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**Bipartisan support for Constitutional recognition**

**THE** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012 was passed by the Senate on March 12 this year with overwhelming bipartisan support.

Its passage through the House of Representatives coincided with Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations.

The passing of the Bill is another step towards constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people, for which a referendum is expected to be held in 2014.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said that the Parliament was committed to righting the wrongs of previous actions.

"No gesture speaks more deeply to the healing of our nation's fabric than amending

our nation's founding charter," she told Parliament.

"This bill seeks to foster momentum for a referendum for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott also supported the Bill.

"We need to atone for the omissions and for the hardness of heart of our forebears, to enable us all to embrace the future as a united people," he said.

CLC Director David Ross said the bi-partisan support for the Bill gave everybody hope that a referendum could succeed and carry Australia into a more modern era of race relations.

"I have been enormously heartened

by the support in the Australian Parliament today and the goodwill exhibited by both parties for this recognition of Aboriginal people," Mr Ross said.

"I feel strongly that constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people will have a profound and positive effect on Indigenous people all over Australia."

The Bill recognises the unique and special place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Some of the wording is as follows:

*The Parliament, on behalf of the people of Australia, recognises that the continent and the islands now known as Australia were first occupied by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

*The Parliament, on*

*behalf of the people of Australia, acknowledges the continuing relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with their traditional lands and waters.*

*The Parliament, on behalf of the people of Australia, acknowledges and respects the continuing cultures, languages and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

The Bill sets out a review process which must take place within 12 months to progress the route to a referendum by assessing public support and proposals for constitutional change.

The Act will cease to have effect in two years from now in time for the referendum.

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# Get ready kids Boot camps coming up



**THE** NT Government will create two “boot camps” for young people – one in Central Australia and one in the Top End – in an effort to reverse increasing levels of juvenile crime in the Territory’s urban centres.

With Australia’s highest rates of young people in detention – most of them indigenous – the Government says it is looking for a different approach to young offenders that will “turn lives around.”

But while most people think boot camps have a role to play in the juvenile justice system, agencies involved with young people have questioned whether the Government’s approach will make a real difference.

As Land Rights News went to press, the Government had put out tenders for the youth camps, believed to include one at Hamilton Downs, near Alice Springs, but had not said how much money it would spend on them.

At present the government spends nearly \$600

a day to keep a young person in detention.

In January, Reg Hatch from the Ngurratjuta Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Organisation said the Government had proposed spending \$1 million on the Central Australian youth camp youth camp, but “much more” would be needed for it to be effective.

In 2011, a review of juvenile justice government, chaired by lawyer and former Country Liberals leader Jodeen Carney, found that “military-style” boot camps could do more harm than good.

For camps to be effective, they had to include education and vocational training, with young people staying long enough to benefit from the camp.

The Government is looking at two models of boot camps – an “early intervention” camp aimed at first-time offenders and young people considered in danger of getting into more trouble, and the other for young people already in detention.

The “early intervention” would provide for short stays, while in the second kind young offenders would stay for periods of up to three months.

The Correctional Services Department has said the new youth camps will not be “military-style”, but would provide:

- Structure, discipline and physical activity;
- Allow for personal development and the building of self-esteem through physical activities;
- Address the causes of crime;
- Provide ongoing support for young people once they leave the camps; and
- Provide education, training, family engagement and skill-building.

For more stories on the crisis confronting our youth see page 8

## Detention: a rite of passage

**BOOT** camps may stop some people going to jail, but youth agencies say much more needs to be done to keep young people out of trouble.

They are also calling for the Government to fund more ‘positive activities’ for young people on remote communities.

Antoinette Carroll from the Central Australian Youth Justice Committee is involved with young people caught up in the juvenile justice system on a daily basis in her work with the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid.

She sees a snowballing culture of crime in the streets of Alice Springs, led by charismatic older youths with experience of both crime and punishment.

Ms Carroll believes we need a system in which communities can play a part in keeping their kids out of jail.

“At the moment there is no real system, just an ad hoc collection of measures that are having the effect of creating a revolving door into detention centres,” says Ms Carroll.

“Jail is not a deterrent, and unfortunately neither individual communities nor the broader community itself recognises that. (continued page 15)

## But only lock-ups for drunks...

**THE** NT Government has down-sized its election promise to build mandatory alcohol rehabilitation centres for an alternative plan that will force 140 “problem drinkers” to undergo treatment in existing facilities.

The Minister responsible for alcohol policy and health, Robyn Lambley, said that only 20 beds had been allocated for Alice Springs, but she was optimistic there would be 40 available by the time the program starts on July 1.

There were so far no beds available in Tennant Creek.

Ms Lambley, speaking on ABC Radio, said the Government would gradually increase the number of beds to 200 and would “more than likely” fund new treatment facilities.

At its closure, the Banned Drinkers Register had 2500 people on its list

Under the new laws, drinkers would be placed in treatment facilities for three months by a tribunal after they had been put into protective custody three times. But if the beds were all being used, they would be referred on the fourth apprehension.

She said that while the program “might not meet some people’s expectations”, the Government was

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spending much more than it had planned to on “a huge project, unprecedented in Australia” that would cost \$100 million over three years.

Ms Lambley said all Territorians would benefit from it, with fewer intoxicated people on the streets, and families getting a break from their drunken relatives.

But Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AMSANT) CEO John Paterson said there was little evidence such programs produce long-term change in drinkers.

He said existing facilities to be used for the program in Alice Springs, Katherine and Nhulunbuy were already over-stretched and would be transformed into secure facilities.

“Now the chances of voluntary clients attending these facilities will disappear,” Mr Paterson said.

John Boffa from the Peoples Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC) said the government proposal was a “small step towards addressing the problem.”

He said that even in the best treatment facilities, only between 10 and 20 per cent of alcoholics were “significantly helped.”

Dr Boffa said the government needed a broader strategy that reduced both supply and the harm caused by alcohol.

He said if the Government refused to reintroduce the Banned Drinker Register, it should at least reduce trading hours, introduce a minimum alcohol price and restrict the sale of large amounts of take-away alcohol

## NT jails go smoke-free July 1

**SMOKING** will be banned in all Northern Territory prisons from July 1.

Staff from Central Australian Aboriginal Congress will be working with prisoners who smoke to help prepare them for life without tobacco. “They have started putting

things in place already,” said Congress Healthy Lifestyle Team Tobacco Action Worker Yasmin Watts. “It goes for the staff as well.

“They are getting more sport and recreation projects and other hands-on things for them to do. There’ll be more

quit smoking programs, because medication isn’t the way to go out there. They are starting to prepare them now.

“Now you get a packet of smokes on reception as soon as you go in, whether you smoke or not, but in the second week of June they are go-

ing to stop selling smokes in prison.”

Smoking is banned in jails in WA and Victoria, and New Zealand banned smoking in its prisons in 2011.

New South Wales is trialing a smoke-free prison at its Cessnock high security jail



# New CLC Chair says education is the key



Above: Mr Ryan (far left) being congratulated by Council delegates after his election as the new CLC Chair at the meeting in Tennant Creek; below: Francis Kelly from Yuendumu is the Deputy Chair

The Central Land Council has a new Chairman.

Mr Maurie Ryan, 65, was elected at the Council's meeting in Tennant Creek on April 17 this year.

He replaces Phillip Wilyuka who was elected at a meeting in Tennant Creek in May last year when Mr Bookie was not re-elected to the position when he gave a conditional resignation before his term was complete.

Mr Ryan is a member of the Stolen Generations who was born under a tree at Wave Hill Station and taken away to Croker Island where he lived until he was eight before being sent to an orphanage in South Australia.

He is a former school teacher who has also worked at a number of jobs including building roads and working for Arrernte Council in Alice Springs.

Mr Ryan is a former Deputy Chair of the CLC and has served on the CLC Executive and been a CLC delegate for a number of years.

Mr Ryan lived in various places around Australia before returning to his grandfathers country in Kalkarindji.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Mr Ryan said.

"I am a proud Australian and I hope I can achieve everything I have hoped for," he said.

"I want to have a voice for people for issues like the discriminatory Basics Card,

banned drinkers, economic bases for remote areas and outstations and bilingual education.

"Education is extremely important. I am supportive of bilingual education I am a school teacher so I am supportive of many things to do with education. Education is the key. It opens doors. It opened the door for me," Mr Ryan said.

Mr Francis Kelly from Yuendumu was elected Deputy Chair at the meeting.

Delegates to the Council are elected by their communities from each of the CLC's nine regions.

The delegates vote for the Chairman and Executive members at elections conducted by the NT Electoral Commission and overseen by FaHCSIA.

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## Life of the Red Kangaroo

from M'Bunghara Outstation School, winner of the People's Choice Award at the 14th Remote Media Festival.

This school continues to produce funny videos and great performances from the children. Probably a better video about kangaroos than the BBC's Kangaroo Dundee!

## Voices in the Land of Kunanya



by Cassie Woods at Ngaanyatjarra Media. Won the Special Award and is a lovely story about returning to country.

## Bush Bands Bash 2012



Proving to be one of the most popular videos on Indigitube this year.

The video includes both interviews and footage of the live performances of the best bands in Central Australia during the 2012 Bush Bands Bash Concert held in Alice Springs.

Bands include Central Reggae, Irrunytju Band, Blackstone Band, South East Desert Metal, Sandridge Band, Sunshine Reggae and Tjupi Band.



# Shires: the road ahead



**THE NT** Government released an options paper in March to try to solve the problems created by the 'super shires'.

The report was put together after four meetings with the Regional Governance Working Group set up by Adam Giles when he was the Minister for Local Government. When Giles be-

came the Chief Minister, Alison Anderson took over his local government portfolio.

The paper puts forward two options to improve local government: Regional Councils and Regional Authorities.

When he was Local Government minister, Adam Giles said it was possible that Regional

Councils would be "a large council but nowhere near as big as a shire, with headquarters in the region itself."

The Working Group was discussed at the CLC meeting in November 2012 at Aputula when former Chief Minister Terry Mills and then Local Government Minister Adam Giles visited the meeting.

Lindsay Bookie was elected by the Council to represent the CLC.

There were other representatives from across the Northern Territory including Marie Ellis, Alison Hunt and Norbert Patrick from the CLC region.

## REGIONAL COUNCIL

- The report doesn't specify the boundaries of Regional Councils but it would be unlikely that they would be smaller
- Council would provide the same local government services, like local road maintenance, garbage removal and dog control
- Each community would have its own Local Authority. The Local Authority would provide advice to the Regional Council and the Australian and Northern Territory governments
- The Local Authority would have a budget allocation and delegation to match the responsibilities of delivering personal support and some urgent minor repairs
- One or more Regional Councillors would also be members of each Local Authority and attend meetings of the Local Authority.

## REGIONAL AUTHORITY

- Would focus on economic and social development
- Would provide same services as the Shire e.g. local road maintenance, garbage removal and dog control
- The Regional Authority could take on full responsibility for all Australian and Northern Territory government service delivery in the Regional Authority area such as aged care, night patrol, Centrelink, and sport and rec programs.
- Each community in the Regional Authority area would also have its own Local Authority that would include the elected Councillor and a group of community members decided by the community. It would advise the Regional Authority
- Would include the Australian and Northern Territory governments as partners. Land councils, mining operations, or cattle industry representatives could also be partners.

## No permit entry cops a fine



Above: Nowhere to hide — bogged and temporarily abandoned

**TWO MEN** employed by the resort at Yulara have been fined \$140 for accessing Aboriginal land without a permit.

The men had left their motorbikes on Lake Amadeus on the Petermann Aboriginal Land Trust after they got bogged and were airlifted out by helicopter early last year.

CLC staff member Patrick Hookey and traditional owners Reggie and Cassidy Uluru flew over the area to see for themselves what damage had been done.

"The tracks on the lake were very clear, cut deep into the salt surface after the recent rains," Patrick said. "Reggie and Cassidy were really upset because, as they explained to me, it is a really culturally significant site for Anangu men."

Cassidy Uluru said "too many people were going up and down", and visitors should only enter with proper permission and supervision.

The CLC told the offenders that they could retrieve the bikes if they applied for a permit but the men ignored the offer and retrieved their bikes without permission.

The traditional owners then decided to prosecute as they said they want to see an end to the damage to Lake Amadeus and the surrounding areas.

## Bootu Creek decision still on hold

**THE** Magistrate is still considering the verdict at the time we went to press in a case brought by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) against OM Mining (Manganese) in the Darwin Magistrates' Court in March this year.

AAPA laid two charges of desecration and one of damage to the 'Two Women Sitting Down' sacred site at OM Mining's manganese mine at Bootu Creek, 170km north of Tennant Creek on Banka Banka station.

