

## TRIP BRIEFING NOTE

FROM	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships		
FOR	Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships		
FOR TRIP TO	Cape York communities of Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Napranum, Northern Peninsula Area, Lockhart River and Wujal Wujal		
DATE OF TRIP	Thursday, 26 November—Friday, 27 November 2015		
Contact Officer	Allen Cunneen, Executive Director RILPO, 4057 3860	Reference No.	DATSIP 08763-2015
Approved by	Alan Feely, DDG Economic Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. Information to support your trip to the Cape York communities of Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Napranum, Northern Peninsula Area, Lockhart River and Wujal Wujal on Thursday, 26 November to Friday, 27 November 2015.

### BACKGROUND

2. This two day visit has been arranged at the request of your office. Community Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Briefs as well as Community Datasheets have been attached for your reference.

### ISSUES

3. **Lockhart River:** Please note that a funeral is scheduled for Friday, 28 November 2015, the day following your visit. The Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council has advised that the visit is welcome and it suggests that the event be of a low-key nature.
4. **Wujal Wujal:** Please note that the Government Champion, Mr Jamie Merrick, Acting Director-General, Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation, will be holding meetings in the community on 25 to 26 November 2015. An update on these meetings will be provided to you on Thursday, 26 November 2015 prior to your visit on Friday, 27 November 2015.
5. **Wujal Wujal:** The Chief Executive Officer of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council has advised that as the visit to that community is scheduled for the Friday afternoon, access to the non-Government sector will be very limited.
6. **Northern Peninsula Area:** The Chief Executive Officer and several Councillors will not be in the community on the day of your visit.


### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—Itinerary: 26 and 27 November 2015
- Attachment 2—Kowanyama Datasheet
- Attachment 3—Kowanyama Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief
- Attachment 4—Pormpuraaw Datasheet
- Attachment 5—Pormpuraaw Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief
- Attachment 6—Napranum Datasheet
- Attachment 7—Napranum Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief
- Attachment 8—NPA Datasheet
- Attachment 9—NPA Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief

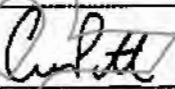
- Attachment 10—Lockhart River Datasheet
- Attachment 11—Lockhart River Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief
- Attachment 12—Wujal Wujal Datasheet
- Attachment 13—Wujal Wujal Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief.

## RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that you **note** the following information to support your trip to the Cape York communities of Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Napranum, Northern Peninsula Area, Lockhart River and Wujal Wujal on Thursday, 26 November to Friday, 27 November 2015.

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 24 / 11 / 2015

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Comments		
THANKS TO DATSI P STAFF FOR PREPARATION OF MATERIALS AND FOR TRIP SUPPORT -Cup		
 HON. CURTIS PITT MP Treasurer Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships		
30 / 11 / 2015		

# Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

## Ministerial Visit 26—27 November 2015 – Cape York

### Run Sheet

#### Six Guests

1. The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
2. Mr Garth Morgan, Senior Advisor, Office of the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
3. Mr Scott Forbes, Senior Media Advisor, Office of the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
4. Mr Josh Robertson, *The Guardian*
5. Mr Dominic Geiger, *Cairns Post*
6. Mr Allen Cunneen, Executive Director, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, DATSIP

Kowanyama			
Itinerary Item	Name(s) person picking up Minister and Group	Mobile Phone Number	Comments
<b>8:30am: Arrive Kowanyama</b> To be met by Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	Mayor, Cr Robert Holness Chief Executive Officer, Mr Emil Moul ( <b>Emm-eel</b> )	Mobile phone numbers	Nil
8:30am: Tour community viewing new subdivision and social housing, funded by the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) Program	With Mayor Holness and Mr Emil Moul		
8:45am: Tour DATSIP Retail Store	Assistant Manager, Ms Juanita Whitfield		
9:00am: Meet with representatives of community groups at Council Boardroom	Community Justice Group – Elder Members to attend (no names supplied to date)  Kowanyama Sports and Recreation Club Mr Robbie Sands Ms Wendy Wust  Kowanyama Aboriginal Land and Natural Resources Management Office Manager, Mr Chris Hannocks		

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9:50am: Travel to airport	Mayor Holness and Mr Emil Moul	Mobile phone numbers
10:00am: Depart Kowanyama for Pormpuraaw		

<b>Pormpuraaw</b>			
Itinerary Item	Name(s) person picking up Minister and Group	Mobile Phone Number	Comments
<b>10:15am: Arrive Pormpuraaw</b> To be met by Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Mayor, Cr Richard Tarpencha  Community Services Manager, Mr Trevor Adcock		Note: new Airport Terminal funded by Council
10:15am: Tour community viewing new subdivisions and social housing, funded by NPARIH. Visit new Guest House funded by Council	Guest House Coordinator, Ms Grace Morris		Nil
10:30am: School visit	Acting Principal, Mr Jason Day		
11:00am: Visit DATSIP Retail Store	Store Manager, Mr Terry McLellan		
11:15am—11:50am: Meet with representatives of community groups at Council Boardroom	Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer, Ms Ganthi Kuppusamy  Brothers United Sports Club – Manager, Ms Anna Benni  Jobfind – Manager, Ms Leah Simmons		
11:50am—12:00noon: Travel to Airport	Mayor Tarpencha and Community Services Manager, Mr Trevor Adcock		
<b>12:00noon: Depart Pormpuraaw for Weipa by air</b>			



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Napranum			
Itinerary Item	Name(s) person picking up Minister and Group	Mobile Phone Number	Comments
<p><b>Weipa</b>  <b>12:50pm: Arrive Weipa</b>            Depart for Napranum by Council bus</p> <p><b>1:00pm: Arrive in Napranum</b>            1:10pm: Council Chambers – presentation            1:30pm: Bus tour of community to include viewing of new library and end at the community store (near the Conference Centre)            1:50pm: Attend Conference Centre – informal “meet and greet” with second Welcome to Country and light snacks</p> <p><b>2:45pm: Depart Napranum for Weipa</b>            (view school and construction site enroute if time allows)</p> <p><b>2:55pm: Depart Weipa for Bamaga by air</b></p>	<p>Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Amos Njaramba</p>	<p>Mobile phone numbers</p>	<p>Nil</p>
Bamaga			
Itinerary Item	Name(s) person picking up Minister and Group	Mobile Phone Number	Comments
<p><b>Thursday, 26 November 2015</b>  <b>3:34pm: Arrive at Bamaga Airport</b>            Travel to accommodation</p> <p>4:30pm: Meet with School Principal, Mr Gordon Herbertson enroute to accommodation</p> <p>6:00pm: Meet and Greet with Council at Lodge</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b>            Cape York Peninsula Lodge            Address: Corner Lui and Adidi Streets Bamaga            Phone: (07) 4069 3050            Email:</p>	<p>Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council</p> <p>Cr Eddie Newman</p> <p>Cr Anthony Mara</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Danny Sebasio</p> <p>Council to collect group at airstrip and deliver to accommodation</p>		<p>At Meet and Greet, to meet in particular Cr Joseph Elu (Seisia) and Chair of Torres Strait Regional Authority Will be leaving early Friday morning for Thursday Island.</p>

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<p>info@cypeninsulalodge.com.au</p>			<p>The Meet and Greet will be an informal with no catering needs anticipated. The deck area and restaurant areas will be available – no bookings made or necessary.</p> <p>Note the Cape York Peninsula Lodge is managed by Bamaga Enterprises. The CEO of Bamaga Enterprises is Mr Chis Foord and is also Chairman of the NPA Liquor Accord.</p>
<p><b>Friday, 27 November 2015</b> 6:00am: Depart Bamaga for Pajinka (the "Tip") by vehicle</p> <p>8:30am: Return to Bamaga Meet Ms Libby Carney's 'Love and Logic' Program</p> <p>8:45am: Travel by vehicle to Injinoo, visit the Healing Centre and Community Health Centre</p> <p>9:30am: Drive to Umagico, community tour by vehicle and meet with Ms Clara Day, Nei Begutta Aboriginal Corporation</p> <p>10:00am: Drive to Seisia, community tour by vehicle</p>	<p>Cr Eddie Newman</p> <p>Cr Anthony Mara</p>	<p>Mobile phone numbers</p>	<p>The Love and Logic program assists parents in valuing education for their children to improve school attendance rates.</p> <p>Nai Begutta Aboriginal</p>

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			Corporation is a community organisation managing/ coordinating Family, Children and Youth Services for the New Mapoon community.
11:00am: Depart Bamaga for Aurukun by air			

Aurukun		
Itinerary Item	Name(s) person picking up Minister	Comments
12:06pm: Arrive in Aurukun	Local Police Services providing logistical support	Nil
12:00pm–2:00pm: ASC Special Council meeting (arranged previously and not related to Minister's visit)	Mayor: Dereck Walpo Councillors: Ada Woola Edgar Kerindun Angus Kerindun Vera Koometa CEO Bernie McCarthy	Minister and Group <b>not invited</b> to the meeting itself but will be meeting with FRC Commissioners in the Council Chambers at the end of the special Council meeting.
2:30pm – 3:00pm Meet FRC Commissioners	Commissioners Edgar KERINDUN (Care- ah- dun)- Sara Clan Doris POONKAMELYA (Poo-ken –mell-ah)- Putch Clan Sarah WOLMBY (Woe-em-bée)- Aplach Clan Ada WOOLLA (Wool-ah)- Winchanum Clan Dorothy POOTCHEMUNKA (Pooch-ah-mun-kah)- Winchanum / Aplach Clans Vera KOOMEETA (as spelt)- Aplach Clan Leona Yungaporta (Youg-ah-port-ah)  Aurukun FRC Coordinator: Dellis Gledhill	Note several FRC Commissioners are also Council members.  Commissioner Glasgow not in community so unavailable.  Third party personal information
3:00pm: Depart Aurukun for Cairns by air 5:06pm: Arrive in Cairns		



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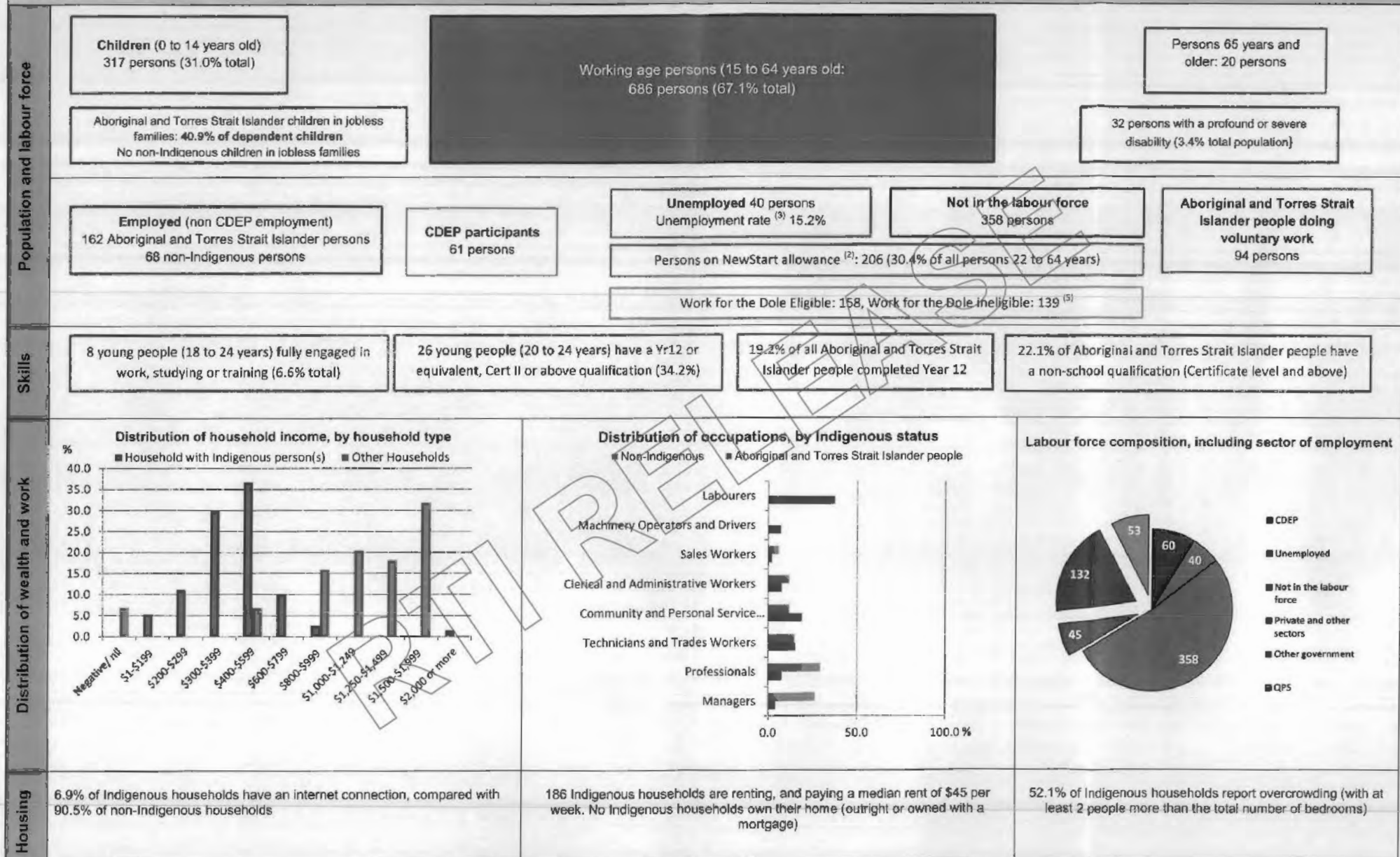
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# Kowanyama

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 1023 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons (91.7% total population)



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  - (3) Estimates of the unemployment rate exclude CDEP participants.
  - (4) Unless otherwise specified, numbers refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons.
  - (5) 2015 caseload data from Remote Jobs and Community Program providers.

## **Kowanyama Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

### **Kowanyama Sport and Recreation Association**

The Kowanyama Sport and Recreation Association (the Association) was formed when a proposal was submitted in March 2014 to retain the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) for up to 12 months and trial a Restricted Liquor Permit (RLP). A variation of the RLP approved additional trading hours for Wednesdays: 5:00pm to 9:30pm and also an increase in limit to 10 cans was approved on 15 June 2015. A condition in the RLP is that if Police or the Community Justice Group request a temporary reduction in opening hours or the drink quota due to issues or incidents in the community, the Association will comply with this request. Feedback from the Police is that the Association is operating in a responsible manner. Further, there is a zero alcohol carriage limit – no alcohol, home brew or home brew equipment is allowed.

### **Kowanyama Retail Store – Recent Upgrades**

The Kowanyama Store, which is one of the Queensland Governments six Retail Stores, recently underwent a refurbishment to bring it into line with industry and environmental health standards as well as to enhance the workplace health and safety aspects of the facility. The \$1.5 million funding required for this large scale upgrade was (\$1,470,205) provided by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP). The Indigenous architect, Mr Kevin O'Brien had significant input on the development of the refurbishment planning to ensure that the changes would fit in with the community. In addition, the new roof has just been completed and the Retail Stores' Cyclone Preparedness Plan for the 2015 is being implemented and will ensure continuity of supply of food, fuel and all other relevant essentials over the Wet Season.

### **Current Employment Data**

According to the Commonwealth Department of Employment, as at the June 2015 quarter, the unemployment rate for Kowanyama was 15.7%, noting that department's qualifications with respect to small area labour market data.

### **School Attendance**

Kowanyama school attendance is less than the State average for Indigenous students. Primary school attendance rates for Years Prep to Year 6 have ranged from 67% to 84%. However, the High school attendance rates for Years 7 to 10 are between 40% to 54%. Strategies are currently being used in Term 3 to improve attendance data.

The Kowanyama State School is having staffing issues and has limited capacity to engage and recruit teachers to the school. Three teachers have left the community this year.

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### Attachment 3

#### **Kowanyama Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

##### **Land availability – National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) Social Housing Construction**

A 26 lot subdivision is currently nearing completion with seven dwellings presently under construction within the subdivision by a private company. A further six houses are to be constructed by the Council in the near future. Thirteen lots will remain for new social housing. Under the NPARIH Program, 37 houses have been completed to date in Kowanyama.

##### **Health**

Agency Nurses fly in/out at the present time due to the limited availability of accommodation to attract full-time Nurses. This is partially being addressed by the proposed demolition of existing nurses' accommodation and construction of additional units.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council is in discussions to lease an area of the existing hospital from the Council after the area is excised from the existing hospital reserve and transferred to Council as Trustee. The area has been surveyed and is awaiting administrative actions by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

##### **Planning Scheme**

The Kowanyama Planning Scheme which came into effect in November 2013 received both State and Federal planning awards for its innovative approach to land use planning in remote Indigenous communities.

##### **Community Survey Program**

Final plans are being prepared to complete the survey of the whole of the community, creating separate lots for each property and subdividing the town area into smaller vacant lots to provide for an easier development approval process in the future.

**Kowanyama Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

<b>Kowanyama Stakeholder List</b>			
Name	Title Position	Pronunciation	Comments of relevance to the Minister's visit
Mr Robert Holness	Mayor - Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council (KASC)	Whole-ness	Nil
Mr Michael Yam	Deputy Mayor - KASC	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Terita Dick	Councillor - KASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Teddy Bernard	Councillor - KASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr William Thomas	Councillor - KASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Emil Moul	Chief Executive Officer - KASC	Mool	Nil
Mr Robbie Sands	Director, Community Services - KASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Peter Robertson	Director, Infrastructure - KASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr David Egan	Manager - Retail Store	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Juanita Whitfield	Assistant Manager	As per spelling	Nil

<b>Kowanyama Funding: Land Administration Life of NPARIH Program</b>				
Infrastructure	Community Survey	Indigenous Land Use Agreement	Cultural Heritage	Town Planning
\$3,655,000	\$170,007	\$2,683	\$191	\$216,448



# Pormpuraaw

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 668 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons (91.9% of the total population)

## Population and labour force

**Children (0 to 14 years old)**  
179 persons (26.8% total)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in jobless families: 47.9% of dependent children  
No non-Indigenous children in jobless families

**Working age persons (15 to 64 years old)**  
439 persons (65.7% total)

**Persons 65 years and older:**  
50 persons

24 persons with a profound or severe disability (4.0% total population)

**Employed (non CDEP employment)**  
134 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons  
46 non-Indigenous persons

**CDEP participants**  
52 persons

**Unemployed 51 persons**  
Unemployment rate <sup>(3)</sup> 21.5%

**Not in the labour force**  
167 persons

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people doing voluntary work**  
84 persons

Persons on NewStart allowance <sup>(2)</sup>: 188 (37.6% of all persons 22 to 64 years NA)

Work for the Dole Eligible: 119, Work for the Dole ineligible: 84 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Skills

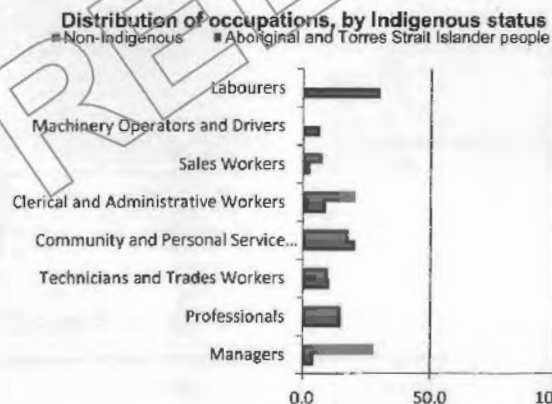
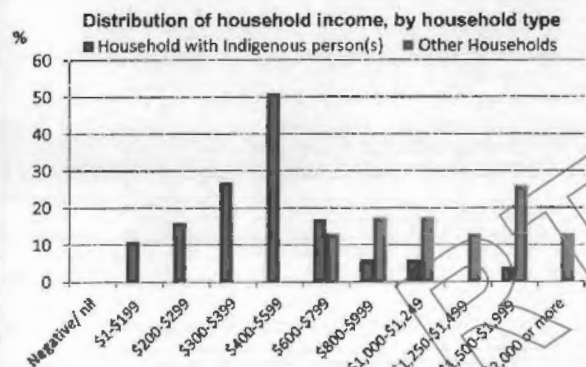
6 young people (18 to 24 years) fully engaged in work, studying or training (11.3% total)

7 young people (20 to 24 years) have a Yr12 or equivalent, Cert II or above qualification (20.6%)

13.9% of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people completed Year 12

27.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a non-school qualification (Certificate level and above)

## Distribution of wealth and work



Labour force composition, including sector of employment



## Housing

25.2% of Indigenous households have an internet connection, compared with 70.0% of non-Indigenous households

136 Indigenous households are renting, and paying a median rent of \$93 per week. No Indigenous households own their home (outright or owned with a mortgage)

31.4% of Indigenous households report overcrowding (with at least 2 people more than the total number of bedrooms)

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- (5) 2015 caseload data from Remote Jobs and Community Program providers.

## **Pormpuraaw Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

### **Pompur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation**

A new Chief Executive Officer, Ms Ganthi Kuppusamy (pron Ghan-thee Coup-po-sar-mee), has recently been appointed to the Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation (PPAC).

In recent years social services in Pormpuraaw have been delivered by PPAC. However, under funding arrangements from the Commonwealth Indigenous Advancement Strategy, the delivery of social services in Pormpuraaw is now shared with Apunipima.

### **School Attendance**

School attendance levels at the Pormpuraaw School have been very positive. The average attendance in 2015 is 82% and on average over the four 2015 Terms, 13 students have had attendance rates of 100%.

### **Employment Data**

According to the Commonwealth Department of Employment, as at the June 2015 quarter, the unemployment rate for Pormpuraaw was 15.8% noting that department's qualifications with respect to small area labour market data.

Commonwealth Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) funding has been provided to Pormpuraaw State School since 2013 and has been extended to December 2018. In Pormpuraaw, the RSAS funding is used to employ one School Attendance Supervisor (SAS) and four Student Attendance Officers (SAO).

