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Landmark Stolen Generations case in Western Australia

The WA landmark Stolen Generations test case began at the Supreme Court of WA on February 4th 2013 where it ran for five weeks. Throughout the hearing, the court heard the tragic stories surrounding a family whose children were removed without consent and placed in State care between 1958 and 1961.

The beginnings for this test case began on Sorry Day in 2010, when Lavan Legal lodged a Writ on behalf of nine members of the Collard family, including parents Donald and Sylvia. Since that time, ALSWA and Lavan Legal have worked closely with family members, acutely

aware of the importance of this case, not only for the Collard family, but for the thousands of Aboriginal people who were also stolen from their families. ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington said that the effects of being forcibly removed from families has had heartbreaking inter-generational effects on so many of our people. "The Collard family have shown great courage in being involved in this test case. It has been an extremely challenging and emotional time and their strength and unity as a family has been incredible" he said.



"With Greg McIntyre SC representing the family, the hearing heard tragic stories that question our very humanity, a story of survival against the horror and torment of government policies that were *not* in the best interests of our people. **Continued on page 2**

Above: The Supreme Court of Western Australia and below: Native Hibiscus, national Sorry Day flower



Law Matters is back on the airwaves for 2013!

Are you interested in finding out more about law and social justice?

The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) hosts the LAW MATTERS radio program on 100.9FM 6NME Noongar Radio in Perth each fortnight.

Since commencing the program back in 2010, more than thirty programs have been broadcast out of the Noongar Radio studios in Beaufort Street Perth (the old Aboriginal Advancement Council building).

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to be part of the Noongar Radio team" said ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington. "It's wonderful to be able to yarn about legal issues and to empower our people with knowledge about their rights and the law here in Western Australia". Law Matters features interviews with ALSWA staff members and other key stakeholders working in WA's justice system and can be heard on 6NME every second Wednesday between 11am and 12 noon. (Repeated Sunday nights).

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Dennis Eggington said that Western Australia now had the opportunity to right the wrongs of the past.

“What has unfolded is a story about the failure of former government policies and the practices imposed on a group of people in society for no other reason, than being Aboriginal. It’s repugnant to our very humanity. Western Australia now has the chance to right these terrible wrongs and acknowledge that the State failed in looking after children and their parents” he said.

Mr. Eggington praised the Collard family for their involvement in the test case and the emotional journey it had taken them all on in the lead up to and during the five week hearing.

“What incredible strength the Collard family have shown. No family should ever have had to suffer in this way and despite all that they have been through, they have emerged with great strength and courage, despite the tragic circumstances that they have endured throughout their lives”.

ALSWA said that the Stolen Generations test case highlighted the failures of past government policies and practices.

“We continually see the tragic legacy that has been left to so many of our people and you cannot under-estimate the pain and suffering that people have endured through their forced removal.

ALSWA’s CEO said that the court proceedings would not have been

possible without the assistance of law firm Lavan Legal, who acted on a pro bono basis.

“We are so grateful for the long-standing efforts and immense workload taken on by Iain Freeman and the team at Lavan Legal. ALSWA’s limited resources could not have coped with the huge task of running this test case” he said.

ALSWA also acknowledged the tireless efforts of ALSWA’s Civil/Human Rights Unit, including Paul Gazia and Nikki Dwyer and Greg McIntyre SC for his role and expertise in representing the Collard family throughout the hearing.



Check out some Moorditj Mum recipes!



The ‘Moorditj Mums’ program at Central Institute of Technology provides an exciting learning environment for mums and their young children.

As part of the 2012 Semester 2 program,

course participants produced the ‘Moorditj Mums Cookbook’.

Check out how to make kangaroo curry (pictured on left) and other delicious recipes from the Moorditj Mums on page 10!



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ALSWA welcomes back Director of Legal Services

For ALSWA Director of Legal Services Peter Collins, most of last year was spent in the temporary role of an Acting Coroner, assisting to clear the backlog of coronial cases.

The announcement was made in April 2012 that Mr. Collins would be one of three people appointed, at which time the backlog was in excess of 800 coronial cases.

Mr. Collins worked in the role between April and December 2012, returning to his former ALSWA position (DLS) in February 2013.

