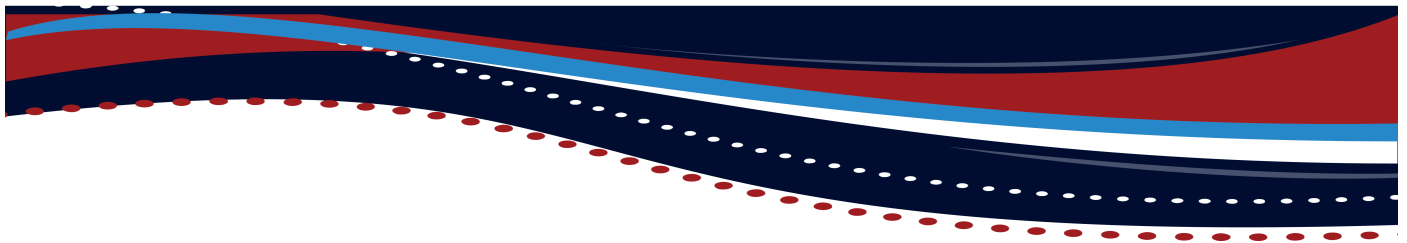


# Future Footprints Newsletter

## Term 2 2016



School children and community members celebrating Sorry day recently at Welling ton Square in Perth.



## *Hi Everyone*

Future Footprints has had a very busy term with many events and activities held with some schools celebrating NAIDOC week this term. St Marys Anglican Girls School held a terrific sausage sizzle, students dined on bush tucker and dampers cooked by the girls at PLC and the Iona girls cooked did a superb job at their annual cook up of damper, kangaroo and crocodile sausages. Perth College held a formal Dinner and had graduate of the College Ms Richelle Hume as their guest speaker.

Our annual Career Expo was a huge success with over 200 students attending. Exhibitors are always delighted to be a part of our

innovative Expo. Students had the opportunity to speak with many agencies, Universities and training institutions on what they offer in terms of scholarships, cadetships and pathways to employment.

The popular Black & White Social was held in Week 5, this event was very well attended by all schools and supporters. Student's dressed in black and white and they were told to invite a non-Aboriginal friend. Prizes were awarded for the best B&W outfit.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce the new appointment of Ms Lisa Fieldhouse as our Aboriginal Liaison Officer on the departure of Christina Geerlings. Lisa brings a wealth of experience to our program having worked as the first Aboriginal Liaison Officer with Future Footprints in 2004 when the program started. Lisa has been the ALO at St Brigid's College for over 8 years and we are very excited to welcome Lisa aboard.

Finally I would love to hear from any parents or families about any issues your students may have with boarding. Please feel free to contact me or Lisa.

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### *UPCOMING EVENT*

SCOTCH COLLEGE  
YIRA YARKINY NAIDOC CONCERT  
Indigenous Cultural Immersion

**6 AUGUST 2016**

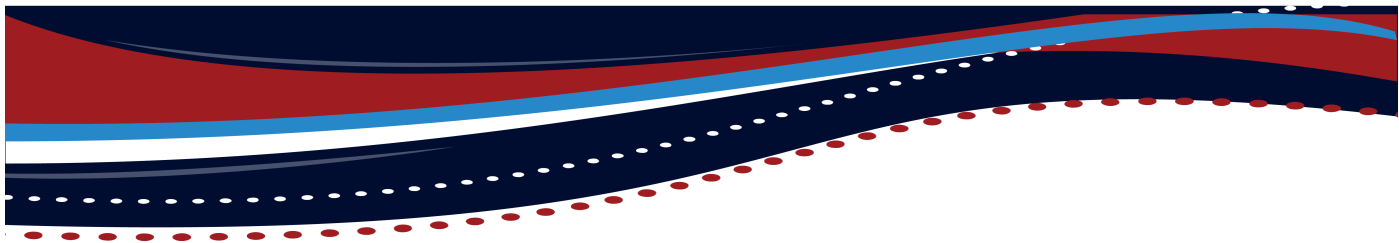
**6.30 – 8.30**

Dickinson Centre  
Scotch College

PERFORMANCES BY  
SCOTCH COLLEGE | PLC |  
GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL |  
WESLEY COLLEGE







## Student Council

Student representatives from Future Footprints associated schools meet every term to participate in leadership and career guidance workshops. Scotch College hosted this terms meeting where the Student representatives had the opportunity to seek guidance with career pathways and learnt which careers they were suited too based on a personality assessment. Upon completion of the workshops they all enjoyed a meal of pizza.