### **Retail Store**

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council, together with other community Councils and through the Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance, has been advocating for the transfer of Retail Stores, including the Reserves, to the respective Councils. One of the options is for the Retail Stores to be leased to an existing franchise of food stores, such as IGA or Foodworks, after the assets are transferred to Council. Council considers the ownership and control of the community store as an important aspect of broadening its revenue base and moving away from welfare dependence.

### **Baas yard**

Baas Yard is an outstation originally intended as a juvenile diversions facility (Roworr) which later became an alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility. The Pormpuraaw Community Justice Rehabilitation Centre was known as "Roworr" and the centre had been operational since September 2009, however closed in 2010 due to withdrawal of funding. The Pormpuraaw community and Council would like to see this centre operational, and be supported from both the State and Commonwealth Governments as an alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility that would support families from the Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama communities.

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### Attachment 5

#### Pormpuraaw Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief

##### Women's Shelter

Community relationships

##### Street lighting

Community safety within Pormpuraaw is being impacted by a large number of damaged street lights with the existing agreement between Ergon and Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council (PASC) in relation to maintenance of street lighting preventing Council from replacing broken globes in existing street lights.

##### Land availability

The Council social housing waiting list is presently at 48 and the Council has requested that additional lots be developed to enable the construction of further social housing under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing Program for the 2016–18 period.

##### Brothers United Sporting Club

The relationship between the Council and the Brothers United Sporting Club has been under pressure since September 2014 when the General and Assistant Managers resigned from the Club due to allegations in regard to the clubs finances. A comprehensive financial audit is close to finalisation prior to deciding if criminal charges will be pursued. A new General Manager has been recruited, and the relationship between the Council and the Club Board of Directors and Manager has improved. Concerns raised in regards to their governance practices have been addressed.

Deliberative process

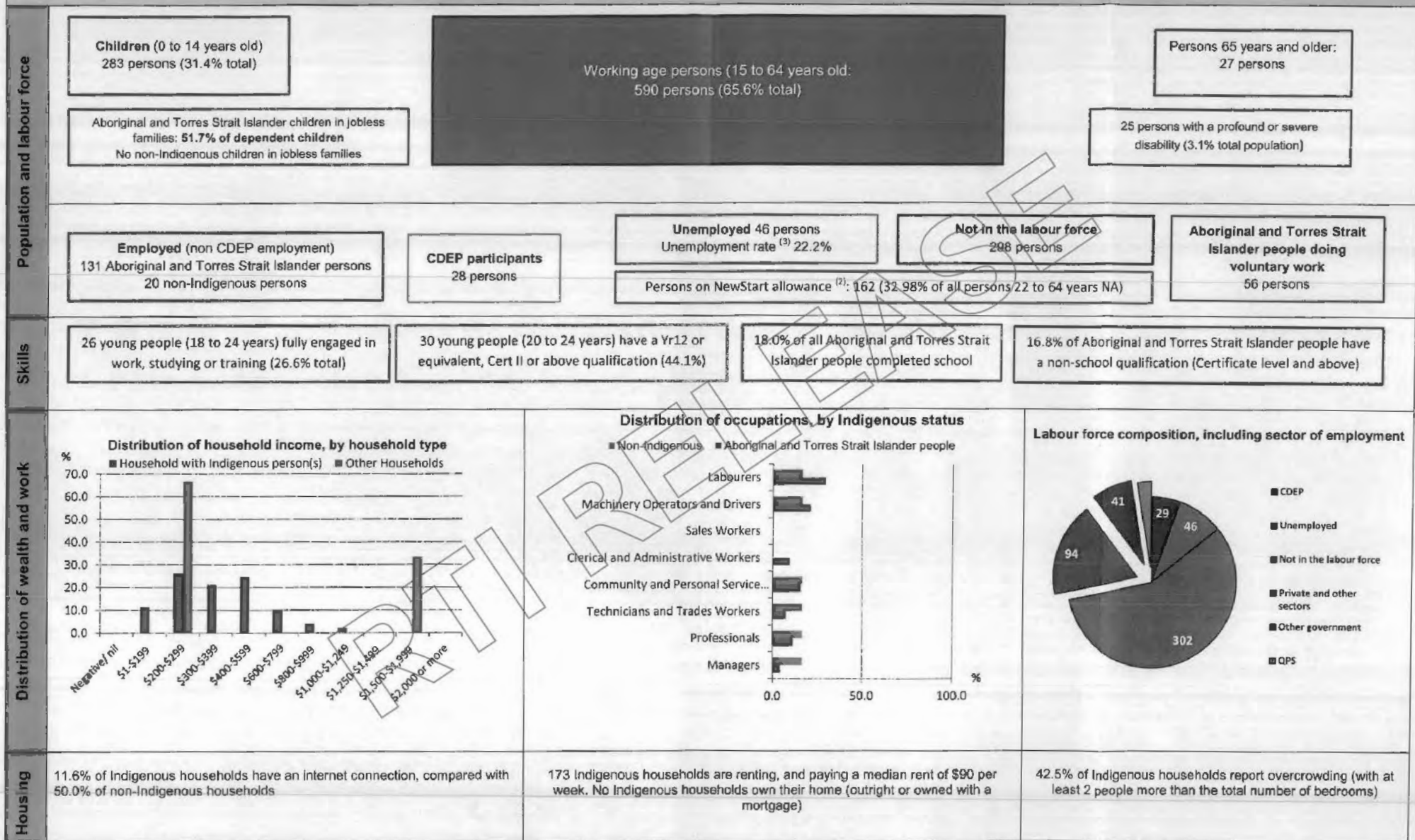
**Pormpuraaw Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

<b>Pormpuraaw Stakeholder List</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title Position</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Comments of relevance to the Minister's visit</b>
Mr Richard Tarpencha	Mayor - Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council (PASC)	Tar-pen-cha	Nil
Mr Edward Natera	Chief Executive Officer - PASC	Nah-ter-ah	Nil
Mr Toby Barney	Councillor - PASC	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Lucy Foot	Councillor - PASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Patrick Gibuma	Councillor - PASC	Gee-boom-ah	Nil
Ms Debra Holroyd	Councillor - PASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Jason Day	School Principal	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Grace Morris	Guest House Supervisor	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Terry McLennan	Manager - Retail Store	As per spelling	Nil

<b>Land Administration Life of NPARIH Program</b>				
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Community Survey</b>	<b>Indigenous Land Use Agreement</b>	<b>Cultural Heritage</b>	<b>Town Planning</b>
\$529,645	\$198,726	\$220,857	\$311	\$170,276

# Napranum

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 900 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons ( 97.2% of the total population)



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**Napranum Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

	'Ice'
Deliberative process	

'Ice' education and community awareness is required before 'Ice' becomes a problem in the Napranum community.

**Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)**

The Council facility from which the PCYC operates requires refurbishment including an extension and refurbishment of basketball and tennis courts, and a permanent stage within the building. The Council will seek funding for this; however is yet to apply to any agency.

**Community Safety**

There are concerns for the security for Napranum residents due to crime and break-ins.

The Council has investigated the possibility of more representation of the Queensland Police Service (the possibility of a Police Station in community) and Community Police Funding to be provided.



## **Napranum Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

### **Employment**

Work for the Dole and impact on the Council and community due to the 25 hours required by each participant and the repercussions if benefits are reduced or cut altogether on children and families due to non-compliance.

### **Early Years Initiatives**

The Napranum Pre-school and Kindergarten is licensed under the Council and affiliated by Creche and Kindergarten (C&K). The centre is licensed to cater up to 65 children and is at full capacity. The centre is staffed by 100% qualified Indigenous staff. The centre caters for children from the ages of three to five and a half. The centre also provides a bus service for Napranum children.

The Napranum Parents and Learning (PaL) Group is a home-based program which supports and empowers parents and family members to engage in their children's education, and the development of their early literacy and numeracy skills to build confidence and capacity. The PaL Group has grown significantly since its inception in 2001, and provides practical structured support for parents through home delivery of educational kits which have early literacy and numeracy as their focus.

### **Education**

Attendance of Napranum students at Western Cape College continues to be an issue. Napranum residents are still passionate about investigating the possibility of a school returning to Napranum for at least the P-3 Years. There is also an issue with continuity of the bus service to and from school. Retaining people with the right qualifications to drive the bus has been an issue. This is often due to the behaviour of students on the bus and the inexperience of bus monitors to assisting in ensuring appropriate behaviour.

Western Cape College has been in negotiations with the Council for office space in the new business precinct and a visible presence in the community for those students attending Western Cape College.

**Napranum Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

<b>Napranum Stakeholder List</b>			
Name	Title Position	Pronunciation	Comments of relevance to the Minister's visit
Ms Angela Lui	Area Manager - PCYC	Loo-ee	Nil
Mr Derek Carter	Manager – My Pathway	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Craig Law	Principal – Secondary Campus Western Cape College	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Sonia Schuh	Managing Director – Napranum C&K Kindy and Day Care	Shoo	Nil
Mr Roy Chevethan	Recognised Entity (RE) - RAATSICC	Chev-a-then	Nil
Ms Mary-Anne Coconut	Chair – Twal Justice Group	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Relena Ara	Coordinator – Napranum PaL	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Gloria Wallis	Senior Health Worker – Napranum Primary Health Care Clinic	As per spelling	Nil

<b>Napranum Funding: Land Administration Life of NPARIH Program</b>				
Infrastructure	Community Survey	Indigenous Land Use Agreement	Cultural Heritage	Town Planning
\$2,049,427	\$79,900	\$60,061	\$1,493	\$212,988



# Northern Peninsula Area

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 2220 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (86.7% of total population)

## Population and labour force

**Children (0 to 14 years old)**  
812 persons (36.6% total)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in jobless families: 25.1% of dependent children  
12.8% non-Indigenous children in jobless families

**Working age persons (15 to 64 years old)**  
1313 persons (59.1% total)

**Persons 65 years and older:**  
95 persons

31 persons with a profound or severe disability (1.6% total population)

**Employed (non CDEP employment)**  
504 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons  
181 non-Indigenous persons

**CDEP participants**  
57 persons

**Unemployed** 66 persons  
Unemployment rate <sup>(3)</sup> 10.5%

**Not in the labour force**  
449 persons

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people doing voluntary work**  
174 persons

Persons on NewStart allowance <sup>(2)</sup> 250 (18.9% of all persons 22 to 64 years NA)

## Skills

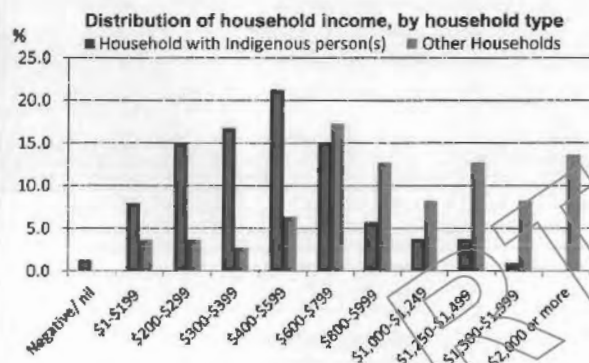
67 young people (18 to 24 years) fully engaged in work, studying or training (25.3% total)

115 young people (20 to 24 years) have a Yr12 or equivalent, Cert II or above qualification (66.1%)

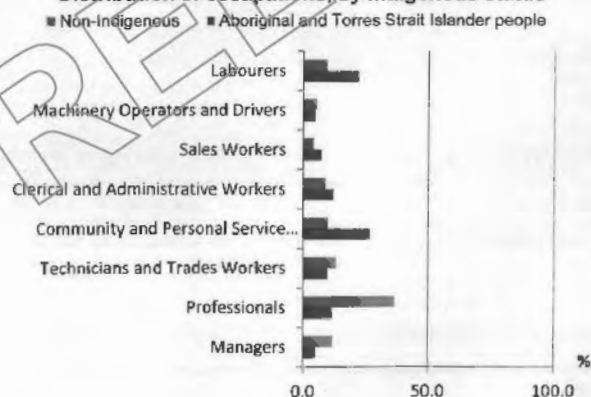
39.1% of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people completed school

40.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a non-school qualification (Certificate level and above)

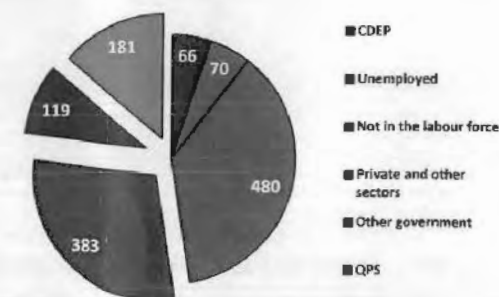
## Distribution of wealth and work



## Distribution of occupations, by Indigenous status



## Labour force composition, including sector of employment



## Housing

28.5% of Indigenous households have an internet connection, compared with 72.1% of non-Indigenous households

445 Indigenous households are renting, and paying a median rent of \$70 per week. 5 Indigenous households own their home (outright or owned with a mortgage)

43.7% of Indigenous households report overcrowding (with at least 2 people more than the total number of bedrooms)

### Notes:

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- (2) Department of Social Security. NewStart allowances are estimated at December 2014 and therefore may exceed the total number of unemployed people. Where the total number of recipients is fewer than 20, data is suppressed to preserve confidentiality. Numbers less than 20 are not counted in percentages.
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- (4) Unless otherwise specified, numbers refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

**Northern Peninsula Area Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief****Infrastructure and the Northern Peninsula Development Road**

The geographical separation of the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) acts as a tangible barrier to travel to the rural and regional centres located to the South. Compounding the sheer distance involved in travel is the limited means by which travel may be conducted.

The Northern Peninsula Development Road, the only route South from the NPA to the centres of Weipa, Cairns and the remainder of Queensland, remains unsealed for the vast majority of its length to Cairns (some 1,000 kilometres away) and is therefore subject to severe corrugation, rendering its passage suitable only for vehicles equipped with four-wheel drive. In addition, this arterial carriageway is subject to seasonal closure annually due to the wet season flooding of numerous creek and river crossings which require adequate bridging to be useable during this time of the year (typically December–April).

**Jardine River Bridge and Freight Services**

The Jardine River, intersecting the Northern Peninsula Development Road approximately 40 kilometres south of Injinoo, is crossed by the Jardine River Ferry operated by the NPA Regional Council. Due to operational restraints, the ferry operates during the hours of 8:00am–12:00pm and 1:00pm–5:00pm daily throughout the dry season, effectively severing the NPA by road for 16 hours daily when the road south would otherwise be serviceable.

The limited availability of the ferry service to members of the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland Ambulance Service is acutely dangerous, compounded by a complete lack of mobile phone reception for the entirety of the 356 kilometres south from the Jardine River to Coen (closest Hospital). There is a lack of a suitable landing site for rescue helicopters due to the propensity for dust clouds to become espoused by the unsealed road upon approach and dense roadside vegetation.

The limitations of the Northern Peninsula Development Road render freight services to the NPA by road generally are non-existent. As a result, the NPA is reliant on freight services by ocean-going carriers, a situation that directly impacts the affordability of goods and commodities, and adds to the cost of living for community members.

**Tourist Destinations boost local Economy**

The NPA receives high patronage during the dry season from tourists who utilise the Northern Peninsula Development Road to visit the communities of the NPA, islands in the Torres Region and the Northern extremity of the Australian mainland at Pajinka and Somerset. It is envisaged that the provision of an all-weather road and adequate bridges would facilitate a substantive boost to the local economy of the NPA in the following manner:

1. by rendering the NPA accessible as a driving holiday destination for the full duration of the calendar year
2. by rendering the Northern Peninsula Development Road navigable to vehicles not equipped with four wheel drives, thus establishing the availability of the NPA as a tourist destination for families and holiday makers.

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The expeditious provision of adequate bridges over river and creek crossings, including one replacing the Jardine River Ferry and the sealing of the road surface for the length of the Peninsula Development Road would provide immediate economic, social and safety benefits to all members of the community of NPA, and those communities located along the arterial route.

**Infrastructure: Telecommunications**

The communities in the NPA are deficient in the telecommunication services afforded them. The vast majority of homes in each community have no landline telephones or Internet connections available to them. One of the greater concerns is the almost complete lack of mobile telephone reception in the communities of Seisia, Umagico and Injinoo. These limitations disadvantage community members and visitors in the following ways:

1. Access to services: Many service providers do not have an office in the NPA, rendering telecommunication as the only means of access to certain services. One of the examples is banking with no branch located in the NPA, and welfare services such as Kids Helpline, Lifeline, QUIT Helpline and Beyond Blue.
2. There is no public transport in the NPA which has the effect of restricting community member's access to areas of mobile telephone and wireless broadband reception, as well as precluding people from physical attendance upon service providers and agencies that do operate in one or more communities of the NPA. An example of this restriction is that residents living in Seisia, Injinoo and Umagico have great difficulty in calling 000 to ask for Police or Ambulance Assistance. These agencies being based in Bamaga, some 10 kilometres and seven kilometres respectively from those communities, physical attendance upon these agencies is not an option in many emergent situations.
3. Transversally, the predicament severely impedes the work of agencies and service providers who often spend time and resources attempting to locate and communicate with community members who cannot be reached by phone or Internet. For example, the increased difficulty in communicating frustrates the efforts of staff of the NPA Secondary College in their attempt to build relationships with family members of children attending the College.
4. Access to Education Resources: The restricted access to Internet is a strong disadvantage for primary, secondary and tertiary students and serves as a deterrent for people wishing to undertake further studies or vocational training. For children and academic researchers who live in the NPA, this restriction affects their opportunity to research online for projects etc. For adult members of the community, this restriction adversely affects their ability to engage research projects and other educational programs offered by online distance education.

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### **Infrastructure and Social Housing**

The NPA communities are hindered by a severe lack of available housing. This situation impacts onto the community in two key ways:

1. **Overcrowding and homelessness:** Community members are often forced to reside with extended family members due to the unavailability of housing. Waiting lists for new houses result in people waiting for a period of up to five years to obtain a new residence. This situation is compounded by the lack of aged care facilities in the NPA, meaning that people need to care in-house for elderly members of their families.
2. **Limits to the numbers of service providers:** The limitation of available housing has a direct impact on the number of key service personnel who are able to live and work in the NPA. The effect on the community of this restriction is that agencies are precluded from bringing more staff to work in the NPA.

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing Program and associated State programs, the NPA Regional Council has committed to undertake civil and building works to a value of about \$20 million prior to 30 June 2016.

As part of these works, the Council has contracted to build 13 houses. The Council has requested that the date for completion of the houses be extended beyond the end of June 2016 to maximise training and employment opportunities for local Indigenous people. The Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) advised the Council the houses must be completed by 30 June 2016 and are assisting Council to meet the timeframe by providing resources. Even with the assistance of DHPW, it will be necessary to outsource some of the contracts presently issued to Council so the deadlines can be met.

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## Attachment 9

### Northern Peninsula Area Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief

NPA Stakeholder List			
Name	Title Position	Pronunciation	Comments of relevance to the Minister's visit
Mrs Michelle Tamwoy	NPA Family Support Centre	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Michael Lon	New Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Lisa Sarago and Mrs Linda Wapa	NPA Family Resource Centre	As per spelling	Nil
Mrs Clara Day	Nai Bugutta Aboriginal Corporation (Neigh Beh-goot tah)	As per spelling	Nil
Senior Sergeant Antonio Lesic	NPA Police	As per spelling	Nil
Reverend Mary Bowie	NPA Community Justice Group	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Gordon Herbertson	NPA State Secondary School	As per spelling	Nil
Mrs Relsie Ahboo	NPA State School	As per spelling	Nil
Mrs Patricia Yusia	Bamaga Kazil (Kazz-eel: Child Care Centre)	Yoo-see-ah	Nil
Mr Wes Seawald and Mr Solomon Nona	NPA Legal Education Office	As per spelling	Nil
Mrs Libby Carney and Ms Mel Pryde	NPA Healing Centre	As per spelling	Nil
Mrs Caroline Munn and Mrs Gina Nona	NPA Women's Shelter, Safe House	As per spelling	Nil
Mrs Louisa West	Umagico Childcare Centre	As per spelling	Nil

NPA Funding: Land Administration Life of NPARIH Program				
Infrastructure	Community Survey	Indigenous Land Use Agreement	Cultural Heritage	Town Planning
\$7,110,000	\$577,715	\$3,045	\$573	\$280,712



# Lockhart River

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 482 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons ( 91.1% total population)

## Population and labour force

Children (0 to 14 years old)  
115 persons (23.9% total)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in jobless families: **45.2% of dependent children**  
No non-Indigenous children in jobless families

Working age persons (15 to 64 years old):  
328 persons (68.0% total)

Persons 65 years and older: 39 persons

0 persons with a profound or severe disability (0% total population)

Employed (non CDEP employment)  
105 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons  
37 non-Indigenous persons

CDEP participants  
18 persons

Unemployed 25 persons  
Unemployment rate <sup>(3)</sup> 16.9%

Not in the labour force  
135 persons

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people doing voluntary work  
36 persons

Persons on NewStart allowance <sup>(2)</sup>: 97 (31.4% of all persons 22 to 64 years)

Work for the Dole Eligible: 72 Work for the Dole ineligible: 111 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Skills

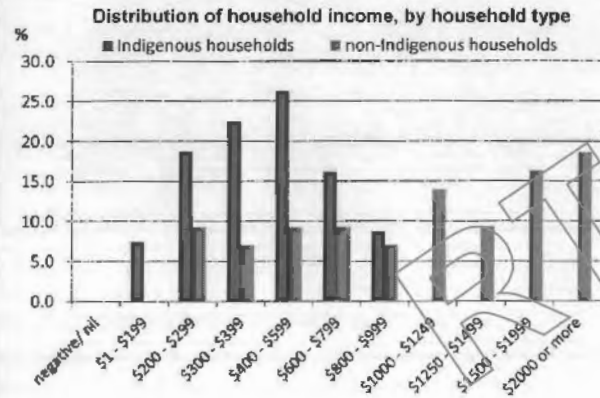
15 young people (18 to 24 years) fully engaged in work, studying or training (21.3% total)

16 young people (20 to 24 years) have a Yr12 or equivalent, Cert II or above qualification (29.4%)

18.7% of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people completed Year 12

34.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a non-school qualification (Certificate level and above)

## Distribution of wealth and work



Labour force composition, including sector of employment



## Housing

6.9% of Indigenous households have an internet connection, compared with 68.3% of non-Indigenous households

83 Indigenous households are renting, and paying a median rent of \$125 per week. 3 Indigenous households own their home (outright or owned with a mortgage)

38.8% of Indigenous households report overcrowding (with at least 2 people more than the total number of bedrooms)

### Notes:

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- (5) 2015 caseload data from Remote Jobs and Community Program providers.

