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Be the change; I am the change

The theme of this years Reconciliation Week was *Be the change; I am the change*. Sorry Day was recognised on 26 May with a special event at Tarndanyangga (Victoria Square) where students from Alberton Primary School were among the performers

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National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

A new era in Australian Indigenous affairs is upon us with the establishment of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

The NCAFP was announced on 2 May, effectively giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples their first real national voice since the demise of ATSIC, some five years ago.

The announcement was made in Sydney at Australian Hall, the site of the historic rights campaign meeting – the 1938 Aborigines Conference.

Eight Indigenous people, including two South Australians, will lead the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP) in it's establishment phase.



Above: The Inaugural Directors of the NCAFP. Back – Left to right: Ms Daphne Yarram, Professor Peter Buckskin, Professor Colleen Hayward, Mr Ned David, Mr Klynton Wanganeen and Ms Josephine Bourne. Front – Left to right: Dr Kerry Arabena and Mr Sam Jeffries.

Dr Kerry Arabena and Mr Sam Jeffries are the inaugural fulltime Co-Chairs and are joined by fellow directors:

Ms Josephine Bourne, Professor Peter Buckskin, Mr Ned David, Professor Colleen Hayward, Mr Klynton Wanganeen and Ms Daphne Yarram.

Dr Arabena told **Aboriginal Way** she was humbled by the opportunity to be involved in such a historic movement.

"I feel deeply honoured to be part of this," she said.



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Parry's view

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

It is time for Aboriginal Affairs in Australia to step into the 21st century.

For too long the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have largely gone unheard. And it's not because we've been whispering, it's because people haven't known who to listen to.

Not since Amanda Vanstone dismantled ATSIC in June 2004 has there been a national Indigenous voice. The loss of the national voice left many Aboriginal communities feeling left out of "mainstream" Australia and of the decision-making processes that affect our lives.

In effect, Aboriginal people felt silenced.

The proposal of a new voice – the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples – sounds like a good idea, as long as we get the structure right, use resources effectively to bring all Australians together and as long as we listen to the voices of Indigenous Australia.

This is a starting point and time is needed for the Congress to grow, refine and define its role and position. The Congress is a long term proposition and there should not be any expectation of overnight change or short term success.

In my opinion the body needs to be more about professional policy development and less about politics. It needs to listen to the local community before it makes representations to the policy makers.

The national body needs to be a partner of government, but also of the Indigenous community. The national body should have the scope and power to reinforce the cultural values and integrity of Aboriginal people as a people that can engage sensibly and coherently with any Australian, any Australian institution and any commercial business.

To become a trusted adviser to governments, the body must first be trusted by Indigenous communities.

Indigenous communities across our nation face many challenges; challenges that have been generations in the making, challenges that may take generations to solve.

Indigenous communities want to solve these problems. We want to find the solutions to overcome poverty, inequality and injustice. We will do so



Above: SANTS CEO, Mr Parry Agius.

if we are given the tools to allow us to drive the solutions.

We have a diversity of challenges before us. Health, employment, housing, education are just a few of the big ones. The Congress will need a diversity of people, with a range of experience and expertise to contribute to the debate required to set the agendas for change.

The Congress membership should also be diverse with a range of experts and community leaders. And it should also have the potential to identify and foster young leaders from within Indigenous communities.

There's no doubt in my mind that a Congress is a proper way to proceed. In South Australia we have a Congress of Native Title Management Committees that was established to provide a "united voice" to government. The Congress brings the opinions of their communities to the table and government and other native title stakeholders have a body from which they can receive advice and guidance about Aboriginal policy matters. It works.

A new national body can also work if we proceed with caution and learn from the mistakes of the past. A national Indigenous voice must be allowed to be heard – for the sake of all.

South Australian native title claims update

Adnyamathanha

Flinders Ranges
Part settled through approved determination, March 2009
Balance of claim in mediation: Federal Court/National Native Title Tribunal.

Adnyamathanha 3

Flinders Ranges
Not in mediation.

Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara

Coober Pedy area
In mediation: Federal Court/
National Native Title Tribunal.

Arabunna

Central SA including Lake Eyre
In mediation: Federal Court/
National Native Title Tribunal.

Barngarla

Eyre Peninsula
Directions hearing August 2010
and possible programming to trial.

Dieri

Central SA, east of Lake Eyre
In mediation: Federal Court.

Dieri 2

Eastern SA north of Lake Frome
In mediation: Federal Court.

Eringa

Far north SA including part
of Witjira National Park
Area over Witjira National Park
settled through approved
determination (September 2008)
In mediation: Federal Court/
National Native Title Tribunal.

Eringa 2

Far north SA including part
of Witjira National Park
Area over Witjira National Park
settled through approved
determination (September 2008)
In mediation: Federal Court/
National Native Title Tribunal.

Far West Coast

Far west coast SA
In mediation: Federal Court.

First Peoples of the River

Murray and Mallee Region
Riverland and Murray Mallee Region
In mediation: Federal Court.

Gawler Ranges

North of Eyre Peninsula
In mediation: National Native
Title Tribunal.

Kaurna

Fleurieu Peninsula north to
Port Broughton
In mediation: National Native
Title Tribunal.

Kokatha Uwankara

Lake Torrens Region
Not in mediation.

Nauo-Barngarla

Eyre Peninsula
In mediation: National Native
Title Tribunal.

Ngarrindjeri

River Murray, Lakes and
Coorong Region
In mediation: National Native
Title Tribunal.

Nukunu

Spencer Gulf Region
Directions hearing August 2010
and possible programming to trial
of area that overlaps Barngarla.

Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi

Simpson Desert region,
extending into QLD
In mediation: Federal Court/
National Native Title Tribunal.

Wirangu 2

Eyre Peninsula and West Coast
In mediation: National Native
Title Tribunal.

Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarrka

Innaminka area
Not in mediation.

Information provided by the National Native Title Tribunal – visit www.nntt.gov.au for more about native title.

Narungga language is alive and growing

The Narungga language, once in danger of being lost – is having a resurgence through a partnership between the Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association and local schools.

School teachers, senior secondary students and interested community members have been participating in four week-long workshops where they learn about the Narungga language and culture.

According to Education Minister Jay Weatherill 16 Yorke Peninsula locals have completed the course and another 18 are enrolled this year.

"The first graduates of the new Narungga language course included five teachers who have since incorporated what they've learnt into lessons at schools in Kadina, Moonta, Maitland and Stansbury," Mr Weatherill said.

The new course follows the publication of a Narungga dictionary, grammar book and series of storybooks which were developed by NAPA with a community linguist.

A book of speeches to be used at public occasions and a book explaining the complex Narungga kinship system and its terminology have also been released.