Pictured working in a group session are: Hannah Chulung— PLC, Duana Nickols— Iona Presentation College, Latisha McGlinn - Santa Maria College, Will Bernard— Hale School, Alden Lands - Christ Church Grammar School and Tremayne Hodder - Wesley College.





### **Santa Maria College raises the Torres Strait Islands flag.**

A very moving ceremony was conducted by the College this term to honour and acknowledge the Torres Strait Islands culture.

Angeline Mene who hails from the Torres Strait approached the Principal Mr Elder to have her home flag flying at the College. Many of her family flew over from QLD and Port Hedland to participate in the special ceremony where a beautiful framed dhari [headdress] was presented to the school by the family.

Angeline spoke of her journey and how she was so proud of the College honouring her culture. Guests were treated to a wonderful morning tea hosted by the College in the staff room.

Angeline Mene picture with her parents and Principal Mr Elder



### **Youth Gala Day Netball Carnival**

Girls from three Colleges recently took part in the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day netball carnival organised by Netball WA and the West Coast Fever and held at the Swan Districts netball Association in Midvale.

The U14's and U18's girls came runners up. Several girls were selected to trial out for the Indigenous All Stars team and go to Canberra.

### ***Congratulations***

Guildford Grammar students Joseph Hinder and Durack Tucker were selected to represent WA in the State U/16 AFL team.

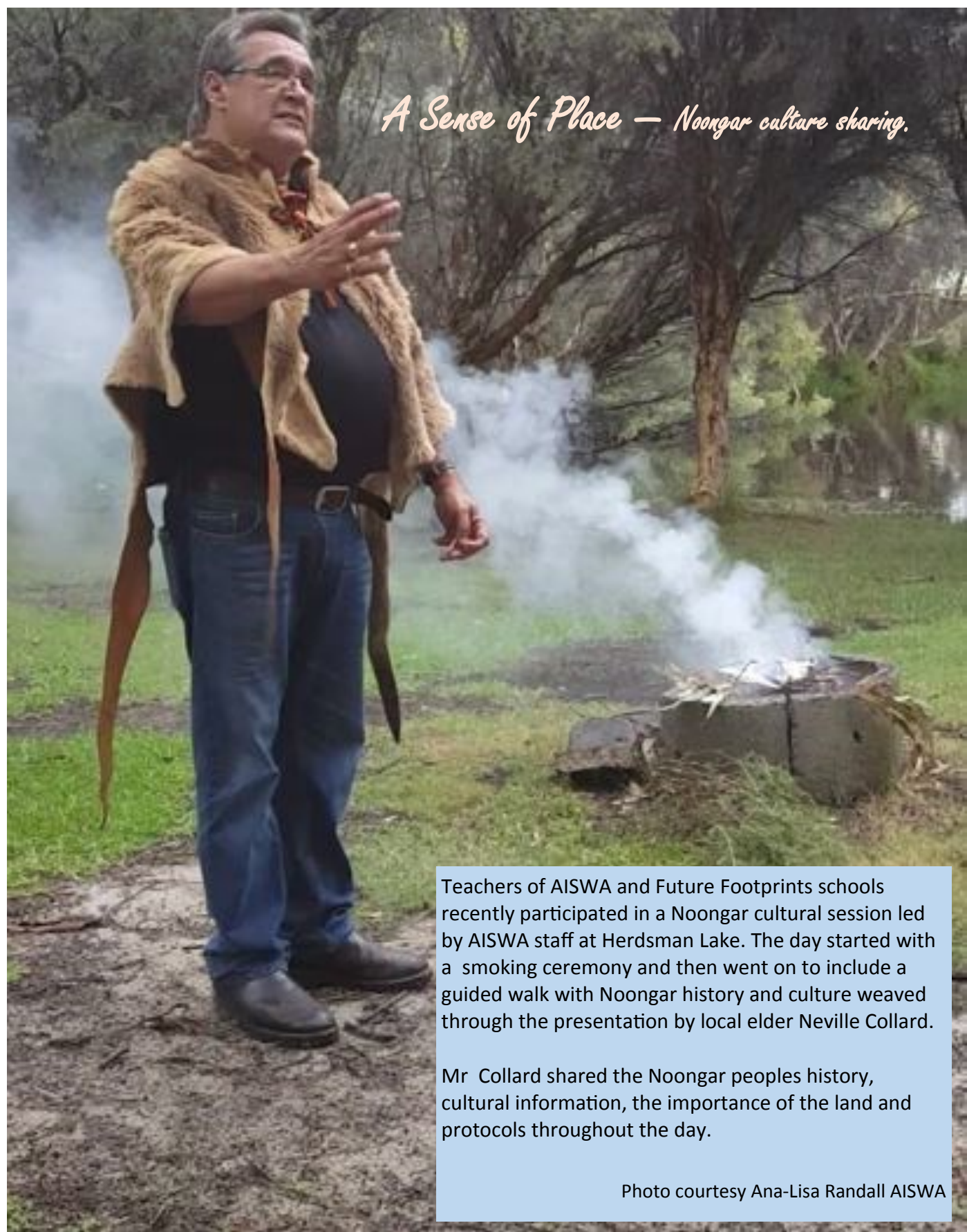
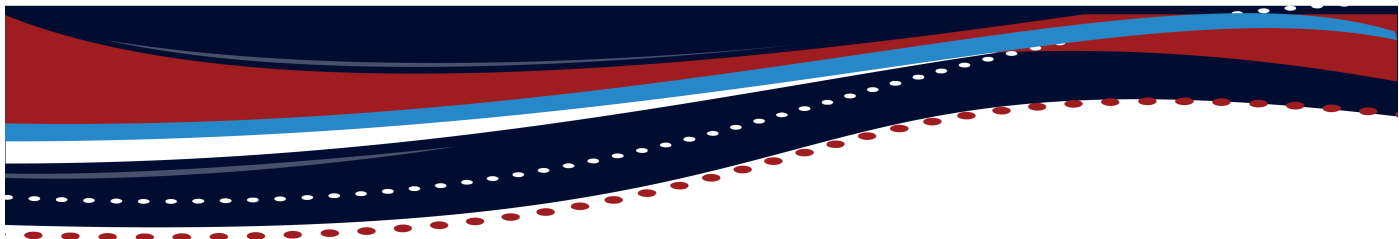