During his absence from ALSWA, Robyn Ninnette held the role of Deputy DLS.

ALSWA welcomes back Peter who reconnected with staff when he presented a workshop at the ALSWA staff conference in November last year.



Peter Collins (ALSWA Director Legal Services) and Robyn Ninnette (ALSWA Deputy Director Legal Services)

Read Peter Collins' comments on the proposed tougher Mandatory Sentencing laws on page 5

ALSWA Executive Committee meets in Perth

The ALSWA Executive Committee is made up of 16 members representing 8 regions in Western Australia.

Each bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to their roles and ensure that the issues affecting our peoples within the justice system across

Western Australia are regularly discussed, and outcomes sought. Executive members met in Perth during March 2013, one of four statewide meetings held annually.

ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington said that the Committee provided invaluable assistance

through their involvement and contributions to the organisation.

"ALSWA plays a key role within this State's justice system and we are committed to ensuring that our community members have access to a Culturally appropriate



ALSWA President Michael Blurton

and professional legal service at all times" said Mr. Eggington.

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***More Committee information at www.als.org.au**

National Apology for victims of Forced Adoptions



On 21st March 2013 Prime Minister Julia Gillard delivered the National Apology for victims of Forced Adoptions.

The apology was one of the recommendations of a Senate inquiry in 2012 which was led by Greens Senator Rachel Siewert. The inquiry found that up to 250,000 babies were forcibly taken from their mostly young and unmarried mothers.

The speech was delivered in Federal Parliament's Great Hall and was emotionally witnessed by many people who had spent their lives without their parents or children.

Those who had their babies forcibly adopted between the 1950's and 1970's did so under a practice which was sanctioned by governments, hospitals, churches and charities. In her speech, the Prime Minister said:

"We acknowledge your loss and grief...For the loss, the grief, the disempowerment, the stigmatisation and the guilt, we say sorry. To each of you who were adopted or removed, who were led to believe your mother had rejected you and who were denied the opportunity to grow up with your family and community of origin and

to connect with your culture, we say sorry. 'We acknowledge that many of you still experience a constant struggle with identity, uncertainty and loss, and feel a persistent tension between loyalty to one family and yearning for another.'

Branding it a "cruel and immoral practice", Ms Gillard said many mothers were tricked into signing the papers, drugged and shackled to their beds.

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott also delivered an apology to those affected by forced adoption.

Read the Prime Minister's speech in full on page 6.

Community Legal Education provided by ALSWA



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ALSWA welcomes the opportunity to participate in community events and would love to hear from you if you would like us to set up a stall at your next event.

Our staff are always on hand to answer your queries about the legal support and representation provided by ALSWA, which has 15 offices throughout Western Australia.

We also have a wide range of pamphlets available to both individuals and organisations who would benefit from having this information for community members or clients.

If you'd like to know more about our Community Legal Education work or would like to order some ALSWA pamphlets, please phone our CLE Officer in Perth on 08 9265 6666 or WA Freecall 1800 019 900.

Left:

ALSWA's Bethany Campbell and Tony Franks pictured at ALSWA's stall at a recent Seniors WA event in Cockburn.



Tougher Mandatory Sentencing Laws proposed for WA: *Opinion Piece*

The WA Election on 9th March saw the Liberal Party re-elected for another term. But their proposed extension to mandatory and minimum sentencing laws is nothing short of despicable, says Peter Collins, ALSWA Director of Legal Services, who writes:

“Sentencing will always, quite properly, be an area of vigorous debate. People need to feel safe in their own homes, and serious examples of aggravated burglary must attract stern punishment. This is acknowledged by the courts and reflected in current sentencing practices. Inadequate sentences can be appealed, which has proven to be an effective mechanism for rectifying sentences that are too low. Mandatory sentencing laws do not deter offenders from committing crimes, do not reduce crime and never will. The recent spike in WA’s home burglary rates demonstrates this. The only thing mandatory sentencing has ever achieved is to disproportionately target the most disadvantaged groups in society, especially Aboriginal people. WA imprisons