AAPA says there has never been a successful prosecution for desecration of an Aboriginal sacred site under Australian law.

## New IEO jobs for local people

**THE** Australian Government is increasing the number of Indigenous Engagement Officers employed throughout the Northern Territory

As part of its Stronger Futures program, the Government is increasing the number of Indigenous Engagement Officers (IEOs) in

the NT from 24 to between 60 and 90 full and part-time positions.

IEOs are drawn from local communities. These new positions will mean that by June 2014, the number of communities with an Indigenous Engagement Officer will increase from 30 to 54.

**Willowra artists create Jukurrpa panels**

WILLOWRA artists have created 16 magnificent Jukurrpa panels to decorate the outside of the community's new learning centre and playgroup space.

The project was funded through WETT and supported by Warlukurlangu Artists. The Warlukurlangu team moved from house to house for a week, giving artists paints, brushes and big canvases. The artists also got plenty of good tucker to keep up their energy late into the night.

Warlukurlangu worked with little kids in the school to paint 64 smaller boards representing life around Willowra.

The Learning Centre will be opened on April 23.

# Ntaria Junior Rangers teach new tricks



THE TJUWUMPA Rangers at Ntaria (Hermannsburg) have become educational role models for young people in the Western Desert community – but according to ranger Mervyn Raggatt, it's a two-way process.

"They're learning from us, but half the time I'm learning from them," says Mervyn. "These days if I can't remember the name of a plant, they'll tell me!"

The formation of a Junior Tjuwumpa Rangers Group in 2011 has been so successful that ranger education has become a part of the Ntaria School curriculum, beginning with students in years five to seven and going through to secondary level.

As junior rangers, the younger children go out on trips to country with teachers and senior rangers every second Friday.

They go on overnight camps at the end of every term.

They learn about the country and its plants and animals from a western scientific perspective from their teachers, while rangers tell them Western Arrernte stories in their language, and also talk about environmental issues.

The children document what they see, learn and discover by writing it down, as well as drawing and painting and taking photographs.

Their information is put on to DVDs and becomes the basis for classroom lessons.

At secondary level, the students get involved in IT (information technology), using the photographs of the younger children to create "cultural calendars" of every year. The cultural calendars can be shown on the wall, but will also be kept so that in future years students can compare different years.

Older students also take part in workshops in

welding and other skills alongside the senior Tjuwumpa Rangers.

The scheme was modelled on the Junior Rangers scheme of NT Parks and Wildlife, but heavily adapted to suit Western Arrernte culture.

Senior rangers Mervyn Raggatt and Stuart Pareroutlja are responsible for looking after the Junior Rangers, and both are proud of the role they and other rangers have taken on in the community.

"Wherever we go and kids see us in our uniforms, they say: 'Good morning, ranger,'" said Mervyn, who is excited to see new generations of rangers coming up through the school system.

Mervyn said Hermannsburg had become a "more caring place" since the Tjuwumpa Rangers were established, with people not only caring more about the country

but about each other.

"As soon as this program started, everything started to change," he said. "The country looks different, looked-after. And people are happy with us because we do a lot of things for them, like helping them look after their outstations."

Mervyn said the rangers could help to bring kids who were getting into trouble back on to a good path.

"We had one kid about 14 who was starting to become a troublemaker," he said.

"We took him out with us for a week when we went to do some burning. It really changed him."

Mervyn said the Ntaria Junior Rangers was a good model for other central Australian communities to consider.

"Do what we're doing at Hermannsburg, I tell them," he said.

"We're there for the kids all the time."

**Funding for Utopia**

THE FEDERAL Government will give \$4 million to the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) to improve houses and infrastructure in the neglected Utopia homelands.

Utopia communities had been left out of earlier federal funding and were the subject of a campaign by human rights organisation Amnesty International.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said CAT projects would include housing maintenance, helping residents to reduce energy use and improving the safety and reliability of the local water supply.

The Government will also fund a three-year coordinator position at the Urupuntja Aboriginal Corporation and employ two local people as Indigenous Engagement Officers.

Other services Utopia will receive as part of the Stronger Future-sp package include:

- police station at Arlparra;
- night patrol service operating from Arlparra;
- primary health care service operated by Urupuntja Health Service;
- increased food security through a licensed community store at Arlparra; and
- continued provision of municipal and essential services across the homelands.

Central Land Council director David Ross said funding should be followed by a comprehensive plan and more investment in the eastern region.

"Obviously more will need to be done to tackle the problems of over-crowding and the need for new houses but this is a good start," Mr Ross said.

**No Chair for Lhere Artepe**



Michael Liddle

MICHAEL Liddle has stepped down as Chair of the Alice Springs native title body Lhere Artepe. The board has decided it will share the chair among its board of directors.

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# Lease money funds new community projects

**THE** Kintore school excursion to Cairns was the first project in the CLC region to be financed with community lease funding, with 10 other communities planning projects.

The Community Lease Money Project will work with 20 communities on Aboriginal Land and 10 on Community Living Areas.

The CLC's Community Development Unit will

help communities plan, implement and evaluate their projects.

The Community Lease Money Project arose as a result of the Gillard government's agreement to pay fair compensation for the compulsory five-year leases the Howard government took over communities in 2007.

Traditional owners decided to use the majority of this one-off compensation payment – at

least \$12 million so far – for projects across the 30 communities.

Most communities are also directing annual lease payments by governments and other organisations for community benefit.

These ongoing payments could keep some of the community benefit projects from the five year lease money going year after year.

The CLC's council

meeting in Aputula in November 2012 backed traditional owners who had already decided to use much of their lease money for community projects.

Delegates voted as one to limit individual distributions of lease money to reduce the problems that come with large payments into people's bank accounts.

"Everybody seemed very happy about it and

they were looking forward to building some much needed infrastructure and getting other good community projects up with this money," said CLC Director, David Ross.

"This decision allows both the residents and the traditional owners to benefit from the compensation."

Most of the 30 communities have chosen small working groups made up of traditional owners

and residents to plan the projects and work with the CLC's community development staff.

Plans include church buildings and renovations, sports, art and recreation projects, computer training, tree planting and landscaping projects.

If you have any questions about the new Community Lease Money Project please call the Central Land Council on 8951 6373.



## Finding Nemo - Kintore school goes to Cairns



## WETT supports Warlpiri secondary students

**MORE THAN** 61 Warlpiri students took part in interstate excursions funded by the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) last year.

The students came from the Lajamanu, Nyirripi, Willowra and Yuendumu schools.

Highlights included visiting Parliament House in Canberra, surfing on the Gold Coast, canoeing down Margaret River and a guided tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The excursions were all part of the WETT-funded secondary school support program.

Over the last five years the program has given more than

150 Warlpiri students and Yapa teachers the chance to practise their life skills and their English on interstate trips

WETT paid for Warlpiri students on boarding schools such as Kormilda College, St Johns Catholic College, Wora-wa College and St Phillips College to attend excursions and uniforms.

It also bought their school uniforms.

Above: Willowra School excursion at Darling Harbour in front of the New Endeavour  
Below: Abraham Calyon, Michael Long and Lionel Mick at the Long Walk in Melbourne



**KINTORE STUDENTS** who had never seen the sea celebrated the end of the 2012 school year with an excursion to Cairns funded by the community.

The students – originally inspired by the movie Finding Nemo – prepared for their underwater adventures by swimming in the Kintore pool.

Finding a clown fish was high on their wish list.

The week-long trip – paid for with the community lease money – took 12 students aged nine to 11 to the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest and other places.

Kintore traditional owners contributed \$5,000 of their lease money to the excursion and parents chucked in spending

money.

Only two students got to see a clown fish, but the kids practised their English, snorkelled and dived in the reef, learned about rainforest and reef ecosystems and went hunting with local Aboriginal people.

They also had their first experience of boat, railway and plane travel.

Kintore has a long history of putting its own money into community projects including the swimming pool and the dialysis centre on the community.

Above: Snorkelling on the reef was a first for the kids from Kintore School.

*We saw water sparkling in the sun. The ocean was enormous. I saw a fish and a turtle. We saw coral and a stingray. I saw an eel and swordfish. Moses was seasick. The catamaran was enormous.*

*We saw two pontoons in the distance. We walked down the gangplank. We put our stingersuits, flippers, snorkel and mask on. Then we went to the steps at the water. We were scared because the ocean was deep water. We were swimming around and the man was taking pictures of us in the water.*

Mavis Gallagher, Kintore school student writing about her trip to Cairns.



## Lajamanu Learning Centre

ACTIVITY has picked up at the Lajamanu Learning Community Centre with the arrival of its new co-ordinator Cheryl Cartwright. Cheryl is employed by Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education, which has formed a partnership with Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) to run the learning centre.

Training in money management, literacy and numeracy have started and construction training will start soon.

FaHCSIA has also given funds to run the centre for the next two years.

A local yapa coordinator is currently being recruited.

## Youngfellas finish projects at Iyltwelepentye

TWO youngfellas – Craig and Shane Wickham – helped complete the on-country meeting place at the Hatches Creek outstation in the Iyltwelepentye (Davenport Ranges) National Park.

The Centre for Appropriate Technology got \$138,500 of Iyltwelepentye rent money to train and employ the pair. The health and safety training they received will enable them to get jobs on construction sites across Australia.

The meeting place, which includes a shelter and two shower blocks, can be used for joint management and other meetings with the Iyltwelepentye traditional owners. They plan to host a meeting about feral animal control there this month.

They also used their rent money from the park to get the young men to build a \$59,000 equipment shed at the outstation. It will house the fire trailer they want to buy next, for about \$25,000.

Traditional owners hope the outstation can become a base for land management work in their region.

## Mutitjulu hall open for business

THE Mutitjulu recreation hall has re-opened its doors after being damaged by a fire nearly a year ago.

The hall was upgraded two years ago as part of the Mutitjulu Youth Recreation Precinct project, partly financed by \$400,000 of the community's rent money. Other funds came from the ABA and the Mutitjulu Foundation.

The Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation had insured the hall and made a successful claim for repairs after last year's fire.

NPY Women's Council uses the hall for youth programs and young people use the gym equipment there.

Ara Irititja will be able to move its computer into the hall now.

Traditional owners at Mutitjulu support the cultural history project through their Uluru rent money.

# NT: 4000 kids a night without a home

WHILE NSW is closing the doors of juvenile detention centres, the Territory's are getting more crowded – and most of the detainees have not even been to court.

The 2011 Juvenile Justice Review found that in 2010/11, there were an average of 23 young people on remand in the Northern Territory, waiting to go to the court, more than double the average of 11 a day in 2005/6.

Courts are often reluctant to provide bail to young people charged with offences because it hard for them to meet bail conditions.

A report called *Doing Time – Time for Doing* found the number of children in remand was growing because they had no homes to go, there was no access to education and no responsible adult who could supervise the children.

These findings have been borne out by the 2011 Census Estimating Homeless Data, as re-

ported by NT Shelter this month (April 2013).

"If the 2011 Census is a guide, at least 15 percent of Australia's 26,238 youth who are experiencing homelessness on any night are in the NT – that's over 3,900 of our youth; more than the entire population of Tennant Creek," stated Ms Morgan Sabbith, Homelessness Policy Officer for NT Shelter.

In a submission to the Juvenile Justice Review, the NT Department of Children and Families pointed out that many children are involved in both the juvenile justice system and the

child protection system.

The department said this "results in clients being referred from one system to another, and for detention to be considered as a temporary 'safe place'."

But, say groups like the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Legal Services: "Detention is a criminal sanction, not a 'placement' for children in need of care ..."

"It is clear and predictable that young people at risk of entry to the criminal justice system will come from homes where it is unsafe for them to be. The need to provide accommodation, other than police

cells or detention centres, is chronic."

The Central Australian Youth Justice coalition, which consists of organisations involved with young people in the juvenile justice system, has called for special accommodation for young people on bail, so they don't have to go into detention.

It says a Queensland scheme of providing accommodation for young people works well, with less than one fifth of the residents skipping bail.



# Funding cuts hit youth hard

WHILE the NT Government tries to blunt the 'pointy end' of the youth justice system with boot camps, it's been cutting support for programs aimed at keeping young people out of trouble in the first place.

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress's After Hours Youth Service was used as a drop-in centre by about 50 young people three nights a week in Alice Springs.

It has closed its doors after funding

was withdrawn.

Congress's after-hours team leader Nicky Streeter said many were teenagers who were shifted from one foster home to another.

Mr Streeter quoted one of many pleas from youths who used the centre: "What are we going to do about it? You know what people like. This is the centre, this is where we meet. Meet people, make new friends. People are good to us. We don't want to walk around the street.

Who's going to take us home? We don't want the coppers on us."