## Lockhart River Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief

Deliberative process

### Early Years Initiatives

The Early Years Learning and Parenting Project is a community-led service delivery and leadership initiative. The project will include the establishment of the Kuunchi Kakana (Families Together) Centre which will provide a positive environment for a range of learning and social activities for both children and their parents. Canstruct Construction Solutions has been awarded the project and the centre is to open by February 2016.

### Education

There is a significant number of disengaged youth that are under 16 years old and therefore are of compulsory school age. The enrolment of young people at the secondary school at Lockhart River is improving, however attendance is ad hoc.

### Service Delivery

A number of service delivery positions have been vacant in the community for a period of time causing a disruption to service delivery. Accommodation is a major factor impacting on recruiting outside of community. A major inhibitor to recruiting local community residents for local jobs is numeracy and literacy levels as positions vacant require extensive reporting.

### Employment

Mandatory employment qualifications imposed by funding agencies is an impediment to filling and retaining local staff and capacity building in order to address this is warranted.

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## Attachment 11

### Lockhart River Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief

Lockhart River Stakeholder List			
Name	Title Position	Pronunciation	Comments of relevance to the Minister's visit
Mr Dale Smith	Director of Nursing – Lockhart River Primary Health Care Clinic	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Siobhan Jackson	Principal – Lockhart River State School	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Ethel Singleton	Coordinator – Pytham Women's Shelter	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Willie Clarke	Coordinator – Wulpumu Justice Group	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Dorothy Omeenyo	Director – Puuya Foundation	O-meen-yo	Nil
Mr Rodney Accoom	Men's Support Services Officer – Lockhart River Men's Group	Ah-coom	Nil
Ms Dorothy Hobson	Director Of Community Services – Lockhart River Council (YARI, HACO)	As per spelling	Nil

Lockhart River Funding: Land Administration Life of NPARIH Program				
Infrastructure	Community Survey	Indigenous Land Use Agreement	Cultural Heritage	Town Planning
\$4,307,505	\$177,964	\$284,210	\$141,062	\$137,525



# Wujal Wujal

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 275 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons; (96.5% of total population)

## Population and labour force

**Children (0 to 14 years old)**  
72 persons (26.2% total)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in jobless families: **20.0% of dependent children**  
No non-Indigenous children in jobless families

**Working age persons (15 to 64 years old):**  
194 persons (70.5% total)

**Persons 65 years and older:**  
9 persons

9 persons with a profound or severe disability (3.5% total population)

**Employed (non CDEP employment)**  
56 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons  
8 non-Indigenous persons

**CDEP participants**  
31 persons

**Unemployed 22 persons**  
Unemployment rate <sup>(3)</sup> 20.2%

**Not in the labour force**  
80 persons

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people doing voluntary work**  
27 persons

Persons on NewStart allowance <sup>(2)</sup>: 75 (47.8% of all persons 22 to 64 years NA)

Work for the Dole Eligible: 75, Work for the Dole ineligible: 49 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Skills

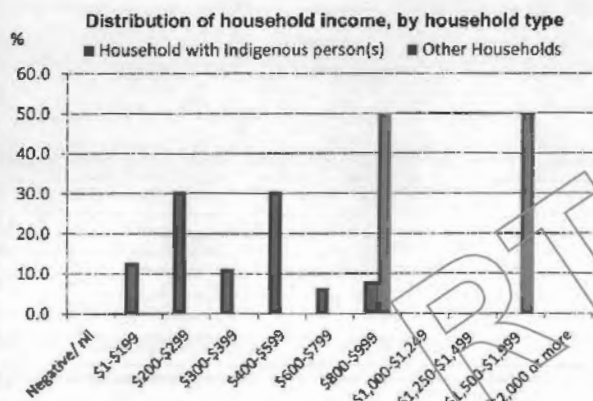
No young people (18 to 24 years) fully engaged in work, studying or training

16 young people (20 to 24 years) have a Yr12 or equivalent, Cert II or above qualification 66.7%

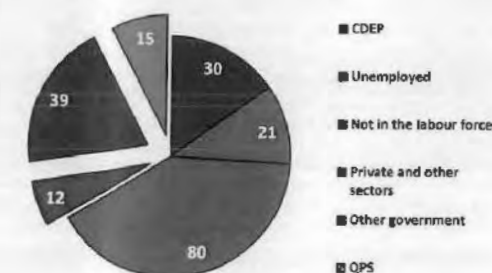
20.1% of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people completed school

27.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a non-school qualification (Certificate level and above)

## Distribution of wealth and work



## Labour force composition, including sector of employment



## Housing

36.5% of Indigenous households have an internet connection, compared with 100.0% of non-Indigenous households

63 Indigenous households are renting, and paying a median rent of \$75 per week. No Indigenous households own their home (outright or owned with a mortgage)

30.8% of Indigenous households report overcrowding (with at least 2 people more than the total number of bedrooms)

### Notes:

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- (5) 2015 caseload data from Remote Jobs and Community Program providers.

## **Wujal Wujal Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

### **Cooktown District Community Centre**

The Cooktown District Community Centre (CDCC) provides the following outreach services to Wujal Wujal:

- Playgroup Program
- Child and Family Support
- Domestic and Family Violence Counselling (including Child Witness of Domestic Violence and Perpetrator Program Counsellors)
- Generalist Counselling.

The organisation has entered into an agreement with the Council to lease space under the IKC building as a venue for their services.

It is unlikely that a representative from CDCC will be in the community during the visit and it is not anticipated that CDCC staff will raise any concerns.

### **Wujal Wujal Police Service**

Sergeant Ben Tome is the Officer in Charge of the Wujal Wujal Police Station. It is not anticipated that he will raise any issues.

### **Wujal Wujal C&K Community Kindergarten**

It is not anticipated that Kindergarten staff will raise any concerns.

### **Life Without Barriers**

It is not anticipated that Life Without Barriers staff will raise any concerns.

### **My Pathway – Job Service Provider**

It is not anticipated that My Pathway staff will raise any concerns. My Pathway participants may want to talk with you about the projects they have been undertaking, including the Media-Short Film project and the Beach Clean-Up project.

### **Wujal Wujal Community Development Officer**

Mr Garry Ashworth is the Council Community Development Officer. Mr Ashworth may want to talk with you about training for the Bana Yiriji Arts and Cultural Centre staff. Mr Ashworth has been provided with information about Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding for the Community Work Skills Program which consists of two streams: Community based training and Workskills Traineeships.

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Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

**Attachment 13**

**Wujal Wujal Issues, Stakeholder and Funding Brief**

<b>Wujal Wujal Stakeholder List</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title Position</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Comments of relevance to the Minister's visit</b>
Mr Clifford Harrigan	Mayor – Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (WWASC)	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Allister Gibson	Councillor - WWASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Vincent Tayley	Councillor - WWASC	As per spelling	Nil
Ms Natasha Duncan	Councillor - WWASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Reagan Kulka	Councillor - WWASC	As per spelling	Nil
Mr Alan Neilan	Chief Executive Officer - WWASC	As per spelling	Nil

<b>Land Administration Life of NPARIH Program</b>				
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Community Survey</b>	<b>Indigenous Land Use Agreement</b>	<b>Cultural Heritage</b>	<b>Town Planning</b>
\$2,940,000	\$144,612	\$6,027	\$94,377	\$164,118

# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
 ☐ Industrial Relations  
☐ Employment  
☒ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

<b>Request date:</b>	10 November 2015	<b>DUE to MO: (date/time)</b>	Wednesday 18 November 2015
<b>MO Ref:</b>		<b>Dept Ref:</b>	DATSIP 08763-2015
<b>Service Area:</b> (DLO to complete)	RILIPO, EP		
<b>PLEASE PREPARE:</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speaking Points (IF REQUIRED) <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Media Release <input type="checkbox"/> Run Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Guest / RSVP List <input type="checkbox"/> Function Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Post-meeting acknowledgement letter required	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> Departmental Officer required to attend			
<b>DETAILS OF MEETING / FUNCTION:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	26-27 November 2015	<b>Time:</b>	Various
<b>Requested for:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Organisation / Function:</b>	Trip to the Cape		
<b>Venue:</b>	Various		
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If venue for meeting is at Parliament House, departmental representative must meet for pre-briefing 15 minutes prior to meeting time unless otherwise advised.</li> <li>If speech and/or media release has been requested, please ensure liaison/consultation occurs with Communication Services in your department.</li> </ul>			
<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>			
<b>MO Comments:</b>			
<b>DLO comments:</b> Please prepare a trip brief to support the Minister's trip to the Cape. Please provide speaking points for events, if required. Draft itinerary is attached PLEASE ADD COMMUNICATION SERVICES AS INFO OFFICER. Thanks, Tiff			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: <b>Executive Services</b>			
Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment), blue paper (Industrial Relations), or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).			

## Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

### Ministerial Visit 26 and 27 November 2015 – Cape York

#### Draft Itinerary

##### Nov 26

7:00 am: Cairns to Kowanyama by air

##### **Kowanyama**

8:15 am: Arrive Kowanyama

8:30– 9:00 am: Meet with Council

9:15-10:15 am: Tour community

- Inspect the NPARIH new construction by Council workforce

10:30 am – Depart Kowanyama for Pormpuraaw by air  
Pormpuraaw

11:15 am – Arrive Pormpuraaw

11:30 am – 12:15 pm: Meet with Council over lunch

12:30 – 1:30 pm: Tour community

- School visit (Attendance rate over 90%)
- Inspect NPARIH new constructions
- Inspect the guest house

1:30 pm - depart Pormpuraaw for Coen by air

##### **Coen Visit PDR**

2:00 pm: Arrive Coen to be determined once aircraft type confirmed  
DTMR to confirm and provide transport 14km north to Sorayas Hill site

4:30 pm: Depart Coen for Cooktown by air

##### **Cooktown**

5:00 pm: Arrive Cooktown

Overnight -Sovereign Hotel

##### Nov 27:

8:00 Depart Cooktown for Hope Vale by road. View Endeavour Falls Road upgrade en route.

##### **Hope Vale**

9:00am arrive Hope Vale

- 9:00 - Meet with Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council – Council Chambers
- 9:30 - Inspect Alec Cameron Drive 16 Lot subdivision – Council and Traditional Owners
- 10:00 - Meet with the Hope Vale Congress – Site visit to the Congress's Quarry TBC
- 10:30 – Hope Vale State School Visit
- 10:45 - Meet with the Hope Vale Foundation/Banana Farm Board at the Banana Farm. (This can be removed if the Minister does not have time in schedule).

11:00 am: Depart Hope Vale to Cooktown by road

12:00 am: Arrive Cooktown / lunch

1:00pm: Depart Cooktown for Ayton by air

##### **Ayton/Wujal Wujal**

1:30 pm: Arrive Ayton airstrip/ Depart Ayton for Wujal Wujal by road

1:15 pm: Visit to the Bloomfield Bridge, Sports Oval, houses on the Southside and Degarra en route  
to Wujal Wujal

2:15 pm Arrive Wujal Wujal

2:15 – Meet with the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council.

3:00 – Community Tour

- Inspect new subdivision – Little Douglas Street

4:00 pm: Depart Wujal Wujal for Ayton by road

4:30 pm: Depart Ayton for Cairns

5:00 pm: Arrive Cairns

## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Community led education campaign in Aurukun</b>		
Contact Officer	Emma King, Community Participation, 32359782	Reference No.	DATSIP 08545-2015
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To seek your approval to immediately implement the community safety recommendation from the Aurukun Roundtable to facilitate a co-designed community-led, community education campaign in English and Wik Way on domestic violence, child protection (including healthy sexual relationships), sly grog and community violence,
2. That you note the costs of an estimated \$70,000 will be met from within existing resources.

### TIMEFRAMES

3. Sch3(2)

### BACKGROUND

4. The Family Responsibilities Commissioner and a recent Ministerial visit identified increasing unrest, tension and escalating alcohol misuse and violence in Aurukun.
5. A Roundtable on 9 September 2015, chaired by the Mayor of Aurukun and the Government Champion identified sly grog, disengaged youth, and the high turnover of staff across key government agencies as significant issues impacting on the safety of children and youth. The Aurukun Roundtable made a range of community safety recommendations including facilitating a co-designed community-led, community education campaign in English and Wik Way on domestic violence, child protection (including healthy sexual relationships), sly grog and community violence.
6. DATSIP initiated and allocated funding for a two phase Sly Grog and Homebrew Campaign in October 2014 through Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media (QRAM) across six priority discrete communities including Aurukun. Phase one of the campaign focused on instigating behavioural change through raising awareness of alcohol related harm and increasing community responsibility and ownership for alcohol misuse. Black Star Radio was used as the primary broadcast medium in the community, supported by an ad in the Koori Mail and poster and postcard distribution at a cost of \$66,000 across the six communities.
7. The sly grog and home brew campaign took a unique approach to developing locally appropriate radio broadcasts through engaging the local community broadcaster in the development of the messages and engaging community through call back segments as well as the recorded scripted scenarios. Focus groups conducted with community members were the first sly grog and home brew specific behavioural change campaign evaluations undertaken.



8. The evaluation of the Sly Grog and Homebrew campaign indicates that it was successful in raising community awareness of and the recall of content and key messages about sly grog. The evaluation indicated that the approach used for Sly Grog evidenced an increased impact on community members thinking and talking more about sly grog, and the impacts of sly grog on the community. 68% indicated they had a conversation with family members or people at home after hearing the campaign, with the main conversation topics being:

- a general discussion about the negative impacts of sly grog/homebrew (42%)
- specific discussions about the impacts on children (24%)
- specific discussions about the resultant domestic violence and other crimes (20%)
- discussion about ways to reduce the amount of sly grog in the community (12%).

## ISSUES

9. Sch3(2)
10. Given the recent success evidenced through the evaluation of the Sly Grog campaign in discrete communities and the resultant community conversations and discussions on the ways to reduce sly grog during the period 23 December 2014 – 31 March 2015, it is proposed that this same campaign be rerun and the process for the development and implementation of this campaign be utilised to progress a community safety campaign.
11. DATSIP will work with the DCCSDS to share the success of the sly grog campaign and tailor and implement the Stronger Families and the *Not Now Not Ever*, child protection and domestic and family violence campaigns for the Aurukun community.
12. Mr Ron Weatherall, Deputy Director-General (DDG), DATSIP will present the community safety campaign proposal to the Aurukun Roundtable in November 2015, seeking their input on campaign design and their lead on key messages.
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## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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15. Funding of approximately \$70,000 for the remainder of community education campaign delivered by DATSIP will be met from carryover funding in Welfare Reform Program. The Chief Finance Officer has approved that this funding is available and aligns with the Welfare Reform funding guidelines (Attachment 3).
16. Further details on the funding breakdown are provided at Attachment 2.

## RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

17. DATSIP has consulted with officers from DCCSDS to ensure alignment with child protection and domestic and family violence campaigns.
18. Community Participation has engaged with Communication Services, DATSIP and Strategic Communication on Engagement, DCCSDS on this issue.


**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1—Summary of community safety campaign; and
- Attachment 2—Costings; and
- Attachment 3—CFO Approval of funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

19. It is recommended that you:

- **approve** the development and delivery of a co-designed community led, community education campaign in English and Wik Way on domestic violence, child protection (including healthy sexual relationships), sly grog, community violence and youth sexual violence and abuse; and
- **note** the allocation of approximately \$70,000 from the Welfare Reform Program for the purposes of the development and implementation of the community violence and youth sexual violence and abuse education campaign.

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

23 / 11 / 2015

☐ Approved

☐ Not approved

☒ Noted

Comments

*Khivraa Kumar*  
*8/2/16*

HON. CURTIS PITT MP

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Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

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## Attachment 1

**Proposed community led co-designed education campaign in Aurukun**

Initiative	Agencies	Source funding	Timeframes
<p>Facilitate a co-designed and community-led awareness and community education campaign, in English and Wik Way on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic and family violence (DFV) including healthy sexual relationships;</li> <li>Child protection;</li> <li>Sly grog; and</li> <li>Community violence (including youth sexual violence and abuse).</li> </ul>	<p>DCCSDS to lead DFV and CP campaign.</p> <p>DATSIP to lead sly grog and community violence campaign.</p>	<p>Funding will be sourced from within existing DATSIP and DCCSDS resources.</p> <p>Officer in Charge (OIC) Aurukun has submitted grant applications directed at these areas.</p>	<p>Dec 2015 – April 2016 sly grog campaign Dec – 26 Jan 2016</p> <p>Aurukun Roundtable to endorse community safety campaign approach and content in late November 2015.</p> <p>Community violence campaign 7 March – 10 April 2016 Aurukun Roundtable to endorse YSVA campaign approach and content in Jan 2016</p> <p>YSVA campaign 13 June – 15 July 2016</p> <p>QPS (as lead enforcement agency) to also liaise with relevant stakeholders on awareness and education</p> <p>QPS (OIC Aurukun &amp; PCYC) have been active with promotional material in relation to DFV, Sly Grog and Drugs Misuse</p>

**Phase 1 Sly grog and home brew (late Dec – 26 January)**

- In the initial phase, the existing sly grog and homebrew campaign will be rerun in Aurukun (late December 2015 – 26 January, 2016). Total costs of \$10,320 plus GST will be met through the existing Alcohol Management Program cost centre.

**Phase 2 Community violence (7 March – 10 April 2016)**

- DATSIP will lead the development of a co-designed, community-led community education campaign on community violence.

**Phase 3 Youth Sexual Violence and Abuse (13 June – 15 July 2016)**

- DATSIP will collaborate with DCCSDS to develop a co-designed, community-led community education campaign on youth sexual violence and abuse.

**Phase 4 Domestic and Family Violence and Child Protection including healthy sexual relations (timing currently being negotiated with the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services)**

- DCCSDS will lead the development of a domestic and family violence and child protection (including healthy sexual relationships) co-designed, community-led education campaign. This will be led by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Service with input from DATSIP and be implemented in Aurukun. Costs for this will be met through the existing DCCSDS Stronger Families and Not Now Not Ever cost centre.

**Attachment 2****Sly Grog and home brew (Phase 1)**

**Black Star media schedule and associated costs for the Sly Grog and home brew community radio campaign for Aurukun.**

Item	Cost
60-second spots (Aurukun only) Dec, 2015 – January 26, 2016 Sun-Sat, 6am to 7pm	28 spots per week @ \$30/spot (with a focus on mornings)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,320 plus GST</b>

**Community Violence (phase 2) and Youth Sexual Violence and Abuse (phase 3) Budget Breakdown**

Item	Cost
Translation	\$5k
Production	
Radio	\$20k
Print	\$3k
Radio airing	\$30k
Community led video	\$5k – \$10k (optional)
Evaluation	\$5k – \$10k
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68k - \$78k</b>

## ATTACHMENT 3

**STATEMENT OF FUNDING**

Business Area: Welfare Reform  
 Program/Project: Community led Education program in Aurukun  
 Funding Recipient: DATSIP Communications

I certify that there are sufficient funds available within the current Welfare Reform budget for \$78,000 (exc. GST) being the proposed total expenditure of this request, comprising one-off funds of \$78,000 (exc. GST) as set out below.

Financial Year	Business Area	Expense Type (e.g grant, service procurement, supplies and services)	GL Code	Cost Centre	One-Off / Non-Recurrent (exc. GST)	Recurrent This year Effect (exc. GST)
2015-2016	Welfare Reform - CP	Supplies and Services	50520	14634	\$78,000	n/a
2016-2017						
2017-2018						
2017-18						
Total						

Total for approval

\$78,000

*Colleen Orange*  
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 Chief Financial Officer  
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Date: 20/11/2015

# CLLO ITEM

**Subject:** **MINMEM**  
Community led education campaign in Aurukun

**Comments:** • DATSIP 08845-2015

Submitted by:

Matthew English  
Manager  
Executive Services  
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23/11/2015

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## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Outcomes from the Community Futures Summit held on Thursday, 19 November 2015</b>		
Contact Officer	Ainslie Barron, Community Participation, 3404 3534	Reference No.	DATSIP 09105 /2015
Approved by	Manny Hegarty, Acting DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To progress decisions and outcomes arising from the Community Futures Summit held on Thursday, 19 November 2015 in Yarrabah and to thank Mayors and other attendees.

### TIMEFRAMES

2. The letter of thanks to Mayors and attendees should be sent as soon as practicable.

### BACKGROUND


3. The action items (see Attachment 1) are attached for your approval and will be circulated to the Mayors and attendees. Sch3(2)
4. Detailed Summit Minutes are attached for your reference. These Minutes are not being circulated to attendees (see Attachment 2).
5. The Wellbeing Framework is being updated consistent with the discussions (see Attachment 3).
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- 7.
8. **Investment Summit:** Planning for the Investment Summit is underway (noting that 'shovel-ready', community-specific projects are wanted), and a brief regarding options will be provided to you in mid-January.
9. Attached is the letter to Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Attachment 5) advising him of key discussion points and next steps.
10. Attached are letters to the Mayors and attendees thanking them for their participation and advising them of the next steps. These letters are tailored for each invitee (i.e. attended, did not attend, sent another representative etc.) (see Attachments 6–12).

