

# Intervention a sham

## Territory Elders tell of community destruction

Some of Australia's most prominent leaders and Elders from the Northern Territory have condemned the Federal Government for continuing with the Intervention (Northern Territory Emergency Response) program labelling it a sham and a failure.

Seven prominent Northern Territory Elders have also released a heartfelt and powerful message to the people of Australia in which they say they "have lost our rights as human beings, as Australian citizens and as the First People of the Land" under the Intervention process.

The seven Elders who signed the message were Rosalie Kunoth-Monks from Utopia, the Reverend Dr Djinyini Gondarra, from Galiwin'ku, Harry Nelson from Yuendumu, Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann from Naiyu, Djapirri Mununggirritj, from Yirrkala, Dhanggal Gurruwiwi from Yirrkala and George Gaymarani Pascoe from Milingimbi.

Ms Kunoth-Monks left no doubt about the impact the Intervention was having on communities throughout the Northern Territory.

"It is destroying our communities," she said.

"It has taken away our rights and it has failed to deliver proper services. The pain of the whole thing has destroyed quite a large number of my family on Utopia.

"The destruction of the Intervention has left us with no functioning housing and with very little infrastructure."

Ms Kunoth-Monks also delivered a broadside to other Indigenous leaders for failing to stand up for the rights of the communities.

"Who are these leaders?" she asked.

"They are almost house slaves to the masters who are committing horrendous punishment against our people," she said.

"These people have left us. They are academics in a white man's world. They are assimilated to such a degree they feel uncomfortable when they have to come and sit down in the dirt with us.

"Do they understand who we are? Do they understand what an Aboriginal person is today?"

In their statement the Elders appealed to all Australians to help them convince the Federal and Northern Territory Governments to "end the nightmare" the Intervention was causing.

"The legislation under which we now live does not comply with international law. It is discriminatory. We are no longer equal to

### Stories by Geoff Bagnall

other Australians. We are no longer equal to you," the statement to the people of Australia said.

"As people in our own land, we are shocked by the failure of democratic processes, of the failure to consult with us and the total disregard for us as human beings.

"We demand a return of our rights, our freedom to live our traditional lives, support to develop our economic enterprises to develop jobs and to work toward a better future for all our people.

"So extreme have been the actions against our people that we must appeal to all people of Australia to walk with us in true equality.

"Speak out and help to put an end to the nightmare that Northern Territory Aboriginal people are experiencing on a daily basis."

The appeal from the Territory Elders followed a meeting in Melbourne of other prominent Australians who then released their own statement in which said the the Intervention was discriminatory and must end.

It is literally a Who's Who of Australian political, business and community leaders including former Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, Julian Burnside, Fred Chaney, Ian Viner, Elizabeth Evatt, Ron Merkel, Alastair Nicholson and Professor Fiona Stanley among many others.

The statement by this group said the Federal and Northern Territory Governments must stop the Intervention and consult Territory Aboriginals on a way forward.

"Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory must have choice and they must not be forced to abandon their lands and heritage in order to obtain services that are automatically provided to other Australians," the statement said.

"We accordingly call upon the Federal Government to start afresh, to comply with our international obligations by bringing the Northern Territory Intervention to an end."

The former Prime Minister, Mr Fraser went further and in a separate statement was even more scathing of both the former Liberal and present Labor Federal Governments about the Intervention.

"There is an absence of equality and respect, which is especially demonstrated by the continuing policies of income management," Mr Fraser said.

"Policies like compulsory income management are grossly demeaning and offensive."



President of Barkly Shire Rosalie Kunoth-Monks - one of the Northern Territory Elders who signed an open letter to all Australians on the Intervention. Photo Barkly Shire Council.

**The Elders' statement in full - Page 5**

**Save our communities - Page 5**

**It's a disaster, says Walter Shaw - Page 4**

**Gooda says it's discriminatory - Page 4**

**Prominent Australians' support for Elders - Page 4**

**AIB**  
**INSURANCE BROKERS**

~ National Indigenous Insurance Services Providers since 1982 ~

- ▼ Providing a full range of insurance requirements to: Land Councils, Health Services, Housing Associations, Child Carer Services, Tourism Operators, Schools and Colleges, Legal Services, Media Operations, Sports & Cultural Events, NAIDOC activities, Cultural Centres & Keeping Places, and other business and community activities.
- ▼ Using only major Australian based and authorised Insurers.
- ▼ Obligation free insurance review and quotation.