Tangentyere Council also suffered cuts to youth programs, and the Central Australian Youth Linkup Service (CAYLUS) lost a full-time worker on youth programs out bush.

In March, Mission Australia was forced to close youth night patrols in Darwin and Palmerston, Katherine and a school holiday program after the Government withdrew its funding.

The organisation told the ABC in the last year the Youth beat provided help to young people in Darwin and Palmerston on more than 2500 occasions.

But the then Chief Minister Terry Mills said programs like Mission Australia's Youth Beat night patrols had not been effective in "reducing problem behaviour".

He said the best tool to reduce "problem behaviour" was "a stronger frontline policing presence."

But the Central Australian Youth Justice Coalition has called for a shift from "negative spending" to "positive spending" on youth.

Blair McFarland from Central Australian Youth LinkUp Service – a member of CAYJ – is concerned that boot camps will be only funded to deal with a small number of young people for short periods and will be ineffective.

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# Detention not a deterrent

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"Many people don't realise that the juvenile detention centre is located next to the main jail. So juvenile passengers see going there as a rite of passage on their way to the bigger jail."

CAYJ says that while the Territory Juvenile Justice Act has many sensible provisions, they often are not carried out.

For example, the law recommends that before young people are sentenced for crimes they can go to a conference with their families, as well as the victims of their crimes.

The conferences would confront

young people with the effects of their behaviour on others. But no funding has been provided for these conferences – which are never held.

The law also says juvenile court cases need to be kept separate from adult cases, but they are often heard in the same court, which mixes children with adults who have committed serious crimes.

CAYJ says the court system needs to be made less formal and 'alienating' so young offenders and their families can understand what is happening better and have more of a say, as they do in

'Koori courts' in New South Wales.

It says there need to be police specially trained to work with young people and more support provided for young coming to court

Ms Carroll said one of the few things that were working in the NT youth justice was the diversion system, under which police can send young people into diversion before they go into the court system.

"But things become 'grey' once they enter the juvenile justice system," she said.



# Learning centre boost for Willowra

**AFTER** seven years of talk about getting a Learning Centre for Willowra, elder and educator Maisie Kitson “almost gave up” – but now she’s glad she didn’t.

The learning centre, built with \$625,000 of mine royalties, \$2.6 million of ABA funding, an Aboriginal building company and 1,400 hours of hard work by Willowra men, will be officially opened on 23 April.

Kurra Aboriginal Corporation gave the royalties through the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) program, which is managed by the Central Land Council’s Community Development Unit.

Alice Springs firm Sue Dugdale and Associates designed the buildings with input from the community, and then watched over the building work.

Tangentyere Constructions won the job of building the centre and employed Willowra men Gary White, Malcolm Fry, Nathaniel Brown and Rowan Long on award wages. Gary hopes the four men were role models to other young people, “to get the idea of hard work and follow us.”

The men learnt new

skills, such as bricklaying and plaster-boarding.

Gary says Tangentyere Constructions “were a good mob to work with. The white builders made us feel happy and welcome.”

But he said that having a number of locals on the job was important.

“When you’re working by yourself, it’s a bit harder,” he said. “We could talk our own language when we got tired.”

Maisie Kitson said such local employment mattered, “because we don’t want to rely on kardiya. We want our own people working.”

She said she was “happy and proud” that all the careful planning and preparation has paid off.

The centre has men’s and women’s training and meeting rooms with computers, a library and storage for cultural objects and records.

It also includes a brand new playgroup place for little kids.

“Now they have their own space, there’s more room, it’s cooler and there’s little toilets!” said Maisie

There is a new house for the centre coordinator,



and one childhood worker. Batchelor Institute

runs the centre and playgroup with support from World Vision Australia.

Above: Willowra residents turned out in force for a tour of the new learning centre



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# SAME but different

Aboriginal people in the Centre are using new technologies and popular culture to keep old stories alive in exciting ways, from festivals to animated films and interactive on-line comic books.

Presenters at the second annual Same But Different seminar at the Desert People's Centre showed how young people are embracing new skills in digital media to keep up with popular culture while living in remote communities.

But, speakers revealed, their elders are discovering that new media can help keep language and culture alive and present it to young people in ways that attract their interest.

And when the new media hits the internet its telling the world how strong Indigenous culture is

## Steve Patrick: Yapa culture needs to keep changing

THE biennial Milpirri Festival at Lajamnu has become a famous example of how ancient traditions are being communicated to young indigenous people in twenty-first century ways.

But senior Warlpiri people weren't always convinced that the new ways were a good thing.

"It was a struggle at first," said Milpirri Festival director Wanta Steve Patrick Jampijinpa.

"The old people said you can't do that with our ceremonies -- it's stealing ceremony.

"They could see the young people doing hip-hop, something really foreign, you know.

"What made them change is when we showed them the stories are no different from the traditional stories, and kids can understand the stories through hip hop. That's important."

Mr Patrick said the festival, which uses modern performance arts combined with traditional art forms, showed that Yapa culture needed to keep changing and adjusting to

changes in the rest of the world.

"Yapa need to have their fair share of struggle in fitting in together," he said.

"The old and the new have to come together. The Western and the indigenous people's knowledge have to come together.

"The more we are ignorant of each other we won't get anywhere.

"Imagine a house where you're living with the same people and they don't talk to each other, they don't celebrate each other."

Mr Patrick said the older people were "more into it now": "They can see it brings out the best in the young people."

He said when he had worked as a teacher, he had been frustrated by the difficulty of teaching Warlpiri culture through school.

Now, he said: "We do it slowly. We plant a seed. The most important thing that Milpirri does is plant seeds."

Above: 2012 Milpirri Festival



## Yarrenyty Arltere film hit at conference

THE creative people at the Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre Annual are using the soft sculptures the community makes as the stars of animated films that have important messages.

One of the films was screened at the Same But Different seminar in Alice Springs in March.

Little Dingy was made by Loretta Young, filmmaker artist

Adrian Warburton and Yarrenyty Arltere Artists co-ordinator Sophie Wallace

"We got problems for kids wandering around at night, this little town," says the narrator of the film, which tells the story of a little boy called Dingy.

Dingy's grandmother is worried about the boy, who runs away to town when his she is sleeping in bed and his mum and

dad have gone to the casino.

Night after night, the police bring little Dingy home to his grandmother, who does her best to persuade him to stay at home and be a good boy.

Eventually, the parents decide to spend some time with little Dingy instead of going gambling very night and take Dingy on a bush trip. They even get Dingy his own pet goanna!

# LOVE PUNKS meet TRADITIONAL CULTURE

**HUNDRED** and five year-old Pilbara elder Ned Cheedy first heard the story of Warlu, the snake that comes through the Roebourne area and brings the storms, many decades ago.

He could never have imagined that one day he would be sharing the story and song of Warlu with the world in a digital interactive on-line comic.

The comic is just one example of how art, traditional culture and digital technology are harnessing the creative powers of young people and the traditions of their elders in the remote West Australian community.

And, amazingly, it all started with a war between zombies and 'love punks'.

The Big hART organisation, which produced the shows Napatji Napatji and Namitjira, has been funding the Yijala Yala project to make a show about the history of the Roebourne community.

To get the creative juices of Roebourne kids

flowing, a group of artists including Stu Campbell and Deb Myers invited local young people to star in and help produce in a short zombie movie.

They soon realised the youngsters had "too much energy" to be zombies, and gave that role to their parents — while the 50 kids took on the role of "love punks."

After making a wild and funny film, the artists discovered the children had been learning how to do "stop-motion animation" at school. After school they came together to cut 2000 frames to create a video game based on their lives at Roebourne.

The game features their favourite waterholes and other places around the town, as well as themselves and some local wildlife including a lizard, a peacock and a frog that jumped out of a toilet while they were making the game.

To make the game, the children learned how to use valuable computer skills such as Photoshop

editing and audio recording. They contributed to the music in the game as well. You can see the game at [www.lovepunks.com](http://www.lovepunks.com).

But there was more to come, with a new project, an interactive comic called Neomad, described online as "a fictional fantasy based on real characters, places and stories that connect the people to their country."

Stuart made the drawings for the online comic, while the kids coloured it and helped write the script and colour the comic: a skilful practice that required a lot of practice and work.

Eventually Neomad became an "app" that people can download to their smartphones, and later some of the children went to South Korea to launch the comic at the Bucheon International Comic Festival.

Since then, the Neomad team has enlisted the Roebourne community's oldest member Ned Sheedy to tell the story of Warlu, complete with a

recording of Ned singing the song for Warlu.

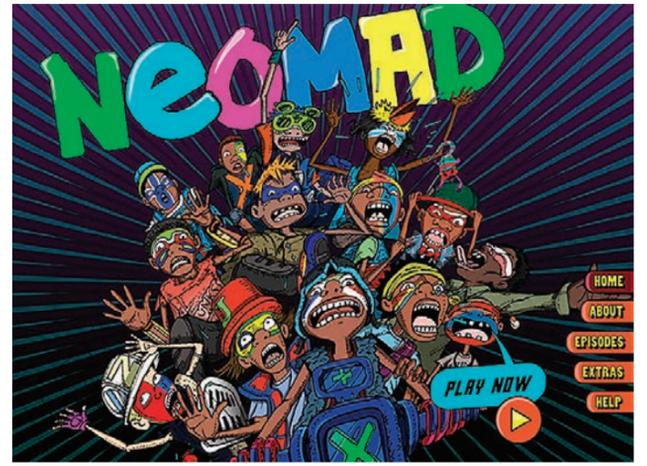
The comic will be a valuable language tool, as users can click on each line of the song to hear what Ned is singing in the Yindjibardi language.

The Warlu story is one of three stories from Yindjibardi people that are to become interactive online comics like Neomad.

They are all being made in the same way with elders passing on the stories and the young people working with the Neomad team to present them in this new media.

Stuart said three of the children had now made and drawn their own comics, using old-fashioned pads and pencils available at the store and later scanning their artwork on to I pads.

He told the seminar that as well as involving young people to their culture, the Neomad project had become a doorway to a better knowledge of Aboriginal traditions for internet users all around the world.



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# Electricity for all but those the Kariba Dam displaced

**INDIGENOUS** people displaced from the Zambezi Valley by the Kariba Dam almost six decades ago say they have not benefited from the development.

The building of the hydro-electric dam was supposed to bring a bright future for the people of Zambia and Zimbabwe who gave up their land for it.

But most of the villages, to which some 57,000 people from both southern African nations were relocated, are still not electrified.

Samson Nyowani, 69, was 15 when he was moved from his home in Chipepu, where the Kariba Dam now lies, to Sitikwi village some 60 km away.

"We do not have power here in Sitikwi, and the schools and clinic are not electrified, which is a sad situation after what we were made to undergo during the mass relocation," he said.

"They, the (British) colonial government, had promised to provide electricity in our houses and we demanded that, despite our homesteads being grass-thatched."

Mr Nyowani expects the current government to do something about the situation, but unlike the colonials, it has made no promises.

"More should have been done for them as people who lived in this area before they were relocat-



ed, but they were pushed to those areas which are not good enough," an administrative officer said. Subsistence crop production is hard for the 3,000 people who settled in Sitikwi because the land is marginal. The area is also very hot which results in low harvests of maize and some indigenous vegetables.

Elizabeth Karonga, a spokesperson for the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA), said the former colonial government was more concerned about the welfare of wild animals than about the indigenous people. "Operation Noah" was launched to move animals from the area that was going to be flooded by the dam water.

She said the authorities did not provide for the 57,000 people displaced from both the Zambian and Zimbabwean sides, except for some of the men who helped build the dam.

"No provisions were made to ensure that these people who were dependant on the water for survival adapted to a new

livelihood," says Karonga.

In 1997, ZRA established the Zambezi Valley Development Fund (ZVDF) which is financed by a percentage of the revenues from the Zambia Electricity Corporation and Zimbabwe Power Corporation, to help those who were displaced.

Its projects include ir-

rigation schemes, grinding mills and laboratories and classroom blocks at schools, and there are plans to build a clinic. But so far the projects benefit only those who live around certain listed ZVDF areas.



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Check out the current projects and stories at [www.worldindigenousnetwork.net](http://www.worldindigenousnetwork.net) . They're about environment and water management, eco-tourism, threatened species protection and recovery and connecting youth to culture and country.

Please make sure you have permission before sending through any stories for the website.

Connect with others and be part of the WIN community at [www.worldindigenousnetwork.net](http://www.worldindigenousnetwork.net) or 'like' our Facebook page (World Indigenous Network) and follow us on Twitter (@worldindignet).

The WIN and inaugural WIN Conference were announced by the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard at the RIO+20 Earth Summit in Brazil last June.