The changing face of Aboriginal Affairs

Grace Portolesi is the new face of Aboriginal Affairs in South Australia.

Since becoming Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation she has hit the ground running, meeting key Aboriginal leaders and travelling to Aboriginal communities.

The Minister told **Aboriginal Way** she had a lot to learn and that she is committed to making improvements in the lives of Aboriginal people in South Australia.

"It is an honour and privilege to be serving in this portfolio," she said.

Ms Portolesi shows signs of grit and determination. At the 26 May Sorry Day gathering in Adelaide she told the crowd that "saying sorry isn't enough".

"Although sorry is the hardest word, it simply is a down payment, a promise to make things better."

Ms Portolesi visited Mimili, Amata and Umuwa on the APY Lands in May. While there she attended an APY Council meeting and visited schools in Mimili and Amata.

The Minister also visited the Ananguku Arts Centre where she spent time talking with some of the community leaders about life on the Lands.



Above: Getting down to business. Left to right: Milyika Paddy, Chairperson for Kalka Community, Molly Miller, Executive member for Ananguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation and Minister Portolesi discuss life on the Lands. Photo courtesy Ian Morton, Ananguku Arts.

During Reconciliation Week, which carried the theme *Be the change; I am the change*, Ms Portolesi said it is important for leaders to be courageous in order to create change within their communities.

"However, we all need to take responsibility as individuals if we

are going to seriously work towards changing the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal people," said Minister Portolesi.

"Only then can we create the right environment for meaningful, widespread and long-lasting change."

Minister Portolesi grew up in Adelaide, the youngest child of a large migrant Italian family.

She studied public policy and government and Flinders University.

In the early 1990s, she moved to Queensland where she worked as an advisor to then Premier of Queensland Wayne Goss.

She returned to Adelaide some years later to work as a policy advisor to then-Opposition Leader Mike Rann, and when Labor won government in 2002, worked for then-Minister for Families and Community Services Jay Weatherill.

Minister Portolesi has been a vocal supporter of paid maternity leave, and established a select committee on work/life balance in her first year as the Member for Hartley.

She dedicated her election win in 2006 to 'working mums'.

Minister Portolesi is married with a young family, and lives in Kensington Park.

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"There has been a need for a national voice for a long time, our job now is to form partnerships with Governments, the community and the private sector to help nurture and sustain the National Congress."

"There will be many challenges and an enormous workload ahead of us but on the ground there is a great deal of anticipation and goodwill."

Dr Arabena said the Congress was focused on encouraging participation by "our own peoples to establish and shape the organisation for the long term."

Immediate priorities for the Congress include appointing a Chief Executive Officer, finalising policies and procedures including the operation of the national meeting, driving membership and rules for the first election of office holders.

The model for the Congress was developed through consultation and submissions to a Steering Committee that was auspiced by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

National consultations reinforced principles that were expected of a new body and as a result the Congress will be guided by values including sustainability, integrity, merit-based selection, independence from government, accountability, openness and transparency.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have set the highest standards for the Congress including a guaranteed gender balance for office holders and delegates to the Congress.

Dr Arabena said the NCAFP was not just another version of ATSIC, as suggested by some media commentators and Indigenous people.

"We won't be delivering services, that is the role of governments, we will be a representative body, chosen by the people."

"And it's very important that we will have gender equity."

Klynton Wanganeen, who is the first Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in South Australia, said he felt a great deal of excitement with the challenge of putting in place the national elected representative body.

"I think the name sets the scene by saying we are the first Australians," said Mr Wanganeen.

"Our job as the interim Congress is to operationalise the organisation and facilitate the National Forum in November so that we are in a position to hand over to the new elected Congress on 1 January 2011.

"I call on all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations to sign up and become members. You have the opportunity to be part of something that will prove to be historic in terms of indigenous Affairs.

"It is an independent organisation and cannot be abolished by governments, it aims to lead by example especially in becoming sustainable beyond government funding. Sign up and have your say," he said.

A special body of expert peers has also been established as an Ethics Council and will provide independent advice on standards and guidelines for the Congress.



Above: Dr Kerry Arabena and Peter Buckskin celebrate the launch of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Courtesy of Nancia Guivarra.

As an oversight and advice body the Council will assist with legal and reporting requirements but also as an external body that can investigate breaches or complaints.

Members of the Council are: Mr Tom Calma, Ms Megan Davis (Co-Chair), Mr Wesley Enoch, Ms Mary Graham, Ms Nalwarri Ngurruwutthun and South Australian Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney (Co-Chair).

The NCAFP has been given a \$30million budget for its first three years. The Congress will have offices in Sydney and Canberra.

Meetings to find out more about the National Congress are being held around the country.

South Australian meetings will be held in Port Augusta on Sunday, 27 June at 11am at the Koorinda Hall and in Port Adelaide on Wednesday, 30 June at Tauondi Aboriginal Community College at 6.30pm.



Above: Courtesy of Nancia Guivarra.

The Inaugural Directors of the NCAFP



Dr. Kerry Arabena (Co-Chair) is a descendant from the Meriam people from the Torres Strait.

First trained as a social worker, Kerry was recently awarded a doctorate from the Fenner School at the Australian National University in Human Ecology. She has an extensive background in public health, administration, community development and research.

Professional appointments range from political agencies to health services and include one of the most remote Aboriginal Medical Services in Australia, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Dr Arabena's work has included coordinating population health strategies across northern Australia and contributions to Australia and the Asia Pacific region in cross-jurisdictional areas such as gender issues, social justice, human rights, violence, access and equity, service provision, harm minimisation and citizenship rights and responsibilities. She has also represented Australia in international forums on HIV/AIDS and climate change.

Positions held include Director of the Regional Governance Unit in the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination; Executive Director of Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT and Reproductive Healthcare Services in Canberra; Apunipima Cape York Health Council in Queensland; and Pintubi Homelands Health Service in the Northern Territory.

Dr. Arabena has also been a representative on a range of local, state and national councils and committees including chairing the International Advisory Committee for Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia, the National Indigenous Australians Sexual Health Committee and as the Chairperson of the ACT Healthpact Health Promotion Board.



Ms Josephine Bourne is a mainland Torres Strait Islander born in Townsville North Queensland.

Her Mother's ancestry is from Mabuig Island and the Murray Islands and her Father's ancestry is from Mabuig Island and Moa Island (Kubin).

Ms Bourne has made a significant contribution to many local, regional, state and national agencies through committees and working groups dealing with community capacity building, multi-media development and youth leadership.

Tertiary studies in communications, indigenous studies, community education and community development have led to positions with the Queensland Education Department in Townsville and in the philanthropic sector for the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) in Melbourne.