**Freecall: 1800 777 988**

Email: [atsi@aibptyltd.com.au](mailto:atsi@aibptyltd.com.au) ▼ Web: [www.aibptyltd.com.au](http://www.aibptyltd.com.au)

Border design 'Protection' by Magpie Smith

**AIB**  
PTY. LTD.

**INSURANCE BROKERS**

# Prominent Australians call for end to Intervention

## Stop destroying communities, say supporters



Ian Viner, Harry Nelson from Yuendumu and Rosalie Kunoth-Monks from Utopia. Photo supplied

### Gooda claims it's discriminatory

**Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Gooda has attacked the Federal Labor Government over its redesign of the Northern Territory intervention, arguing key elements remain racially discriminatory.**

In his first social justice and native title reports last week, Mr Gooda criticised in particular the Commonwealth's compulsory acquisition of leases over Aboriginal land in 64 communities. "To be consistent with the Racial Discrimination Act measures relating to the management of land must be taken with the consent of the landowners," Mr Gooda said.

"Therefore, the redesigned provisions regarding the five-year leases remain inconsistent with the Act in this respect."

Mr Gooda said the "absence of consent" and "inadequate consultation" brought into question the government's characterisation of the leases as "special measures".

The Federal Government redesigned the intervention in 2010. Five-year leases were labelled special measures for the benefit of Aboriginal people.

Such measures are allowed under the Racial Discrimination Act if they genuinely redress disadvantage and are implemented on the basis of prior consultation.

But, Mr Gooda insists the five-year leases do not fit the bill.

**Mick Gooda's reports in full Page 32, 33**

**Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser has attacked the Northern Territory Intervention decision and demanded the Federal Labor Government close it down immediately.**

Mr Fraser was speaking at a meeting of Northern Territory Indigenous leaders in Melbourne where he said the Intervention was paternalistic and demeaning to Aboriginal people.

Mr Fraser was one of several prominent Australians to speak at the meeting.

He urged the Federal Government to end the Emergency Response, also known as the Intervention, particularly the policy of withholding half of a person's welfare payments for food and essential items.

"There is an absence of equality and respect, which is especially demonstrated by the continuing policies of income management," Mr Fraser said.

"I can imagine no policy more demeaning to any person. Policies like compulsory income management are grossly demeaning and offensive," Mr Fraser said.

The meeting also called for an end to the policy of removing Aboriginal people from their land or from control of their land.

"(The communities) have to sign five year, then 40 year leases which is really losing



Malcolm Fraser

control, and there continues to be gross underinvestment in health, education and housing," Mr Fraser said.

Mr Fraser was a member of a group of Northern Territory Indigenous Elders and prominent Australians who released a statement calling for widespread changes to the Emergency Response.

Mr Fraser said he supported this new push by Indigenous elders to repeal the Intervention.

He said the Federal Government lied to Australians when it ended the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act, but maintained discriminatory elements of the Intervention.

"It was a pretence and the Parliament I believe knows it was a pretence," he said.

### Endemic array of issues now beset us, says Council boss

The Intervention in the Northern Territory had created a number of alarming issues and to a large extent the Aboriginal population in the Central Australian Region had become disengaged from any development process with growing signs of increasing despair and family breakdowns, the Chief Executive of Tangentyere Council, Mr Walter Shaw said.

Mr Shaw said the Intervention was another attempt by the Canberra political and administrative process to "fix the Aboriginal problem" with a new mantra of "normalisation" and despite the calls by many to engage with Aboriginal leadership, a new era of heavy handed "tough love" had been imposed.

"The outcome has been one of the most significant disasters in the history of interaction between Aboriginal Australia and Government since



Walter Shaw, Chief Executive of Tangentyere Council.

Photo from Tangentyere Council.

colonisation," Mr Shaw said. "There is now an endemic array of issues beginning to emerge as a consequence of this new process of 'normalising' Indigenous Australia."