The WIN connects Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' land and sea managers to share stories, knowledge, cultural experiences and ideas to better manage ecosystems, protect the environment and support sustainable livelihoods.

## First Peoples worldwide

**NEXT MONTH** will see the celebration of Proud to Be Indigenous Week, promoted by the organisation, First Peoples Worldwide.

Celebrations will be held during the United Nations' Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in New York City, which begins on 19th May.

A spokesperson for First Peoples Worldwide said the group would be hosting numerous events and sharing content on Facebook, Twitter and a new blog celebrating Indigenous cultures and societies.

First Peoples has invited indigenous people to share photos and videos of themselves that show why they are proud to be indigenous.



From left: Wambugu Wa Nyingi, Jane Muthoni Mara and Paulo Muoka Nzili outside the high court in London. Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid/Getty

# Fury as Britain fights ruling on Kenya torture victims

**THE BRITISH** government has provoked outrage by contesting a high court ruling that gave three elderly Kenyans the right to claim damages for abuses suffered during the Mau Mau insurgency of 1952-1960.

Despite Foreign Office lawyers admitting all three were tortured by British colonial authorities, the government has decided to pursue a route that could deny compensation to torture victims.

The government argues that too few key witnesses remain alive to show the involvement of the British government in the torture of detainees.

But an archive of once secret documents, incorporating some 8,800 files, offers an intricate record of decision-making in the Kenyan colony during the Mau Mau uprising, as well as in London.

The documents sug-

gest there was systematic torture of detainees and include details such as how the Kenyan authorities wrote to the British government during the insurgency asking it to authorise torture methods.

These included placing feet on a detainee's throat while stuffing mud into their mouths alongside threats that any attempt to resist would result in them being beaten

unconscious.

Lawyers have accused the Foreign Office of a "morally repugnant" move that exposes the government to allegations of hypocrisy over its denouncing of regimes that use torture, such as Syria and Zimbabwe.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has written to British Prime Minister David Cameron accusing him of failing to offer elderly torture victims who suffered

beatings, castration and sexual assaults "the dignity they deserve".

Foreign Office officials are thought to fear that another 2,000 Kenyans – the survivors of more than 70,000 Mau Mau suspects who were imprisoned during the insurgency – might also attempt to sue the British government.

Survivors also want the British authorities to apologise for the wrongs

committed against Kenyans during the eight-year emergency.

Documents have revealed how British colonial authorities attempted to cover up the killings of 11 prisoners during the uprising.

Detainees at a Kenyan detention camp were, according to the declassified papers, clubbed to death by prison warders after they refused to work.

## PNG: Sorcery used in violence against women

**AMNESTY** International says Papua New Guinea authorities must act to prevent and punish violent witch-hunts, following reports of appalling cruelty towards six women and a man accused of witchcraft.

Komape Lap from the Southern Highlands claims he and six women had their hands tied, were stripped naked and had hot iron rods pushed into their genitals.

Komape Lap escaped, but the fate of the six women is un-

known.

Local media report the attack took place on 28 March in an Easter 'witch-hunt', and is the latest in a series of attacks against people accused of 'sorcery', which in most cases have resulted in women being murdered.

"Sorcery is often used as pretext to commit violence against women," said Kate Schuetze, Amnesty International's Pacific researcher.

"Repealing the Sorcery Act is one of the first urgent steps

the authorities must take towards preventing further horrific attacks."

The Sorcery Act punishes those practicing sorcery with up to two years' imprisonment and murderers can reduce penal sentences by alleging black magic was involved. It doesn't protect the alleged sorcerer as the victim from attacks

In February, twenty-year-old Kepari Leniata was stripped, tied up, doused in petrol and burned alive by relatives of a young boy she was

accused of using witchcraft to kill.

Two people were charged as a result of this incident.

The UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women has noted that women, particularly widows or women without family to protect them, are more likely to be affected by 'sorcery'-related violence in PNG.

The PNG Constitutional and Law Reform Commission has recently submitted a draft bill to parliament for the repeal of the Sorcery Act.

Aid organisation Oxfam says people accused of sorcery would benefit from special advocates who could campaign for the repeal of the Sorcery Act.

"Advocacy could influence the structures and institutionalised attitudes that perpetuate sorcery accusations and ensure the government invests more in community education programs," it says.

# Income management for Ngaanyatjarra

FROM 15 April this year, the Australian Government will introduce income management in Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, including Kiwirrkurra, in Western Australia.

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin said the Government consulted with Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands communities

throughout October 2012, and that the vast majority of residents strongly supported the introduction of income management.

The Minister also announced funding of \$273,000 for the Western Australian Police for a new mobile police facility in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

The 4WD Remote Mobile Police Facility will

contain drug and alcohol testing equipment, video facilities for interviews and short-term custodial care.

It will act as a mobile police station, enabling police to spend more time in remote communities and complementing efforts through the permanent police presence in three of the Ngaanyatjarra communities.

The model of income management that will be rolled out in Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands is similar to the one that has been operating in several sites across Australia.

From 15 April, in Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, income management will apply to:

- people referred for income management by

state child protection authorities where children are being neglected or are at risk,

- people assessed by Centrelink social workers as being vulnerable to factors including financial crisis, which could include people who are at risk of homelessness due to rental arrears, and

- people who volunteer for income management.

For people who volunteer for income management and those who are assessed by social workers as being vulnerable, 50 per cent of their welfare payments will be set aside for necessities.

Under child protection income management, 70 per cent of parents' welfare payments will be set aside to be spent on necessities.

## BRIEFLY

### WAVE HILL FACEBOOK

The Wave Hill Community Facebook group has nearly 200 members.

The Vic Daly Youth Team say the site, launched late last year, gives the local community a place to learn how the internet works and to use it safely and effectively.

People from all across Australia have already joined the Wave Hill group and all honest Facebook users are welcome to 'like' the page.

### NEW CHAIR FOR KATHERINE WEST HEALTH BOARD

Lajamanu man Willie Johnson has been appointed the new Chairperson of Katherine West Health Board

Mr Johnson replaces outgoing chairperson Geoffrey Barnes of Lajamanu, who has elected to take up the role of male health outreach worker in the Lajamanu Health Centre so he can stay closer to home with his family.

Mr Johnson has been involved with Katherine West since its inception in 1998.

### FAREWELL ERNIE BRIDGE

Australia's first Aboriginal government minister, Ernie Bridge AM, has died aged 76.

Mr Bridge was recently recently diagnosed with mesothelioma which is commonly associated with exposure to asbestos fibres and dust.

He had lodged a writ in the Supreme Court for damages because he believed that he was exposed to asbestos fibres and dust while he was the minister responsible for withdrawing government services from the town of Wittemoon in the late 1980s.

Mr Bridge was suing the Shire of Ashburton, CSR Limited, Micalco, Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting and Wright Prospecting.

He was elected as an ALP member to the WA Parliament in 1986 after working as stockman and country music singer.

## Tjuwanpa women's centre support for culture

TWO years of hectic planning, meetings and the determination of the western Arrernte community have been rewarded with the opening of the Tjuwanpa Women's Centre at Ntaria (Hermannsburg).

The women's centre includes a women's work crew, ranger group and healthy living/skills training facilities.

Activities and programs will focus on culture, training and health.

Tjuwanpa Art Centre co ordinator Alfreda Anwarneke said the principle themes of the Centre, as well as its physical structure, were portrayed in the painting at the front of the building.

She said: "The painting represents this building here, the circle in the centre represents the country and



Women from the Hermannsburg Choir singing at the opening of the Women's Centre

the U shape represents the ladies; the younger ladies and the older ladies working together and sharing our culture

Aboriginal way, passing on that knowledge and they can pass it on to their children, the old way and the new ways."

Tjuwanpa Women's Work Crew Educator Ann Moriel said she was amazed by the community ownership of the

process involved in creating the centre.

"The women decided themselves they needed a space for activities," she said.

"They minuted the meeting and later designed the building themselves. They had local workers plan it, and the local men then built it."

Ms Moriel said there would also be a focus on healthy living, which was identified as one of the core themes for the centre.

The centre had a commercial bakery, and there would be cooking classes so ladies could make their own bread.

"The nursery and market garden is already being used to feed the construction workers camp on the site," she said.

## Rangers with a beat

Music will be the working beat of a new kind of ranger in Central Australian communities.

CAAMA Music has launched a Regional Music Development Program (RMDP) to train 16 specially selected 'Music Industry Rangers' (MIRs) over the next three years.

Its aim, says CAAMA, is to foster the recording and preservation of indigenous languages through song and develop career into the music industry for the rangers.

Stakeholders in the program, launched at Ntaria/Hermannsburg in April, include FaHCSIA, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) MacDonnell Shire and Charles Darwin University.

Rangers will be trained as sound engineers and mentors, able to train

others in their own communities in music recording, production and running gigs – and fixing guitars.

"In remote communities there is a history of musical equipment breaking from overuse, and currently no one has the skills to repair and maintain this equipment," says CAAMA MUSIC Manager, Michael "Miko" Smith.

"We want to provide those necessary hands-on skills to the Music Industry Rangers."

During the first year of the three year program the MIRs will:

- Spend four weeks per year studying towards their Certificate II Music at Charles Darwin University in Alice Springs

- Spend at least eight weeks per year in four communities learning



sound recording & production

- Record a music album from each community

From clockwise direction starting on the left: Barry Campbell (Tjitjikala), Cliff Raggatt (Hermannsburg), Lemih (from Irrunytju in WA) and Russell O'Keefe (Tennant Creek)

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

# Communities in control in the fight against alcohol abuse

Alcohol abuse continues to devastate the lives of too many Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory.

Aboriginal people know this – you see the effects every day.

You see the violence – the women and children in harm's way.

You see kids not going to school and adults not holding down jobs.

And you see young people – full of potential – struck down by alcohol abuse.

I heard the strong voices coming out of the Grog Summit held in Darwin late last year – where Aboriginal people said very clearly that communities needed to work together to tackle grog abuse.

We know that efforts to tackle alcohol abuse are only successful when driven by local communities and by people who are most affected.

A couple of weeks ago, I announced the five minimum standards required for Alcohol Management Plans to be agreed in the Northern Territory.

These standards reflect the conversations we have had in nearly 100 communities and town camps across the Territory.

We were told that the first priority of an Alcohol Management Plan had to be the protection of women, children and the elderly.

We were told that all voices in communities needed to be heard – not just those who always have a say.

And we were told that to end the hurt caused by alcohol abuse, governments and communities must work side by side.

This is not about reducing or lifting alcohol restrictions. These minimum standards provide additional protections for communities by ensuring Alcohol Management Plans are focused on reducing alcohol-related harm and keeping women, children and the elderly safe.

Our work to tackle alcohol abuse and the harm it causes is a key part of the Australian Government's 10 year Stronger Futures package.

If you want to talk to the government about next steps in developing strong alcohol management plans talk to your Indigenous Engagement Officer or Government Engagement Officer for your community.



The Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin

JENNY MACKLIN  
MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

# Mining royalties help out clinic



Above: Noel Heenan gets his vital signs checked out at Yuelamu Clinic

**MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS** bought with GMAAC money will help Yuelamu people to improve their ear health.

The clinic has used GMAAC money to buy two otoscopes, instruments which are used for looking into people's ears and showing them the inside of their ear on a computer screen.

"Otosopes help people to take an interest in their ear health," said Acting Mt Allan Health Clinic Health Care Manager Mario Dolfen.

The clinic previously bought two monitors that check blood pressure and heart rate and better beds using GMAAC money.

GMAAC also gave the clinic money to plant fruit trees and

other plants to keep the dust out of the clinic and provide some fresh fruit for the community.

Meanwhile at Lajamanu, Lajamanu elders are enjoying their own meeting space and office created with GMAAC money used to renovate an old laundry behind the Lajamanu shop.

The Kurdiji group are senior people in Lajamanu who are working to make Lajamanu stronger and safer and find better ways for yapa and kardiya cultures to work together.

Kurdiji planned how to fix up the building with the CLC Governance Project and the Lajamanu Progress Association. The Lajamanu GMAAC committee then gave \$170,000 to Col-

bert Constructions, who finished the building renovations before Christmas.

Decisions on how to spend GMAAC funds are made by GMAAC committee members on eight Tanami communities.

At elections held last year, 74 new GMAAC committee members were voted in, as well as 18 GMAAC directors, who meet at least once a year to review how GMAAC is going.

Last year directors put in place a code of conduct for GMAAC members and discussed how to keep GMAAC projects going when the Granites Mine eventually closes down.

## BRIEFLY

### TAXI SEIZED, DRIVER CHARGED IN TOWN CAMP GROG RUN

A taxi was seized by police in February after its driver allegedly took alcohol into Hidden Valley town camp in Alice Springs.