Bobby Hill from Wesley College was also selected in the team.

The boys travelled to Adelaide to take part in the football carnival.







*A Sense of Place — Noongar culture sharing.*

Teachers of AISWA and Future Footprints schools recently participated in a Noongar cultural session led by AISWA staff at Herdsman Lake. The day started with a smoking ceremony and then went on to include a guided walk with Noongar history and culture weaved through the presentation by local elder Neville Collard.

Mr Collard shared the Noongar peoples history, cultural information, the importance of the land and protocols throughout the day.

Photo courtesy Ana-Lisa Randall AISWA



# Black & White Social

Many thanks to Guildford Grammar School for hosting this year's Social.

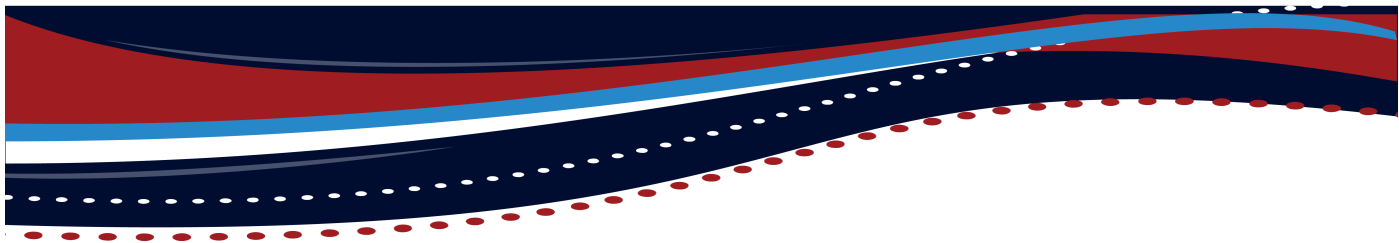
The theme for the Social was "Reconciliation" and all students who attend were encouraged to bring a non-Indigenous partner which worked well and is highly supported by all involved. A prize was given to the best dressed black and white outfit with the categories being for a Male and Female.

