

**MEDIA ALERT Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

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*Regional Forum*  
*Keepit Aboriginal Community Employment Strategy*  
*(ACES)*  
*Gunnedah, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

The Northern Inland Regional Development Board (NIRDB) would like to invite members of the media to attend a Region Forum being held to discuss the development of an Aboriginal Community Employment Strategy (ACES). The Keepit Region includes Gunnedah, Liverpool Plains and Narrabri Shires.

This Forum will bring together a wide range of stakeholders – employers and employment service providers; training organisations and schools; Aboriginal and other community organisations; government bodies and agencies – from across the Region as well as those working at state or national levels to improve both the quantity and quality of employment outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The agenda will focus on two strategic questions: **First**, is there sufficient interest by key stakeholders to develop an Aboriginal Community Employment Strategy? **Second**, what are the regional priorities to improve the quantity and quality of employment outcomes for Aboriginal people?”

**Where:** Gunnedah Civic Centre

**When:** 09:30am-4.30pm, Tuesday 19 May 2009

The most opportune time for media, particularly to do one on one interviews, will be from Midday onwards.

Lunch will be provided.

**The Program for the Forum is:**

<b>09:30am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Workshop Part I</b>
<b>12:30-1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.30-4.00pm</b>	<b>Workshop Part II</b>
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Close</b>

Media interviews and Briefing Packs will be available.

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