The driver was charged with bringing liquor into a restricted area and appeared in the Alice Springs Magistrates Court in March. The case was adjourned until after LRNCA went to press in April.

### CEMETERY UPGRADE BEGINS

Armed with steel, brass sheet and a

metal engraver, the Munguru-Munguru CLC Rangers have begun to install headstones on unmarked graves in the Kalkarindji Cemetery.

The money comes from the traditional owners of Judburra (Gregory) National Park.

In 2011 they decided to put \$17,000 of their rent money to pay proper respect to people whose graves had been marked with just a 'star picket and dog tags'.

The Victoria Daly Shire (VDSC) will contribute \$20,000 and staff labour to the project.

The Central Land Council has provided a site clearance to expand the cemetery grounds but

existing trees will be left untouched.

### ABS HEALTH SURVEY STARTS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has commenced the largest-ever Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health survey.

This survey will expand on the 2004-05 survey, increasing the number of participants by 30 per cent and collecting new information on exercise, diet (including bush foods) and measures of cholesterol, blood glucose and iron.

For the first time, the ABS will directly measure obesity and blood pressure levels, as well as nutritional status

and chronic disease.

Combining self-reported information with biomedical samples will give a clearer picture of the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. This will give information about the level of sometime undiagnosed conditions such as diabetes.

The survey will be completed in 2013.

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## KINTORE

### YUYUYA NAMPITJINPA

Far right: Yuyuya Nampitjinpa was born west of Muyinga in Western Australia, just over the Northern Territory border, circa 1946. Her family moved into Haasts Bluff in the 1950s and later to the newly formed Papunya Community. She is the sister of the well known artist Ronnie Tjampitjinpa. In 1999 Yuyuya contributed to the Kintore women's painting as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal.

### RONNIE TJAMPITJINPA

Centre: Ronnie Tjampitjinpa was born in the early 1940s at Tjiturrunya, west of Mawuyan, across the Northern Territory border in Western Australia.

He spent most of his formative years as a nomad in the remote desert surrounding his birthplace. He was initiated in the Winparku area of Western Australia.

Due to drought conditions in the 1950s, he and his family walked into Haasts Bluff where Tjampitjinpa worked as a stockman.

He and his family were then removed to the newly formed Papunya settlement in the early 1960s, where Tjampitjinpa worked as a fencer, making yards for cattle. Ronnie Tjampitjinpa commenced painting in 1971.

### RAYMOND MAXWELL

Far left: Raymond is the son of George Tjangala, who was one of the early shareholders of Papunya Tula Artists, and Pantjiya Nungurrayi, who also paints for the company.

He was born in Papunya in 1955 and worked for the Papunya council while in his twenties.

Raymond did his first paintings in 1993 but didn't paint regularly until the late 1990s.

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# KIDNEY PATIENTS NEED A FAIR DEAL

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## FAMILY. COUNTRY. COMPASSION. HOPE.

These words, written on a sea of purple balloons, were a poignant symbol of unity for almost 100 people who gathered in Alice Springs to launch the Kidney Action Network on World Kidney Day in March.

They included representatives from Aboriginal health organisations, NGOs, health workers and renal patients and their families, many of whom have had to relocate to town to access the dialysis services they rely on to survive.

John Paterson, CEO of Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AM-SANT) said kidney disease affected Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory at greater rates than anywhere in Australia.

"Its impact is felt most acutely in our remote communities, where the social and cultural structures and everyday wellbeing of our communities depends on the presence of our old people," he said.

Mr Paterson called on the SA, WA and NT governments to work together with the Federal Government and the community sector to "engage in proper planning and provide the extra services and infrastructure essential for a fair deal for remote area kidney patients."

Bobby West, Chair of Western Desert Dialysis, also called on governments to work together on solutions for renal patients in the NT.

"Instead of fighting each other, governments should be working together," Mr West



Above: Janet Inyika

said. "We just want to live longer."

Messages of support from Dr Mandawuy Yunupingu and Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner were read out.

Most touching were the words spoken by

renal patients themselves:

"Every day I'm in two places. I'm here [in Alice Springs] for my family who are on renal, but I'm also back home where my country and my family are. Families are worried for families. Governments should build something out on the lands so that everybody can be safe and healthy." (Margaret Smith, Imanpa, NT)

"We are worrying for our families back home when we here [in Alice Springs] for renal. We cry because we lost our family here. We need something to help people to go back home and sit down with family. We been talking about this one for long time and we still talking. We are crying for our family. Lot of Aboriginal people they all got renal." Janet Inyika from Amata, APY Lands, SA

Also speaking were Donna Ah Chee, CEO of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress; Sarah Brown, CEO of Western Desert Dialysis; Andrea Mason, Coordinator of NPY Women's Council; Preston Thomas, Deputy Chair of Ngaanyatjarra Health / Director of Western Desert Dialysis.

The importance of tri-state planning was emphasized as one of the critical lobbying issue for the net-

work.

As Preston Thomas put it: "Expecting people to seek renal treatment thousands of kilometres from home is not Closing the Gap."

## Schools in desert swim comp



**MORE THAN 150 CHILDREN** were coached by former Olympians in swimming, soccer and basketball at an intra-school sports competition with at Kintore in March.

Kintore School principal Nick Richardson said the event had been a huge

success.

Pupils from the Western Desert schools of Haasts Bluff, Papunya, Watiyawanu, Walungurru, Kiwirrkurra and the Kintore annex of Yirara College came to the competition.

"Every year one of these schools

hosts the sports and it was our turn this year so we have included a swimming carnival since we are the only community with a pool," Mr Richardson said.

He said the event also included a pool party, a barbecue and a disco.

"Everybody had a great time," he

said.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped us including Red Dust Role Models, the Australian Sports Commission, Swimming Australia and Swimming NT and all the school staff."



Left: Student Susie Reid at the carnival; above: Fabian Rowe makes it across the pool in a tightly contested race and below: racing action at Kintore pool



# BABIES CENTRAL



**Elliannah daughter of Zahri and Joshua**



**Josephine and Allyarna Kenny**



**Ricky and his son Lushaun Lechleitner**



**Donna Doman and Taylor**



**Darius Jurrah born 20 November 2013, son of Charmaine Jurrah**



**Melanie and Lyetrell Hayes and Karen Conway (Lyetrell's first birthday)**



**Nakayla Lankin celebrating her first birthday with Mum Khiani, Dad Tyrone and sister Taneisha**



**Ainsley and Sariaha Gorey**



**Congratulations to Bronwyn Frazer and Ronnie Driffen on the birth of their baby boy Lenny Driffen, born 3rd Jan 2013.**



# BABIES CENTRAL continued



**Tishalia Major born 13th February 2013: a beautiful little girl for Liam and Elsie**



**Glennis Stuart celebrating her first birthday last year with her mum Carlita Davis**



**Lakyn McCormack: Baby of Natasha Stuart, seen here with his proud dad Harry McCormack and his big sister, Lianna**



**Matilda and Charlotte Vallis: first twins born at Alice Springs Hospital in 2013**



**Heather Hayes and Tyshawn Gorey**



**Tyrone Enalanga celebrating his first birthday with his mother Roseanna Rubuntja-Swan**



# Rangers trained: now talk health and money

**SEVENTY-FIVE** CLC rangers got together for their annual camp in March, held at Gemtree, east of Alice Springs.

Ten regional groups came from as far away as Docker River and Kalkaringi to get qualifications in land management activities like quad bike riding and weed spraying.

Ranger program coordinator Michael Carmody says that this year's camp had a broader emphasis on health and wellbeing.

"A lot of our rangers have done all their training at other camps and so this year we expanded it a bit to talk about money management, health generally, and specifically, mental health," he said.

Nelson Tex from Yuendumu had never ridden a quad bike before the camp, but now he felt confident about using one.

"At Yuendumu we'll go out to the bush with a tank on the back to get rid of weeds like parkinsonia and buffel grass," he said. "It's much better with a quad bike."

Scientist Jane Brim Box delivered a workshop on water monitoring, and rangers were keen to learn how to operate the sampling kit.

Ranger coordinator Shannon Lander said rangers at Santa Teresa used the kit a lot.

"We've got a lot of springs we want to keep monitoring because they are fouled by feral animals," he said.

"The kit is really pretty easy and the rangers pick it up pretty quickly. It's good to monitor long term changes once we've fenced waterholes off and see the improvements.

"The rangers see the benefits of fencing off. These waterholes and soakages used to be the main water source before communities were created, so there's a lot of history associated with them and they're important."

Amanda Vincent, Gracie Sambo and Serena Donald from the Gurindji rangers were unanimous that they loved their job.

"We started in 2010," Serena said.

"Everyone else wants to be a ranger. They are asking us, those girls."

"We tell them they



got to get up and go out to work everyday and lift things out bush on hot days, help each other speak up in conference, but it sounds real hard for them because they are real shy girls.

"But we are proud of ourselves. We learnt that

at school — to speak up for ourselves," Amanda added.

**"We tell them they got to get up and go out to work everyday and lift things out bush on hot days,"** Serena Donald

Gracie said it was important to look after homelands.

"We look after our homelands fencing things off against bullocks and donkeys. We take kids out bush and kids can follow traditional ways. They learn to follow tracks when they're with old people. It's important for our country."

The CLC's rangers are funded by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPAC) *Working on Country* program and the ILC *Real Jobs* program

## Money management on the camp menu

**CLC RANGERS** — some of whom are receiving pay cheques in their bank accounts for the first time — have been getting tips on how to manage money.

Staff from Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi ran a workshop at the ranger camp using fake money and oversized bank cards.

Waltja's Kate Crossing said the workshop aimed to raise people's awareness about spending wisely.

"We had a few people talking about money in their lives — things like Telstra bills, helping out family with money and being able to ask family for money when they needed it," she said.

"They also talked about how expensive it is to buy things from shops on communities and stations. Everyone said their shops are more expensive than those in town.

"Some families who haven't got cars have to buy their white goods through the local shop and that's really expensive.

"We talked about making your money last from one pay

day to the other and about which things it's important to spend your money on first so you can use the money left you on other things that are nice but not important.

"Everyone has a different idea of what's important.

"I think just seeing it and realising it and thinking about it creates an awareness of being able to prioritise spending a bit."

Ranger Nazreth Long from Ti Tree said he found the workshop useful, although he already saves.

"I control my money," said Nazreth, who has saved half the money for a car.

"I get my pay into a bank account and I see my payslips and I check how much is in savings through phone and internet banking. I don't think most people my age do that. I learnt it at school in Tennant Creek. I've never had a loan and I don't want to pay back the bank."

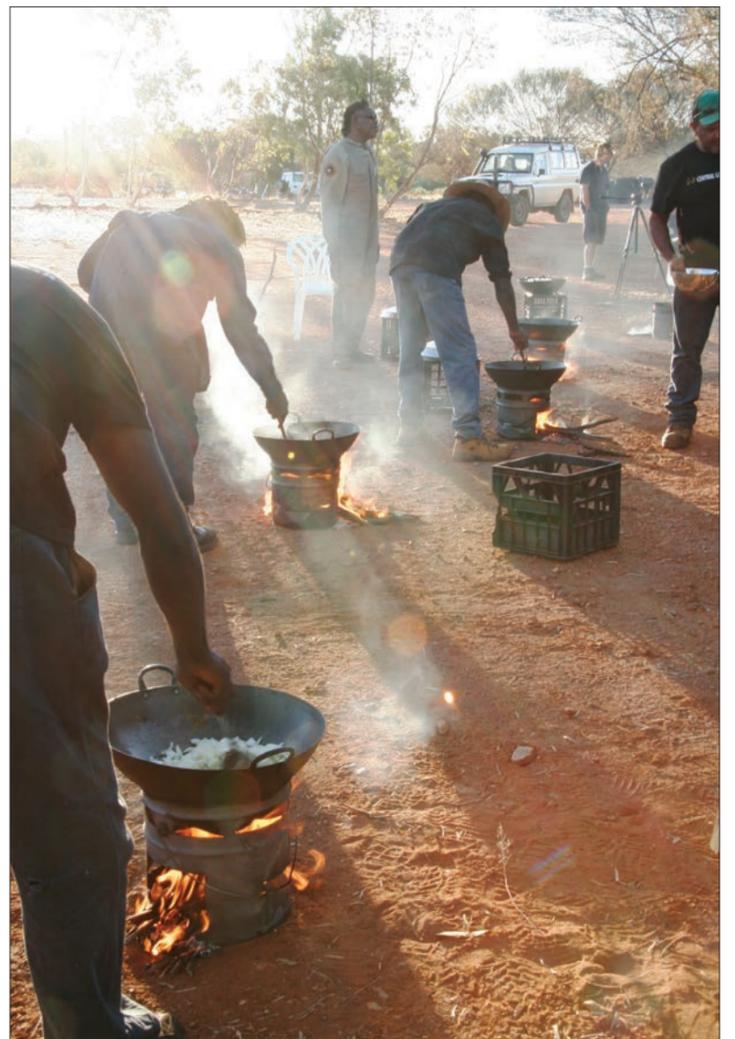
Brett Stockman said he didn't know how much he spent a week, but he didn't need a

loan. "I spend all my pay, especially on food because I've got a little girl but I save some for weekends, get some power cards, no fuel because I don't have a car, but food and clothes," Brett said.