Thank you to the boys who set up the Gym and thanks to all the volunteers. Thank you to all the Coordinators for your input and the schools for your attendance.

A special thank you to Mr Gary Thwaites—a wonderful friend and supporter of our Black & White Social.









## St Brigid's out in the Community



St Brigid's College students were delighted to visit Senator Linda Reynolds office and meet Senator Nigel Scullion Minister for Indigenous Affairs. The Senator said she was inspired to hear their extraordinary stories and discuss the issues young Aboriginal women have today and most importantly, their ideas on how we can come together to create a resolution.







## **Guildford Grammar Schools Boodjar Bidi group perform with WA Sympathy Orchestra**

Guildford Grammar Schools Indigenous Dance group Boodjar Bidi and the schools string ensemble had an amazing opportunity to combine with WASO to perform a special welcome to country. Assisted by custodian Barry McGuire the boys, who had never worked with a professional ensemble before, performed admirably. Headmaster Mr Webber said, "It was a moving experience to witness a true collaboration of this nature and to have our student's Involved by performing Indigenous songs and dance that connect through thousands of years of history."

Andrew Beck, Programme Coordinator says he hopes to collaborate with WASO again and is always seeking opportunities to take the groups performances to another level. Last year they performed at Telethon and will do so again this year with another new collaboration.



Boodjar Bidi and Barry McGuire

photo courtesy WASO Facebook

**Iona Presentation College** celebrated their NAIDOC week this term.

Madalah's Angela Murphy and Roni Forrest assisted the girls who did a fantastic job of cooking dampers and bush sausages for their entire school!

The crocodile sausages were very popular and staff enjoyed a feast as well.

Pictured are Lani Pogram and Roni Forrest cooking sausages



## ***Congratulations***

Presbyterian Ladies College student **Sharyce Krakouer** who hails from Mt Barker was selected in the WA State girls AFL U15 AFL team.

Roni Forrest organised a crowd fundraiser for Sharyce and raised the goal she needed to be able to attend the competition in a week.

Well done Sharyce and we look forward to hearing more of your success.



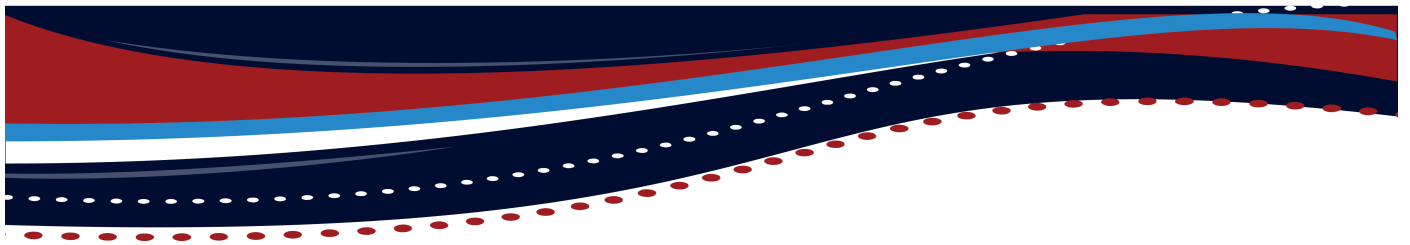
NAIDOC week was celebrated at Presbyterian Ladies College this term. Roni helped the girls cook damper at the Boarding House which was very popular the next day at the Cook up. All students enjoyed the many varieties of sausages and bush sauces.

The entire school celebrated at an Assembly where they unveiled the completed set of school art work developed last year by the 2015 Reconciliation captain. Focusing on the national theme of NAIDOC week, Songlines, Tahnee and Kiehana Carter also presented their short video of the stories handed to them by their grandmothers.

Pictured is school leader Lyndi Bradshaw who coordinated the damper cooking.







**St Mary's College** also had their NAIDOC day this term.

The students cooked a wonderful bush tucker BBQ for the entire school.