more Aboriginal people than any other State or Territory in the nation, at 20 times the rate of non-Aboriginal people. The rate at which WA imprisons its Aboriginal kids is also the highest in Australia, with an Aboriginal child 40 times more likely to be in custody than a non-Aboriginal child. The underlying drivers of high Aboriginal imprisonment rates are many and complex, and include all the obvious social, economic and educational disadvantages that plague our Aboriginal communities. But systemic discrimination has always been a powerful factor as well, and these imprisonment rates ultimately reflect that WA and the NT are the only two jurisdictions in the nation with mandatory sentencing. The Liberal Party’s proposed extension to mandatory sentencing would see WA’s already mind-boggling Aboriginal imprisonment rates soar even higher. Many in the community may not care too much about that now, but they might when they learn how much it is going to cost to build new jails to house them. Recidivism amongst Aboriginal prisoners is also ridiculously high, but

anyone who thinks that imprisonment deters offenders is kidding themselves. The last thing on the mind of most people when they break into a house is the thought of going to jail if they get caught. This is particularly true for the typical Aboriginal offender, whose crimes are often motivated by poverty, substance abuse or mental illness, or any combination of the three. The changes proposed will invariably deliver injustice. The risk of injustice in the case of juveniles, the mentally ill and intellectually impaired is particularly acute. It is hugely concerning that under the Liberals’ proposal, a statutory minimum term of two years would apply for repeat home burglaries committed by juveniles over the age of 16 years. ALSWA acts for lots of Aboriginal kids who, for whatever reason, commit a cluster of home burglaries over a short period of time, but get their lives back on track and never reoffend. Under this proposal, these kids would now be locked up for a minimum of two years. It is all too easy for me, or any of ALSWA’s criminal lawyers, to imagine a 16 year old Aboriginal boy who

suffers from foetal alcohol syndrome, is illiterate and lives in abject poverty. He could be one of any number of our clients. It is also too easy to imagine such a boy committing three burglaries by entering houses through unlocked doors to steal food because he is desperately hungry. Under the proposed changes, this boy – a victim of the circumstances of his birth, if there ever was one – would be imprisoned for two years. There is no justice in that outcome. Moreover, the important principle of rehabilitating young offenders (which really is one of the hallmarks of a civilised society) simply goes out the window. The changes would also impact adversely on victims of crime. Offenders facing a lengthy mandatory jail term would have little incentive to plead guilty. Many would simply roll the dice, take their chances by pleading not guilty and go to trial. Victims of crime and their families would face added emotional trauma arising from the inevitable delays before cases are finalised, as well as the burden of giving evidence in court. The strain on an already under-resourced court system of dealing with a blow out in the numbers of trials will be also enormous, so a fresh approach is long overdue”.



Prime Minister's Speech - National Apology for Forced Adoptions

Today, this Parliament, on behalf of the Australian people, takes responsibility and apologises for the policies and practices that forced the separation of mothers from their babies, which created a lifelong legacy of pain and suffering.

We acknowledge the profound effects of these policies and practices on fathers.

And we recognise the hurt these actions caused to brothers and sisters, grandparents, partners and extended family members.

We deplore the shameful practices that denied you, the mothers, your fundamental rights and responsibilities to love and care for your children. You were not legally or socially acknowledged as their mothers. And you were yourselves deprived of care and support.

To you, the mothers who were betrayed by a system that gave you no choice and subjected you to manipulation, mistreatment and malpractice, we apologise.

We say sorry to you, the mothers who were denied knowledge of your rights, which meant you could not provide informed consent. You were given false assurances. You were forced to endure the coercion and brutality of practices that were unethical, dishonest and in many cases illegal.

We know you have suffered enduring effects from these practices forced upon you by others. For the loss, the grief, the disempowerment, the stigmatisation and the guilt, we say sorry.

To each of you who were adopted or removed, who were led to believe your mother had rejected you and who were denied the opportunity to grow up with your family and community of origin and to connect with your culture, we say sorry.

We apologise to the sons and daughters who grew up not knowing how much you were wanted and loved.

We acknowledge that many of you still experience a constant struggle with identity, uncertainty and loss, and feel a persistent tension between loyalty to one family and yearning for another.

To you, the fathers, who were excluded from the lives of your children and deprived of the dignity of recognition on your children's birth records, we say sorry. We acknowledge your loss and grief.