"I don't go out. I stay at home so I don't spend it on that. I don't play cards either. Just washing powder and groceries. It's enough."

The program Money Business is funded by the Australian Government and Waltja is contracted to deliver it in nine communities in Central Australia.

**Right: Bush Kitchen Rules** Rangers battled it out at Gemtree in the first CLC Ranger Camp Bush Wok Cook Off. Contestants teamed up in their groups to slice and dice a desert storm as they chopped veggies, ground herbs and fried meat to see who could create the best 'rainbow curry'. Tennant Creek won first place and the flash camp oven, Papunya won a barbecue tool set with second place and Santa Teresa took out third place and won a multi tool.





CAAMA Music manager Michael 'Miko' Smith with Sunshine Reggae Band

# Caama Music set for growth

CAAMA Music is expanding.

The Central Australia record label is now employing eight full-time staff as it plans for an increase in Indigenous music production and community involvements.

CAAMA Music manager Michael 'Miko' Smith will be joined by a sound engineer, a

producer, a promotions specialist, a project coordinator and two trainee sound engineers.

Among the team is Tim Cole, who has had a long career as a music producer for Indigenous artists such as Archie Roach, Frank Yamma, Iwantja, Warren H. Williams, Shelley Morris and the Song Peoples Sessions.

Mr Smith said CAAMA Music would release and promote several new albums during the next 12 months, from established indigenous artists such as BlekBa-la Mujik and Sunshine Reggae Band, as well as the debut release from Arnhem Land's Stewart Gaykamangu, previously of the band Iwantja.

CAAMA Music also

has a new website, where fans can listen to music and download music. Albums available for purchase include classics such as The Best of Coloured Stone, Warren H Williams albums, and the recent Snapshot compilations including local soul singer Catherine Satour and hip-hop outfit Catch the Fly.

## Rangers raise feral animal awareness



Below: Ltyentye Apurte Ranger Petria Cavanagh films elder Veronica Dobson talking about aherre-intenhe, red poverty bush, medicine plant.

THE CLC Indigenous ranger groups are working on ways to get their communities more involved in feral animal control and other land management issues.

The Anangu Luritjiku Rangers, based at Papunya, and the Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) Rangers been dealing with problems caused by feral animals such as camels, cattle and horses damaging important local springs.

Two of these groups have been working with Meg Mooney from Tangentyere Council's Land and Learning Program, which is supported by the Federal Government's Inspiring Australia project.

The Anangu Luritjiku Rangers produced powerpoint presentations on the destruction by feral cattle, horses and camels at Ulumparru Springs, near Papunya, and by feral camels at Ilpili Springs, west of Mt Liebig, and the rangers' work to deal with these problems.

The rangers also produced a DVD on the damage by feral animals at Ulumparru Springs for a community meeting last December.

Using the presentations, rangers were able to lead discussions about a difficult local issue and seek support from their community to muster and transport or cull feral animals at these springs.

Rangers have also been able to tell a wider audience about the damage camels are doing at the springs and how the rangers are working to save them.

Anangu Luritjiku Ranger and Ilpili Springs traditional owner Terence Abbott made a presentation to Papunya School students, and ranger Denis Minor spoke at the recent ranger groups camp.

Meanwhile, with support

from Inspiring Australia, Ltyentye Apurte Rangers have been producing booklets to tell their community about the work they have been doing.

The work has included fencing two large paddocks, one to hold some horses for traditional owners and trap unwanted cattle and horses, and the other to keep feral animals away from local springs.

Other work described in the booklets included controlled burning on the Simpson Desert Land Trust, a possum survey at Loves Creek and a flora and fauna survey near Maryvale.

Other projects supported through the Inspiring Australia project included:

- supporting the Ltyentye Apurte Rangers to involve local school students and traditional owners in monitoring of Hayes and Salt Springs.

These springs were fenced to keep out feral cattle, horse and camels by Greening Australia and a pilot Ltyentye Apurte Rangers group five years ago.

- A project proposed by two women Ltyentye Apurte Rangers to document bush medicine sites in the region with elders.

The rangers are documenting project preparation methods and uses of the plants, and the threats of over-harvesting, fire, weeds and feral animals at different sites. Next school term, the rangers will arrange for senior schoolgirls to come on some of the bush medicine field trips.

This project was developed at a CLC Women's NRM forum and is now part of a bigger CLC bush medicine

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# Secrets of the NGANGKARIS

**NGANGKARI** have been healing sick and injured people for thousands of years, but only now in the 21st century is the rest of the world finding out about their amazing work.

Twenty-one ngangkari from the Ngaanyatjarra-Pitjantjatjara-Yankunytjatjara lands share stories of their lives growing up and becoming traditional healers in a new book from the NPY Women's Council (NPYWC).

The book is an updated version of an earlier book about ngangkari, who were first employed to work with western doctors and nurses by the NPYWC more than 12 years ago.

Since then more the NPYWC has employed other healers, and this book includes more of their stories, told in their own words and translated from Pitjantjatjara into English.

The ngangkari talk about how they became healers and the many ways in which they heal.

These methods include touch, breath, and the use of plants and other organic medicines such as crushed ants and the tree-bags of the itchy grub – as well as their sacred tools, mapanpa.

Ngangkari have dealt with broken bones, burns, colds, fevers, digestive problems, diarrhoea and many other illnesses, but also with feelings, such as sadness, loneliness and homesickness.

Ngangkari are holistic healers who stress the importance of keeping kurunpa (spirit, will, self) within the body.

In the book, they describe their spirit journeys out of the body and their battles with mamu, or evil spirits.

"We see people as a whole," says Toby Minyintirri in the book.

"Sometimes people will have physical illnesses but it will move up to the head. The treatments we can give could be related to clearing a person's head or removing the things that are causing harm there, which have come from the illnesses in their body. We work with the bodies but also with the mind." (Toby Minyintirri Baker, p. 189)

The book features recent photographic portraits of the ngangkari in their country (mostly by Rhett Hammerton), as well as many old black and white photographs of them and their people taken when they were children and growing up.

Many ngangkari are also established artists, and their paintings and



baskets are pictured in the book.

The book was launched in Alice Springs last month at the Desert People's Centre, where ngangkari talked about

and really deep and it's very holistic, so it really works. If some parents bring a child to us and ask us to see that child, we will not only treat that child as a one-off, full-on

have had in the past before white people. Ngangkari looked after every aspect of the health of the nation. And since white people came, Ngangkari are still working.

**"Sometimes people will have physical illnesses but it will move up to the head. The treatments we can give could be related to clearing a person's head or removing the things that are causing harm there, which have come from the illnesses in their body. We work with the bodies but also with the mind." Toby Minyintirri Baker**

"Sometimes Ngangkari stop people from getting worse or prepare them for hospitals so they can get better. So Ngangkari have a very important

determine the state of their health.

"So we're more than skin-deep.

"We can look at someone and straight away know what's wrong with them. Let's say we've got a sick child, we can feel and know here there's heat and where there's cool, and where there's sickness, and we can move and balance that child's energy and body and improve its health totally.

"Parents might take that child home after a treatment, and the next day we'll say to the parents: 'How's the little kid?', and they'll say: 'Totally better.' So our work works."

NPYWC director Nyunmiti Burton said ngangkari would hand on their gifts and their powers to their apprentices, to their grandsons and granddaughters, "so that we've got a continual turnover of ngangkari as time goes on."

their work healing their people.

Speaking through interpreter Linda Rive, Pantjiti McKenzie said: "People come to us knocking on our door night and day. However, our philosophy is one of healing and treating with joy and generosity. It doesn't matter what time it is, we will give a full treatment.

"As to how many times a sick child needs to be seen, it's usually once. Treatments are that effective if they're done properly – which is what we do. If a child needs more than one treatment then we will give them it, or if necessary another ngangkari will give the child treatment.

Andy Tjilari: "Our treatment is really strong

treatment, but we'll also settle the parents down and make the parents happy as well. So a really happy family unit will go home."

NPYWC director Janet Inyika said it was important for people to remember how long ngangkari had been the only medical practitioners in Australia.

"Long before white people ever came to this country, who looked after the entire health of the nation?," she said. "Ngangkari did."

Janet said ngangkari did "every kind of health care that was needed."

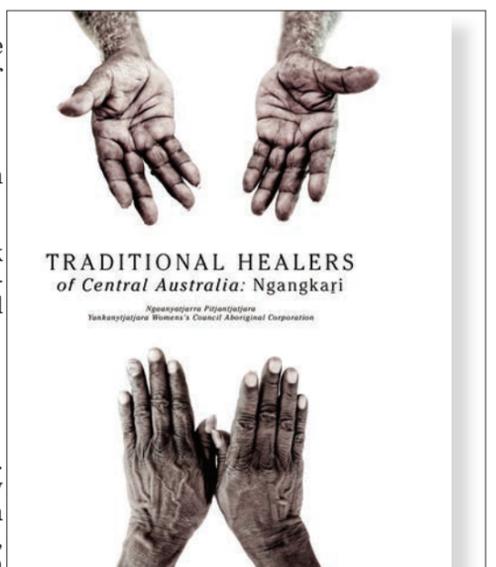
"So you imagine all of the injuries and the emotional pain and headaches and different sicknesses that people could

role in intervening to stop people from getting worse, but there are some limitations."

Janet said ngangkari found the more recent problems caused by alcohol, petrol and marijuana "problematic" and they couldn't really fix permanent damage.

"But Ngangkari do help people," she said. Without ngangkari we wouldn't have anybody."

Ngangkari Arnie Frank said: "Ngangkari work can be very subtle. Sometimes, a ngangkari doesn't even need to be present. Ngangkari can work on the spirit level to look after a child. But also a ngangkari has this very special gift of this amazing ability to see straight through someone and to



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Above: Ngangkari at the launch: l-r Arnie Frank, Andy Tjilari, NPYWC director Nyunmiti Burton Author Penny Watson and NPY Women's Council worker Emma Diamond at rear. Far right: Pitjantjatjara translator Linda Rive

# Farewell Japanangka Williams

The last Central Australian painter of the historic Barunga statement passes away

The last surviving painter of the CLC logo passed away in January.

Mr D Williams Japanangka, a senior Warlpiri man from Yuendumu and Executive member of the CLC is remembered with affection by the many people who met him.

CLC Chairman Philip Wilyuka said Mr Williams Japanangka was a committed delegate and Executive member of the CLC.

"He was a very dedicated senior Warlpiri spokesman who was well respected for his knowledge of Aboriginal law and as a delegate and Executive member of Council," Mr Wilyuka said.

"All of the staff and delegates of the CLC who

knew him over many years are deeply saddened and we send his family our most sincere condolences," he said.

Mr Williams Japanangka had a wealth of experience across many areas.

He was born at Mount Doreen Station where he later did stock work, he was a tracker for NT Police, a field officer for CAALAS, a field officer at the Department of Social Services and was involved with the Tan-



gentyere Council's Four Corners Committee.

He was also involved in setting up Central Aus-

tralian Aboriginal Congress, was president of Amoonguna Community Council, was a member

of the regional workforce in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and was an ATSIC regional Councillor.

He will be remembered as a keen Yuendumu FC and Collingwood Magpies AFL supporter and a loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

The CLC logo is derived from the painting done by Mr D Williams Japanangka and Mr L Turner Jampijinpa which was presented as part of the Barunga

Statement, the petition seeking government recognition of Aboriginal prior ownership of Australia and a treaty, to the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke in June 1988.

The design of the CLC logo tells part of the Two-Women dreaming which links together all the major language groups of Central Australia and calls on Aboriginal people to come together to celebrate their culture and their country.

Mr Williams Japanangka is survived by his four children and eleven grandchildren.

Left: Mr Williams at a CLC meeting in 2009

## Passionate advocate: Pastor Howard Smith

Born 1st July 1958 at Warakurna - Died 18th February 2013 at Kaltukatjara (Docker River)

Howard Smith was born in the winter of 1958 at Warakurna, Western Australia.