In her roles at the FYA, Josephine was responsible for key initiatives including managing the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program with 250 students across Australia and supporting the Foundation's grants programs.

Ms Bourne has most recently been working with the Steering Committee for the National Congress and has also been a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community and Philanthropy Partnership Project Steering Committee and the Melbourne Living and Learning Centre Steering Committee.



Professor Peter Buckskin is a Narungga man from the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia.

He is currently Dean and Head of School of the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research (DUCIER) within the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, University of South Australia.

As an educator and professional bureaucrat for more than 30 years, Professor Buckskin's passion has been the pursuit of educational excellence for Aboriginal students. Professor Buckskin has worked as a school teacher in Western Australia and South Australia, Chair of the South Australian Aboriginal Education Consultative Committee, Ministerial Adviser, Superintendent of Schools, and a Senior Executive at both State and Federal levels. For over a decade Professor Buckskin worked as an officer in the Commonwealth's Senior Executive Service, where he occupied a number of strategic positions in the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs, Employment, Education and Training.

In the 2001 Australia Day Honours, he was awarded the Commonwealth Public Service Medal (PSM) in recognition of his outstanding public service in pursuing equality in education for Australia's Indigenous peoples.

In 2006 he became a Member of the Australian College of Educators and an elected Fellow of the Academy in 2007 for his continuing contribution to education.

Professor Buckskin served one term as a Commissioner of the Australian Commission to UNESCO and continues as Chair of the National Indigenous Higher Education Network, Executive Member of the World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium, Co-Chair of the South Australian Aboriginal Education and Training Consultative Body and Co-Chair Reconciliation South Australia.



Mr Ned David is a Torres Strait Islander linked to the Komet Tribe of Mer (Murray Island) through his mother and the Tudulaig of the Kulkalgal Nation (Central Islands of the Torres Strait) through his father.

Mr David has a comprehensive background working in education in the Torres Strait as well as a number of organisations focused on land and sea rights and regional autonomy.

Mr David has played a significant role in leading reform across a range of sectors including fisheries, native title, education, training and employment.

Currently the Director of the Yumi Education Support Services, he has also held positions in the Department of Education and Training as Manager of Strategic Initiatives and as a Manager at the Torres Strait Campus, Tropical North QLD Institute of TAFE.

He is also involved in many community organisations including current positions as: President of the Torres Strait Islanders Regional Education Council (TSIREC), member of the National Advisory Committee for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, President of the Urapun Tubudalgal Land Trust, President of Magani Lagaugal Registered Native Title Body and Secretary of the Torres Strait Islanders Media Association.

Mr David has previously worked for the Department of Justice and the Attorney General, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Island Industries Board, Aboriginal Hostels Limited and the Island Coordinating Council.



Mr Sam Jeffries (Co-Chair) is a proud member of the Murrawari nation from north-west NSW and southern QLD and was born and raised in Brewarrina NSW.

Active in Indigenous Affairs for more than 25 years, Mr Jeffries has worked in the cotton, hotel and meat industries, in the public service and in a range of community organisations including Barriekneal Housing and the Community Development Employment Program in Lightning Ridge.

Over the last six years as the Chairperson of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in Western NSW he has been a strong advocate for Aboriginal self-determination, leadership, land rights, community planning and development and better health services.

Mr Jeffries has an extensive history of holding publicly elected positions and these include – Councillor on the Walgett

Shire Council and five consecutive terms as an ATSIC Regional Councillor and three as Chairperson.

Other commitments include appointment to a range of national, state and local committees and bodies: Deputy Chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation, Chair of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Chair National Aboriginal Sports Corporation, member of the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme, Western Catchment Management Authority of NSW.

Previous roles include Board Member of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, Chair of the National Forum of ATSIC Regional Chairpersons and Chair Barwon Darling Alliance, an alliance between Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and five Local Councils.



Professor Colleen Hayward is a senior Aboriginal woman of the Noongar nation in the south-west of Western Australia.

Currently the Head of Edith Cowan University's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, Kurongkurl Katitjin, Professor Hayward has an impressive professional career for more than 30 years. Starting her working life as a teacher, other positions previously held include Manager of the Kulunga Research Network at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, senior roles at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services agency and ATSIC, and as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia.

Her work has included providing significant input to policies and programs on a wide range of issues, reflecting the needs of minority groups at community, state and national levels. She has an extensive background in a range of areas including health, education, training, employment, housing, child protection and law and justice as well as significant experience in policy and management.

Professor Hayward's long-standing work for and on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia is clearly demonstrated by a range of appointments and accolades.

These include appointment as an Associate Professor at Curtin University in Western Australia; selection for Postgraduate studies at the University of Cambridge; representative at the Australia 2020 Summit; award finalist for Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health (2008) and 2008 National NAIDOC Aboriginal Person of the Year.

Most recently, Professor Hayward was inducted into the WA Department of Education Hall of Fame for Achievement in Aboriginal Education.



Mr Klynton Wanganeen is a descendant of the Narungga and Ngarrindjeri nations.

Mr Wanganeen has taken leave from Department of Further Education Employment Science and Technology (DFEEST) for his appointment as the first Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement in South Australia.

As a Commissioner, he serves as a voice for the Aboriginal community in Government and provides independent advice to the SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation on Aboriginal matters. His role includes advocacy and engagement between Aboriginal people and the broader community; Aboriginal people's access to government, non-government and private services; mentoring Aboriginal leaders and consulting with non-government organisations and peak Aboriginal bodies.

Mr Wanganeen has a long history as an advocate for Aboriginal affairs. He is currently Chair of the Narungga Nations Aboriginal Corporation and the SA Congress of Native Title Committee. Previously he has been a member of the National VET Indigenous Taskforce and elected as the South Australian Zone Commissioner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and Chairman of the Patpa Warra Yunti and Regional Council.

Mr Wanganeen has also held a range of board appointments including Chairman of the South Australian Aboriginal Health Partnership and also held many positions during his professional career including State-wide Program Leader Aboriginal Education TAFE SA and General Manager of the Aboriginal Access Centre TAFE.



Ms Daphne Yarram is a Noongar woman, born at Gnowangerup on an Aboriginal mission in South West Western Australia.

Now living in Sale in Victoria, she has worked for the past 30 years within the Victorian Indigenous community in a range of professional positions including voluntary, community, government and private sectors.

Organisations that Ms Yarram has supported, helped establish or worked with include: the Victorian Indigenous Leadership Network, Sale Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation, Gippsland Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee, Premiers Aboriginal Advisory Council, and the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum. Currently work includes establishing a Indigenous family Violence healing service for East Gippsland

Ms Yarram is passionate about raising the profile of rural communities and in her many roles has worked hard to ensure that Aboriginal individuals, families and communities are supported and encouraged to develop local solutions to respond to issues that impact on their daily lives.