Mr Shaw said the huge investment of government funding through the Intervention and Closing the Gap programs was of a scale never seen before in Australian history.

However, Mr Shaw said the

The statement by the prominent Australians called on the Federal Government to end the Intervention and to consult with Aboriginal leaders and an alternative process to address the issues affecting Territory Aboriginals. The statement condemned the Intervention and labelled it a failure and racially discriminatory against Aboriginals.

The Statement was signed by Professor Jon Altman, Diana Batzias, Professor Larissa Behrendt, Rev. Shayne Blackman, The Hon. Sally Brown (AM), Julian Burnside (QC), Fred Chaney (AO), Patrick Dodson, the Hon Elizabeth Evatt (AC), The Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser (Ac, CH, GCL, PC), The Most Reverend Philip Freier, Rev Dr Djinyini Gondarra (OAM), the Hon Paul Guest (QC), Phil Lynch, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks (OAM), Professor Tim McCormack, Assoc Professor Sarah Maddison, Peter Norden (AO), Rev Alistair Macrae, Hon Colleen Moore, Hon Ron Merkel (QC), Graeme Mundine, George Newhouse, Hon Alastair Nicholson (AO, RFD, QC), Dr Sarah Pritchard, Professor Cheryl Saunders (AO), Brother Paul Smith (AM), Professor Fiona Stanley (AC), Rev Ken Sumner, Assoc Professor John Trobin, Bret Walker (SC), Brian Walters (SC), Hon Ian Viner (AO, QC).

flood of Government money is by no means a different political animal to past assimilation policies created by previous successive governments. "Aboriginal leaders are bearing witness to taxpayers' money thrown into dead areas with no recourse of accountability," he said. "As the raft of social injustices continued, strong considerations needed to be made that when an injustice becomes law resistance becomes duty. "I congratulate Malcolm Fraser for meeting with Aboriginal people from Central Australia and listening to the issues we face. He is to be commended for opening up the debate," Mr Shaw said.

Mr Shaw said aspects of the Intervention measures and the ever increasing band of new government officials brought in to 'normalise' the Territory's Aboriginal population had created a 'toxic relationship'.



**Australian Government**  
Indigenous Land Corporation

National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Limited  
Wholly Owned Subsidiary of:  
Indigenous Land Corporation  
ACN: 108 266 548

#### FINANCE OFFICER

- Excellent opportunity based in Adelaide
- Salary Range \$52K – \$55K (plus 15.4% super)
- Employment Offer up to April 2013

An opportunity has arisen to join the Finance Team of a national organisation with its head office based in Adelaide. The organisation conducts business across Australia and uniquely operates in both the public and private sector.

We are looking for an energetic, highly focused individual to work in a challenging, diverse and rewarding team environment. We are seeking a person who has had experience working with financial accounts such as Accounts Payable/Receivables.

Reporting to the Manager, Finance you will be required to:

- Prepare and process claims for payment and processing payment runs;
- Monitor budgets, assess request for procurement of goods and prepare purchase orders;
- Prepare financial reports for a variety of projects;
- Assist in the preparation of the FBT return; and
- Assist in compiling monthly and year end accounts.

The successful applicant will need well developed interpersonal skills, very clear and concise communication skills (including written and verbal) and experience in the provision of effective financial services.

Experience within an agriculture/pastoral setting would be an advantage. Knowledge of GST and experience with Technology One Financials would also be highly advantageous.

You must be an Australian resident and your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation. Completion or near completion in accounting studies to TAFE Certificate or tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience would be desirable.

Commencing salary is negotiable within the range above depending on your skills and experience.

The successful applicant will be employed by the National Indigenous Pastoral Enterprises Pty Ltd (NIPE) on a Fixed Term Employment Offer.

For further information, please contact **Hanne Damgaard, Manager Finance on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au))

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the ILC website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 25 February 2011. Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au) or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Denise Jackson-Cook, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

# Elders' emotional appeal for support to end Intervention

TO THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

7 FEBRUARY 2011

We are the people of the land. The land is our mother. For more than 40,000 years we have been caring for this land. We are its natural farmers.