Pictured are Tenique Bonney, Teneisha Quinn, Kaitlyn Wheeldon, Ruby Lockyer, Marlanie Haerewa and Maddie Rogers with Roni Forrest



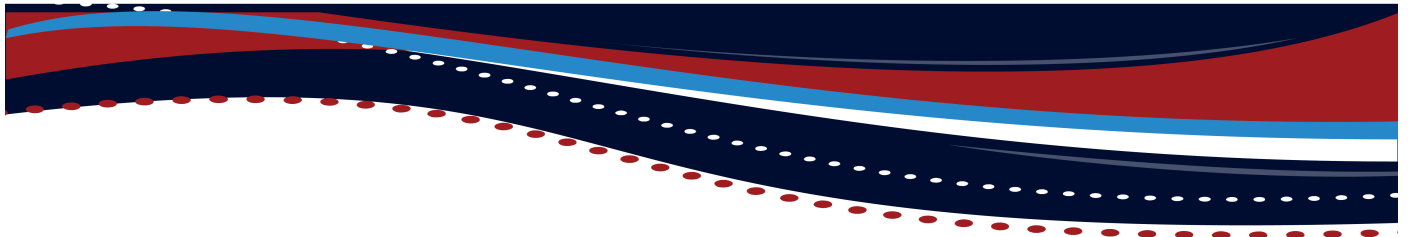
The students assisted Mrs Pengelley in making Aboriginal flags to hang in their School and all students wrote messages and placed a hand in the sea of Hands.

Noongar singer songwriter, Gina Williams taught students a Noongar song and then she performed at the whole of school Assembly. Year 12 Leaver presented staff with an artistic painting to thank them for their support.

## Wesley College art project

Bunnings Belmont approached Wesley College to have students paint their stories on canvas tiles for an installation to acknowledge and honour the theme of 2016 NAIDOC: Songlines. The art was installed in the foyer of the warehouse in Belmont and will be handed back to the College after NAIDOC.





## **Perth College students told of Sorry Days significance by Aboriginal leader Jim Morrison**

INFLUENTIAL Aboriginal leader Jim Morrison spoke to students of injustices done to his family and other Indigenous people in a first for Perth College. Invited by his Year 9 granddaughter Mikayla Morrison to speak before Sorry Day last week, the co-founder and Board member of Reconciliation WA and co-convenor of the “Bringing Them Home” committee explained how the Australian government tried to “breed out the black”.

Jim said “Sorry Day is a serious day for me. I had 30 parents stolen, dad was the oldest of 23 and mum was one of seven” Uncles and aunties are considered parents (in our culture). “It is a dreadful part of Australian history that is not taught in all schools.” He encouraged students to think about how they would feel if they were locked up at school and never saw their family again. Mr Morrison called for Aboriginal culture to be part of the school curriculum so these injustices could be taught and people could learn from them. “(There are) *The Voice* contestants whose family members were stolen; it’s there in your face now,” he said. “It is important for kids to understand why there is a level of dysfunction. “It’s not ancient history, it’s something we should be learning now and aboriginal culture should be in the curriculum. “That’s how proper reconciliation starts.”



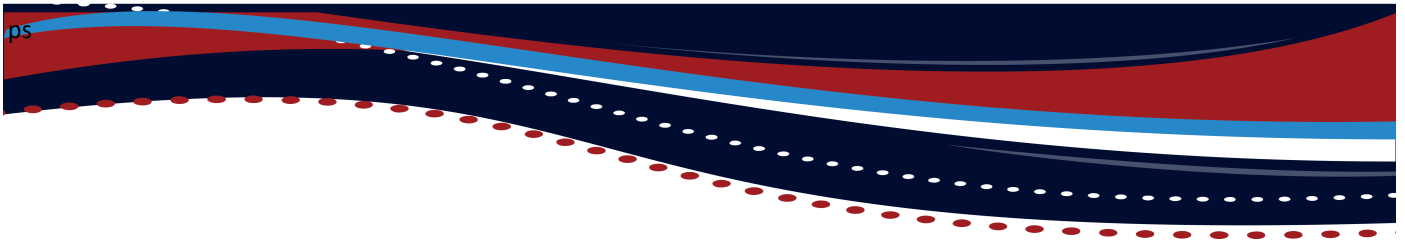


## Sorry Day 2016

National Sorry Day is designed to express regret over the historical mistreatment of Aboriginal peoples. Wellington Square in Perth was the venue for people to come together and share the steps towards healing for the indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

Pictured are PLC girls and guest speakers.





## PSA Indigenous Round

Every year PSA celebrate Indigenous round in the football competition. All teams designed and wore their Indigenous themed jumpers on the day in line with the AFL.