As a strong advocate, she supports and encourages Aboriginal women, children, youth and Elders to take on more active roles in their communities and continues to raise the profile of Aboriginal women. Proud of her heritage, Daphne continues to maintain cultural practices, beliefs, traditions and values, which are reflected in her daily life.



Above: Celebrating the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Courtesy of Nancia Guivarra.

Tribunal's SA and NT registries to form single Central Australia Registry



Above: NNTT registrar Stephanie Fryer-Smith.

The National Native Title Tribunal is to combine its South Australian and Northern Territory operations to form a new Central Australia Registry based in Adelaide.

The current SA Registry, in Grenfell Street, Adelaide, will become the location of the new Central Australia Registry. From August 2010, all native title services to clients and stakeholders in both SA and the NT will be provided from that location.

The Tribunal's Registrar Stephanie Fryer-Smith said that reductions in the Tribunal's funding and its NT workload were the drivers for combining NT and SA native title-related functions and service delivery.

The Tribunal's NT Registry is expected to close by the end of July and services to both SA and NT stakeholders will be offered from the new Central Australia Registry, to be based in Adelaide, from early August.

"The Tribunal regrets that its Northern Territory Registry in Darwin is to be closed," Ms Fryer-Smith said.

"However, reductions in the Tribunal's appropriations in the total sum of \$17.1m over the next four years, as announced in the recent Budget, coupled with a reduced workload in the Northern Territory Registry, are the basis for this decision."

The combined Central Australia Registry reflects some existing arrangements, where certain services to SA and NT stakeholders are already closely aligned. For example, SA-based Tribunal Deputy President Chris Sumner already mediates both NT and SA claims and currently both registries are managed by one manager, Tony Shelley.

Ms Fryer-Smith said stakeholders were assured that every effort was being made to ensure a seamless transition to the new Central Australia Registry, to avoid any possible disruption to Tribunal service delivery during the coming months.

Stakeholders with any queries about the transition of NT business to the new Central Australia Registry may contact Tony Shelley on (08) 8936 1600, email enquiries@nntt.gov.au or phone national Freecall 1800 640 501.

More native title – it's Patently clear

South Australia's native title groups want the Premier to start talks on the "unfinished business" arising from the state's 1836 Letters Patent.

The Letters Patent is the letter that set out how the state would work and do business.

According to lawyer Shaun Berg, the Letters clearly protect Aboriginal rights to land in South Australia.

Mr Berg's new book *Coming To Terms: Land Title in South Australia* uncovers new evidence about the settlement of South Australia.

A three-day Aboriginal Congress meeting of South Australia at Tanunda heard that the Letters Patent suggests Aborigines retain some predecessor property rights over the land taken by white settlers.

This land includes the Adelaide plains and a large area of the Fleurieu Peninsula, land previously thought to be exempt from any native title claim.

Congress heard that in the early days of British settlement Britain had envisaged a settlement in which Aboriginal property rights were to be recognised and that all grants of land to the colonists required "treaties or bargains" with the Aboriginal people.

Ngarrindjeri elder Tom Trevorrow said it was important that the Premier recognised this "unfinished business" and started to talk.

Congress agreed to pursue the Premier to actively engage in discussions.

It is understood the Premier has agreed

to hold talks although at time of publication a date had not been set.

The Congress meeting was also updated on a range of local issues including the Aboriginal Heritage/Lands Trust Act Review and Aboriginal Foundation of South Australia activities.

The meeting also accepted the resignation of Klynton Wanganeen as chairperson of the Aboriginal Congress of South Australia as he has accepted a position with the newly formed National Congress of Australia's First People.

Aaron Stuart (Vice Chair) was voted in as Interim Chair with Betty Branson as Vice Chair.

The Tanunda meeting also provided an opportunity for the Aboriginal

Congress of South Australia Executive to meet with members of the Aboriginal Foundation of South Australia to discuss partnership arrangements.

Among those who attended were Klynton Wanganeen (Chairperson of Congress), Grahame Tonkin (Director of AFSA), Aaron Stuart (Vice Chair of Congress), Rick Allert (Chairperson AFSA), Vincent Branson (Treasurer of Congress), Clem Lawrie (Public Officer of Congress), Valerie Fuschtei (Congress Member), Arthur AhChee (Congress Member), Matthew Morrison (Congress Member), Diane Young (Congress Member) and Samuel Mastrosavas (Congress Member).

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Congress of South Australia will be held in Port Augusta late June.

Learning leadership skills on Kokoda Track

Tyrone Roderick knows a bit about challenges and opportunities and he's making the most of what life is putting in front of him.

The 21 year old is about to tackle the latest challenge – the infamous Kokoda Track, in Papua New Guinea's highlands.

"This is the greatest opportunity of my life," said Tyrone.

"I'm so privileged to be doing this."

Tyrone is one of three South Australians undertaking the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program this year. Paul Vandenberg and Kelly Sambo are also taking part.

The program offers the Certificate II in Leadership; the Kokoda Track is part of the program.

"We've been training for a couple of months, walking every day and night

and I walk up Mount Lofty every week," said Tyrone.

"We've been learning about the diggers and what they went through at Kokoda."

"It's quite a story, what they did."

Tyrone met some World War II veterans during a recent trip to Melbourne.

"I'll never forget those stories."

The Kokoda Track was the scene of one of the bloodiest campaigns of World War II when Australian forces resisted the Japanese who had started to march toward Port Moresby with a plan to then proceed to mainland Australia.

The Kokoda Track is a single-file foot trail that runs 96 kilometres.

About 24 young leaders, part of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, will walk Kokoda, starting on 19 August.

For Tyrone, it's just another of many opportunities that have come his way since joining the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy.

The Academy has encouraged Tyrone to continue with his education and he completed his SACE in 2008, the first member of his family to do so.

In 2009 he became a coach/mentor in the SAASTA program at the Para West Adult Campus.

"I try to set a good example to others, to be a good leader."

"This Kokoda experience will teach me more about leadership and the importance of team-work."

"I'm looking forward to sharing my experience with my family and other kids at the Academy," he said.

SAASTA Director, Kerry Colbung said that 'it has been an absolute pleasure to watch Tyrone's development since he had been with the Academy.

"He has learnt to embrace all the opportunities before him. He is a very likeable amongst his peers and colleagues and is emerging into a wonderful young leader," said Ms Colbung.

"I'm sure he will learn much from Kokoda experience that will be life changing and we wish him well."

Leaders wanted

The Australian Government is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with leadership potential to take part in a skills development program.