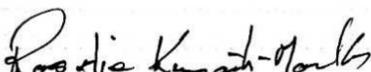
Now, after so many years of dispossession, we find once again we are being thrust towards a new dispossession. Our pain and our fear are real. Our people are again being shamed.

Under the Intervention we lost our rights as human beings, as Australians citizens, as the First People of the Land. We feel very deeply the threat to our languages, our culture and our heritage. Through harsh changes we have had removed from us all control over our communities and our lives. Our lands have been compulsorily taken from us. We have been left with nothing.

The legislation under which we now live does not comply with international law. It is discriminatory. We are no longer equal to other Australians. We are no longer equal to you.

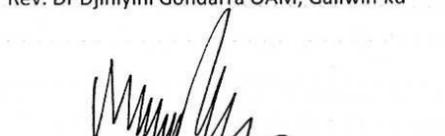
As people in our own land, we are shocked by the failure of democratic processes, of the failure to consult with us and of the total disregard for us as human beings. We demand the return of our rights, our freedom to live our traditional lives, support to develop our economic enterprises to develop jobs and to work towards a better future for all our peoples.

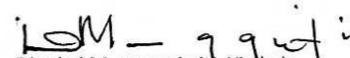
So extreme have been the actions against our people that we must appeal to all people of Australia to walk with us in true equality. Speak out and help to put an end to the nightmare that Northern Territory Aboriginal people are experiencing on a daily basis.

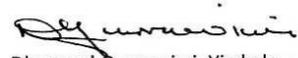
  
Rosalie Kunoth-Monks OAM, Utopia

  
Rev. Dr Djiniyini Gondarra OAM, Galiwin'ku

  
Harry Nelson, Yuendumu

  
Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann AM, Nauiyu

  
Djapirri Mununggirritj, Yirrkala

  
Dhanggal Gurruwiwi, Yirrkala

George Gaymarani Pascoe, Milingimbi

## Minister rejects Intervention claims

The Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin has rejected claims by Territory Elders and prominent Australians that the Intervention was not working.

Ms Macklin said the Federal Government had substantially redesigned the Northern Territory Emergency Response after extensive consultations with Indigenous Australians.

"We have consulted widely and this includes conducting more than 100 whole-of-community meetings covering all communities which are affected by the Emergency Response (the Intervention)," Ms Macklin said.

"We have conducted 11 workshops with regional leaders and key stakeholder

organisations and numerous face-to-face discussions between Government business managers and individuals and small groups in communities."

Ms Macklin also rejected claims the current Intervention was discriminatory.

"The Government has fully reinstated people's rights and protections under the Racial Discrimination Act 1975," she said.

The Minister said the Government had also acted on concerns raised regarding the income management component of the program.

Ms Macklin said the Government was committed to improving housing conditions for Indigenous communities.

# Save our land, save us from this debacle

By Geoff Bagnall

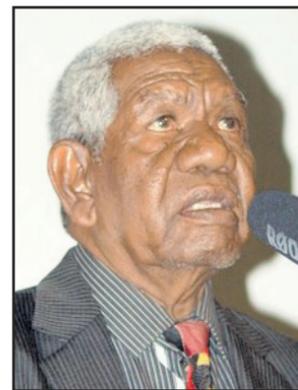
On Wednesday February 7, Australia's Prime Minister Julia Gillard delivered a speech to the Federal Parliament. It was the third annual Prime Ministerial statement to the House of Representatives to report on progress in Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians. But for the Elders of traditional lands in the Northern Territory, the Prime Minister's speech was simply the third annual admission by the government they are not listening to Aboriginal Australians.

Two days earlier, a group of seven Aboriginal community representatives: Rosalie Kunoth-Monks from Utopia, Harry Nelson from Yuendumu, the Rev. Dr Djiniyini Gondarra from Galiwin'ku, Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann from Nauiyu, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dhanggal Gurruwiwi both from Yirrkala and George Gaymarani Pascoe from Milingimbi met with a group of more than 30 other prominent Australians including former Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, Alastair Nicholson and Patrick Dodson.

The aim of the meeting was to re-state opposition to the so-called Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) commonly called 'the Intervention' and to call once again for the restoration of the most basic human rights to Australia's First Peoples.