## ATTACHMENTS

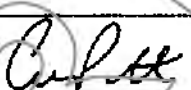
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- Attachment 3—Wellbeing Framework
- Attachment 4—Letter to the Premier
- Attachment 5—Letter to Senator Scullion
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- Attachment 6B—Merge Data for the Letter to Mayors
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- Attachment 12—Letter to Mr Tony Goode, Local Government Association of Queensland

## RECOMMENDATION

11. It is recommended that you **approve** the action items and **sign** the attached letters.

  
Clare O'Connor  
Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 11/12/2015

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Noted
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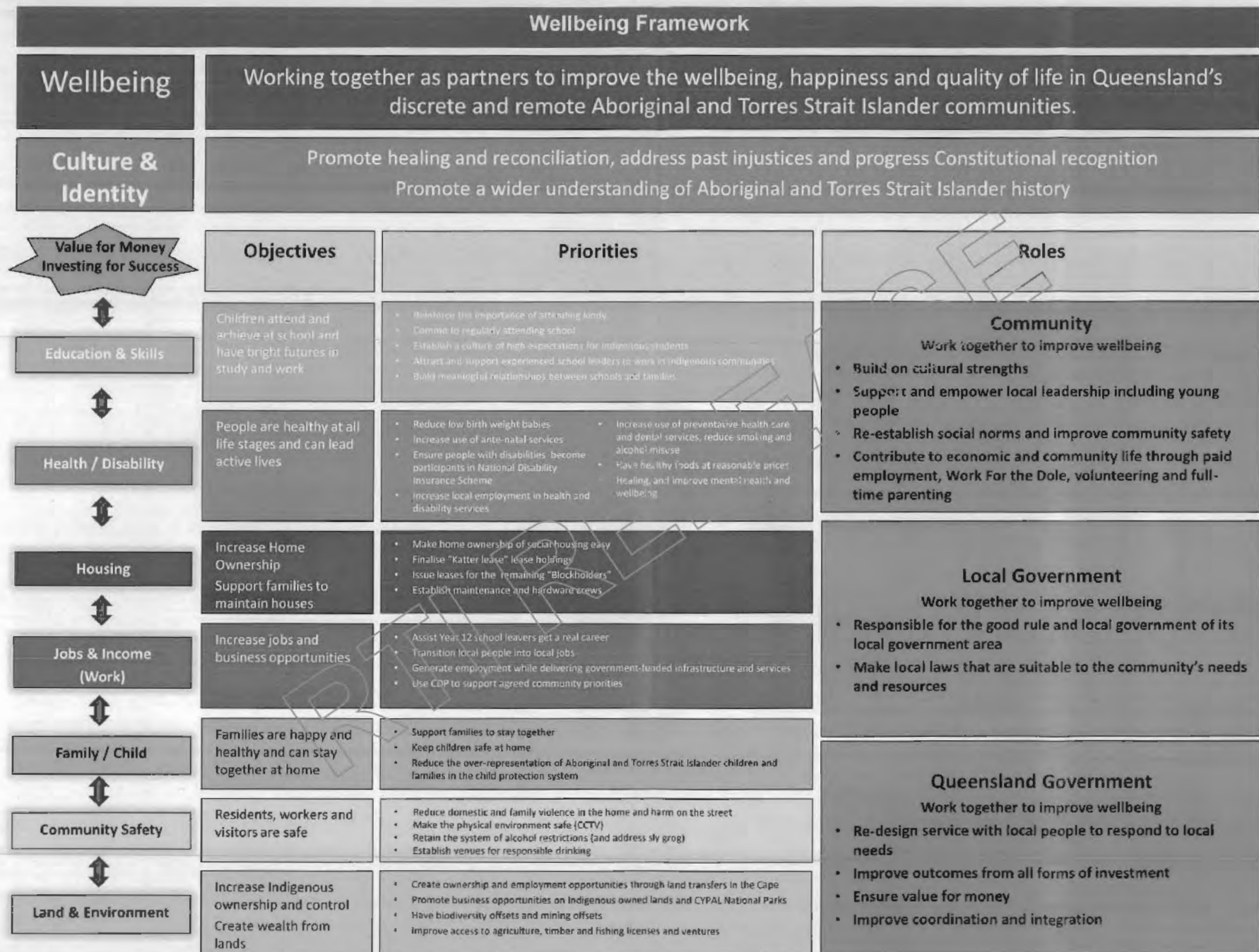
# Community Futures Summit – 19 November 2015

## Actions

Thursday, 19 November 2015		10:00am–5:00pm	Yarrabah Training Room 1 Noble Drive, Yarrabah
Type of meeting:	Community Futures Summit		
Participants:	The Honourable Curtis Pitt (Chair): Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	CP	
	Clare O'Connor: Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP)	CO	
	Ainslie Barron: A/Executive Director, Community Participation, DATSIP	AB	
	Allen Cunneen: Executive Director, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (DATSIP)	AC	
	Garth Morgan: Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	GM	
	Councillor Vera Koomeeta: Deputy Mayor, Aurukun Shire Council	VK	
	Councillor Kenny Bone: Mayor, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	KB	
	Councillor Robert Holness: Mayor, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	RH	
	Councillor Wayne Butcher: Mayor, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	WB	
	Councillor Peter Guivarra: Mayor, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	PG	
	Councillor Rex Burke: Mayor, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	RB	
	Councillor Bernard Charlie: Mayor, Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	BC	
	Councillor Alfred Lacey: Mayor, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	AL	
	Councillor Napau Pedro Stephen: Mayor, Torres Regional Council	NS	
	Councillor Fred Gela: Mayor, Torres Strait Island Regional Council	FG	
	Councillor Terry Munns: Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	TM	
	Councillor Clifford Harrigan: Mayor, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	CH	
	Councillor Errol Neal: Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	EN	
	Mr Dion Creek: Chairperson, Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation	DC	
	Ms Karen Gibson: Chair, Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Inc.	KG	
	Councillor Misiam Sam: Councillor, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	MS	
	Mr Dave Ferguson: Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	DF	
	Mr Josh O'Keefe: Representative - Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)	JO	
Minutes:	Lisa Serpa: Project Officer (DATSIP)		
Apologies:	Councillor Dereck Walpo: Mayor, Aurukun Shire Council		
	Councillor Frederick O'Keefe: Mayor, Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council		
	Councillor Greg McLean: Mayor, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council		
	Councillor Bradley Wilson: Mayor, Mornington Shire Council		
	Councillor Richard Tarpencha: Mayor, Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council		



	1. Committed to working together as partners to improving wellbeing, happiness and quality of life and to continue to develop the Wellbeing Framework	All	Ongoing
	2. Agreed to revise the Wellbeing Framework to clearly articulate the role and responsibilities of local governments and provide to community leaders for further comment	Minister Pitt	Complete
	3. Reiterated the commitment to work with Government Champions on joint problem solving	Mayors	Ongoing
	4. Agreed a shared commitment to improving outcomes from all forms of government investment and the need to move from <i>high investment : low outcomes</i> to improved outcomes	All	Ongoing
	5. Agreed to conduct a Productivity Review, with the draft Terms of Reference to be considered by the Mayors	Minister Pitt	Early 2016
	6. Agreed the importance of direct involvement in the design and delivery of services	Minister Pitt	Ongoing
	7. Agreed to host a Communities Investment Summit. - DATSIP to continue to work with Indigenous communities on ensuring there is a specific proposal ready for each community	Minister Pitt	April/May 2016
	8. Agreed to raise with the Premier an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Cabinet meeting	Minister Pitt	Complete





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The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP  
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Dear Premier *ANASTACIA*

**Community Futures Summit**

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The Mayors expressed their concern that the level of investment in Commonwealth, State and non-Government services had not delivered better outcomes, and requested a review of the funding going into communities. They recommended increased community control and local decision-making about the type and quantity of services provided into discrete communities, higher levels of local employment, and reduced fly-in-fly-out workers.

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The Mayors see the current reforms in economic development, specifically the Commonwealth Government's Northern Australia White Paper and new initiatives in social services (domestic violence, child protection, and disability) as an opportunity to reshape service delivery, and focus it on practical and local solutions. They are seeking direct involvement in the design of programs and services proposed for their communities and value for money.

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- stimulating private investment by working with each community to develop a "shovel-ready" proposal in the lead-up to an Investment Summit in 2016.

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It would also support Ministers in their potential new role as Ministerial Champions and give them a first-hand perspective on issues of importance to communities such as health, housing and infrastructure need. Thursday Island would be a suitable location as it would also allow for additional meetings in Bamaga and Weipa. The Director-General, DATSIP has written to your Director-General proposing the Ministerial Champions approach based on the current Government Champions model.

Tackling the entrenched social and economic disadvantages is a whole-of-Government responsibility, and giving Ministers direct exposure and contact with their Local Government peers will assist Government understanding of the unique issues and common aspirations of many remote communities. Should you wish to proceed with a Community Cabinet, I recommend that this occurs no earlier than April due to Local Government Elections being held in March.

Please advise if you see merit in a Community Cabinet and whether you would like to see a more developed proposal.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

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Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
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Councillor Kenny Bone  
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Dear Mayor Bone **KENNY**

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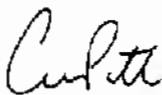
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Councillor Errol Neal  
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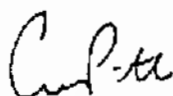
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Councillor Frederick O'Keefe  
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Dear Mayor ~~Wilson~~ *B.R.M.*

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Councillor Richard Tarpencha  
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Councillor Dereck Walpo  
Mayor  
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39 Kang Kang Road  
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Dear Mayor Walpo ~~Dereck~~

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Mr Tony Goode  
 Workforce Strategy Executive  
 Local Government Association of Queensland  
 PO Box 2230  
 FORTITUDE VALLEY BC QLD 4006

Dear Mr Goode

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## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Letter to Senator Scullion regarding concerns in Aurukun</b>		
Contact Officer	Bruce Visser, Community Participation, 3247 3406	Reference No.	DATSIP 09423-2015
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To sign the letter (Attachment 1) to Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

### BACKGROUND

2. On 23 November 2015, Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs, wrote to the Honourable Jo-Ann Miller MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services regarding the community unrest in Aurukun.
3. The letter from Senator Scullion (Attachment 2) states that local community standards of justice have collapsed and the increased availability of alcohol in Aurukun is driving much of the violence and unrest.
4. The letter further notes that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is willing to provide practical support to assist with more effective policing to tackle sly grog and improve community governance.

### ISSUES

5. It is proposed that you sign the letter to Senator Scullion.
6. Senior Officers from PM&C, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) and Queensland Police Service (QPS) met on 25 November 2015 to develop actions to deal with the unrest in Aurukun.
7. Actions to deal with the unrest are:
  - Extra policing over an extended period across three phases from December 2015 to March 2016.
  - An intensive blitz to tackle sly grog focussed on points of supply and increased policing of Alcohol Management Plan enforcement.
  - A new PCYC Officer in Charge who is now in the community and a full program of activities will be conducted during this time.
  - A social marketing campaign tackling sly grog has commenced in both English and Wik Way over the extended three month period.
  - Implementing the 9 September 2015 actions from the Roundtable held in Aurukun including a new Community Safety Plan and urgent infrastructure upgrades including the installation of CCTV and refurbishment of the PCYC.

- Increased government coordination with the appointment of a new government coordinator in Aurukun and a project officer to support this new position.
- Over the next two weeks, DATSIP and PM&C will discuss the role that the FRC can play, use of community facilities to support social interaction, improving mediation programs, further engagement of the Community Justice Group, and mandatory work for the dole in Aurukun.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are significant financial implications – around \$800,000. These include extra policing and the blitz to tackle sly grog and increased policing of Alcohol Management Plan enforcement. The Queensland Police Service has already provided \$100,000 for these activities and DATSIP will provide an additional investment of \$350,000 (total of \$450,000) towards this effort.
9. The Queensland Government will also invest a further \$350,000 for plumbing and fencing for the PCYC build.
10. There will also be funding for the social marketing campaign to tackle sly grog and other community safety issues—\$220,000 over the extended three month period, to be funded by the Queensland Government.
11. A funding source has been identified for the additional costs DATSIP will face.
12. In principle agreement has been reached with the Australian Government to contribute:
  - an additional \$250,000 beyond its original contribution of \$250,000 to be applied to the installation of CCTV; and
  - an additional \$300,000 beyond its original contribution of \$450,000 for the refurbishment of the PCYC

## RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

13. Officers from DPC and PM&C have been consulted and support the proposed action.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—Letter to Senator Scullion
- Attachment 2—Letter from Senator Scullion to Minister Miller

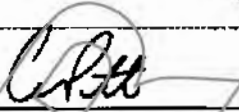
**RECOMMENDATION**

14. It is recommended that you:

- **Sign** the letter to Senator Scullion (Attachment 1).

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 4/12/2015

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**Treasurer  
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
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Our Ref: DATSIP 09423-2015

**9 DEC 2015**

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Dear Senator Scullion **NIGEL**

I refer to your letter of 23 November 2015 to the former Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services regarding the recent community unrest in Aurukun and seeking support for a concerted effort to tackle community dysfunction. As the Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, I am responding for the Queensland Government.

I reaffirm that the Queensland Government is committed to a coordinated federal, state and local approach to tackle sly grog, violence and restore social norms. Our Directors-General have held urgent discussions with your Secretary and Deputy Secretary to determine an integrated, practical, on-ground strategy to settle the community over the next three months.

### **STRATEGY MOVING FORWARD**

#### ***Active and extra policing***

The Queensland Police Service will maintain community calm and continue to interact socially and positively with the Aurukun community. This will be achieved through an active policing strategy involving additional police officers in Aurukun over an extended period across three phases from December 2015 to March 2016.

There will also be an intensive blitz to tackle sly grog focussed on points of supply. The police staffing will include additional officers beyond the normal eight general duties officers who would be available at Aurukun. In addition, there will be increased policing of Alcohol Management Plan enforcement.

The Queensland Government has already provided \$100,000 for this activity.

For your information, the likely cost of strengthened police activity until March 2016 will be in the order of \$350,000, bringing the total additional Queensland Government investment to \$450,000.

In addition, a new PCYC Officer in Charge is now in the community and a full program of activities will be conducted during this time.

### *Social marketing for behaviour change*

To highlight the harm that sly grog causes and seek to reduce demand a social marketing campaign has commenced in both English and Wik Way at a cost of \$220,000 over the extended three month period, to be funded by the Queensland Government.

### *New Government Champion for Aurukun*

The Queensland Government has reinvigorated its Government Champions program to provide a conduit between the discrete communities and government. The Director-General, Department of State Development, Mr Michael Schaumburg, is the new Government Champion for Aurukun. Mr Schaumburg has been meeting with the Mayor, Councillors and Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) and convened the 9 September 2015 Roundtable. This Roundtable made a number of recommendations concerning Community Safety Planning, policing and urgent infrastructure upgrades. This work will continue and is outlined below.

- *Urgent infrastructure upgrades*

Two key infrastructure items are urgently required in Aurukun to assist with community safety:

- o the installation of CCTV; and
- o the refurbishment of the PCYC.

Our officers have reached in principle agreement that the Australian Government will contribute:

- o an additional \$250,000 beyond its original contribution of \$250,000 to be applied to the installation of CCTV; and
- o an additional \$300,000 beyond its original contribution of \$450,000 for the refurbishment of the PCYC.

The Queensland Government will also invest a further \$350,000 for plumbing and fencing for the PCYC build.

The Federal funding agreed in principle above, will release the Queensland Government funding to be applied to a more sustained policing effort towards tackling sly grog, drugs and working positively with the community.

A new Community Safety Plan will also be developed.

- *Increased Government Coordination*

The Queensland Government appointed a new government coordinator in Aurukun. This officer is providing invaluable on the ground support and advice and will continue to do so. We will also be appointing a project officer to support the government coordinator.

Following discussions with Council and given sorry business in Aurukun, we understand the next Roundtable will be held in early 2016. As noted previously, we will continue progressing actions from this meeting.



The Government Champion and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) will also discuss and review the membership of the Roundtable to ensure broad community membership, including young leaders.

- *Additional*

In addition, DATSIP and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet will separately discuss over the next two weeks:

- the role that the FRC can play;
- use of community facilities to support social interaction;
- improving mediation programs;
- further engagement of the Community Justice Group; and
- mandatory work for the dole in Aurukun.

As you know, I am committed to improving community safety in Aurukun and working with all levels of government to achieve this important outcome.

Yours sincerely



**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

Treasurer

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships



MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

The Honourable Jo-Ann Miller MP  
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services  
Minister for Corrective Services  
PO Box 15195  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

cc. Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Hon Curtis Pitt MP

Dear Ms Miller

I am writing concerning the community unrest in Aurukun over past months, and more specifically, over the past weekend, which as you would know is the worst Aurukun has seen in a number of years.

As I am sure you are aware, local community standards of justice, education and child safety have collapsed and the community features all too prominently in lists of disadvantage across wide ranging indicators, including criminal convictions, disengaged young people, and unemployment.

I am greatly concerned about the amount of alcohol coming into the community, which I and many others believe is driving much of the violence and unrest. Given that we are coming up to Christmas it is likely that there will be more alcohol in communities and an increased chance of further trouble.

It is clear to me that excessive alcohol consumption is a barrier to Commonwealth and Queensland Government efforts to improve outcomes for community members through the Cape York Welfare Reform trial and Family Responsibilities Commission. Without addressing this issue, the investment we are both making in the community will not lead to the changes we are seeking.

While I acknowledge the hard work of the officers on the ground in Aurukun and in the region, and understand that policing remote communities has a number of challenges, I believe that a concerted effort is needed quickly to break the flow of illegal alcohol flowing into Aurukun. I also believe that there is a need to increase the police presence on the ground.

I know that this will present resourcing challenges. When I visited Aurukun recently I gave a commitment that I will consider any practical support my Department can provide to assist with more effective policing to blitz the entry of sly grog into Aurukun, and I am keen to have a discussion with you and the Queensland Treasurer in the next week regarding this.

In addition, the work of the Safer Streets Task Force has not gained much traction in the community, and despite the community mediation project making some inroads more support is needed for this initiative. I believe there is a call from residents of the community for a broad community based governance structure, and once the current situation calms my Department will be working with relevant Queensland Government agencies and the community to facilitate this, building on the Council of Elders structure and broadening the leadership to include young leaders.

I am committed to improving community safety in Aurukun and look forward to positive discussions on how we can work together to make this happen.

Yours sincerely



NIGEL SCULLION

23/1/2015

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# CLLO ITEM

**Subject:** MINLTR

Letter to Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs regarding concerns in Aurukun

**Comments:** • ATSIP 09423-2015

Submitted by:

Matthew English  
Manager  
Executive Services  
DATSIP

4/12/2015

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## TRIP BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>FOR TRIP TO</b>	<b>Aurukun</b>		
<b>DATE OF TRIP</b>	<b>Thursday 4 February 2016</b>		
Contact Officer	Allen Cunneen, Executive Director	Reference No.	DATSIP 00479-2016
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. Information to support your trip to Aurukun on Thursday 4 February 2016.

### BACKGROUND

2. See attached background information.


### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—Trip Itinerary Aurukun
- Attachment 2—Community Profile Aurukun
- Attachment 3—Program Update for RILPO Aurukun
- Attachment 4—Councillors' Profiles
- Attachment 5—Datasheet for Aurukun
- Attachment 6—Draft Speaking Points – Lunch with Elders


**RECOMMENDATION**

3. It is recommended that you **note** the following information to support your trip to Aurukun on Thursday 4 February 2016:

- Itinerary
- Community Profiles
- Program Updates
- Councillors' Profiles
- Datasheet
- Draft Speaking Points.

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships *22* / 2016

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Ministerial Visit Thursday 4 February 2016 – Aurukun

Running Sheet

Time	Itinerary Item and location	Name(s) person picking up Minister and Group	Mobile Phone Number	Comments/Current Status
10:30am	Arrive airstrip Aurukun	Paul Phyland (DATSIP)  Matt Robertson (GPS – OIC) + 1 GPS Officer  Penny Guthrie (DHPW)  Aurukun Justice Group bus on standby if required	Mobile phone numbers	Vehicles being arranged. • GPS • DATSIP • DHPW • Aurukun Justice Group to utilise their bus for the town tour – if required.
10:45am	Meeting with Mayor at Council Chambers Welcome to Country	Cr Dereck Walpo (Mayor)		Mayor and CEO have been advised of visit and itinerary.
11:15am	Meeting with Mayor and Councillors at Council Chambers	<u>Councillors:</u> Cr Ada Woolla (Deputy Mayor) Cr Vera Koomeeta Cr Edgar Kerindun Cr Doris Poonkamelys  Bernie McCarthy (CEO)	TBA - availability of Councillors	Mayor will co-ordinate with Councillors. The CEO Bernie McCarthy will be in Cairns however he will attend discussions via video link.  Note: each of the four Councillors are also FRC Local Commissioners.  CEO wants 3 senior staff to be involved – Directors of Corporate, Community and Technical services
11:45am	Driving tour of Aurukun, public housing visits and Three Rivers Community Hall	Paul Phyland (DATSIP)  Matt Robertson (GPS) + 1  Penny Guthrie (DHPW)  Aurukun Justice Group bus on standby if required	Paul DATSIP	Access to Three Rivers Community Centre approved by Council. Mayor will accompany.  CEO requested 3 senior staff to be involved – Directors of Corporate, Community and Technical services  DHPW will liaise with leaseholders and organise visits to damaged house(s) and talks with some in overcrowded houses.  DHPW to organise visit to Bartlett Street housing.
12:30pm	Lunch with Elders	Wuungkum Lodge	Megan and Glenn	DATSIP is arranging with Wuungkum Lodge. Advise numbers for lunch (approx. 20 - 24)  Elders group will be informed progressively Mon – Wed next week. DATSIP staff will attend to this. Very positive attitudes from elders so far.
1:30pm	Meet School Principal Photo opportunity with students if	CYAAA Principal: Scott Fatnowna		Meet Principal at school.  Photo opportunities with students on arrival. At enrolment time parents

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Ministerial Visit Thursday 4 February 2016 – Aurukun

Running Sheet

	possible			<p>sign consent form for photos to be used for Qld Gov purposes. School will ensure no children under care of Minister are included in photos.</p> <p>If time permits, Scott will take Ministers to classroom to observe Direct Instruction method.</p>
2:15pm	<p>Meet Police Officers</p> <p>and</p> <p>Tour of PCYC</p>	<p>Matt Robertson (QPS – OIC)</p> <p>Glenn Compain (PCYC Manager)</p>	<p>Mobile phone numbers Office: 4083 4999</p>	<p>Meet PCYC Manager and Staff at office. PCYC Manager to conduct tour of recreation hall site.</p> <p>Originally proposed having children's photos at the PCYC however as children will still be in attendance at school, this will be carried out at the school. Visit Police Station to meet with Police Officers and staff.</p>
2:45pm	Depart for Aurukun Airstrip (3:00pm return flight)			



**Aurukun Lunch – Invitee Information**  
**12:30 Wuungkum Lodge**

File 01

Organisation	Invitee	Comments
Aurukun Shire Council	Mr Dereck Walpo, Mayor	Nil
	Ms Vivien Bull, Director Community Services	Nil
Community Elders – between 6 and 8 Elders	Names to be advised	These arrangements underway but not yet finalised. Note: there is a very positive response from the Elders toward attending the lunch
Department of Communities – Remote Indigenous Housing	Ms Penny Guthrie, A/Senior Client Manager	Nil
DATSIP	Mr Herbert Yungaporta, Project Support Officer	Mr Yungaporta is an Aurukun local

Ministers and official parties, DG and DDG = 13 guests

**Total: Approximately 25 Guests**

# Community Profile

## Aurukun

January 2016

### Current Issues

Integrated Case Management Framework conferences led by the Family Responsibilities Commission continue to be conducted within the community.

