I have expectations,"

he said. "My aim is to do my best, which is win a gold medal."

Harradine set the Australian and Oceania record of 66.37 metres at a meeting in California almost two years ago.

### Bound for Germany

After three weeks in the US, Harradine will head to Germany, where he will remain until the Delhi Games.

"In Germany I will work under world record-holder Jurgen Schult, who has become a bit of a mentor," he said.

"I will knuckle down, do the hard work and look to peak for Delhi."

"I really want to lift the intensity in my training and my performance average, lift it up to 64.5 to 65 metres."

"Then I can go into Commonwealths knowing that even with a worst-case scenario I can pull out a throw good enough to win."

Harradine threw 62.26m to win a

fifth national title in Perth last month, despite having to throw with a borrowed discus after his equipment was stolen.

Harradine has no fears about security in India.

"I am not concerned in the slightest," he said.

"After the Games I'm going to do a bit of a trek through Nepal and down into India."

"That would probably be more of a worry than competing in the Commonwealth Games."

"My main concern is making sure I have something to show for my efforts – a gold medal – when I return."

Meanwhile, at Athletics Australia's awards night at the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel in Perth during the national titles, Harradine was named Indigenous athlete of the year.

He was the only Indigenous athlete to compete at a major international meet across the 2009-10 season.

# 'I would race in India' – Freeman



THE only gun that had Cathy Freeman's attention when she competed was the one in the starter's hand.

The athletics legend said if she was running now, the ongoing security concerns would not stop her going to the October Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

The late April bombings outside an Indian Premier League cricket venue in Bangalore have highlighted concerns about the safety of those attending the 3-14 October Games.

"As an athlete I was pretty ruthless and very focussed," Freeman said.

"I was very unfazed by any kind of external goings-on, once I knew what my target was, I stayed committed."

"Nothing could really take me away from an arena of competition."

"My priority was just to compete and compete against the best there was."

### 'We're all different'

But Freeman also acknowledged that potential members of the Australian team and people thinking of visiting India for the Games might be unsure about safety.

"We're all individuals, we're all different and we're all entitled to our differing opinions, that's what makes the world go around," she said.

Freeman, a four-times Commonwealth champion, was part of a ceremony on 20 April in Melbourne to mark the visit of the Queen's baton.

The baton carries a message from the Queen that will be read at the Games opening ceremony this October.

Freeman and fellow Games gold medallist Steve Moneghetti ran the last leg of a short baton relay along the Yarra River.

Moneghetti will be the Australian team's chef de mission at these Games.

Australian Commonwealth Games Association chief executive Perry Crosswhite said their position had not changed –

Australia would send a team to the Games.

"Certainly it (the weekend bombings) is not a good thing, but it doesn't affect our current position," Crosswhite said.

"Right now, we're going to the Games and as we said all along, if athletes (or officials) don't want to go to the Games, that's their decision and it won't be held against them."

"I'm very confident the actual athletes will be protected, the safest place will be the (athletes) village in Delhi, the venues and the transport routes there and from."

"Outside of that, my recommendations would be ... people going there, they have a look at the travel advisory from the Federal Government."



CATHY FREEMAN



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# Bound for Delhi

## Big climate change



MEET Jamie-Lee Peris, who moved from the tropical north of Darwin to the cold climate of Tasmania to play professional basketball for the Launceston Tornadoes in the South-East Australian Basketball League (SEABL). ● Read about Jamie-Lee on page 74. Photo: JILLIAN MUNDY

## 3 Indigenous athletes in track and field team



EVERGREEN sprinter Patrick Johnson, fellow sprinter Jacob Groth and discus thrower Benn Harradine are the first Indigenous athletes to book their tickets to the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India, this October.

At 37, Johnson is the oldest member of Australia's track and field team for New Delhi.

More Indigenous sportsmen and women are expected to join the Australian Commonwealth Games squad as other sports finalise their selections.

The 57-strong track and field team plus 12 elite athletes with disabilities will be captained by Olympic and world pole vault champion Steve Hooker.

Johnson, despite being the fastest Australian over 100 metres in history, has won only one 100m national title – and that was back in 2003.

The now retired Joshua Ross – another Indigenous sprinter – went on to win five national 100m crowns.

Last month at the Australian track and field championships in Perth, Johnson finished fourth in the 100m final.

The event was won by Victorian Aaron Rouge-Serret and he will represent Australia in the 100m in India.

But Johnson was named in the men's 4x100m relay team.

He will be joined in the relay by Jacob Groth, 24, of NSW. Groth finished third, ahead of Johnson in the 100m final in Perth.

Johnson won the men's 200m title in Perth, but his B-qualifying time was not good enough to win selection in the 200m. He still has until 16 August to run an A-qualifying time and be selected as a 200m runner in New Delhi.

Groth will be the first Jump Start athlete to make a senior international Australian track and field team when he competes in New Delhi.

He is a 24-year-old from the Tamworth, NSW, area, and has been sprinting for a number of years. He was a World Junior representative in 2004 and has been fine-tuning his sprinting skills in Sydney under coach Emil Rizk.

Groth finished second in the 100m national title in 2008 behind fellow Indigenous athlete Otis Gowa.

A disappointing 2009 followed, but Groth always had the passion and the dream of making an Australian team as a senior athlete

and prepared well for the 2010 Nationals in Perth.

With a lot at stake and a number of athletes already posting quick times, Groth went to Perth to prove his worth and to make the Commonwealth Games team.

He did this in fine style, coming third in the 100m and the 200m, cementing his place in the relay team.

Groth will still be looking to qualify in the 200m as an individual runner. He has a Commonwealth Games B qualifier in this event and will be looking to improve that to an A standard before 16 August.

Harradine was the clear favourite to win the discus event in Perth, and he did not disappoint, winning with a throw of 62.26m.

### Boxing hopes

Meanwhile, at least three Indigenous fighters are a chance to make the Australian boxing team for New Delhi.

They are Damian Hooper (Queensland, under 75kg), Luke Boyd (NSW, under 56kg) and Cameron Hammond (NSW, under 69kg).

They have one more hurdle to clear before they are on the plane to New Delhi... they must beat their opponents in a box-off at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra on 4 July.

Hooper is considered Australia's best gold medal chance in boxing at New Delhi.

He is in Baki, a city in the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, where he and two other Indigenous Australians have been competing in the World Youth titles for 17- and 18-year-olds.

At the time of *The Koori Mail's* deadline, Hooper was still a chance of winning his division, but the other two Indigenous Australians – West Australians Joyden Hansen (under 54kg) and Brandon Ogilvie (under 57kg) had been eliminated.

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Jacob Groth in action in Perth last month. – Getty image

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