The meeting released a statement on the state of Aboriginal rights and the Elders from the Northern Territory released an open

letter to the people of Australia that stressed the loss of human rights and the threats to land, culture and language under the NTER. (See statement in full on this page). The statement from the Elders is powerful.



Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra

It lays bare the frustration and anger among communities in the Northern Territory about the actions of the Federal Government and the Northern Territory Government under the Intervention. The Elders believe the Intervention has done nothing but harmed their communities and they believe it is now being used by Government to take from them the one remaining thing of value - their land.

"The traumatisation is such that a lot of people who are maybe 45 and over are suffering real emotional stress. This is not an imagination," Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, signatory to the letter and President (Mayor) of Barkly Shire in the Northern Territory, said.

"People have been displaced. People are living under the threat of being

removed from their ancestral home into what the Northern Territory government and the Federal Government are funding with no discussion with the First Nations people."

Kunoth-Monks said the Elders believe the Northern Territory Government, working hand-in-hand with the Federal Government on the Intervention, are attempting to force Aboriginal people off their traditional lands and into hubs.

"Townships, or honestly, with the best charity in the world, I can't see past these places being reservations for traditional Aboriginal people who speak a different language," Ms Kunoth-Monks said. "Consultation does not take place with soldiers and police and public servants telling you exactly under what control you are going to be. That is not a two-way dialogue by a long stretch of the imagination," she said.

So how do the Aboriginal Elders whose communities are being affected by this "consultation" process see it affecting Aboriginal people?

"The original plan of the Liberal government when they were in power was to put in site managers and the site manager's role was to work closely with the community to try to develop a strategy that would help government understand about different data in the community (about) what were some of the concerns that people have," the Rev. Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, of Galiwin'ku said.

Turn to page 66

# FIFTY THOUSAND JOBS

## SUSTAINABLE INDIGENOUS JOBS



Go to the 50,000 Jobs website to view the hundreds of jobs available now



[www.fiftythousandjobs.com.au](http://www.fiftythousandjobs.com.au)

# Elders concerned intervention a threat to their communities

From page 5

"Now, we were at first so excited that something positive was finally happening. But then at end of the day we were so shocked to realise there was a hidden agenda with the Liberal Government and that was to establish something else that was really hurtful, that was really painful, that actually has taken control of our lives. The Intervention has actually done damage," he said.

Dr Gondarra stressed Aboriginal leaders all made an effort to work in good faith with former Liberal Government Indigenous Affairs Minister, Mal Brough.

Upon the release of the report *The Little Children Are Sacred*, many Aboriginal Elders in the Territory took the government's statements at face value and supported them.

"The Elders right across Australia, Aboriginal people were saying, yes, we agree. There should be no violence against women and we will protect children.

"Our law, traditional law has for thousands of years been protecting them. We protect women, we protect children.

"So we were really in favour (of these aspects of the

Intervention), so we said, yes, we will stand with you when *The Little Children are Sacred* report came. We support that, but we did not support any other part of the Intervention." "The truth is these Governments have used *The Little Children are Sacred* report as a Trojan Horse to get what they really wanted," Dr Gondarra said.

"The hidden agenda the Australian government has had for many, many years, is to build a strong economic base in many of the Aboriginal communities." "We believe the Northern Territory and Federal Governments are using the Intervention as an excuse to take our land.

"Aboriginal communities are communities where there are a lot of rich minerals and other resources that government would use.

"But the communities and the land were established with the government under freehold titles, where Aboriginal people can continue to (exercise) control through the permit system.

"It was established that only through the permit system could (miners) and others come in.

"So, that is one of the Trojan horses. They want to remove the

economic resources of Australia. I believe the government is trying to find ways to get in," he said.

Dr Gondarra warned the proposed Northern Territory nuclear waste dump was another Trojan horse.

"They were trying to talk with the Traditional Owners but the Traditional Owners are very strong about this. They will not allow that to happen in their backyard."

"In the Tiwi Islands, the government entered into an agreement with the Tiwi people and they took a 99 year lease on the land. This took away the rights of the Tiwi Island people. Government people and other outsiders now just bounce in and do what they like.

"It is really a tragedy where people can surrender something valuable, the land, to the government. We're not going to do that.