"Sly grogging" continues to be a major factor triggering outbreaks of violence and feuding and contributing to poor school attendance figures. As part of the Aurukun Shire Council (ASC) review of the Alcohol Management Plan, consideration is being given to conducting a 2-3 day community summit to ensure all views are aired and considered.

The Government Roundtable and Government Champion continue to focus on issues related to community safety, including police resourcing, installation of CCTV and tackling sly grog.

Deliberative process

### Community Profile

Table 1: Aurukun (LGA) Labour Force Status, 2011<sup>1</sup>

Labour Force Status	Indigenous Persons		Non-Indigenous Persons	
	Number	%	Number	%
Estimated Population (2014)	1,301	92.3	109	7.7
Employed (c,b)	113	14.8	73	92.4
Unemployed (b)	66	8.6	3	3.8
CDEP participants	41	5.4	0	0.0
Total labour force	220	28.8	76	96.2
Not in labour force	491	64.3	3	3.8
Labour force status not stated	53	6.9	0	0.0
Total (a) (d)	764	100.0	79	100.0
Unemployment rate (b) (%)	30.0	..	3.9	..
CDEP participants as % of labour force	18.6	..	0.0	..
Participation rate (%)	30.9	..	96.2	..

Source: ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing; Government Statistician, 2015, Population estimates by Indigenous status, local government area, age, sex, 2001 to 2014 (2011 Australian Standard Geographical Standard), Queensland Treasury.

<sup>1</sup> (a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years. (b) Excludes Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) participants.  
(c) Includes employed – away from work. (d) Includes labour force status not stated.

	Name	Phone	Email
Aurukun Shire Council	Mayor: Derek Walpo CEO: Bernie McCarthy	4060 6800 or <input type="text"/> 4060 6800 or <input type="text"/>	<a href="mailto:mayor@aurukun.qld.gov.au">mayor@aurukun.qld.gov.au</a> <a href="mailto:ceo@aurukun.qld.gov.au">ceo@aurukun.qld.gov.au</a>
FRC Commissioners	Doris Poonkamelya Ada Woolla Edgar Kerrindun Dorothy Pootchemunka Sarah Wolmby Leona Yunkaporta	4060 6185	
Traditional Owner leaders	Ngan Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation	3303 8868	<a href="mailto:info@nganaakkunch.com.au">info@nganaakkunch.com.au</a>
Wik and Wik Waya peoples	Contact: Philip Anthony Hunter		
Five spiritual clan groups comprise 17 families or tribes	<u>Sara</u> [Sar-a] Edgar Kerindun Enid Chevathen		
	<u>Winchanam</u> [Win-chan-um] Allen Woolla Ann Woolla Aida Woolla	C/o Ngan Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation	
	<u>Putch</u> [Putch] Doris Poomlamelya		
	<u>Wanam</u> [One-um] Leith Ngakapoorgum		
	<u>Apelech</u> [Ap-el-ach] Vera Koometa Thomas Toikalkin		
Apn Cape York (Aak Puul Ngantam)	General Manager: Sandy Whyte	4060 6125 or <input type="text"/>	<a href="mailto:gm@apncapeyork.org">gm@apncapeyork.org</a>
Community Justice Group	Coordinator: Stuart Marquardt (till 30 June 2015)	4060 6135 or <input type="text"/>	<a href="mailto:aurukunjusticegroup@bigpond.com">aurukunjusticegroup@bigpond.com</a>

## Map of Community

**AURUKUN SHIRE**

**COMMUNITY PROFILE MAP  
INCORPORATING NATIVE TITLE  
AS AT  
16 DECEMBER 2015**



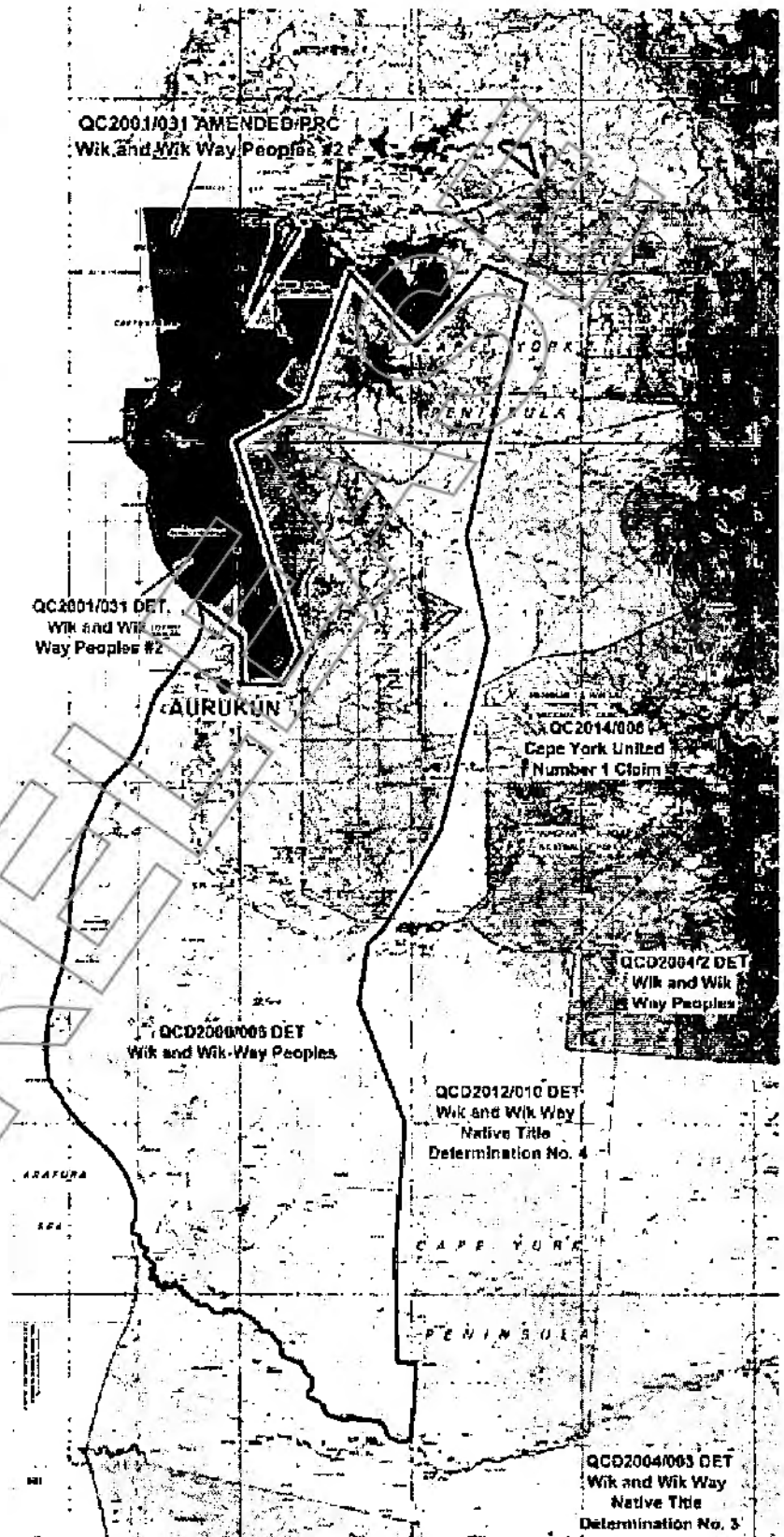
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**NOTES:**

1. Map Projection: Latitude/Longitude (GDA94)
2. Native Title boundaries courtesy of the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)
3. Map produced by the Cultural Heritage Unit, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

**Note:**

DET: Determined Native Title Claim  
PRC: Previously Registered Native Title Claim

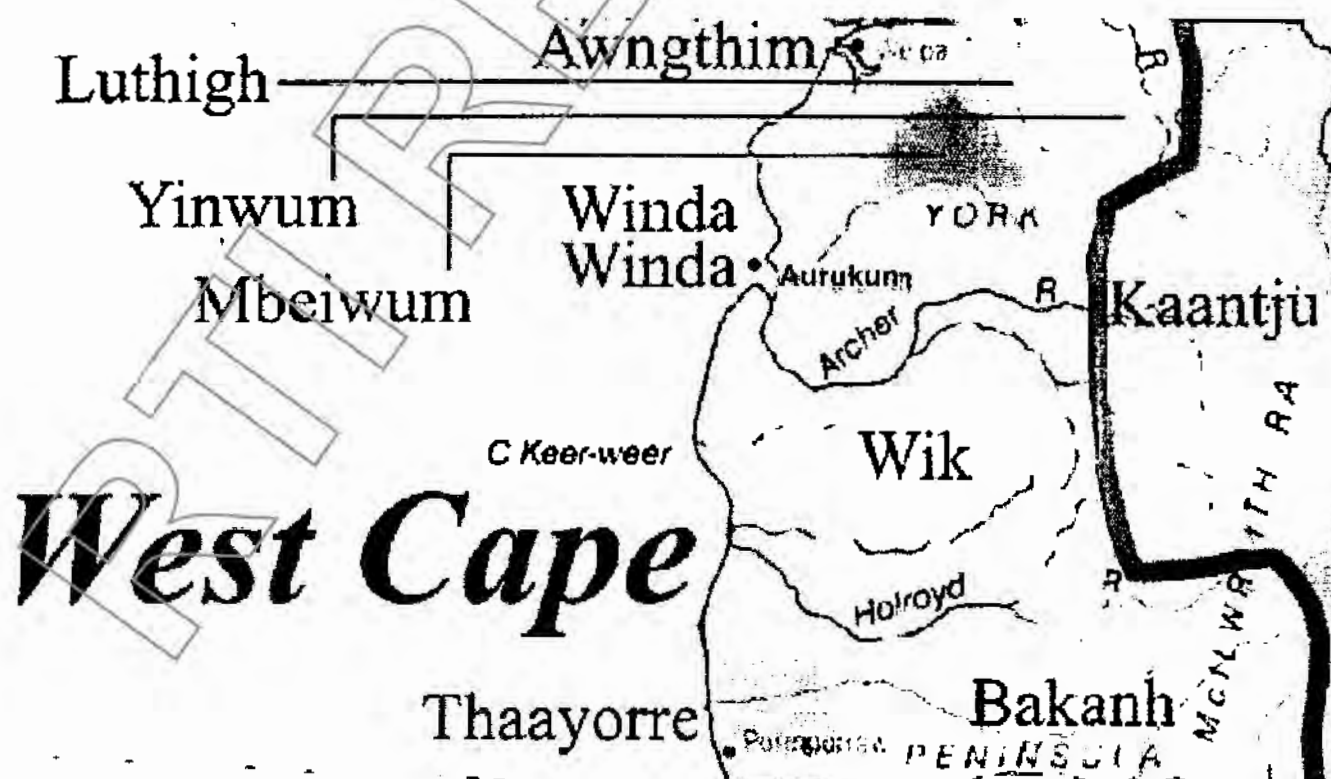


**Table 3: Native Title applications and determinations**

Tribunal ID	Federal Court No	Name	Status
QC2001/031 DET	QUD6029/01	Wik and Wik Way Peoples #2	DETERMINED
QCD2012/010 DET	QUD6001/1998	Wik and Wik Way Native Title Determination No. 4	DETERMINED
QCD2000/006 DET	QUD6001/1998	Wik and Wik-Way Peoples	DETERMINED
QCD2004/2 DET	QUD6001/1998	Wik and Wik-Way Peoples	DETERMINED
QCD2004/003 DET	QUD6001/1998	Wik and Wik Way Native Title Determination No. 3	DETERMINED
QC2001/031 AMENDED PRC	QUD6029/01	Wik and Wik Way Peoples #2	PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED
QC2014/008	QUD673/2014	Cape York United Number 1 Claim	REGISTERED

**Table 4: Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)**

Tribunal ID	Name	Agreement Status
QI2001/026	Aurukun Township and Access Road Agreement	ILUA Registered
QI2007/010	Aurukun Bauxite Project (Feasibility Study) Agreement	ILUA Registered
QI2007/018	Wik and Wik Way People and Rio Tinto Aluminium Limited ILUA	ILUA Registered
QI2012/082	Wik & Wik Way People and Watson River Pastoral ILUA	ILUA Registered
QI2014/087	Aurukun Bauxite Development ILUA	ILUA Registered
QI2015/004	Wik Timber Project ILUA	ILUA Registered
QIA2001/002	Comalco ILUA	ILUA Registered

**Traditional Language Map**

## Community Services

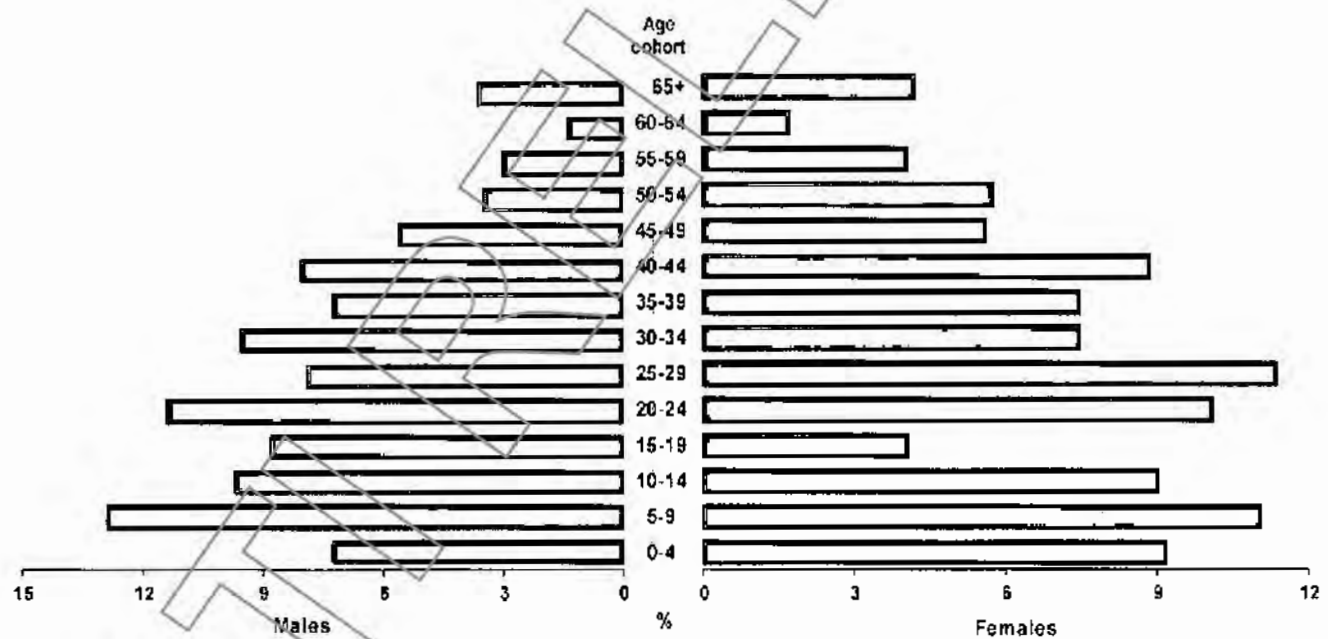
Table 5: Queensland Government Funded Services for Aurukun in 2013/14

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF SERVICES	BUDGET ALLOCATION	PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET
Early Childhood and Schooling	5	18.5	\$3,267,501	20.0
Economic Participation and Development	4	14.8	\$812,909	5.0
Environment	1	3.7	0	0.0
Governance and Leadership	2	7.4	\$1,762,031	10.8
Health	5	18.5	\$4,129,647	25.3
Healthy Homes	4	14.8	\$3,437,805	21.1
Land and Culture	0	0.0	0	0.0
Safe Communities	6	22.2	\$2,917,195	17.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$16,327,088</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Social Indicators

### Age profile

Figure 1: Age structure for Aurukun (S) by Indigenous status, 2015<sup>2</sup>



Source: Government Statistician, 2015. Population estimates by Indigenous status, local government area, age, sex, 2001 to 2014 (2011 Australian Standard Geographical Standard), Queensland Treasury.

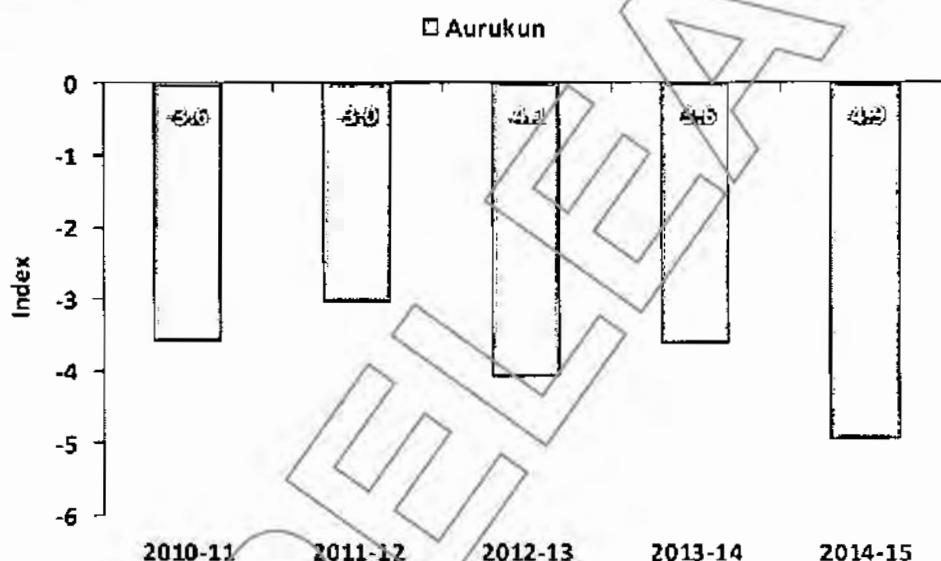
<sup>2</sup> Graph of non-Indigenous population not shown due to small very numbers.

## Combined community stability status

### Relative Wellbeing Index<sup>3</sup>

The "Relative Wellbeing Index" is a combination of three measures: Reported offences against the person (per 1,000 people), Hospital admissions for assault-related conditions (per 1,000 people) and Semester 1 attendance rates (per cent) (recast as "in-attendance"). The index is on an arbitrary unit scale and is a relative measure only. All communities are referenced to Queensland where the score for Queensland is always zero in any given year. The scores have been cast such that a more negative score indicates a lower relative wellbeing and a less negative score indicates a higher relative wellbeing.

Figure 2: Relative Wellbeing Index values for Aurukun (S) from 2010-11 to 2014-15



## Education

Table 6: Aurukun Campus CYAAA Student Attendance: Prep to Year 7 (a)(b)

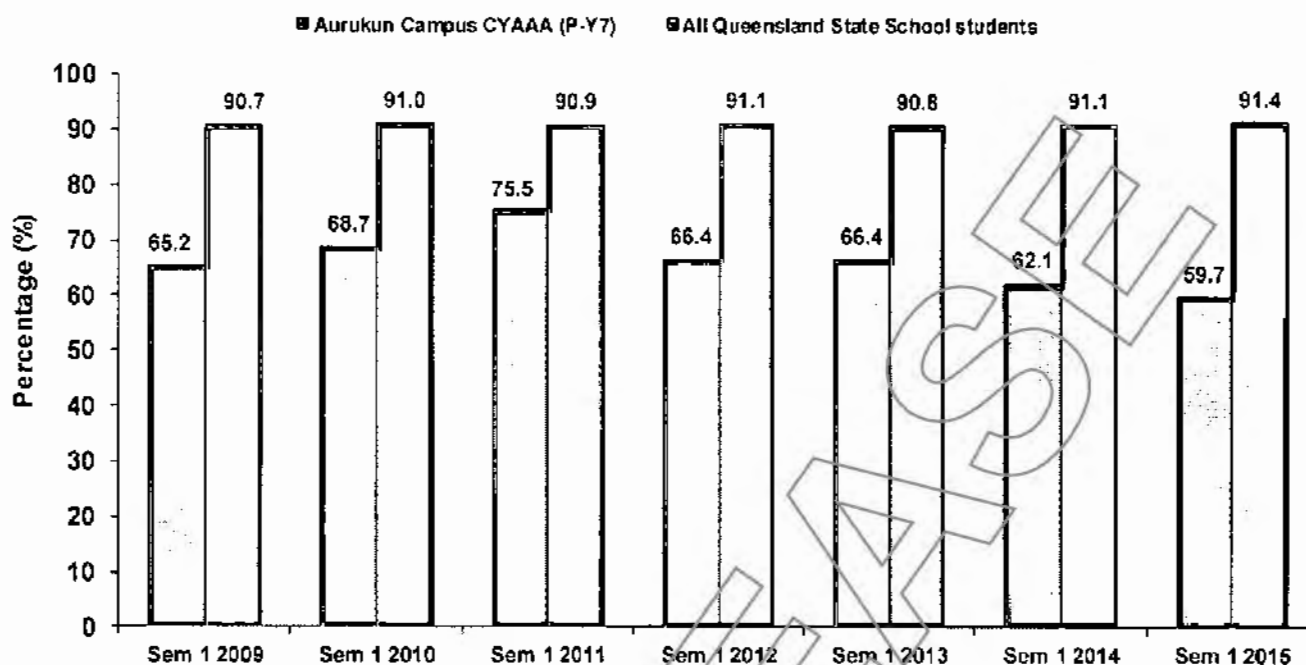
Student attendance rate	Sem 1 2009	Sem 1 2010	Sem 1 2011	Sem 1 2012	Sem 1 2013	Sem 1 2014	Sem 1 2015
	-%-						
Aurukun Campus CYAAA (P-Y7)	65.2	68.7	75.5	66.4	66.4	62.1	59.7
All Queensland State School students	90.7	91.0	90.9	91.1	90.8	91.1	91.4
Gap (percentage points)	25.5	22.3	15.3	24.7	24.3	28.9	31.7

Notes:

- 2013, 2014 and 2015 rates not comparable to previous years
- Prior to 2015, primary school attendance rates included Year 7 students. In 2015, Year 7 students transitioned to secondary.