The events have been running since 2004 with over 5000 Indigenous women, men and youth undertaking leadership journeys.

Three separate programs will run from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011: They are the Indigenous Women's Leadership Program, Indigenous Men's Leadership Program and Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (ages 18 to 25 inclusive).

Successful participants will attend an intensive four day residential training event.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) will pay for all travel and accommodation costs associated with the events.

To obtain registration forms, visit www.fahcsia.gov.au/indigenous or call on 1800 724 185 or email indigenous.leadership.development@fahcsia.gov.au

Applications close 30 June.



Above: Tyrone Roderick.

Martin delivers Lowitja O'Donoghue oration

A highlight of Reconciliation Week was the 2010 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, delivered this year by Ray Martin, AM. Ray is the former presenter of A Current Affair. He is the Chairman of the Fred Hollows Foundation and is deeply involved in charities concerned with Aboriginal disadvantage. He is in his third term as Community Member on the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation. This is part of his oration.

'Walking Together on the Journey of Healing'. That's the topic of this, the third Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration – for the Don Dunstan Foundation.

Kevin Rudd's deeply-moving "Apology" on February 13th, 2007 was not just long-overdue. It was another essential step in our 'healing' process. It had to happen before we could begin 'the healing journey'.

... I like to tell white Australians how leaders like Lowitja and Noel Pearson and Charlie Perkins (when he was around) used to harangue & harass & tongue – lash black fella's for not picking up their garbage. For not sending their kids to school. For not getting off 'their black asses' and getting a job. For living off welfare. For not setting an example to their kids.

They're powerful messages. More powerful when they come from black leaders.

And they resonate amongst whites.

And remember – in this 'healing process' – we don't have to win over the blackfella's. We have to win over the whitefella's. The 98 percent of the population. They're the ones who truly have to be reconciled.

Let me underline this. It's clearly time for a change in the message being sent out to white Australia. This is a two-way street. Indigenous leaders have to get much smarter in bringing about change, in capitalizing on this positive mood, this 'healing process'.

The days of endlessly bashing up white fella's for being racist, insensitive and not caring are over. That knee-jerk reaction is clearly out of step with modern, multi-cultural Australia. That's not to deny for one second that racism exists – especially in regional Australia. It certainly does. We have to be vigilant and stamp it out.

But, it's no good trying to make Australians still take the blame for policies that go back fifty or a hundred years. And attitudes.

And it's too late for blackfella excuses.

Clearly, blackfella's have to show strong, new leadership. More than ever before. And get fair dinkum about the raging problems in their communities. The new leaders have to start taking responsibility for the chronic and widespread abuse and violence.



Above: Ray Martin. Photo © Colin McDougall.

No excuses. And stop denying that it exists.

That gives them no credibility at all.

Parents and community leaders must get kids to school. No excuses. Men have to get off welfare and booze and gunja. No excuses. And get into jobs that are clearly available, and stick at them. Young indigenous men have to be encouraged to take up training for the countless jobs, in mining especially, that need special skills.

No more excuses.

Don't tell me that nothing positive is happening in indigenous Australia.

On a much broader front than footy and flags ...there's a revolution outside, and as Bob Dylan said:

'Get out of the way,
if you can't lend a hand,

Cos the times they are a changing.'

The Business Council of Australia represents a combined workforce of over one million workers. Last year, in its first annual report on its indigenous program, the President of the BCA, Greg Gailey said that the failure to significantly improve the education prospects and provide jobs for indigenous people is "our greatest national shame." And he promised to do something about it.

Joining with the Federal Government, BCA members – which include Australia's biggest companies -have committed themselves to indigenous jobs, traineeships, mentoring schemes and cultural awareness programs.

In tandem with this BCA pledge – the likes of which Australia has never seen before – is the Australian Employment Covenant, which promises to find 50 thousand jobs for indigenous Australians – especially in the mining industry.

The AEC is "the brainchild" of Andrew Forrest, with the backing of the Federal Government, along with the public endorsement of other billionaires like James Packer, Kerry Stokes, the Lowy family and Lindsay Fox.

So, in essence, Australia's richest men have made an unequivocal commitment of time, energy and money to Australia's poorest people.

Nothing like this has ever happened in Australia before.

Andrew Forest – who grew up with aboriginal people in the WA Pilbara region – is on record as saying he regards this '50 thousand jobs commitment' as more important to him than his lucrative iron ore business.

If the AEC even comes close to achieving this jobs target, individual lives and communities will be improved beyond their wildest dreams.

But, the scale of the indigenous jobs problem is alarming.

Over the next decade, 140 thousand indigenous young people will enter the working population. These students are leaving school with low literacy and numeracy skills, lower levels of school achievement than non-indigenous kids and, therefore, poor prospects of finding a job.

There are two remarkable and innovative programs, that are already making a small but significant mark on the problem.

One's about jobs, the other is about education.

The last element in our *Walk Together on the Journey of Healing* tonight is the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation.

Upfront, I have to declare a certain attachment to this Foundation.

I'm the voluntary, unpaid Chairman of the AIEF. Mind you, I had the same role in the Fred Hollows Foundation, where in a decade we fixed the cataract blindness of more than a million people. For free.

There's no 'silver bullet' when it comes to fixing indigenous disadvantage. We all know that.

If it were 'easy' governments would have done it years ago!

But, in the words of our distinguished patron, Sir William Deane, 'to overcome the appalling problems of indigenous disadvantage education is the key.'

The Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, echoed similar sentiments in his maiden speech to parliament a decade ago. "If equality of opportunity does not begin in the school system,' Mr. Rudd said ' then it begins nowhere at all."

Get a good education- again we all know – and jobs, housing, health and self-esteem will normally follow. *Ipsa facto*.

The concept of giving 2000 full-time scholarships, at some of the best high schools in Australia, to disadvantaged indigenous boys and girls – which is what the AIEF is doing – is an absolute 'no brainer'.

Which is why the Federal Government has given us twenty million dollars, which we have to match – dollar for dollar – with funds from corporates, families and philanthropic Australians.

We're already well on the way to doing it, in just one year.

By the end of this year, there'll be close to 200 children on scholarships, boarding at our partner schools in NSW and Queensland. In the years ahead the scheme will spread across Australia, as I said, with a target of 2000 full-time scholarships.

Imagine for a moment hundreds of young, well-educated indigenous leaders.

It's an educational initiative that has been successfully tested on a local level for almost a decade – most especially at St. Josephs Boys College in Hunters Hill, Sydney. There are forty aboriginal boys, from a range of suburban and country homes, now boarding at Joey's.

Over the last five years, out of 149 indigenous boys and girls enrolled at the AIEF partner schools, 85 percent of them have completed Year 12. That's double the rate in the wider indigenous school population.