We recognise that the consequences of forced adoption practices continue to resonate through many, many lives. To you, the siblings, grandparents, partners and other family members who have shared in the pain and suffering of your loved ones or who were unable to share their lives, we say sorry.

Many are still grieving. Some families will be lost to one another forever. To those of you who face the difficulties of reconnecting with family and establishing on-going relationships, we say sorry.

We offer this apology in the hope that it will assist your healing and in order to shine a light on a dark period of our nation's history.

To those who have fought for the truth to be heard, we hear you now. We acknowledge that many of you have suffered in silence for far too long.

We are saddened that many others are no longer here to share this moment. In particular, we remember those affected by these practices who took their own lives. Our profound sympathies go to their families.

To redress the shameful mistakes of the past, we are committed to ensuring that all those affected get the help they need, including access to specialist counselling services and support, the ability to find the truth in freely available records and assistance in reconnecting with lost family.

We resolve, as a nation, to do all in our power to make sure these practices are never repeated. In facing future challenges, we will remember the lessons of family separation. Our focus will be on protecting the fundamental rights of children and on the importance of the child's right to know and be cared for by his or her parents.

With profound sadness and remorse, we offer you all our unreserved apology.

Delivered in Canberra on 21st March 2013

Autumn 2013

We have Survived

In the words of legendary band *No Fixed Address*, we have survived, and you can't change that!

January 26th was testament to that as thousands of people gathered at the Supreme Court Gardens for the 2013 Survival Concert. The day provided the opportunity for people to get together and yarn, whilst also finding out about the variety of services available for

our people from stalls such as ALSWA's.

Entertainment included Casey Donovan, The Merindas, Middar Dancers, Ngaire Pigram, Clint Bracknell, Jake and the Cowboys and the Urban Youth Crew (pictured below) with MC's Karla Hart and Kevin Kropinyeri entertaining the crowd throughout the day. *Survival 2013* was organised by NAIDOC Perth with the City of Perth.



Above: ALSWA CLE Officer Bethany Campbell and ALSWA Civil/Human Rights lawyer Sarouche Razi at ALSWA's Survival stall, and below: The Urban Youth Crew performing on stage at Survival 2013.



Irish Wedding Bells



Congratulations to ALSWA's Bronagh Morgan (nee Quinn) who recently returned home to Ireland for her wedding. The day was celebrated with family and friends in her hometown of County Down in true Irish style

with the weather reaching 3 degrees on the big day.

Arriving in Australia four years ago, Bronagh has spent more than half of that time working with ALSWA, and is a respected and valued member of the ALSWA team, part of her extended family away from home. ALSWA wishes Bronagh and Colm every good wish for the future!



Vale Gavin Mooney and Del Weston



It was with immense sadness that ALSWA learnt of the loss of husband and wife Professor Gavin Mooney and Dr. Del Weston in Tasmania in December 2012.

“This couple were such an inspiration to others – they were people who deeply cared and will be greatly missed. Gavin and Del cared about people, they cared about the welfare and well-being of others and

they cared about advocacy, equity and social justice” said ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington. “They have worked closely with ALSWA over the years, and have always had such great passion, respect and integrity. ALSWA has co-authored research papers on health and social justice issues with both Gavin and Del and we are privileged to have formed such a

close bond with two people who shared our passion for equality.

For some of our staff and many other people within our community, this loss reaches far beyond the incredible contributions made by Gavin and Del on a professional level. To many of us we have lost true friends, a rare and valued couple who have given so much and will be so missed” said Mr. Eggington.

From the UK to ALSWA Carnarvon



John Nuttall, ALSWA Carnarvon based lawyer

When John Nuttall arrived in WA in July 2012 he headed straight to our Carnarvon office where he joined our legal team in the Gascoyne Region.