Source: Department of Education, Training and Employment

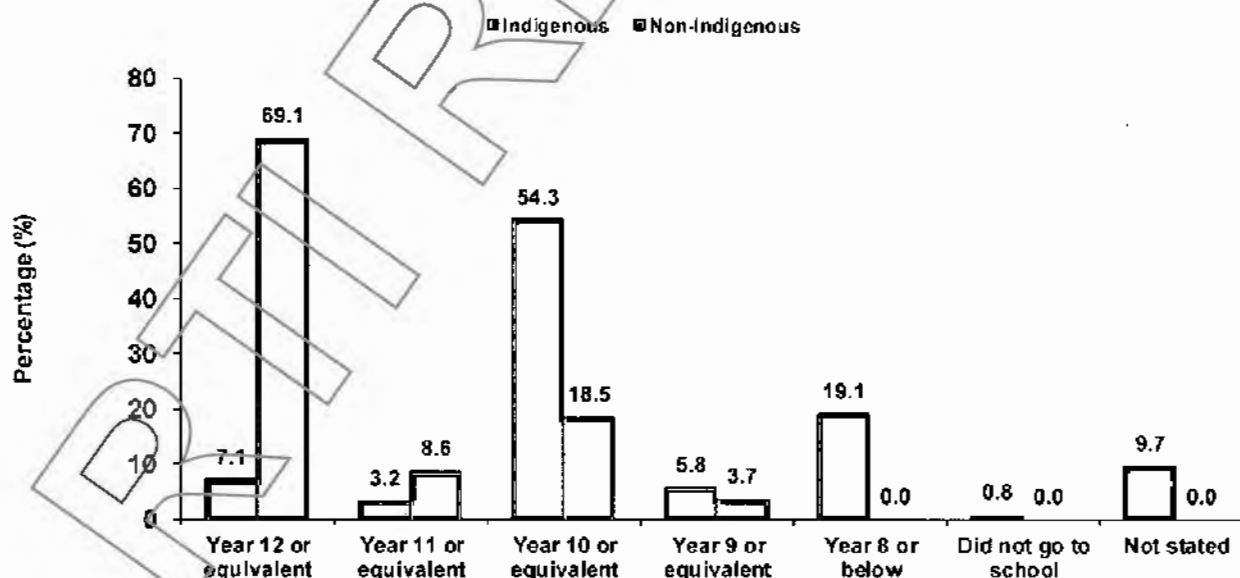
<sup>3</sup> The relative wellbeing index is only available for Queensland's discrete communities (including Coen and Mossman Gorge). Note that this index is highly experimental and is not recommended as a basis for policy and planning.

**Figure 3: Aurukun Campus CYAAA Student Attendance: Prep to Year 7**

### Enrolments

As at August 2015 there were 226 students enrolled at the Aurukun Campus of CYAAA.

### Educational Attainment

**Figure 4: Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status (a), 2011**

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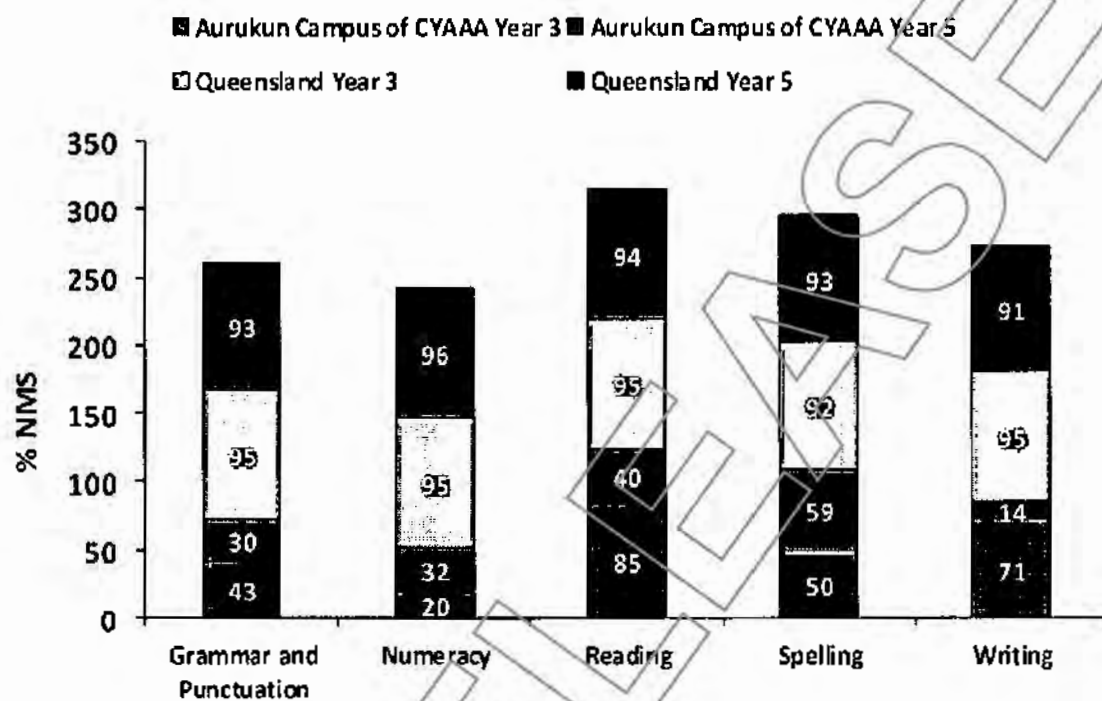
a) Persons aged 15 years and over who are no longer attending primary or secondary school.

Source: ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing



## NAPLAN

**Figure 5: NAPLAN % at or above the National Minimum Standard (%NMS) for Aurukun Campus of CYAAA and Queensland by Domain and Year Level, 2015**



Sources: Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and Queensland Department of Education and Training

# AURUKUN

Program Update for Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office

28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

<b>Aurukun Shire Council</b>	<b>Mayor:</b> Dereck Walpo <b>Deputy Mayor:</b> Ada Woolia <b>Councillor:</b> Doris Poonkamelya <b>Councillor:</b> Edgar Kerindun <b>Councillor:</b> Vera Koomeeta <b>Chief Executive Officer:</b> Bernie McCarthy
<b>Land Use Planning Schemes</b>	Planning scheme adopted and came into effect on 1 August 2014.
<b>Native Title Compliance (Indigenous Land Use Agreement)</b>	No request for consultation was received for Aurukun's 24JAA notice issued on 26 November 2013. Native Title compliance was obtained 13 February 2014.
<b>Road Network Surveys</b>	Road network plans are registered.
<b>Lease Surveys</b>	<b>242</b> leases requested – survey complete and original plans received.
<b>Community Survey Plan</b>	Draft plan was received and sent to Council in March 2015 for review. Council passed a resolution to accept the final plan at its October 2015 meeting and the original plan has been signed.
<b>Subdivision Infrastructure</b>	<b>Stage 1:</b> 30 lots Completed. <b>Stage 2:</b> 26 lots Completed
<b>New Social Housing Construction</b>	Final construction program numbers for: 2014/2015 – Completed - 3 – Planned - 2 2015/2016 – under construction - 19
<b>40 year Social Housing Lease</b>	<b>264</b> Executed Leases.
<b>Tenure Resolution (Land Holding Act Leases)</b>	N/A
<b>Payments for 2014/15 arising from Lease Execution</b>	<b>264</b> lots (containing <b>267</b> dwellings) leased = \$747,600.00 (combined lease rent and service charge payments).
<b>Development Approval submission</b>	Aurukun Community Network Survey DA to be prepared by the Program Office.
<b>Indigenous Employment and Training</b>	As at May 2015 for the <u>financial year to date</u> , there has been <b>15,799</b> <b>employment hours</b> recorded with <b>80% of these undertaken by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander employees</b> .
<b>Home Ownership</b>	There are 124 dwellings available for home ownership in Aurukun. 1 home ownership enquiry received to date, this has not progressed to a formal EOI. Sale price agreement between the Trustee and DHPW required and DA required before this application can be progressed.
<b>Economic Participation</b>	<b>Job Profile</b> On the 20 January 2016 meeting of the Economic Development, Employment and Training Working Group identified three issues to be addressed: (1) put in place and maintain a register of vacant jobs across community; (2) an audit, thru' CYe database, of skill/qualification profile of job seekers; and

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## Overview of Key Service Providers

(3) a 'blitz' to address base credentials for employment/training (unique student identifier, identification documents, TFN etc.). CYP, CYe, DATSIP and PM&C will collaborate and progress.

Skill/qualification audit results will be forwarded to Rio Tinto who will then inform contractors about available labour supply at Aurukun. Aim is to assist contractors to meet their indigenous employment obligations. Early opportunities during construction phase will be in the areas such as:

- Trades and trade assistants;
- Camp operations and catering;
- Security;
- Traffic management;
- Stores control.

### Economic Workshop for Amrun Project

ASC and Rio Tinto are planning a 2-day business/supplier briefing in early February for parties interested in opportunities presented by the Amrun Project. December/January period participation in work/training obligations has been exceptionally poor as a result of late November community unrest. Of 270 full-service job seekers on community, approximately 5% have continued their engagement with CYe.

### PCYC

New Coordinator appointed to PCYC. Glen Compain started in position in December 2015, has filled vacant positions and is designing programs for delivery. As well as sport and recreation activities, PCYC will also offer youth support services. PCYC occupying temporary space in Aurukun Business Precinct. On completion of recreation hall renovation and upgrade PCYC will relocate to offices in that building.

### RFDS

The RFDS has two programs in Aurukun: The Wellbeing Centre and Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) program. Under the Wellbeing Centre banner RFDS provides counselling and group programs to members of the community who self-refer and those are referred from a number of sources including the FRC, Probation and Parole and the Police. The "Shade Place for Men" (formerly the Men's shed) in Aurukun is a component of the Wellbeing program.

### CYAAA

New Principal, Scott Fatnowna, appointed in December 2015. Scott has bolstered the Transition Support team for the school. They will have a key role in attendance and re-engagement.

### CYP O-Hub

The CYP O-Hub is a one-stop shop for opportunity products (MPOWER and PRIDE OF PLACE) designed to support individuals and families to manage and take responsibility for their finances, health and education. MPOWER

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supports families to manage money for basic material and education needs, and to build capabilities through financial literacy and behavioural change. The PRIDE OF PLACE project in 2015 assisted seven families to clean up and remodel their gardens and yards.

## FRC

The Family Responsibility Commission sits for three days in the first and third week of each month. Commissioner Glasgow is supported by 7 appointed local Commissioners and FRC Coordinator.

Community relationships

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Alcohol Management  
Plans

Deliberative process

Community Safety Plans

Local Community Safety Working Group comprising QPS, Justice and Mediation groups, Qld Health, ASC and other agencies recently formed to ensure local input to community safety initiatives. First meeting scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> February. Discussion occurring at upper organisational levels to determine which agency will have carriage/responsibility.

## Aurukun Council

The design and installation of closed-circuit television system.

## Sewer Upgrade

The capacity of the Aurukun sewer infrastructure has been identified as

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Contract Management

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requiring upgrade to meet the community's current development needs. To address this need DATSIP provided \$90,000 in funding to support the detail design and undertaking of the upgrade works.

Detail design of the works have now been completed for the upgrade works and addressing a need to service the PCYC building and 3 Rivers Community Centre. It is estimated that project costs including the planning and design; pump stations and connections for gravity feed system would require an additional \$205k plus an additional 20% contingency to the existing funding provided. This will address the current needs for Aurukun sewer but will not enable future development.

As it has been identified that there is planned future growth in the region including mine development, a pump station option to allow for capacity and growth to support economic opportunity has been considered. This option would require an additional budget to the existing funding of \$270.

An opportunity has been identified within the pump station option to allow connection to accommodation and camp sites located on McKenzie Road that would provide service for future development and opportunity to work with the mining industry. The cost to connect these sites is \$62K.

In summary a total cost of \$422K would be required for this project to allow future growth with an additional contingency 20% recommended.

## **Police Citizen Youth Welfare Association (PCYC)**

Aurukun Sports Hall refurbishment upgrade and security fencing

## **Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS)**

Youth support service in Aurukun to address the issues of youth offending and disengagement

## **Department of Justice and Attorney General**

Mediation and restorative of justice programs

## **Cape York Partnerships**

Funding approved for Parenting Program and Village Opportunity Hub Leader – service agreement currently being negotiated

## **Impact of late November community unrest:**

- Abandoned houses;
- Displacement to and overcrowding in safer areas of community;
- DH&PW repair plans; and
- Possible return to community of ring-leaders in unrest

## **Refer to Contentious Issues Brief**

## **General level of engagement**

Attendance at CYe has been significantly affected with approximately 5% of full service job seekers reporting and completing their 25hr/week obligation.

CYP report number of people accessing services was affected by November unrest but people are beginning to return to O-Hub. CYP put in place an

Key Issues

Other

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outreach service model for a few people affected.

Third party personal information

Strategic Builders has won the contract for recreation hall renovation and upgrade.

ASC and Rio Tinto are hosting a 2-day Economic Development Workshop in Aurukun on 8-9 February and have marketed to potential suppliers to the Amrun project to attend and discuss business opportunities with Rio and Council.

**Aurukun Women's Centre** (local name to be identified by Senior Women Committee):

- Used for other purposes as well as Art
- Currently used for Project's- Ghost net workshop (ongoing)-creating ART and Sculptures
- Interest in Textiles, Sewing, Painting, Screen Printing, Lino Printing
- Supplying Cultural materials for 'House Openings and Funerals for Community to keep economics in Aurukun.
- Consultant 'Mulga Gidgee' initial consultations for local requirement's and ongoing programs
- Vision of Aurukun women is most important
- Elect Senior women's group/Run like a small business/Need fulltime Women's Centre Coordinator
- ASC are Directors and Aurukun women are the Operators
- Building has Capacity to support up to 60 local Aurukun women-currently being well supported when workshops
- Age group 30 to senior.
- Potential to allow women to do training –financial and small business. create Economic sustainability for Aurukun local women
- Infrastructure allows for a SAFE and Productive environment and encourages healing and self-empowerment.
- Building completed in late 2014 Government Funded via ASC.

**Aged Care Centre-HACC Home and Community CARE (Chivaree)**

The Aurukun Community Home Help Project is funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments to provide services to frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.

- Currently, the centre provides services to about 60 clients who are receiving Home and Community Care services and Home Care Packages.
- The individual services our programs provide are:

- Domestic Assistance
- Social Support
- Personal Care
- Meals at the centre and meals delivered to homebound clients

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- Centre-based Day Care
- Respite Care
- Transport
- Home Maintenance and Client Care Coordination

- The Centre was open for business in mid-2013
- Facility Building project cost was \$4.5 million- Government Funded
- The service employs 6 FTE Aurukun based multilingual staff to support our clients and their carers (plus additional staff when services demand).

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# Aurukun Shire Council



## Councillor Dereck Walpo

Mayor, Aurukun Shire Council

### Council Service

Cr Walpo was elected to the position of Mayor on 16 June 2012. He has served as an Aurukun Shire Councillor from 1994-1997; 2004-2008 and 2012 to the current day.

### Community / Council Key Interests

Health/Sport and Recreation

Business Development

### Other Information

Mayor Walpo has been a Cape York Sustainable Futures (CYSF) member since 2013. He is also Council's representative on the following entities:

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)

Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA)

Island and Cape Retail Enterprises (ICRE)



# Aurukun Shire Council



## Councillor Ada Panawya Woolla OAM

Deputy Mayor, Aurukun Shire Council

### Council Service

Cr Woolla is the Deputy Mayor of Aurukun Shire Council and was elected to the position of Aurukun Shire Councillor in the Local Government elections on 28 April 2012.

### Community / Council Key Interests

Training and Education

### Other Information

Cr Woolla (Winchanum Clan) was born and raised in Aurukun, leaving the community to attend boarding school and later Cairns Business College.

In September 2014 Cr Woolla was appointed to the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland. The Taskforce was established by the then Premier, Campbell Newman and was chaired by the Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO, former Governor-General of Australia.

On 26 January 2015 Cr Woolla was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of her services to the community. She is also a foster and kinship carer, an office bearer in the church, a founding Member of the Aurukun Community Justice Group, a respected mediator and community Elder. Cr Woolla and her husband, Mayor Dereck Walpo, support the education and training of young people and strive to improve opportunities for their community.

Cr Woolla is a Family Responsibilities Commission Local Commissioner.

# Aurukun Shire Council



## Councillor Doris Poonkamelya OAM

Councillor, Aurukun Shire Council

### Council Service

Cr Poonkamelya xxx of Aurukun Shire Council

### Community / Council Key Interests

Health

Community Justice

Education and employment

### Other Information

Cr Doris Poonkamelya (Putch Clan) was born at the Kendall River Outstation and her family moved to Aurukun when she was a child. On 26 January 2015 Cr Poonkamelya was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of her services to the community.

She is a founding member of the Aurukun Community Justice Group and is also deeply committed to education as the pathway to employment and a promising future for young people. As a recognised Child Safety Carer, Cr Poonkamelya believes in ensuring a safe environment for children to grow and mature.

Cr Poonkamelya is a Family Responsibilities Commission Local Commissioner.



# Aurukun Shire Council



## Councillor Edgar Kerindun OAM

### Council Service

Cr Kerindun was elected to the position of Aurukun Shire Councillor in the Local Government elections on 28 April 2012.

### Community / Council Key Interests

Justice and rehabilitation issues

Health

### Other Information

Cr Kerindun was born and raised in Aurukun and is a traditional owner of the area.

On 26 January 2015 Cr Kerindun was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of his services to the community. He was one of the original Community Police Officers in Aurukun and continues to promote justice and rehabilitation for ex-offenders.

Cr Kerindun is a Family Responsibilities Commission Local Commissioner.

# Aurukun Shire Council



## Councillor Vera Koomeeta OAM

Councillor, Aurukun Shire Council

### Council Service

Cr Koomeeta was elected to the position of Aurukun Shire Councillor in the Local Government elections on 28 April 2012.

### Community / Council Key Interests

Community Justice

Education

### Other Information

Cr Koomeeta (Aplach Clan) was born in Aurukun and attended primary school in Aurukun. She continued her studies at PGC and Scots College in Warwick completing Year 10 after which she attended Technical and Further Education (TAFE) in Cairns, obtaining a qualification in community teaching.

On 26 January 2015 Cr Koomeeta was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of her services to the community. She is a Justice of the Peace (Magistrates Court) and a registered interpreter as well as a member of the Aurukun Community Justice Group.

As the representative of her clan group she is involved in several committees and holds positions on a number of boards.

Cr Koomeeta is a Family Responsibilities Commission Local Commissioner.

# Aurukun

Estimated resident Population at 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>: 1297 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons; (92.6% of total population)

## Population and labour force

**Children (0 to 14 years old)**  
384 persons (30.0% total)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in jobless families: 60.7% of dependent children  
No non-Indigenous children in jobless families

**Working age persons (15 to 64 years old):**  
863 persons (66.5% total)

**Persons 65 years and older:** 50 persons

41 persons with a profound or severe disability (3.4% total population)

**Employed (non CDEP employment)**  
115 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons  
70 non-Indigenous persons

**CDEP participants**  
37 persons

**Unemployed** 64 persons  
Unemployment rate 29.6% <sup>(3)</sup>

**Not in the labour force**  
490 persons

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who did voluntary work**  
132 persons

Persons on NewStart allowance <sup>(2)</sup>: 286 (34.8% of all persons 22 to 64 years)

Work for the Dole Eligible: 249, Work for the Dole ineligible: 201 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Skills

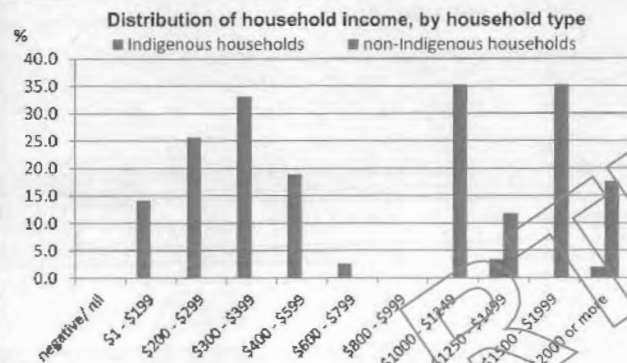
7 young people (18 to 24 years) fully engaged in work, studying or training (4.5% total)

10 young people (20 to 24 years) have a Yr12 or equivalent, Cert II or above qualification (10.5% total)

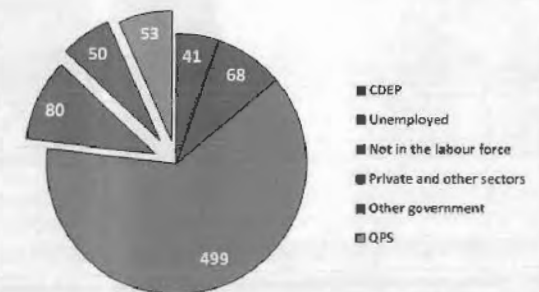
6.7% of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people completed Year 12

23.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a non-school qualification (Certificate level and above)

## Distribution of wealth and work



**Labour force composition, including sector of employment**



## Housing

6.5% of Indigenous households have an internet connection, compared with 80.0% of non-Indigenous households

185 Indigenous households are renting, and paying a median rent of \$91 per week. Only 3 Indigenous households own their home (outright or owned with a mortgage)

68.5% of Indigenous households report overcrowding (with at least 2 people more than the total number of bedrooms)

### Notes:

- (1) Population counts are based on estimated resident populations at June 2013, which stem from Census 2011. The ABS acknowledges that Census 2011 underestimated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations in some discrete Indigenous communities.
- (2) Department of Social Security, NewStart allowances are estimated at December 2014 and may exceed the total number of unemployed people. Where the total number of recipients is lower than 20, data is suppressed to preserve confidentiality and are not counted in percentages.
- (3) Estimates of the unemployment rate exclude CDEP participants.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified, numbers refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons.
- (5) 2015 caseload data from Remote Jobs and Community Program providers.