There are endless, extraordinary stories of students who have already beaten the odds – because of the opportunities provided to them by this scholarship.

Graduates so far include teachers, lawyers, doctors, bankers, accountants, tradesmen and sporting stars.

I said a moment ago that the problems facing indigenous Australians are enormous.

Governments of all political persuasions – all of them well-intentioned – have failed to close the so-called 'gap of disadvantage'.

But, there are changes underway. One senses real progress and real reason to hope. And even dream.

As Professor Hollows used to say – despite the long term heartaches...

"The alternative is to do nothing. And that is NOT an alternative."



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Put your ideas into action.

The Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE) Program is a community driven program for parents and caregivers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 0-19 years.

PaCE provides funding for activities for parents, rather than students, that help parents and their communities to participate in educational decision making, develop partnerships with education providers and support and reinforce children's learning at home all with aim of improving educational outcomes for their children. Projects will be based on your ideas as parents/carers on how you can become more involved in your children's education.

"We have found the approach to the PaCE program has been very professional and coordinated, with ongoing follow up and feedback, which ... allows both the school and Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation to better meet the needs of the families involved and ensures we are all working together."

Leslee White, Assistant Principal, Smithton Primary School

Any ideas are welcome. A PaCE project can vary from a one day workshop to a project that goes for one to two years. For example, a project might aim to help parents communicate with their children's school or could enhance their skills to help their children with their homework.

The program is open to all parents/caregivers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:

- school or secondary students (up to age 19);
- children at pre-school or crèche; and
- children not yet in a formal education setting.

A community organisation (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) can receive the funds for the project on your behalf. The organisation would then pay for all the costs associated with the project. The community organisation must be a 'legal entity' to receive the funds on your behalf.

It is expected that the parents and caregivers involved in the project will work closely with the organisation receiving the funding.

Alternatively, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations might have an idea for a project for their community and could access funds in their own right.

Anyone interested in developing a PaCE Project can discuss their project ideas with the Indigenous Programs Officer in your nearest office of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). DEEWR can help develop your ideas into a PaCE project in consultation with other parents/caregivers and/or your community.

Once the project idea has been agreed to by all stakeholders, DEEWR staff will prepare a PaCE Proposal requesting funds for the project. If the project is approved a funding agreement will be offered.

"Read With Me day at Erambie Mission was a joint effort from Yalbillinga's PaCE program and Erambie Advancement Corporation. *Read With Me day* was also successful in that the message of the benefits of reading to little people was placed firmly in the minds of those that attended."

Lawrence Bamblett, Chairperson Erambie Advancement Corporation, AIATSIS Visiting Indigenous Research Fellow

"Non-attendance, late arrival, and general disengagement at school are real issues amongst children here and your work with parents is already showing positive outcomes."

Karen Pennington-Smith, Social Worker, Smithton High School

To learn more about the program VISIT www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous or CALL 1300 363 079

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Be the change during Reconciliation Week 2010

A week of events throughout South Australia celebrated Aboriginal people and culture during Reconciliation Week.

The theme of this year's Reconciliation Week, 27 May–3 June, was *Be the change; I am the change*.

Sorry Day preceded the week on 26 May with people commemorating the history of forcible removals of children from their families.

About 500 people attended the major Sorry Day event in Adelaide, held at Tarndanyangga (Victoria Square).

The recently appointed Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, Hon Grace Portelesi told the gathering that she was honoured to be in attendance.

"Saying sorry is so important," said the Minister.

"But 'sorry' is a down payment... a promise to make things better," she said.

"Sorry isn't enough if non-Aboriginal Australians, like me are able to turn a blind eye to the entrenched disadvantage facing Aboriginal Australians."

Minister Portelesi said she was committed to making a difference to Aboriginal peoples' lives.

Other people to address the Sorry Day gathering included Anglicare CEO Dr Lyn Arnold, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement CEO, Neil Gillespie and DUCLIER spokeswoman Jillian Miller.

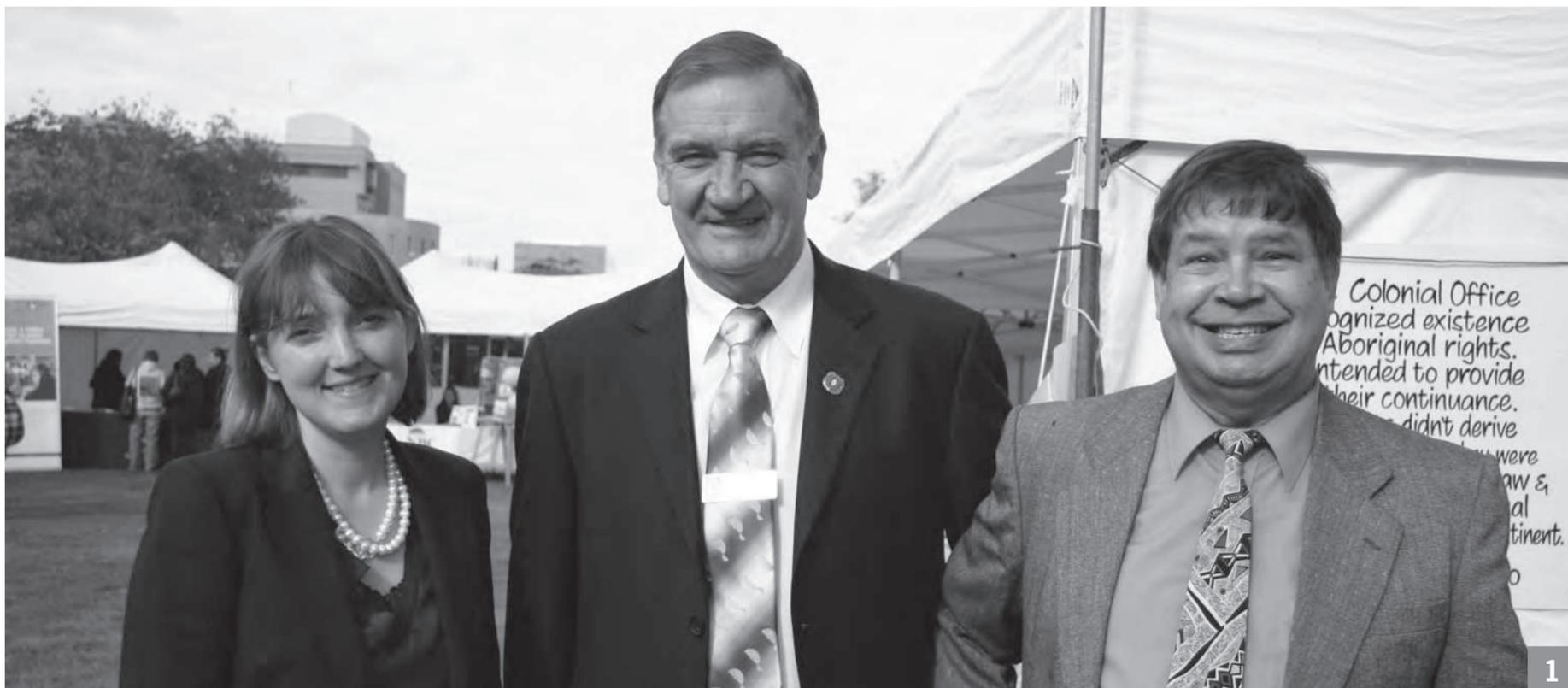
Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Some of the events held across the state included a commemoration of Australian Aboriginal Veterans at the State National War Memorial and the 2010 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, *Walking Together on the Journey of Healing*.