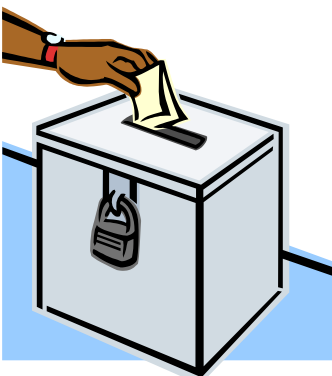
Originally from Burnley, Lancashire, John, whose wife is from WA, had visited Australia several times and knew

that Australia held better prospects for his young family. “I’ve always been involved in criminal defence work and applied to work at ALSWA because I love trying to stand up for those without a voice otherwise in court” he said. John said that the move to WA was a “steep learning curve”. “I had little information

on Aboriginal people and Culture so read up before I arrived, and I really love the job and get on well with those I work with in Carnarvon”.

Apart from work, John Nuttall is in the middle of studying to confirm his cross qualification. “That, along with a young family takes all my time up!” he said.

Make your Vote Count at the Federal Election on 14th September 2013



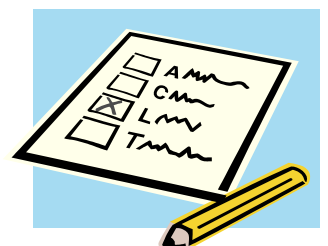
Now that the date of the Federal Election has been announced, it’s a good time to check that your enrolment details are up-to-date.

Election day is on Saturday 14th September 2013 and if you are aged 18 or

over, you are required by law to enrol and vote in the Federal Election.

If you’re not sure how to enrol, or whether you are still on the electoral roll or not, you can check by phoning the Australian Electoral Commission on 132326

More information is also available on their website at www.aec.gov.au



ALSWA Accountant awarded Scholarship

ALSWA's Chief Financial Officer Tina Ward is thrilled to have been selected as a recipient of the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF)/Origin Foundation Scholarship.

"I was really excited to be chosen from amongst hundreds of applicants because only five full scholarships (valued at \$3000) each, were awarded throughout Australia" said Ms. Ward, who has worked at ALSWA since 2008.

The scholarship will provide the opportunity for Tina to complete a three day course at Chartered Secretaries Australia, providing her with the practical tools and a strong foundation in corporate governance in Not-for-Profit organisations, particularly in regard to risk, regulatory compliance, officer/

board compliance and financial management.

"This will help me with my work here at ALSWA and also at CoMHWA (Consumers of Mental Health WA Inc) where I am a Board Member" she said.

Having worked in the Not-for-Profit sphere for many years, Tina loves the variety of the work afforded to her at ALSWA. "I know each of us have our own gifting in life, mine is accounting. I love balancing figures, budgeting, doing BAS and FBT returns and I enjoy the additional projects that I take on at different times, such as funding submissions, getting out and about and working with and for our staff here at ALSWA" said Ms. Ward. ALSWA congratulates Tina on her achievements and being awarded the Scholarship.



Above: Scholarship recipient Tina Ward, ALSWA's Chief Financial Officer

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One-off Funding will assist in regional Family Law matters

Thanks to a one-off grant from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, ALSWA's Family Law services will receive a much needed boost between now and June 2014.

"Family Law is a very

important part of ALSWA's service delivery and Mary Chape (on right) and her team do a fantastic job in providing our Community members with assistance in Family Law Matters" said ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington.

The funding will enable ALSWA to employ additional staff to enhance its delivery of Family Law assistance in regional WA and ALSWA is grateful for the ongoing support of the Attorney-General's Department.



Mary Chape ALSWA Family Law Managing Solicitor

Jemma’s Kangaroo Stew and Damper

INGREDIENTS

- 1 hand full of Kangaroo meat
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 onion
- 2 bacon slices
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 hand full parsley pieces

DAMPER

- 2 hand full of sr flour
- 1 hand full of plain flour
- 3 cups of water



METHOD

Stew

Chop and Heat the kangaroo in pan
Chop all the ingredients and add to pan cook until meat is cooked

DAMPER

Get a bowl mix you flour and water together.

Put flour on bench and knead it until soft and flatten the dough out.