"They actually came in and talked to us. They were saying we need new houses because 20 people living in one house, or 15 in another house and they wanted to try to solve the problem.

"And the government has a responsibility to people, but they were saying, if you give us a 40 year lease, then we will build you those houses," Dr Gondarra said.

"The (Labor) government is worse than the former Liberal Government in what is happening," he said.

The Liberal Government "started this off and the Labor government has continued to practice the same (policies) as the Liberal Government.

"When former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd stood up and addressed the nation, he said his government was now opening up a new page and we said hooray, a new page.

"He is going to destroy everything that the Liberal government had done. But actually, the Labor Government has continued to do everything the Howard government had done because they continued to practice racism with that legislation," Dr Gondarra said.

When it was put to Ms Kunoth-Monks that the



Left to right: Dhanggal Guruwiwi from Nhulunbuy, George Gaymarani Pascoe from Milingimbi, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks OAM from Utopia, Betty Pike, a Nyoonga woman from SW Australia, Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann from Nauyiu, Djapirri Munurrungitj from Nhulunbuy, Rev Dr. Djiniyini Gondarra OAM from Galiwin'ku and Harry Jakamara Nelson from Yuendumu.

government argues that it does actually listen to Aboriginal leaders, she said: "Oh, who are the leaders, come on!

"Who are the leaders?"

"They are almost house-slaves to the masters who are committing horrendous punishment to their people.

"These people have left us. They are academics in the white man's world. They are

assimilated to such a degree they feel uncomfortable when they have to come and sit in the dirt with us, Ms Kunoth-Monks said.

"Do they understand who we are? Do they understand what an Aboriginal person is today?"

"The born leaders from thousands of years ago, the born leaders are people that are sitting in rags speaking another

language.

"A language that is thousands of years old on this land. They are the born leaders, men and women, not somebody who has got a Phd from Oxford, from Melbourne University, or whatever.

"We have our law as well as our age-old stories.

"Those are the born leaders," she said.

## Clean up continues after Cyclone Yasi

The clean up is well and truly underway among communities hit by Cyclone Yasi earlier this month.

Thankfully, no loss of life has been reported in any of the communities but there has been significant damage to homes and services.

As an example, the Aboriginal community of Yarrabah wasn't hit too hard because it lay to the north of the worst of the cyclone's fury.

"We had about five hours of pretty windy weather and we had to evacuate about 50 houses down by the water because of the storm surge, but it wasn't as bad here as it was at Innisfail," Yarrabah Mayor, Percy Neal said.

"If it had hit us we would have had about 4 to 6 metre high surge."

But Percy Neal has kept busy offering his own help and that of others to help clean up the mess that Yasi left behind.

CEO of Chjwol Aboriginal

Housing Society in Innisfail, Marj Willett was an example.

"Percy rang me on the Monday and asked could they come down and help us with anything" Marj Willmet said.

"I went down on Saturday and took five or six young fellas," Mr Neal said.

Mr Neal and his volunteer work-force did about five hours work clearing fallen trees and debris and Percy Neal said he was planning to go back down to help again this week.

"Our streets haven't been cleaned up by the council. "When you've got a lot of trees and everyone's stretched to the limit, it's hard to get someone," Marj said.

"With Percy coming down it was good, but I've got some more trees for him to cut up", Ms Willmet said.

There is plenty for everyone to do and Ms Willmet is keen to see more help arrive.

"One tree fell over on the next door neighbour's garage.

"The SES came in chopped that bit of it off, but it was from our yard that it fell over, so we had to get that tree chopped up as well," she said.

"The bulk of the SES were in Cardwell and Tully, because they got hit pretty bad and they still don't have any power."

In Cardwell the Indigenous community is pulling together with food parcels with people coming up from Townsville.

Ms Willmet estimated that it take another two weeks before the clean up is finished, and has already promised Yarrabah mayor, Percy Neal a free feed if he turns up with more help during the weeks to come.

"Our local AMS 'Mamu' has been going down to Cardwell and Tully to talk to the people and see how they're going."

The workers volunteer to take it in turns to head down and that means the help is spread between home and other Indigenous communities in need of it.



