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## State-of-the-art quarantine yards at Kalgoorlie

I recently had the opportunity to inspect the new quarantine station being built on the outskirts of Kalgoorlie. The facility is very impressive with isolation yards for all types of animals ranging from sheep and alpacas through to horses and camels. On site there is a shearing shed, drenching races, cradles for restraining woolly animals for the removal of burr seeds, and a truck wash down bay all with plenty of shade. This will be a valuable stop for animals to be rested when they are transported long distances. Thanks to the great work of the stock inspectors in Kalgoorlie over the last century, Western Australia has remained largely free of some of the worst weeds and diseases now endemic in the Eastern States.

The quarantine station also tests for animal pests and diseases such as Liver Fluke, ticks, OJD and BJD and equine influenza (EI).

Even though animals come into our State with all the correct paperwork saying they are pest and disease free, 10% of animals are found to be carrying seed contaminants and some are found to be carrying falsified papers.

There is no doubt that animal biosecurity is best enforced before animals reach the metropolitan and farming areas. Kalgoorlie is the best place for this so the animals can be quickly transported on to their various destinations in the State.

## Leonora Golden Gift

The town of Leonora was really buzzing over the June long weekend as people flocked to town to witness Australia's richest footrace.

The weekend of celebrations included bush horse races, street stalls, a free concert on the Saturday

night and a chance to see Australia's best runners competing for gold nuggets and substantial prize money in the cordoned off main street of town. The fireworks display was spectacular and felt like it went on forever.

What a great effort by the small band of volunteers in town – it is amazing what a small town can achieve when they all work together.

A special thanks needs to go to the sponsors of the event, Minara Community Foundation, BHP Billiton and St Barbara Mines Limited.



*Leonora Gift*

## Nyangumarta determination

What an honour to be able to attend a sitting of the Federal Court on Walla Downs to hear the determination brought down by Justice Tony North on the native title claim of the Nyangumarta people. Justice North was escorted to the hearing by aboriginal dancers and gave his determination to an assembled crowd of over 100 people, including the local pastoralists, representatives of the fishing and pearling industry and of course Nyangumarta people of all ages.



*Nyangumarta elder, Nyaparu Rose and Brandon Walters celebrate the decision with Justice Tony North (right), dancers and Baz Lubermann (left)*

It was a very moving occasion with speeches by the Federal Attorney General Hon Robert McClelland, the State Attorney General, Hon Christian Porter and the anthropologist who assisted with the claim, Nick Smith. The Nyangumarta elder, Nyaparu Rose, who was part of the negotiating group for the 11 years of the process made a very emotional speech about what the determination meant to her people.

The determination was made easier by the fact that it was not contested and all sides came to the negotiating table in good faith. I wish everyone well as they explore the meaning of the new connection to country the Nyangumarta people have achieved.

## Land problem solved for primary school

I visited Esperance Christian Primary School to meet with staff and hear their plans for the future of the school.

I was able to help them streamline land acquisition issues and am very excited to see their plans for the future are well underway.

The development at the school includes an upgraded library and computer room, which may also open to the public. Upgrades to the carpark, and reroofing of the existing library and computer room. Also resurfacing of the multi-court facility.



*Jodie-Lee Ladbrook, Home and School Chairperson, Principal Shannon Quick and Wendy Duncan*