Put it in the oven on a tray

200 degrees 15min

Bernie’s Bush Tucker - Barramundi

- 180 g barramundi ocean caught and line caught
- sea salt to flavour
- Ground black Pepper to flavour
- fresh sprigs Thyme
- Lemon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- Fresh broad bean, wild mushroom
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 30g spring onions peeled and sliced fine
- baby Garlic peeled and sliced
- 1 tin borlotti chick peas
- 30g selection of wild mushrooms roughly torn
- 30g fresh Broad beans pod, blanch, peel
- Lemon cheek to squeeze
- 1 teaspoon fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon fresh sweet Basil
- 1 teaspoon fresh Mint
- 1 teaspoon fresh Dill
- sea salt, Ground black Pepper



METHOD: Portion and prepare barramundi, season and rub with thyme

Heat olive oil and butter in pan to butter is golden brown, place fish in pan skin down cook both sides 1 ½mins cover & leave on low for 2 mins

Heat olive oil & butter in pan to butter is golden brown, add golden spring onion, garlic & wild mushrooms

Add beans fresh herbs salt & pepper to flavour

Place barramundi skin up on mixture & splash plate with olive oil & lemons

Can be garnished with a lightly dress micro herb salad. Serve barramundi on top of rice & beans

Serve with fresh lemon & lime

Moorditj Mum’s Kangaroo Curry

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| 1 pack of kangaroo fillets or steaks | 1 table spoon of fish sauce |
| 1 sweet potato | 2 table spoons of green curry paste |
| 1 carrot | ½ a teaspoon of raw sugar |
| Quarter cauliflower | 6 kafir lime leaves |
| Quarter onion | 1 sprig fresh coriander |
| 2 cloves of garlic | |
| 1 table spoon olive oil | |
| 1 tin of coconut cream | |
| 1 lemon | |

METHOD: Heat olive oil in pan, add sliced up onion and garlic. Add chopped up kangaroo meat. Cook a little until slightly brown and onion is clear. Add curry paste and kafir lime leaves and the washed root only of the coriander. Add chopped up carrot and sweet potato and a cup of water and simmer on medium heat for five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cauliflower and 2 thirds of the tin of coconut cream, fish sauce, lemon juice and check taste and adjust by adding more fish sauce, sugar, coconut cream or lemon juice. *Serve on jasmine rice with coriander leaves to garnish.*

“Moorditj Mum’s” Cookbook
Enquiries to Claire.Yates@central.wa.edu.au

Your donation or bequest will make a difference to ALSWA

To continue and expand upon our invaluable work within WA's justice system, ALSWA welcomes donations from people and organisations who also share our vision for a better and fairer future for all Western Australians.

ALSWA is the proud recipient of the 2012 Human Rights Award (Community Organisation) which acknowledges ALSWA's tireless efforts in striving for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through:

Enhancing the rights of Indigenous Australians;

Increasing awareness of issues of injustice or inequality in Australia;

Taking action to overcome discrimination or infringement of human rights within Australia.

ALSWA provides legal representation and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, through a holistic approach which goes well beyond providing just a legal service.

Our philosophy is enshrined in human rights principles through our work in criminal law, civil law, family law, advocacy, community legal education and media involvement. Funded through the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department for day to day operations, ALSWA receives no funding

from the State of Western Australia in providing legal support and representation to some of this state's most disadvantaged peoples.

To fully achieve our goals and continuing human rights and advocacy work, ALSWA relies upon contributions from individuals and organisations.

It is only through the goodwill of our supporters that ALSWA can adequately advocate, lobby and provide a strong voice nationally and internationally on the continued struggles and inequality faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"We know there are many people who share our vision for a better future for all Australians and we thank you for your support in our ongoing struggle for justice"



ALSWA CEO Adjunct
Professor Dennis Eggington
(Former National NAIDOC
Person of the Year, WA
Citizen of the Year
'ndigenous Leadership/John
Curtin Medal recipient)

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Perth to host national NAIDOC celebrations in 2013

National NAIDOC celebrations will be held in Perth this year and "**We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963**" is the 2013 NAIDOC theme. It was selected by the National NAIDOC Committee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to Federal Parliament. In 1963 the Yolngu people of northeast Arnhem Land presented the petition framed by traditional bark paintings to seek recognition of rights to their traditional lands on the Gove Peninsula.

The NAIDOC Poster competition closes on Friday 29th March and Nominations for the 2013 National NAIDOC Awards close on Friday 26th April, 2013.



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PETITIONS 1963**

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