### Health

Hunter New England  
Local Health Network

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Administration Officer (Level 3)

Permanent Part Time (28 hours per week)

Tamworth

Enquiries: Vicki Dietrich, 02 6767 7489

Ref ID: 16661

Closing Date: 27 February 2011

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

## DEMONSTRATE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

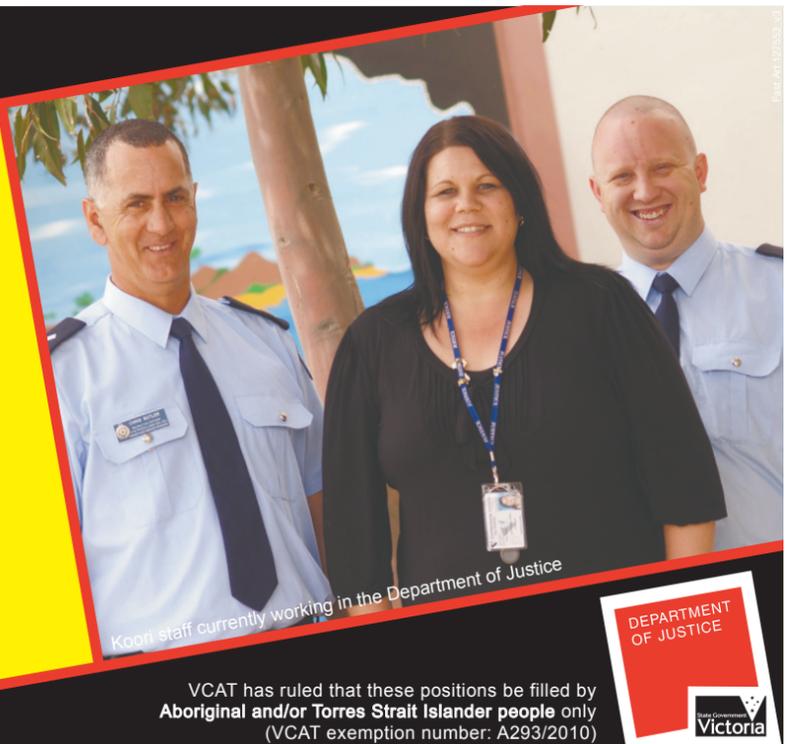
### Koori Prison Officers

The Department of Justice values workplace diversity and has a growing number of Koori workers across Victoria. As a Prison Officer, you'll work with people from all backgrounds and your work will really make a difference.

An Information Session will be held on **Wednesday 2nd March** at the **Ballarat Aboriginal Co-Op**. Come and speak to our Koori staff about this challenging and rewarding job. Application packs will also be available on the night.

To register your attendance at our information session, or to arrange for an application pack to be sent to you, please call the Indigenous Policy & Services Unit in Corrections Victoria on **(03) 8684 6528**. Alternatively, you can contact the Department's Recruitment Services Team on **(03) 8684 0016** or email [prisonsrecruitment@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:prisonsrecruitment@justice.vic.gov.au)

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE NOW**



Koori staff currently working in the Department of Justice

VCAT has ruled that these positions be filled by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only (VCAT exemption number: A293/2010)



NATIONAL  
**Indigenous Times**

ABN 66 098 787 770

SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM



Image: Wayne Quilliam

*Have the National Indigenous Times delivered direct to your home or business*

26 issues **Only \$80**       52 issues **Only \$150**

All prices exclude GST

\* Bulk subscription deals available. Contact Kathy Scott on 1300 786 611 to discuss.

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ issue subscription

Money Order Enclosed     Cheque Enclosed     *(Please do not send cash by mail)*

**OR**  Invoice my organisation (Purchase Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_ if applicable)

**OR** Charge my credit card:     Mastercard     Visa Card     Bankcard

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ P/code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX COMPLETED FORM TO: 1300 786 622**

Mail form to: **National Indigenous Times, PO Box 3076, Wanniasa ACT 2903**

Please photocopy this form for your tax records. Prices quoted exclude the GST. This will be a tax invoice for GST when payment is made.

GB000

Phone: 1300 786 611 • [subs@nit.com.au](mailto:subs@nit.com.au)