**Opening points for**  
**Aurukun Lunch with Elders**  
**12:30pm 04 February 2016**  
**Wuungkam Lodge, Aurukun**

- First I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners, past, present and future of the land where we have gathered today.
- I would like to thank all of you for joining me and my Parliamentary colleagues, the Honourable Mick de Brenni, the Minister for Housing and Public Works and the Honourable Bill Byrne, the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services.
- We also have the Directors-General Clare O'Connor, Michael Schaumburg, Government Champion as well as the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service, Mr Ian Stewart here with us and I thank them for representing each of the departments on this visit.
- It is wonderful to be here with all of you, including representatives from the Aurukun Shire Council, the Clans, the Chair of Aak Puul Ngantum [Ark Pool Ny'n tam] and Board members of Ngan Aak-Kunch [Ny'an Ark Koonch] Aboriginal Corporation, and other prominent members of the community.
- As I've moved through the community today talking with people I am encouraged by the positive steps being taken to address the challenges faced by the community. You are an essential part of the important work of building community resilience which will enable Aurukun to rise to these challenges.
- I would now like to invite Mayor Walpo to open this dinner with a blessing of the food.

*Note: It is acceptable to refer to Aak Puul Ngantum as "APN" and Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation as "NAK"*

## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Aurukun Housing – Response to letter from the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works</b>		
Contact Officer	Flo Bridger, Welfare Reform, 3224 8073	Reference No.	DATSIP 01259-2016
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, Deputy Director-General, Policy	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. That you **approve** and **sign** the attached letter to the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works (Attachment 1).

### BACKGROUND

2. On 4 February 2016, you travelled to Aurukun with the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works and the Honourable Bill Byrne MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services, to meet with the Aurukun Shire Council and other community members, to discuss working together across local, State and Commonwealth levels to coordinate efforts in addressing community safety and improving community functioning.

### ISSUES

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6. The uptake of ERAP housing would be dependent on opportunities available for work and training and the ability to retain employment. The Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) will work with the Aurukun Shire Council, the local employment service provider, Cape York Employment and DHPW, through the Coordinated Capital Works Program to recommend where ERAP may be utilised, as well as potential participants for the program.
7. Building an aged care facility (in the form of senior units that are fully adaptable, two bedroom units similar to those in Napranum and Hope Vale), away from the latest social housing subdivision development, would require new land to be developed. Any land to be developed closer to the Health and Community Care Centre will require Native Title resolution, construction of municipal services and civil earthworks in the order of \$1.2 million, for six seniors units. There are insufficient funds in the remaining NPARIH program to develop land for an aged care facility, as the remaining funding is being prioritised to the Torres Strait to meet a 30 June 2016 financial commitment. Should program savings be identified in the 2016–2017 period, RILIPO would work with DHPW on design solutions and Native Title resolution.
8. CDP in Aurukun is delivered through Cape York Employment (CYE) with funding through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). PM&C has staff currently embedded in CYE to improve service delivery. DATSIP is linking CYE and other agencies and subcontractors to improve communication and mentoring activities aimed at increasing Indigenous employment participation and continuity.
9. DATSIP and other Queensland Government agencies are delivering a number of initiatives to respond to issues of community disharmony and violence. DATSIP is coordinating a Community Safety Working Group to develop the Aurukun Community Safety Plan, with representation from the Queensland Police Service, Aurukun Shire Council, DHPW, the Community Justice Group, Cape York Academy, Cape York Partnerships and community organisations.
10. DATSIP, the Commonwealth Government and Aurukun Shire Council are funding a major upgrade of Aurukun's CCTV system at a cost of \$1.312 million. The new CCTV system is expected to act as a deterrent to vandalism and assist in community policing. Approximately 12 houses and 32 Ergon power box card readers were damaged during unrest in late 2015, with repairs being coordinated by DHPW and Ergon. The indicative cost of repairs is \$1.2 million.

Deliberative process

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## ATTACHMENT

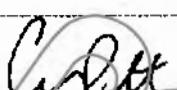
- Attachment 1—Letter to the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works



# RECOMMENDATION

12. It is recommended that you **approve** and **sign** the attached letter to Minister de Brenni.

Clare O'Connor  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 21 3.  
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Noted
Comments		
 HON. CURTIS PITT MP Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport		
14 / 04 / 2016		

# MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE File 01

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
 ☐ Sport  
☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Request date:	8/3/16	DUE to MO: (date/time)	21/3/16
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<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS</b>			
MO comments:			
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Please prepare briefing note & letter of response. DLO provided copy to DLO. H.H. M.H.			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: <b>Executive Services</b>			
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**CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH**

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**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

MO comments:

① Treasurer FYI

② Ric FYI

③ copy to Clare O'Connor

④ DAISIP to respond. JW

Min comments:

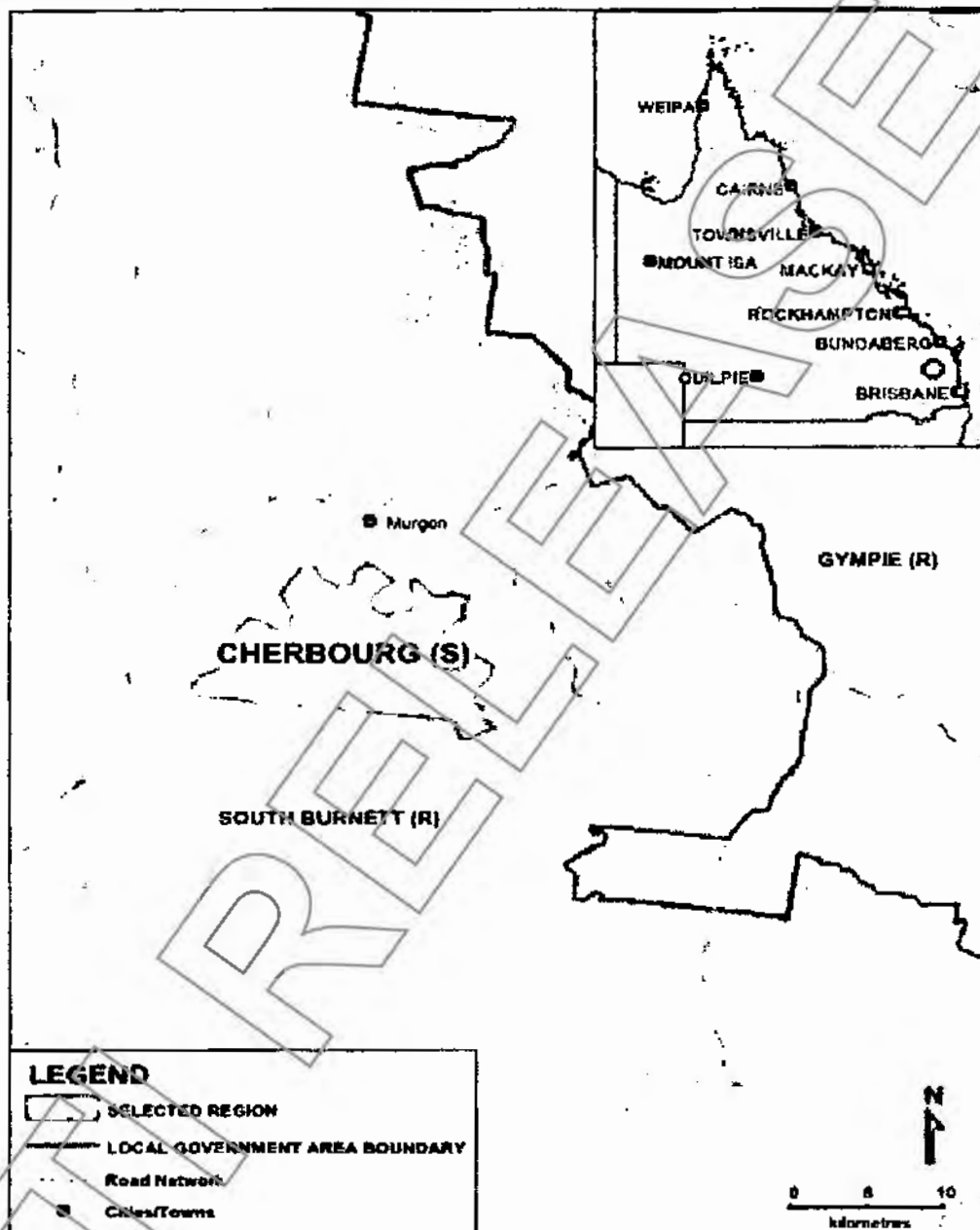
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**Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
and Multicultural Affairs**

## Cherbourg - Community Data Sheet



The community data sheet includes key indicators of harm such as reported offences against the person and hospital admissions for assault related conditions. It also includes information about school attendance, child safety and other areas which may impact on community safety and wellbeing, such as levels of unemployment, health and housing.

Please note that some of the included data are drawn from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. These data will be the same as the figures provided in the previous Community Data Sheets.

# Cherbourg - Community Data Sheet

## Population

### Population

Preliminary Estimated Resident Population (ERP) - 30 June 2013

In 2013, 1,286 people were living in Cherbourg.

Residents In 2012	Queensland	Cherbourg
Cherbourg has a much younger population than the rest of Queensland:	25.2% of people are younger than 18.	40.9% of people are younger than 18.

## Housing and Income

### Housing

Census 2011

Overcrowding In 2011	Queensland	Cherbourg
	2.6 people per house on average.	4.3 people per house on average.
	2.9% of houses need an extra bedroom.	32.0% of houses need an extra bedroom.
Rent in 2011		
Half of households who rent, pay:	\$300 per week or more.	\$75 per week or more.

### Personal weekly income

Census 2011

Money in 2011	Queensland	Cherbourg
Half of people aged 15 years and older earn:	\$587 or more per week.	\$281 or more per week.
For all people aged 15 years and older:	27.8% earn \$1,000 or more per week.	3.6% earn \$1,000 or more per week.

## Employment and Training

### Work

Department of Employment; ABS National Regional Profile

Work in 2013	Queensland (December)	Cherbourg (March to December)
People 15 years and older working or looking for work:	5.7% unemployed.	Range: 13.2% to 15.1% unemployed.
Benefits in 2012		
People 15 years and older receiving Newstart Allowance:	59.2% on Newstart Allowance for more than a year.	80.6% on Newstart Allowance for more than a year.

## Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Department of Education and Training

### Apprenticeships and trainees in 2011

Forty-five Cherbourg residents commenced apprentice or trainee qualifications in 2011. Twenty-four of these were for a private sector employer and 18 were for a local government employer.

### VET qualifications, 2011

Cherbourg residents completed 18 VET qualifications (Certificate I to Advanced Diploma), 15 of which were at a level of Certificate III or above.

## Children and Young People

### Mothers and babies

Perinatal data collection – Queensland Health

Mothers in 2012	Queensland (non-Indigenous)	Cherbourg
Teenage mothers (younger than 18 years)	1.2% of women were teenagers when their baby was born.	Fewer than five women were teenagers when their baby was born.
Mothers who smoke	12.9% of women smoked while they were pregnant.	81.6% of women smoked while they were pregnant. (31 women)

## Learning

Department of Education, Training and Employment

### Literacy and numeracy, 2013

Average literacy and numeracy scores of Cherbourg Year 3 students were below the average scores of all Queensland Year 3 students in NAPLAN testing.

The largest difference in scores was in the grammar and punctuation domain, at 142 points.

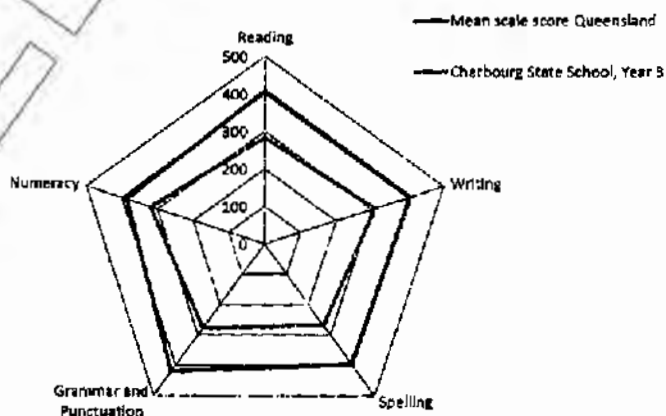
The smallest difference in scores was in the numeracy domain, at 67 points.

However, most Cherbourg children scored above the national minimum standard (NMS):

- 90.9% above in writing
- 90.0% above in numeracy.

Between 62.5% and 68.8% of Year 3 Cherbourg students participated in NAPLAN over the three days of testing.

### Year 3 Mean scale scores for Queensland and Cherbourg 2013 NAPLAN



# Cherbourg - Community Data Sheet

## Student enrolments and attendance

Department of Education, Training and Employment

In August 2013, there were 140 full time students enrolled at Cherbourg State School (prep to year 7).

### Students in 2013

Student attendance rate – Semester 1, 2013:

### Queensland

90.8%

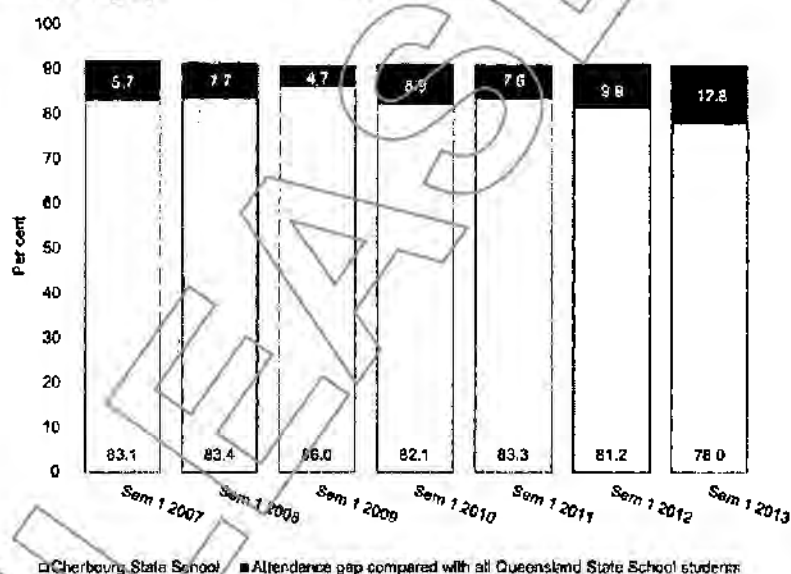
### Cherbourg

78.0%

### Students 2007 to 2013

Semester 1 attendance rates for Cherbourg State School students were at least 4.7 percentage points lower than those of all Queensland State School students.

### Attendance gap – Cherbourg State School students



## Student absences

Department of Education, Training and Employment

### Unique Students in 2013

School disciplinary absences:

### Queensland

3.8% of students were suspended or excluded from school.

### Cherbourg

25.0 % of students were suspended or excluded from school.

Most of the 35 disciplined students received 'short suspensions'.

## Child Safety

Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

### 0-17 year olds in 2012-13

Children subject to substantiated notification of harm:

### Queensland

6.6 children in every 1,000.

### Cherbourg

25.3 children in every 1,000.  
(13 children)

Most serious type of harm substantiated:

41.8% of substantiated notifications were for neglect.

53.8% of substantiated notifications were for emotional harm.

Children admitted to a child protection order:

2.8 children in every 1,000.

13.6 children in every 1,000.  
(seven children)

## Children's Health

Queensland Health



# Cherbourg - Community Data Sheet

## 0-14 year olds in 2012-13

Hospitalisations which could have been prevented (by vaccination or at-home care, for example):

24.4 hospitalisations for every 1,000 children.

188.5 hospitalisations for every 1,000 children.  
(82 hospitalisations)

## Preventable Harm

### Alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions

Queensland Health

#### Residents 15 years and older in 2012-13

Hospitalisations for alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions:

#### Queensland

10.0 hospitalisations for every 1,000 people.

#### Cherbourg

162.2 hospitalisations for every 1,000 people.  
(133 hospitalisations)

### Assault

Queensland Health

#### All residents

Hospitalisations for assault-related conditions in 2012-13:

#### Queensland

1.3 hospitalisations for every 1,000 people.

#### Cherbourg

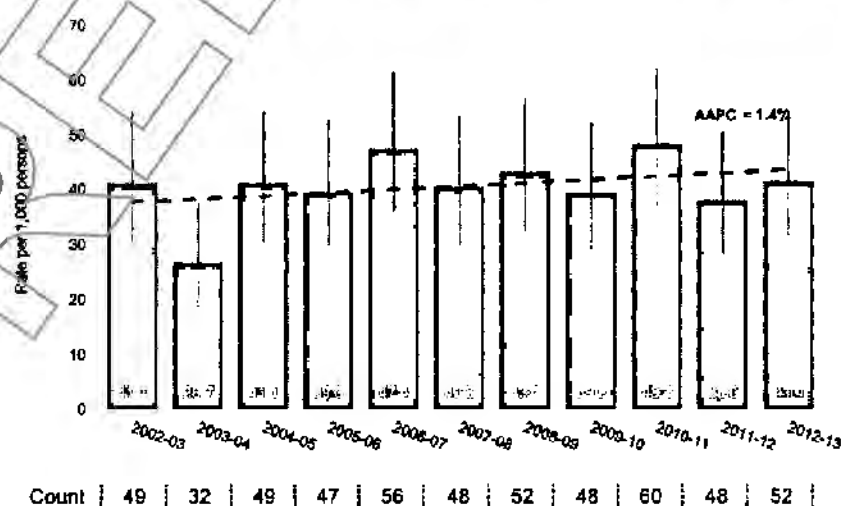
41.4 hospitalisations for every 1,000 people.  
(52 admissions)

## 2002-03 to 2012-13

The rate of hospitalisations of Cherbourg people for assault-related conditions increased on average by 1.4% per year over 2002-03 to 2012-13.

(This increase **was not** statistically significant).

### Rate of assault hospitalisations – Cherbourg<sup>(a)</sup> residents



(a) The AAPC shown on the graph is the average annual percentage change.

### Victims of offences against the person

Queensland Police Service



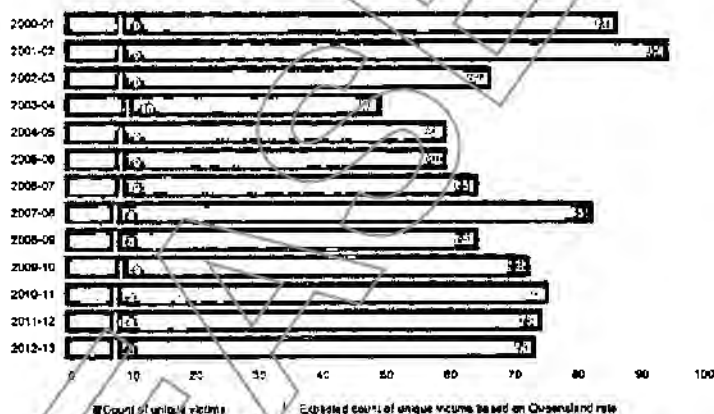
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In Cherbourg in 2012-13	Queensland	Cherbourg
Unique victims of offences against the person	46.6% of victims were female.	73.0% of victims were female.
	31.2% of female victims were between 10 and 19 years old.	22.2% of female victims were between 10 and 19 years old.

## Unique victims in 2012-13

- 74 different people were victims of an offence against the person.
- If Cherbourg people were victims at the same rate as all Queenslanders, then there would have been no more than eight unique victims per year.

## Count of unique victims in Cherbourg



## Reported Victim/offender relationship

In Cherbourg in 2012-13	Queensland	Cherbourg
Reported offences against the person—relationship between offender and victim (where known):	69.5% of offenders were known to the victim.	93.8% of offenders were known to the victim.
	25.0% of offenders were members of the victim's family.	46.9% of offenders were members of the victim's family.

## Reported offences against the person

In Cherbourg	Queensland	Cherbourg
Reported offences against the person in 2012-13:	6.8 offences for every 1,000 people.	83.7 offences for every 1,000 people. (105 reported offences)

2000-01 to 2012-13

Rate of reported offences against the person in

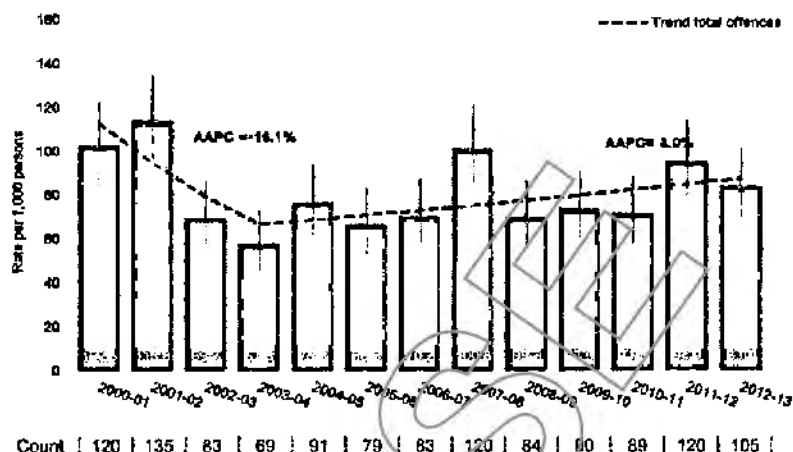
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The rate of all reported offences against the person in Cherbourg decreased on average by 16.1% per year over 2000-01 to 2003-04 and then increased on average by 3.0% per year over 2003-04 and 2012-13.