1 – Major Sumner performing the smoking ceremony. Master of Ceremonies Darren Hincks looks on. 2 – Major Sumner checking the Fruit. 3 – Indigenous Veterans with the Reconciliation SA education pack, *Forgotten Heroes*. 4 – Face painting. 5 – Celebrating Reconciliation Week. Photo © Jannette Milera 2010. 6 – Photo © Jannette Milera 2010. 7 – Traditional dancing at Kurna Plains School. 8 – Student activities.

Sorry Day 2010 Respecting the Stolen Generations



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1 – Left to right: Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, Hon Grace Portolesi, ALRM CEO Neil Gillespie, State Chairperson, Journey of Healing, John Browne. 2 – Sapna Dogra from Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement. 3 – Left to right: Josh Warrior, Toni Liddle and Carly Dodd from Nunkuwarrin Yunti. 4 – John Browne, State Chairperson, Journey of Healing welcomes people to the Sorry Day event. 5 – Ripuri Rigney, aged 2.



6 – A traditional smoking ceremony was performed at the start of Sorry Day. 7 – Indigenous students from Immanuel College. 8 – Children from Kalaya Children's Centre held the audience captive with some beautiful songs. 9 – Adelaide's Lord Mayor, Michael Harbison. 10 – Left to right: Alex Coe, Cerrin Karpany and Amy Karpany at the Sorry Day event.

Aboriginal Heritage News

To recognise the importance of Heritage and Native Title being considered together, the Aboriginal Heritage Branch (AHB) of the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (AARD) will have a small section in this newspaper to address what we are doing about important issues.

The State Aboriginal Heritage Committee (SAHC) and the AHB are working closely with the Congress Heritage Sub-Committee and the South Australia Native Title Services (SANTS).



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Site Verification & Recording Project with DPC-AARD and Narungga

New Deputy Chief Executive for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation

AARD is delighted to announce the appointment of Pauline Peel as a Deputy Chief Executive within DPC.

Pauline comes to us from Queensland, where she was the Deputy Director General, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, with the Department of Communities. Prior to joining the Queensland Government in 2006, Pauline worked in senior management or consultant roles, both here and overseas, in a diversity of areas including the arts, economic development and social development. Pauline commenced her new role on 2 November 2009.



Above: Tinto Sansbury examines a quartz artefact.

A proactive approach to heritage protection is the aim of a project that has DPC-AARD's Aboriginal Heritage Branch working with the Narungga people on Yorke Peninsula.

The Reported Site Verification Project involves jointly revisiting and comprehensively recording some 150 reported Aboriginal sites so they can be considered by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation for entry onto the Register of Aboriginal Sites and Objects as Registered Sites.

Most importantly, this is an active way to show that the Narungga heritage is valued and respected and the response from the Narungga community has been very enthusiastic.

Following community meetings on the 3rd and 24th of February, community members indicated that they wanted this project to include site recording training in a "proper field school". DPC-AARD and Flinders University provided a very successful and

well-attended field school over three days in March at the new TAFE building in Point Pearce, and out on country.

Dean Mullen and Dale Hancock from DPC-AARD, along with Narungga Community participants Naomi Wilson, Eddie Newchurch, Peter Turner and Lindsay (Tinto) Sansbury, commenced the first week of site verification visits on the west coast the week before Easter.

Most (but not all) previously reported sites were able to be re-found, and comprehensive GIS coordinates including polygon boundaries were recorded. The site visits have very much been a 2-way learning process for all the people involved, for example Dean and Dale have been learning about Narungga site interpretation and history, about where some of the raw stone material comes from, and Narungga participants have been learning about how DPC-AARD verifies and documents sites.

It is hoped that this will be the first of a number of proactive projects that allow

comprehensive recording of reported sites. This provides better protection of Aboriginal Heritage across the State.

DPC-AARD looks forward to continue working co-operatively with the Narungga Community to complete this project.



Above: Naomi Wilson records an Aboriginal site in one of the many dune complexes.



Above: Peter Turner, Eddie Newchurch, Dean Mullen.

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From the Chairperson

Hi and thanks for taking the time to read this column, life seems to get busier these days and I appreciate you taking the time to read this.

As Chairperson of the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee (SAHC) in South Australia my committee and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to inform our people of our activities and concerns regarding our cultural heritage and am always looking for feedback as to the direction we are heading.

I encourage all to contact us about your concerns and promise that we will follow these matters up.

We are on the verge of interesting times within cultural heritage protection in South Australia following the re-election of the Labor government and the appointment of a new Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

The SAHC looks forward to a close working relationship based upon mutual respect with the new Minister, Hon Grace Portolesi, MP and we wish her well in this portfolio.

I also thank Hon Jay Weatherill, MP our former Minister, for the hard work and understanding he has demonstrated as Minister and wish him well in his new responsibility.

Working relationships between SAHC and Traditional Owners

As a part of the consultations around the Aboriginal Heritage Act review last year, we have received strong feedback from a number of communities across the State that there needs to be stronger links between the SAHC and traditional owners.

And whilst all committee members can lay claim to being a part of a number of claimant groups across the State, we are looking at ways in which the lines



Above: Syd Sparrow, Chairperson.

of communication between parties can be improved during 2010.

Part of this is inviting local groups to meet with the SAHC during our regional meetings, this has proven to be quite effective and we plan to continue this practice and ask that when the SAHC are meeting in your region, we welcome the chance to speak with you about your local arrangements and concerns.

Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988

There has been little activity during the caretaker period before and after the State Election, although the Joint Working Group is looking for ways to re-commence our dialogue in the near future about the remainder of the Review and the timing of it.

The community will be fully advised about the remaining portion of the Review and ways in which your feedback will be sought.

Respectfully yours

Syd Sparrow
Chairperson

New Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation

The Hon Grace Portolesi, MP is the new Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation. The new ministry was sworn in on 25 March 2010.

