

RECRUITING SERVICES FOR TRIAL TO HELP PREGNANT MUMS QUIT SMOKING

SISTAQUIT Study is testing whether training health professionals at Aboriginal Medical Services can help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pregnant women quit smoking.

If your service is in NSW, QLD, SA, WA or NT, and would like to know how you can be involved please contact:

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Or visit the SISTAQUIT trade table at the NACCHO AGM. CEOs and Managers of ACCHS can get more information, meet with Joley Manton face-to-face, and sign up their interest.



Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

St John's Anglican Church Precinct, Camden

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 8 November 2017. Enquiries to Damian Tybussek on (02) 9585 6108 or Damian.Tybussek@environment.nsw.gov.au.

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

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx>
Heritage Council of New South Wales Locked Bag 5020 Parramatta NSW 2124 or heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au 02 9873 8500



Centennial Parklands

Call for Nominations for Centennial Parklands - Community Consultative Committee

Centennial Parklands is required under legislation to operate a Community Consultative Committee.

The Committee's role is to represent the community by providing advice on visitor services policy and prospective new services, as well as assisting in the development and evaluation of service standards.

Applicants for this committee must be able to demonstrate:

- A strong commitment to Centennial Parklands;
- An ability to communicate with a variety of community groups and individuals that have an interest in Centennial Parklands; and
- A commitment to Centennial Parklands' diversity of values and stakeholder views.

Nominations are sought from suitable candidates to fill one vacancy on the Committee. Indigenous people with a recognised affinity with Centennial Parklands are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the Community Consultative Committee and to obtain an application form or contact the Trust:

Phone: (02) 9339 6699
Email: ccc@centennialparklands.com.au
In person: Parklands Office in Centennial Park (behind the café) between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday; or Visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/ccc

Closing date for receipt of applications is 8 November 2017



At the Lowitja Institute visit to Walgett: from left, Joe Boughton-Dent, Romlie Mokak, Lucy Nunez, Jack Beetson, Pat Anderson, Ali Drummond, Brendon Douglas and Peter Buckskin.

Institute directors visit Walgett medical service



THE history of the resilience and activism by Aboriginal people of Walgett is on the walls of the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS).

It's a gallery of photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings and testimonials marking prominent events in the life of Aboriginal people in the north-western NSW town.

When the Lowitja Institute board of directors recently visited the WAMS, they saw the central role played by WAMS in the health, educational and economic life of the town and surrounding areas, and the challenges of resources and gaining professional skills. Directors also heard about how critical it is to have strong male role models, and met a number of male staff who are leading positive change in their families and community.

The visit was part of the quarterly

Lowitja Institute board meeting, which also included dinner with the Dharriwaa Elders Group.

WAMS is a not-for-profit organisation, relying on government funding as well as support from individuals, community groups, corporations, trusts and foundations. WAMS was recently accredited by White Ribbon Australia.

Special focus

Lowitja Institute chair Pat Anderson said a special focus of the visit to Walgett was experiencing the Literacy for Life Foundation classroom in action, "as literacy is a key social determinant of health".

The foundation is an Aboriginal-led initiative aiming to lift adult literacy in Indigenous communities. An estimated 40% of Indigenous adults have minimal English literacy, a figure that increases to 70% in remote areas.

Lowitja Institute chief executive

Romlie Mokak said adult literacy is the invisible factor in Indigenous empowerment.

"This campaign is much more than literacy – it is about establishing the very strongest futures for our children and grandchildren," he said.

"Health, literacy and empowerment go hand-in-hand."

The Literacy for Life Foundation uses an evidence-based campaign approach that has been implemented in 30 countries. So far more than 120 students have graduated in Australia.

Executive director Jack Beetson said having the Lowitja Institute board support the work of Literacy for Life was vital to getting it established.

"The connection between lifting adult literacy and improving health is a clear reason why we need funding to expand to reach more Aboriginal communities," he said.

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LNP candidate posts blackface



THERE are calls for the Liberal National Party to dump a Queensland candidate who posted a photo of herself with a man in blackface on social media, but the party is refusing to back down.

LNP candidate for Redcliffe Kerri-Anne Dooley posted the photo of her with a man dressed as late Aboriginal singer Dr Yunupingu over the weekend.

Innovation and Small Business Minister Leanne Enoch said the LNP should immediately dump Ms Dooley, who has since deleted the post, for the culturally insensitive act.

"For a candidate, in the 21st century, hoping to represent the people of Queensland, who endorses that kind of behaviour, but on top of that reference a deceased individual, someone who is highly respected, is just appalling," Ms Enoch said.

"They should be disendorsing this candidate for this kind of behaviour."



Queensland LNP candidate Kerri-Anne Dooley's Instagram post, which has now been deleted.

Ms Enoch became Queensland's first female Indigenous MP when she won the southern Brisbane seat of

Algeria in Labor's shock 2015 election victory.

Ms Dooley earlier tried to explain her actions by saying she attended an Australian-themed house warming party where guests went dressed as prominent identities.

"One person was a fan of the band Yothu Yindi and singer, the late Dr Yunupingu. I posted a photo of us together on my Instagram feed," she said in a statement.

"On reflection it was a mistake to post this photo and, unprompted, I deleted it. I apologise for any offence that this may have caused."

LNP president Gary Spence issued a statement stating Ms Dooley would remain a candidate.

"Kerri-Anne has been a tireless worker for her community and will make an excellent local member if elected," he said.

"She has apologised for making a mistake and for causing any possible offence." – AAP