His parents were Ngaatjatjara speakers, but he spent many years in Pitjantjatjara country, growing up between Docker River, Warakurna and Areyonga.

He attended primary school in Areyonga and Docker River, but confessed that he did not do well at school.

Howard openly acknowledged his 'wild' youth, when he drank alcohol heavily. In the 1980s, he married Marlene Connolly, of Mutitjulu, whom he credited for motivating him to give up drinking alcohol permanently.

He said Marlene also taught him to read, a skill that enabled him to later become a pastor.

Howard was prepared for baptism and confirmation in Docker River by Pastors Theo Windy, Leo Tjukintja and Davey Inkamala in the 1980s.

He admitted to only attending one baptism class shortly before his baptism, and he was surprised that he was later chosen to become a pastor.

From 1993, Howard attended pastors' courses 'in the bush', organised by the Finke River Mission and the Australian Lutheran College.

He was trained for pastoral ministry by Pastor Leo Tjukintja of Docker River, Pastor Tommy David of Mutitjulu, and linguists Ken Hansen, John Hefernan, Gary Stoll, Paul Eckert and Pastor Rob Borgas of the Finke River Mission.

The dedicated Howard was a wonderful contributor at pastoral training courses and a great 'encourager' to the other trainees and pastors; he will be sore-

ly missed by his colleagues.

Howard and Marlene had no children of their own, but adopted two: Roxanne Evonne Connolly, the daughter of Marlene's sister, and Ricco Joshua Smith, the son of Howard's brother. Both children later attended Yirara College of the Finke River Mission at different times.

In 2004, Howard was diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure, and he was forced to move to Alice Springs for dialysis. Although distressed and reluctant at first, he became an outstanding patient who never missed dialysis.

He and his family were fortunate to have their own car, and whenever possible, Howard would drive for eight hours to Docker River on Friday and back on Sunday.

Although Howard and his family greatly missed Docker River, his enforced time in Alice Springs provided the opportunity to be trained and mentored by Mr. Paul Eckert, Pastor Basil Schild and other pastors during this time.

After much earnest prayer, Howard was blessed with a donated kidney from a deceased, unrelated donor on 25th November 2007.

He no longer required dialysis and was able to return home to his beloved Docker River in early 2008 to minister to his people and be with his family. He remained under the care of a team of specialist doctors and nurses at Alice Springs Hospital, where he drove every few months.

Howard was ordained as a Lutheran Pastor, along with Pastor Mark Reid, by Rev. Dr. Mike Semmler, at the Docker River Lutheran Church on 20th June 2008. From then until his death, he faithfully ministered



Above: Pastor Howard Smith with family at Docker River

to the members of Docker River Lutheran Church with Pastor Roy Yaltjanki.

Howard assisted in interpreting from English to Pitjantjatjara during FRM pastors' training courses, and was heavily involved with the revised translation of Luther's Catechism in the Pitjantjatjara Lutheran Hymnal.

Howard was a director of the Kaltukatjara Aboriginal Corpo-

ration, chairman of the Docker River Council, and a Wana Unkuntja board member. An enthusiast West Coast Eagles supporter, he also loved discussing politics, and enjoyed composing the occasional song.

He was a passionate advocate for the Pitjantjatjara people, and he had many ideas on how things could be changed to improve their difficult circumstances.

Pastor Howard Smith died on 18th February 2013. He is survived by Marlene, Evonne and Ricco, and several other children he and Marlene cared for over the years. He will be greatly missed by his extended family in the Western Desert from Kalgoorlie to Alice Springs, by many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal friends around Central Australia, and well beyond.

Dr. Teem-Wing Yip / Nyalpi Nungarai



Janet Bryant and Clancy at the Indigenous All Stars game in Alice Springs

## New funding for bush families

**THE MINISTER** for Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin and the Minister for Indigenous Health and Member for Lingiari, Warren Snowdon have announced that new Communities for Children services worth \$73.5 million over ten years would start rolling out across 10 remote communities from the middle of this year as part of the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package.

"Local families will be able to benefit from new programs such as early learning and literacy classes, parenting and family support programs, and child nutrition advice," Ms Macklin said.

Services will be established in Ngukurr, Galiwinku, Wadeye, Ntaria and Santa Teresa from July 2013, with a further roll out in Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Utopia, Engawala and Lajamanu in 2014. Another five communities will

benefit from July 2017, meaning that in total an extra 15 communities will benefit from new services under the expansion.

Mr Snowdon said the new services, funded as part of the Australian Government's \$3.4 billion, 10-year Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package, would respond directly to the needs of families in each community.

## ICTV launches full time service on satellite

**INDIGENOUS** Community Television (ICTV) launched a full-time channel in Yuendumu recently.

While ICTV was available on Imparja's second channel for five years until 2007, from 2009 it was only broadcasting on weekends on channel 23 from a satellite.

But in 2012 the Australian Government funded ICTV to broadcast full-time from another satellite, and it will be available to anyone with a satellite dish.

By the end of 2013, that will include almost every household in remote Australia, each to receive its own dish through the Satellite Subsidy Scheme (SSS).

The scheme will provide direct-to-home (DTH) digital television services via satellite through the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

ICTV uniquely provides programming made by and for Indigenous Australians

living in remote areas. More than half ICTV's programs are in language, from communities in northern and central Australia.

Communities that haven't got the new dishes yet can replace their old analogue decoder with a VAST decoder and, with a minor upgrade to their satellite dish, could rebroadcast ICTV on their community broadcast or open narrowcast licences.

An ICTV spokesperson said regional RIMO (Remote

Indigenous Media Organisation) might be able to help communities with the upgrade.

For further information about the rollout of digital television to remote Australia, go to <http://www.digitalready.gov.au/>. For ongoing updates about ICTV visit our facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/ICTVAustralia>) or the website [www.ictv.net.au](http://www.ictv.net.au).

## Michael Long brings the walk to Alice

**ALMOST** a decade after AFL legend Michael Long started a journey of social justice and reconciliation, the Long Walk has come to Central Australia.

The first ever Long Walk in Central Australia was held in Alice Springs on Easter Saturday to coincide with the 2013 AFL Lightning Carnival.

Former Essendon midfielder Michael Long is one of the most decorated Aboriginal players of the game.

His stand against racial abuse in 1995, which arose from an on-field incident with another player, ultimately led to the introduction of the AFL racial abuse code in the 1990s.

Michael retired from footy in 2001 and on 21 November 2004 embarked on a 650 kilometre trek to get Indigenous issues back on the national agenda, walking from Melbourne to Parliament House in Canberra to meet then Prime Minister John Howard.

The Long Walk Alice Springs began at the Town Council Lawns and was attended by Mayor Damien Ryan, Chief Minister Adam Giles and Senator Warren Snowdon. A Welcome to Country was conducted by Rosalie Riley from Lhere Artepe before the procession paraded down to Traeger Park.

There are hopes to



conduct the original trek to Canberra again on the 10th anniversary next year.

Left: Michael Long addresses the crowd at Alice's Long Walk

## Obituaries

### MR N IMPU

1949-2013

by Julie-Ann Stoll

It was more than 20 years ago when I started working with Kumantjayi and his family at the Mereenie Oil and Gas Field.

We were all young then. Kumantjayi was an impressive man, strong, knowledgeable and committed to country.

He was a great family man and he willingly introduced me to his lovely wife and children, and his extended family. Many of the children are adults now with children of their own.

There were many positive changes at the Mereenie Field during the decade 1990 to 2000.

These changes came about from Kumantjayi's strength and commitment to country and his family. This led to a more equal partnership with the company based on mutual respect, and this is one of Kumantjayi's great legacies to his family.

Kumantjayi always had time for the CLC staff and taught us a lot, sharing information and tirelessly working for his country and family.

He would welcome us with a smile, a sense of humour and a twinkle in his eye.

Travelling on country with him was a pleasure, he shared his stories freely. He will be sadly missed by the staff and the CLC.

## KWEMENTYAYE

### R. SMITH

The Chairman of the Central Land Council Phillip Wilyuka said that Alice Springs would be the poorer for the loss of an activist and strong advocate for Arrernte culture.

"Kwementyaye was really strong for her country and culture and we will all really miss her," he said.

Ms Smith was committed to protecting sites around the town and was well respected for her role in preventing the Alice Springs dam from being built in the early 90s.

Ms Smith was a traditional owner of Alice Springs and played a significant role in the Alice Springs native title claim.

She worked at IAD and Arrernte Council and served on the CLC Executive.

Kwementyaye was known as a strong advocate for children and insisted on kids going to school. She also lobbied to have a school bus pick children up from the Iwapataka Land Trust near town.

She will be sadly missed by the many people who knew and worked with her.

# Old knowledge in new heads

A NEW book that took 20 years to make captures the plant and animal knowledge of the Bilinarra, Gurindji and Malngin people in the Victoria River District.

*Bilinarra, Gurindji and Malngin Plants and Animals*, features about 500 plant and animal species found in the region.

The illustrated book includes detailed information about their nutritional content, cultural value and medicinal uses. Each species is named in four languages, in addition to its scientific name.

The information was provided by 21 Bilinarra, Gurindji and Malngin elders, working alongside ethnobiologist, Glenn Wightman and linguists Lauren Campbell and Felicity Meakins.

Gurindji author Topsy Dodd Ngarnjal, one of the Gurindji authors (pictured) said she was happy her knowledge had been recorded in print.



Speaking in Gurindji, Ngarnjal said: "Jala-ma-rna-rla pinak jayingana jaru ngayiny-ku jaju-wu. Nyamu-rna wanku, latalata-rni ngurna-rla malu langa-ngkurra nyanuny. Ngayiny-ju jaju-ngku kalp manku jaru kir-rawa, karnti, yawu murlanginyi-warla milimili-nginyiwar-la."

"Now I can teach my granddaughter Gurindji words. But when I pass away, I can still pass on this knowledge to her. My granddaughter will be able to learn the names of goannas, trees and fish from this book instead."

The book is available from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Darwin), Mimi Arts (Katherine) and

Karungkarni Arts (Kalkaringi).

For more information, please contact Glenn Wightman Dept. of Land Resource Management, telephone 08 8999 4513, mob: 0428 184 028 or email glenn.wightman@nt.gov.au

Above: Debra Victor and her daughter Vikarra Crowson reading the new book with one of the Gurindji authors Topsy Dodd Ngarnjal (Photo: Penny Smith)

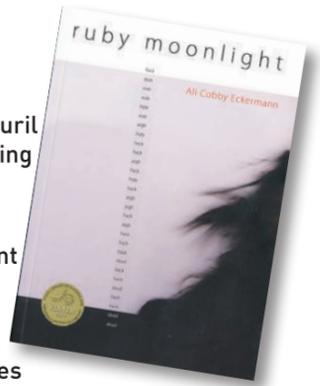
## Books & Poetry

### RUBY MOONLIGHT

Ali Cobby Eckermann  
Magabala Books \$27.95

WINNER black&write! kurildhagun Indigenous Writing Fellowship

WINNER Deadly Award Outstanding Achievement in Literature



A verse novel that centres around the impact of colonisation in mid-north South Australia around 1880. Ruby, refugee of a massacre, shelters in the woods where she befriends an Irishman trapper.

The poems convey how fear of discovery is overcome by the need for human contact, which, in a tense unravelling of events, is forcibly challenged by an Aboriginal lawman.

The natural world is richly observed and Ruby's courtship is measured by the turning of the seasons.

#### Message

she stays in the cave  
although Kuman has gone

the first hint of dawn  
stirs her dark skin

she sits against the rock face  
behind the willow tree screen

her mind sings for Kuman  
or ancestral message

a dingo appears out  
of the corner of her eye

looking deeply at her  
it turns and vanishes

Ruby decides to follow  
with leafy branches from the bush

sweeps her footprints  
gone

## Melissa Lucashenko - Mullumbimby

**STRUGGLES** over native title are at the centre of a new novel by indigenous Queensland writer Melissa Lucashenko.

Lucashenko's fifth novel is a love story set against the backdrop of a native title dispute in the coastal hinterland around Mullumbimby, in far northern New South Wales.

According to publisher UQP, its central character Jo Breen uses her divorce settlement to buy a neglected property in the Byron Bay hinterland, hoping for a new life and a connection to the land of her Aboriginal ancestors.

Instead she finds conflict with her teenage daughter, trouble with unimpressed white neighbours, and a looming Native Title war among the local Bundjalung families.

"When Jo stumbles into love on one side of the nativetitle divide she quickly learns that living on country is only part of the recipe for the good life," says UQP.

Author Kate Grenville has described Mullumbimby as "cheeky, thoughtful and real – a powerful novel about country and belonging."