Grace grew up in Adelaide as the youngest child of a large migrant Italian family. She is married with a young family.

Grace went to Flinders University where she studied public policy and government at Flinders University.

Her first job after she completed her studies was at the University of South Australia, as an equal opportunity officer.

In the early 1990s, Grace moved to Queensland where she worked as an advisor to then-Premier of Queensland Wayne Goss. She returned to Adelaide some years later to work as a policy advisor to then-Opposition Leader Mike Rann, and when Labor won government in 2002, worked for then-Minister for Families and Community Services, Jay Weatherill.

For more information visit website: www.ministers.sa.gov.au
Phone: (08) 8207 2190 Office: Level 12, 211 Victoria Square, Adelaide SA 5000.

Heritage Information Management

We have a new staff member join the Heritage Information Team – Mr Perry Langeberg he started in February. Perry originally comes from Adelaide and has spent a lengthy time working with GIS in the private sector throughout regional Queensland. Welcome Perry.

Also just a reminder that we now have a new email address through which people can request a search of the Register of Aboriginal Heritage Sites and Objects at heritagesites.aard@dpc.sa.gov.au This speeds up the time taken to conduct searches and gives far better efficiency when responding to heritage queries.

The Heritage Information Team receives between 80-100 requests per month to search the Register of Aboriginal Heritage Sites and Objects. We normally respond to each request within seven working days. The majority of the requests come from other Government Departments such as the Department for Water Land Biodiversity and Conservation. We also receive requests from mining companies, archaeology students and consultants working on projects with different communities and community members.



Above: Sandhill Dunnart.

A recent example is where a query was received from the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) to search an area in the north-west corner of Yellabinna Regional Reserve located approximately 225km north-west of Ceduna. Staff there were planning a prescribed burn to help conserve the habitat of the Sandhill Dunnart (pictured above), a threatened species that had not been recorded for 30 years and was only recently re-discovered living in the spinifex.

Our response map was sent to DEH identifying Aboriginal Heritage sites that need to be avoided and protected. This type of work exemplifies the importance of having sites recorded on the Register.

AARD has a strict Access Policy in place to ensure that all information is protected and can only be released with community permission and under certain conditions.

Aboriginal Heritage Branch

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Power Cup helps students with their studies

Pulling on a pair of footy boots is helping hundreds of Aboriginal students complete their SACE.

For the first time, participation in the Power Cup is linked directly with the senior secondary school SACE curriculum.

“The Aboriginal Power Cup has proven to be a fantastic initiative, motivating young Aboriginal students to achieve their best by keeping them engaged in schooling through participation in sport,” said Education Minister, Jay Weatherill.

The Power Cup, now in its third year, was started by the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy in partnership with Port Adelaide Football Club.

This year 320 students from all over the state took part in the carnival which included a Blue Light Disco at Fort Largs Police Academy and a Careers Expo

SAASTA Director, Ms Kerry Colbung said she was thrilled so many young people were involved in the Power Cup program.

“This is so much more than a sporting event, the students have worked very hard to get here today. The Power Cup fosters young leaders and prepares students for life after school,” she said.

A condition of participation in the tournament is that students attend school – last year, attendance rose 23% among those taking part in the Cup program.

Launching the Aboriginal Power Cup at Alberton Oval, Attorney-General John Rau said the goal is to keep kids in school and broaden their workplace opportunities.

“The Aboriginal Power Cup is an exciting initiative that teaches students to aim high and set their own life goals,” he said.

“Students learn from successful footy stars that they have to make positive life choices if they want to achieve their goals and get a good job.

The Cup is sponsored by a range of government and non-government organizations including mining giant Santos, which has invested \$250,000 over the next three years.

“Santos is involved in a number of initiatives in this area and the Aboriginal Power Cup program is a good fit with our strategy that is focused on increasing Aboriginal workplace participation, particularly in the energy sector,” said Andrew Antony, Santos’ Indigenous Affairs Manager,

“We think the program can achieve even more by adding dedicated leadership and transition to employment programs, and we are pleased to be

working with the Power and the State Government on the project.”

Aboriginal Port Adelaide stars have been visiting schools for the past two terms with Ambassador for Youth Opportunity, Gavin Wanganeen, talking to students in workshops about their career aspirations and how to achieve their goals.

“It was great to get the students thinking about their future and what they wanted to do when they left school,” Mr Wanganeen said.

“Getting a good education and making healthy lifestyle choices is important no matter what career you choose.

“Not all students can become professional footballers, but they can learn about discipline, healthy living, teamwork and leadership by taking part in a major sporting competition.”





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Cricket match honours the life of Allan Wanganeen Sr

A cricket match honouring the life of Allan Wanganeen was held on 11 April, in Adelaide.

The inaugural Allan Wanganeen Challenge Trophy was played between teams from Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and Adelaide legal firm Johnston Withers.

The tournament was organised by ALRM in honour of Mr Wanganeen's

huge contribution to the Aboriginal community of South Australia.

Mr Wanganeen passed away in February 2009.

He worked at ALRM for almost 22 years, first as a Field Officer then as the Manager, Field Operations before becoming a member of the Senior Management Team.

"Allan was loyal to his work colleagues and always demonstrated a caring attitude and approach for our community and for Aboriginal people generally.

He was undeterred in ensuring Aboriginal people were catered for and he cared passionately about ALRM and what it stood for," said ALRM CEO, Neil Gillespie.

"Allan's involvement in sport, with kids and his precious Karna Eagles Football Club made him stand out from the crowd.

He was held in high regard for his devotion to community activities and for being a positive role model."

Johnston Withers won the game.



Above: Left to right: George Benzier (ALRM), Anthony Kerin (Johnston Withers), Neil Gillespie (ALRM).

New program to promote healthy relationships

A new program called *yarning on* will be developed with Aboriginal communities to improve relationships, sexual and reproductive health, wellbeing and safety of young Aboriginal South Australians.



SHine SA, has received funding through the National Indigenous Partnerships to develop and deliver two programs.

"It's very important to us that these programs are properly developed and delivered. That's why community will be involved in every step," said SHine SA *yarning on* program manager, Sue Arwen.

The two programs, *Investing in Aboriginal Youth* and *Aboriginal Focus Schools* will aim to work with the community to develop culturally appropriate program content, provide support and training to workers including health, community and teachers and provide parents and carers with information.

The program is being delivered to try to overcome relationship violence, teenage pregnancy and other sexual health issues such as low birth weight babies and sexually transmitted diseases.

SHine SA has employed six coordinators and they will be visiting Aboriginal communities from May to July.

Further information can be obtained by contacting (08) 8300 5340.



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