The AFL's annual round recognises and celebrates indigenous players and culture, and this year was renamed in honour of Sir Doug Nicholls. Sir Doug, was the first Aboriginal person to be knighted, he also served as Governor of South Australia and was devoted to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.







## MADALAH BALL

IYLP scholarship program provider Madalah held its inaugural Fundraiser Ball at the Crown Ballroom recently. Much needed funds were raised for the scholarship program which was supported by the community. Guests were treated to a sumptuous dinner and wonderful entertainment.

Students from Wesley College, Guildford Grammar School, PLC and Trinity College provided cultural dancing and singing.



Photo courtesy Madalah



Entertainment was provided Dan Sultan and the dance band Proof were very popular.

Amongst the many items auctioned were painted football boots, trips, resort accommodation, jewellery, and much more.

Former scholarship holder Zachary Bennett-Brook painted live in the Ballroom and the painting was auctioned off to a generous buyer.

Well done to Angela Murphy and Madalah for organising a wonderful evening.

Pictured at the Ball are Jo Pengelley— St Mary's, Felicity Byers— Scotch College, Ben Lewis— Wesley College, Chris Miles— Christ Church Grammar School, Maria Dzubiel— Perth College, Tracey Walker—PLC, Roni Forrest— Future Footprints and Lisa Fieldhouse - St Brigid's' College  
Photo courtesy Felicity Byers Scotch College



# 2016 Career Expo

The 2016 Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo was another successful event very well attended by all schools. At the Expo students get the opportunity to seek information on University courses, pathways and scholarships as well as employment options. Exhibitors at this year's Career Expo included, universities, TAFE's, Government Departments and companies such as Woodside, Water Corporation and Rio Tinto. Current students also listened to inspirational stories from former Future Footprints Program students now studying at University and in employment. Torey Rickerby and Trent Haerewa who graduated from Hale School both spoke of the challenges of boarding and how they have embraced their life at University by getting involved in many activities on offer. Ebonye Taylor and Josie Janz Dawson encouraged the students to embrace their identity and to play to your strengths and take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way.

One hundred and seventy two students from 17 schools explored careers with more than 30 different organisations at the innovative careers expo which is held annually at the University of WA Business School. Now in its eighth year the Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo is a wonderful opportunity to support Indigenous students to engage in productive employment opportunities.

AISWA are extremely proud of the wonderful partnerships formed with Woodside who generously sponsor the Career Expo, UWA Business who host the Expo and the School of Indigenous studies for their ongoing support.



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Student Panellists

Ebonye Taylor, Torey Rickerby, Josie Janz-Dawson and Trent Hareawa

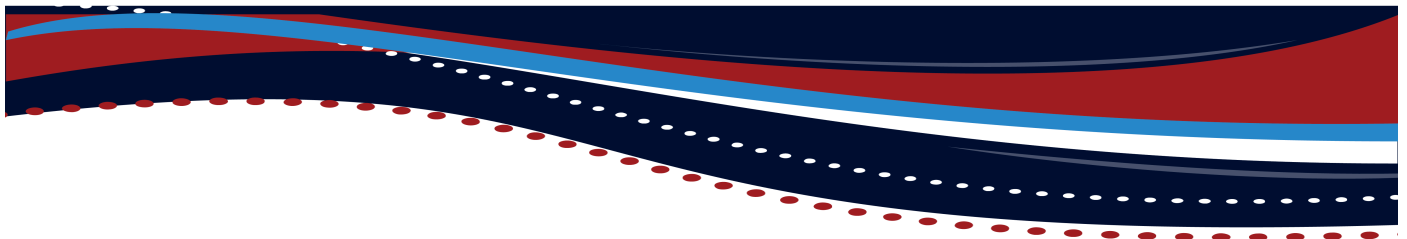


# Career Expo cont....

Students taking advantage of the many opportunities to speak with the various exhibitors which included Water Corporation, the Defence Department recruitment, many Universities and the Aboriginal Training & Workforce Development team. There was also opportunities to check out accommodation services from University accommodation and the Indigenous Youth Mobility program, which seeks to relocate regional students for training and employment in Perth post secondary studies.







## Celebrating NAIDOC week

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

We encourage all Australians to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces

**HAPPY NAIDOC WEEK**



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Hale School student Patrick Hedlam with West Coast Eagles players on Sorry Day 2016