Above: Melissa Lucashenko

## FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIA WRITERS' WORKSHOP



State Library of Queensland, Brisbane May 9 & 10, 2013

The Workshop will bring together emerging and established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers from across Australia to participate in peer-to-peer workshops, formal presentations and round table discussions.

To find out more about how you can support this timely event please visit:

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For more information and enquiries please contact: [fnaworkshop@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fnaworkshop@yahoo.com.au) or visit: [www.fnaworkshop.com](http://www.fnaworkshop.com)

## OUR STORIES ARE OUR SURVIVAL

Lawrence Bamblett  
Aboriginal Studies Press  
\$34.95

*Our Stories Are Our Survival* centres on the continuity of Wiradjuri culture. It is a celebration of storytelling and the joys of life within an Aboriginal Australian community.

*Our Stories* offers an alternative to the commonly told stories of Aboriginal disadvantage.

Using sport as a lens, the book brings to light the continued strength of Aboriginal culture.

It places contemporary representations of Aboriginal people and communities into historical context and calls for readers to rethink what they know about Australian Indigenous communities.

Bamblett places a high value on Wiradjuri storytelling and includes testimony from within the community.

As a member of the Erambie community he has been given unparalleled access to stories and photographs. His love of community shines through.





Above: Amanda Vincent, Gracie Sambo and Serena Donald from Kalkaringi at the CLC Ranger camp at Gemtree in March this year.  
Right: Pantjiya Nungurrayi, below Charlie Tjapangati and Helen Gibson (facing out)



Right: Barbara Tjikatu, Millie Okai and Edith Richard;  
Lower far right: From front Judy trigger, Daisy walkabout and Alston Hunt  
Below: Community barbecue at Mutitjulu to celebrate the new pool which is nearly complete. The barbecue was also a chance to meet the operator the pool (left below) Rob Heinjus from Casa Leisure.



Right: Rangers at the Water monitoring workshop at the CLC's 2013 Ranger Camp at Gemtree



# T I M E \* F O R \* U N I T Y



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES

## NATIONAL CONGRESS – HAVE YOUR SAY CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Nominations 3 -10 June \* Voting 21 June - 5 July

**Protecting our rights needs strong leaders and unity amongst our Peoples.**

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd (Congress) is a national voice for our Peoples.

Our members will decide who leads Congress when we hold elections for our male and female Co-Chairs in June.

Only members can nominate for the positions and vote.

Congress membership is free and open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 18 and organisations.

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#### BE REPRESENTATIVE

Provide a representative voice

#### LEAD PEOPLES

National leadership and recognition of our status and rights

#### SECURE FUTURES

Secure economic, political, social, cultural and environmental futures

#### BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Build strong relationship with government, industry and among communities

#### IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS

Identify issues, research solutions and educate

# T I M E T A B L E

	ORGANISATION MEMBERS		CO-CHAIRS - ALL MEMBERS	
MAY	3 MAY FRIDAY	DELEGATE NOMINATIONS	OPEN	
	10 MAY FRIDAY	DELEGATE NOMINATIONS	CLOSE*	
	10 MAY FRIDAY	ORGANISATION ROLL	CLOSES*	
	24 MAY FRIDAY	ORGANISATION VOTING	OPEN	
	31 MAY FRIDAY	ORGANISATION VOTING	CLOSES*	
	JUNE - JULY	3 JUNE MONDAY	CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS	OPEN
10 JUNE MONDAY		CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS	CLOSE*	
10 JUNE MONDAY		MEMBER ROLL	CLOSES*	
21 JUNE FRIDAY		MEMBER VOTING	OPEN	
5 JULY FRIDAY		MEMBER VOTING	CLOSES*	
19 - 21 JULY National Congress Cairns - National Board announced				

\*All closing deadlines are 5pm Western Standard Time (WST).

[nationalcongress.com.au](http://nationalcongress.com.au)



Top left: Harold Matasia and wife Agnes at Finke recently,

Top right: Jeannie Andrews, Isobel Major, Shani and Sharon at the Indigenous All Stars game

Above: Kintore school students Serianne Nolan, Jordan Pollard, Jandelle Brown, Naomi Rowe at the Kintore swimming Carnival

Right: Sean Daniel gives the thumbs up for the Homeland Festival at Utopia

Left: Teresa Nipper with Zarathea Nipper

Right: Rosie Riley addresses the crowd at the Long Walk on the Council lawns in Alice Springs at Easter. Michael Long is looking on.

Below: The ladies at Docker River celebrate their win for best video at the Remote Video Festival in Broome with CLC staff member Tracey Guest

Below right: Youngfellas at Lajamanu School





# Lajamanu Footy-fest for Oz Day



Above: The Oldstars took the game very seriously, as any seasoned veterans would...  
Below: But the Allstars had the edge when it came to running out the game.



Below: Meanwhile, the Cats and the Suns had plenty of energy and youth to burn.



Australia Day (January 26) saw some memorable football at Lajamanu oval. The first game was a junior match, with the Suns taking on the Cats. With the game starting later than anticipated due to the heat, the kids soon forgot about being hot and played fast and skilful football. There were only a few kids on the field to

start with, but once the whistles started blowing they came from everywhere to join one of the teams. In what was a tight contest all the way to the final siren the Cats narrowly got over the line. Cats 08.05.53 def Suns 07.06.48 The second game saw the much talked-about Oldstars (29 and older)

take on the Allstars (28 and under). You could see the Oldstars were taking things seriously. They were all there early, warming up for the game, determined to show the Allstars they weren't going down without a fight. Once both teams were ready, the ball was bounced in front of a great crowd who had come to

see the action and most of all have a laugh. The game started off in great pace, especially from the Oldstars, who gained an early lead. But their lack of training and the heat started to take its toll. The Allstars managed to chip away at the Oldstars' lead and were only 4 points down at half time. After half-time the

Oldstars had found some new energy and again kicked away from the Allstars, to lead by 12 points at the last break, thanks to two goals from Steven Morton and a goal to Geoffrey Mathew, which made the crowd erupt into cheers and laughter. With the game on the line in the last quarter, the fitness and skills started to show for the Allstars,

with Sean Patrick proving a handful for the Oldstars, kicking four goals for the game, and Anton James showing his magic with three goals for the game. In what was a fantastic, enjoyable and exciting game the Allstars managed to narrowly defeat the Oldstars. Allstars 12.04.76 def Oldstars 11.03.69

# Imparja Cup notches up 20 not out



Above: 20 years on; the Tennant Creek Vs Alice Springs match that began the Imparja Cup was 'replayed', with Brett Trindle hitting the ball just over David Kerrin.

AUSTRALIA'S annual national Indigenous cricket carnival, the Imparja Cup, was held in Central Australia in February.

It marked two decades since the tournament began with cricket enthusiasts Shane Franey and Ross Williams organising a family match between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

This year 109 games were played, with a record number of 38 teams and more than 500 players from across the country.

The men's community division finals saw the Kalano Crocs beaten by Allsorts.

In the major centres division, Darwin dominated the Maranoa Murris

The State and Territory women's division final followed, with New South Wales too strong for the Invitational XI, who fell 46 runs short of the NSW side's 3/134 off their 20 overs.

Queensland posted a very competitive score of 5/150 off their 20 overs in the men's final. New South

Wales fell 39 runs short with 7/111, to give Queensland the Imparja Cup for 2013.

## Results

**State and Territory Men's**  
QLD 5/150 def NSW 7/111

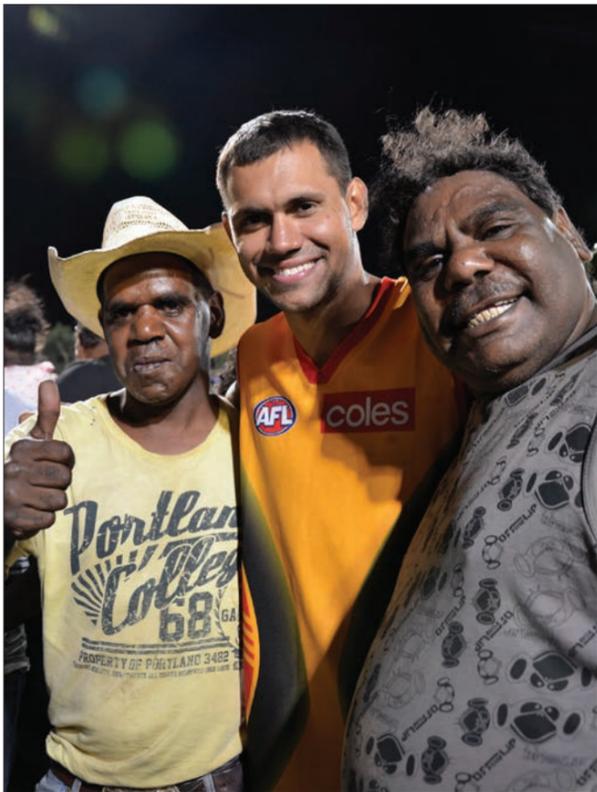
**State and Territory Women's**  
NSW 3/134 def Women's Invitational XI 6/88

**Major Centres Division**  
Darwin 2/179 def Maranoa Murris 86

**Community Men's Division**  
Allsorts 7/85 def Kalano Crocs 5/79

**Community Women's Division**  
Bush Potatoes 1/118 def

# INDIGENOUS ALL STARS SHINE IN THE DESERT



**MORE THAN** 8000 eager spectators converged on Traeger Park in Alice Springs for the biennial Aussie Rules preseason feast in February, this time starring the cream of Aboriginal AFL athletes.

Faithful fans from out bush watched the All Stars blitz the Richmond Tigers with a commanding 50-point win in the pre-season showpiece, which began with the All Stars War Cry led by Aaron Davey.

Carlton's Eddie Betts got the All Stars sparking early with two goals; one after an impressive effort in the pocket when he bounced up from a marking contest and wheeled around to slot the goal.

Indigenous midfielder Shane Edwards captained Richmond impressively after spending the lead-up with the All Stars camp.

The Tigers struggled without their usual captain Trent Cotchin, forward Jack Riewoldt, ruckman Ivan Maric, defender Alex Rance and midfielder Brett Deledio. They fielded a young side, including eight first-time players.

Gold Coast midfielder Harley Bennell and Western Bulldogs forward Liam Jones shone brightest for the All Stars.

Bennell, 20, was awarded the Polly Farmer medal

for best on ground after an impressive display through the midfield. Jones kicked two goals and marked strongly on the lead and in packs before showing more signs in the ruck and across half-back.

Other standouts for the All Stars included Hawthorn's Kaltjiti (Fregon) recruit Amos Frank, who knows the ground well from his time playing for Fregon in previous Lightning Carnivals.

**All Stars 5.0 8.1 12.4 14.6 (90)**

**Richmond 1.1 2.1 3.1 6.4 (40)**

#### GOALS

**All Stars: Johncock 3, Jones 2, Betts 2, L Jetta, Ryder, Ugle, Thomas, Andersen, Bennell, Newman**

**Richmond: McGuane 2, Stephenson 2, McDonough, Edwards**

#### BEST

**All Stars: Bennell, Jones, A Davey, Johncock, Betts, Thomas**

**Richmond: Martin, Edwards, Conca, Grigg, Elton**

**Official crowd: 8350 at Traeger Park, Alice Springs**



Clockwise from top left: Shaun Dempsey shines on Traeger Park. Aaron Davey signs for his fans at the end of the match. Amos Frank signs for his fans as his mother looks on proudly. Josh Hill with fans. Young men from Areyonga enjoying the game. Danny Plain shows off the colours. Nyirripi School kids came in for the game. Haasts Bluff and Papunya fellas out for a good night. Centre: Kerry Pearce, Roman Briscoe, Angela Pearce and Curtis Haines at the game.

# Lightning ⚡ Carnival

## EASTER WEEKEND @ TRAEGAR PARK

# 2013

Plenty Highway were the champions in the division one grand final of the TIO Lightning Carnival 2013.

The three-day feast of desert footy saw stars from across the region converge on Traeger Park in Alice Springs for the annual Easter AFL extravaganza again.

Plenty Highway had trained for three months in the lead-up to the long weekend and came away with a seven point win (2.6.18 – 1.5.11) to secure the cup over Western Aranda, who were disappointed to come away from their second Carnival Grand Final in a row without the silverware.

Ti Tree went back up the highway as the Division 2 winners, defeating Canteen Creek 3.5.23 – 3.0.18



Clockwise: Above - The Long Walk parade watch on as Pioneer take on Central Arernte. Below - Plenty of high flyers on show in the Lightning Carnival. Bottom left - Darryl and Tristan Kunoth with Preston Bloomfield meeting Michael Long (second from left).