(Both the increase and decrease were statistically significant).

## Cherbourg<sup>(a)</sup>



(a) The AAPC shown on the graph is the average annual percentage change.

\*These data do not count distinct people – they are counts of reported offences. Multiple offences may be associated with a single incident of crime. These offences refer to offences perpetrated against an individual person and include homicide, assault, sexual offences, robbery, stalking and kidnapping and abduction.

## Reported good order offences\*

Queensland Police Service

### In Cherbourg

Reported good order offences in 2012-13:

### Queensland

11.3 offences for every 1,000 people.

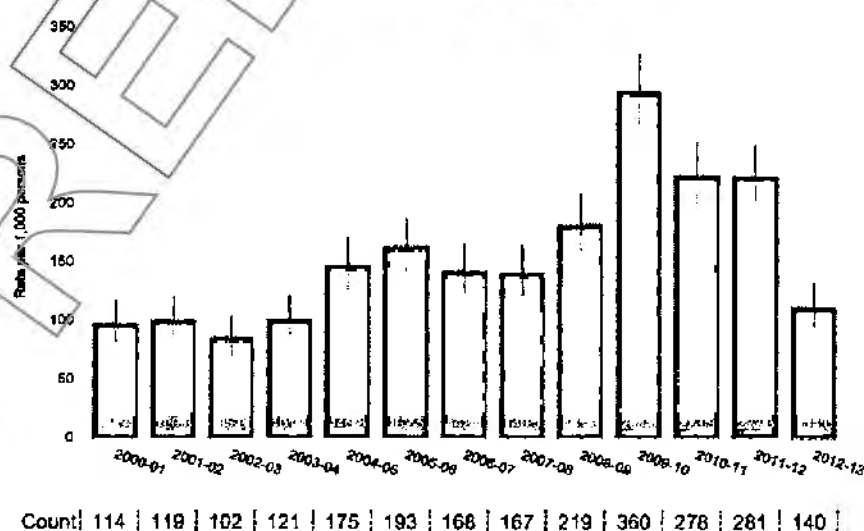
### Cherbourg

111.6 offences for every 1,000 people.  
(140 offences)

### 2000-01 to 2012-13

The 2012-13 rate was substantially lower than the rates reported since 2009-10.

### Rate of reported good order offences – in Cherbourg



\*These data do not count distinct people – they are counts of reported offences. Multiple offences may be associated with a single incident of crime. These offences include public nuisance, fare evasion, obstructing police, disobeying a move on direction, obscene language and wilful exposure.

## Offenders

Queensland Police Service

## **Cherbourg - Community Data Sheet**

### **Individual offenders in Cherbourg in 2012-13:**

- 399 different people were offenders.
- 60 of these had a most serious offence of offences against the person.

### **Prisoners**

Department of Community Safety

#### **Cherbourg residents in prison at 30 June 2013:**

- 24 prisoners said Cherbourg was where they usually lived.
- 12 of these had a most serious offence of assault or murder.

## **Breaches of alcohol restrictions**

### **Charges resulting in a conviction**

Department of Justice and Attorney General

#### **Breaches of Section 168B & C of the *Liquor Act 1992* in Cherbourg:**

- From 12 March 2009 to 30 June 2013, 853 people were convicted of 1,624 charges.
- In 2012-13, there were 230 charges resulting in a conviction (183.3 for every 1,000 people in Cherbourg).
- 63 people convicted in 2012-13 had no previous convictions for breaches.

\*Cherbourg started an Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) on 17 December, 2004. On 12 March 2009, an alcohol carriage limit was introduced in Cherbourg. The carriage limit is currently 11.25 litres of light or mid-strength beer.

# Cherbourg - Community Data Sheet

## Technical Notes

For more information on:

- descriptions and counting rules for student attendance, hospital admissions for assault-related conditions, child safety, reported offences against the person, and breaches of the *Liquor Act 1992*, and a summary of alcohol restrictions

please refer to the *Notes to Accompany Data* in the Annual Highlights Report:

<http://www.datsima.qld.gov.au/atsis/government/programs-and-initiatives/reports/annual-highlights-report-july-2010-june-2011>

Note that rebased estimated resident population figures will be released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in August 2013. In addition, with the ongoing revision and update of administrative datasets, the following statistics may change slightly: low birthweight babies, teenage mothers, alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions, hospital admissions for assault-related conditions, victims, offender and reported offences.

Additional definitions:

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is the National Assessment Program. It is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. For more information see <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>.

### Health

*Teenage mothers:* Teenage mothers are classified as mothers aged 17 years or younger at the time of giving birth.

*Alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions:* These include conditions where alcohol use has brought about psychotic disorders, amnesia (loss of memory), and behavioural disorders.

*Preventable hospitalisations:* For more information see <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/hsu/pdf/statbite/statbite10.pdf>.

### Vocational education and training

Reported is the number of new apprentices and/or trainees commencing work and who have lodged a training contract.

### Crime and safety

*Alcohol or substance-related offences:* Offences are flagged as substance-related if, in the opinion of the attending police officer, either the offender or victim was under the influence of substances at the time the offence occurred. Substances include alcohol, drugs and volatile substances. Where the offence is reported at a later date, the record will be made using the reporting persons/victim or offenders recollection of the event.

*Good order offences:* These include offences such as public nuisance, fare evasion, obstruct police, disobey move on direction, obscene language and wilful exposure.

*Individual offenders:* Reported offenders have been matched based on personal identifying information to give a measure of the actual number of individuals that have committed a crime regardless of how many times they offend.

*Individual victims:* Reported victims have been matched based on personal identifying information to give a measure of the actual number of victims regardless of how many times they have been reported as a victim.

*Offences against the person:* These refer to offences perpetrated against an individual person and include Homicide, Assault, Sexual Offence, Robbery, Stalking and Kidnapping and Abduction.

*Reported victims:* These data show one victim for each reported offence per offence sub-division of the national offence classification. As such, victim data may not equate to a unique victim count. For example, a victim who has been subject to more than one offence will be counted more than once if those offences belong to different sub-divisions of the national offence classification.

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# MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
 ☐ Industrial Relations  
☐ Employment  
☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Request date:	19/03/2015	DUE to MO: (date/time)	02/04/2015
MO Ref:		Dept Ref:	DATSIP 01647-2015
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<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS</b>			
MO comments: Possibility of a meeting on the 22nd of April, Cherbourg visit. Would need additional information for events happening around the same time			
Min comments:			
DLO comments: Please prepare a briefing note for information to provide MO with more background of issues relating to Carro. Possible meeting to be held on 22 April 2015. Thanks Danika			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: Executive Services			

Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment); blue paper (Industrial Relations); or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships)

Additional information has been requested. Please provide  
 attachment advising of any meetings or events occurring around

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Partnerships

### Trip briefing note

Ministerial reference: N/A  
Mincor reference: DATSIP 02293-2015  
Author: Manny Hegarty Telephone: 4125 9365  
Executive Director: Walter Tallis  
Branch: Economic Participation  
Telephone: 3224 2518

<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>
<b>For trip to:</b>	Cherbourg
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 21 April 2015

### RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that you note the following information for your trip to Cherbourg on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 to meet with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Cherbourg State School and the Barambah Local Justice Group.

### BACKGROUND

#### Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council was elected in March 2012.
- An Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) restriction was implemented in 2009.

#### Cherbourg State School

- The Cherbourg State School is a Pre-School to Year 6 School with 169 children enrolled in 2015. Year 7–12 students attend school in nearby Murgon.

#### Barambah Local Justice Group

- The Barambah Local Justice Group (BLJG) was founded in 2000 by Indigenous Elders in the Cherbourg Community.
- The BLJG is funded by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General and provides:
  - written and oral bail/sentencing submissions to the court
  - assistance to victims and offenders during court proceedings
  - links victims with support and legal services
  - assists in the preparation of victim impact statements
  - encourages diversionary mediation, mentoring, youth justice conferencing, and supervised and community service orders
  - advocates for the rights of the community.

### KEY ISSUES

- There are no Hot Issues in the community at the moment.
- In between your meetings with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and Cherbourg State School, you will be attending the launch of the Boys from Barambah Exhibition. A separate brief has been prepared for this event (DATSIP 02102-2015).

#### Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (Attachment 2)

- AMP

#### Cherbourg State School (Attachment 3)

- The department is unable to provide current issues due to the School holidays.

#### Barambah Local Justice Group (Attachment 4)

##### Community relationships

- Cherbourg By-Laws
- State Enforcement Penalties Registry (SPER)

**KEY CONSULTATIONS****Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**

- Mayor Ken Bone, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mr Warren Collins, Chief Executive Officer, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

**Cherbourg State School**


- Ms Pam O'Loughlan, Principal of Cherbourg State School was unable to be contacted due to being on a Retreat.

**Barambah Local Justice Group**

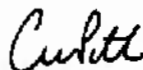
- Mrs Indra Matzner, Coordinator, Barambah Local Justice Group

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1—Draft Itinerary
- Attachment 2—Meeting Brief: Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Attachment 3—Meeting Brief: Cherbourg State School
- Attachment 4—Meeting Brief: Cherbourg/Barambah Local Justice Group
- Attachments 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D—Handwritten notes from Cherbourg explaining how school attendance local law operates
- Attachment 5—Demographics
- Attachment 6—Cherbourg Community Profile

  
 James Purlitt  
 Director-General  
 Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
 Islander Partnerships  
 12/04/2015  
 Comments:

Approved / Not approved / Noted



HON. CURTIS PITT MP

Treasurer

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

20/04/2015

Comments:

**ITINERARY FOR CHERBOURG TRIP**

**Tuesday, 21 April 2015**  
**10:00am—4:00pm**

Time	Venue	Meeting With
10:45am	Council Chambers 22 Barambah Avenue Cherbourg Qld 4605	Mayor Ken Bone Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
12:45pm	Cherbourg State School Fisher Street Cherbourg Qld 4605	Ms Pam O'Loughlan Principal Cherbourg State School
1:45pm	3 Fisher Street Cherbourg Qld 4605	Barambah Local Justice Group



<b>Visit to / meeting with:</b>	Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
<b>Date and time:</b>	Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 10:45am
<b>Venue:</b>	Cherbourg Council Chambers, 22 Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mayor Ken Bone Mr Warren Collins, Chief Executive Officer (Remaining Councillors may attend subject to availability)

**PURPOSE**

- To visit and meet with Mayor Ken Bone of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

**BACKGROUND**

- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council was elected in March 2012:
  - Mayor Ken Bone
  - Councillor Gordon Wragge
  - Councillor Rorey Boney
  - Councillor Christine Stewart
  - Councillor Arnold Murray
- An Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) restriction was implemented in 2009.

**KEY ISSUES**

Deliberative process

<b>Visit to / meeting with:</b>	Cherbourg State School
<b>Date and time:</b>	Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 12:45pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Cherbourg State School, Fisher Street, Cherbourg
<b>Attendees:</b>	Ms Pam O'Loughlan, Principal, Cherbourg State School

**PURPOSE**

- To visit and meet with Ms Pam O'Loughlan, Principal of the Cherbourg State School.

**BACKGROUND**

- The department has been unable to ascertain any current student and staff data due to the School holidays.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Due to the closure of the School for holidays, DATSIP was unable to ascertain any information on the key issues for Cherbourg State School.

<b>Visit to / meeting with:</b>	Cherbourg/Barambah Local Justice Group
<b>Date and time:</b>	Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 1:45pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Cherbourg Court House, 3 Fisher Street, Cherbourg
<b>Attendees:</b>	Chairperson Lillian Grey Ms Indra Matzner Coordinator Mr Nathan Higgins DJAG Mr Ian Clarke, Murgon Court Registrar

#### PURPOSE

- To meet with the Barambah Local Justice Group (BLJG).

#### BACKGROUND

- The founding members of the BLJG was a group of Indigenous elders in the Cherbourg community with a special mention to the late Joseph Roderick Button (Senior) who was not only a foundation member, but also a great supporter of local justice for his people for many years.

#### KEY ISSUES

Community relationships

### **Cherbourg Local Laws**

- The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is endeavouring to address law and order issues through updating their old 'law and order' local laws to make reference to current enforcement mechanisms (e.g. the Justice of the Peace Magistrates Court rather than the Aboriginal Court).
- They also wish to add certain offences relating to matters such as throwing stones and rocks at Police vehicles, illicit substance sniffing etc. Creating such offences through local laws may be possible provided they are not inconsistent with State law.
- The BLJG believes that such laws would benefit the community by allowing the Justice of the Peace Magistrates Court, the Elders Panel that sits with it and community service providers also present in court to develop holistic outcomes of benefit to the whole community.
- This is the process currently used in relation to school attendance and attached are handwritten notes from Cherbourg explaining how the process works (see Attachments 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D).
- A revised set of local laws was submitted to former Local Government Minister, the Honourable Deslay Boyle MP, in 2009 or 2010 but not approved. Since then, the need for State approval of local laws has been dispensed with, although the relevant council is required to undertake a 'state interest check' directly with relevant agencies.
- It is understood that the QPS previously expressed concerns with the proposed local laws. However, it appears likely that any concerns about specific provisions in the local laws could be resolved – which is what the BLJG is seeking – and that an updated set of laws could be adopted that could satisfy any state interests.
- While the local laws envisage enforcement by Community Police, QPS Officers are authorised to and currently do enforce a number of existing local laws at Cherbourg, and the laws could be redrafted to exclude references to Community Police.

### **RESPONSE**

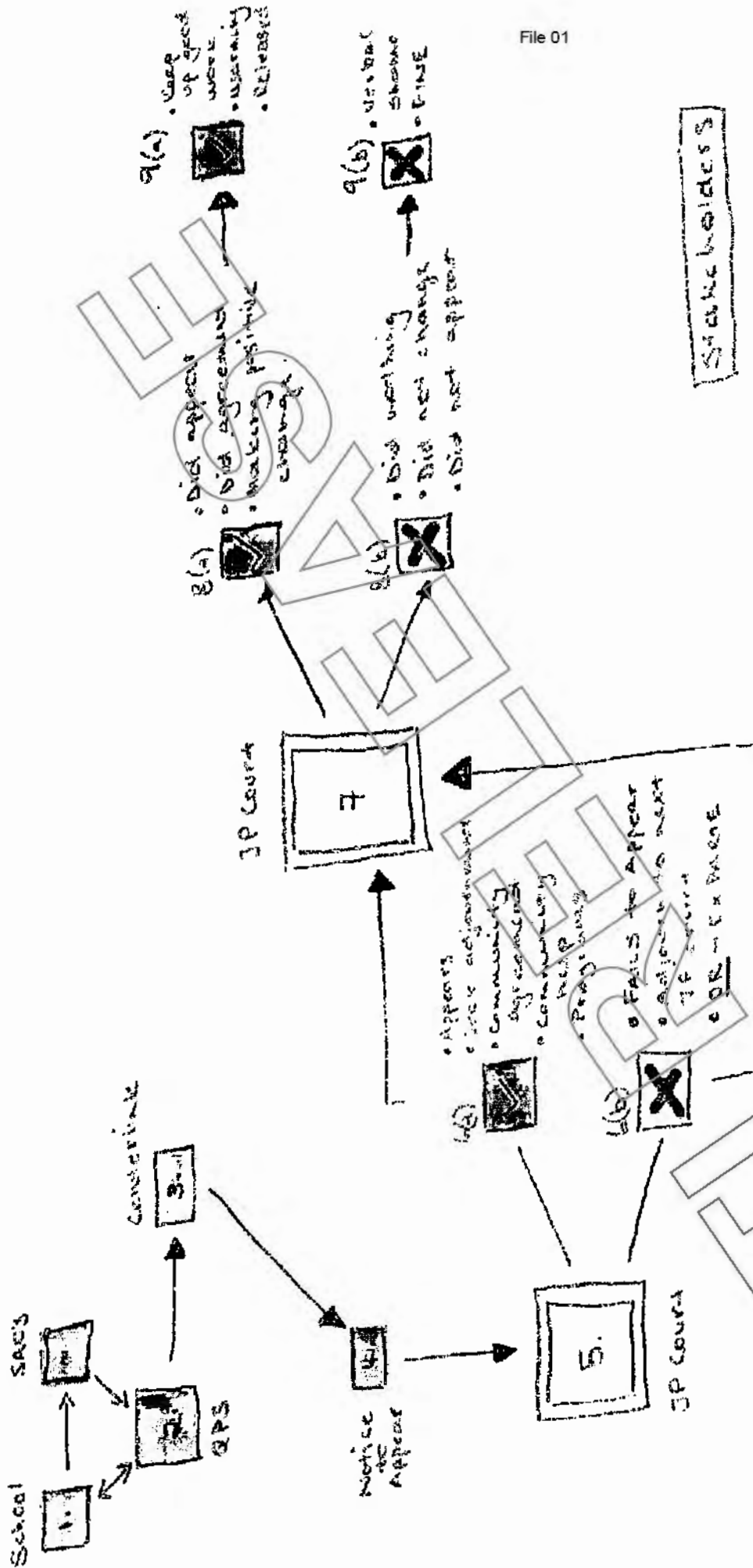
Officers of my department will work with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and relevant agencies across Government to resolve any concerns the State may have about particular proposed local laws to ensure that there is no obstacle to the Council adopting an updated set of 'law and order' local laws that address – through community-centred processes – the issues of most concern to the community.

### **State Enforcement Penalties Registry (SPER)**

- A South Burnett Times article has quoted that SPER debt levels for the Murgon/Cherbourg population of 10,040 has fines owing to the value of \$3,459,286.
- Individuals owe amounts ranging from \$10 to \$15,000, most of which will never be paid off. Low income earners and Pensioners pay fines in instalments ranging from \$10 to \$25 per fortnight, so the reduction of these debts can only be achieved over a considerable time period.
- There is no cap on the amount that can be referred to SPER or any referral process in place for the offender to do community service.

### **RESPONSE**

Thank you for raising these issues with me. The level of outstanding fines is of a concern, and I will forward your suggestions of a fine cap and community service referral process to my Parliamentary colleague, the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills, who has portfolio responsibilities for these matters and will ask that she responds directly to you on your suggestions.



Stakeholders

JP Magistrates

Elders Panel

GPS

ANALYSIS

School / SAC's

Health

Program Managers

## Quick Step Process

1. Chertburg State Primary & SAO's reviews attendance
2. QPS identifying those who are short of required attendance
3. QPS attends center link to identify who was 'financial' responsibility at that point
4. QPS issue 'notice to appear' to that person
5. Listed Remote JP Court day
6. (a) person appears - discuss issues in court
  - completes Chertburg Agreement
  - set adjourn date
- (b) Does not appear - 'chance only' - matter adjourned
  - 'it non appearance at next court date - PPA warrant
7. Next court date
8. (a) did comply & looking to change - (✓) : good
- (b) did not comply or do anything - (X) : bad
9. Bench & Elders determine outcome

## Cherbourg Community Court Agreement

Disclaimer – This is a voluntary agreement.

I understand that I do not have to sign this agreement, and by signing this agreement I am not obliged to comply with any stipulations or clauses I agree too.

However, I do understand that by signing this agreement, and by actively engaging and successfully completing all clauses and agreed programs, my proactive actions may be taken into account with regards to sentencing.

I agree to do the following in relation to:

**Cherbourg Aboriginal Council By-Laws – Chapter 46 – Law & Order**

**Part 7 – section 34 - Children to Attend School:**

- ☐ I will engage with Bronwyn Murray at PACE (PPP facilitator) to establish a parental and support program prior to my next court appearance
- ☐ I will make direct contact with Cherbourg State Primary School and activate a 'support group' for my child to develop a Managed Attendance Plan (MAP)
- ☐ I will complete ..... hours of 'voluntary' attendance at the Cherbourg State School to ensure my child's attendance at school prior to my next court appearance
- ☐ I will attend Cherbourg State School and sign my child in and out each day to assist with attendance
- ☐ I will take my child to Barambah Medical Centre and seek an assessment and health check prior to my next court appearance
- ☐ I will seek counselling for my child with an authorised professional prior to my next court appearance
- ☐ I will take my child to have a yarn with ..... (an Elder/mentor or someone the child can confide in) about the importance of attending school prior to my next court appearance

Signed;

Defendant

(Print name: .....)

Justice of the Peace

(Print name: .....)

Police Prosecutor

(Print name: .....)

Justice of the Peace

(Print name: .....)



# Know Your Community

## Key insights into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders

Cherbourg Indigenous Location (ILOC)

Compared with Queensland

16 April 2015



# Know Your Community

## Region overview

The data used in this profile was collected in the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and describes a range of characteristics of people who lived in the region at the time of the Census. Characteristics for the region are reported by Indigenous status.

Throughout this report, the term "Indigenous" is used in reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to ensure tables and charts are kept succinct.

All summary statistics mentioned in the highlight boxes refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the primary region selected in this report.

In 2011, 1,193 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in Cherbourg Indigenous Location (ILOC). This represents 97.3% of the total resident population.

Cherbourg ILOC has a total area of 31.7 km<sup>2</sup>. Cherbourg ILOC has an average daily temperature range of 12.7 °C to 26.3 °C and on average it receives 809 mm of rainfall each year.

Community history about Cherbourg ILOC can be found at:

<http://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/cultural-awareness-heritage-arts/community-histories-cherbourg/>

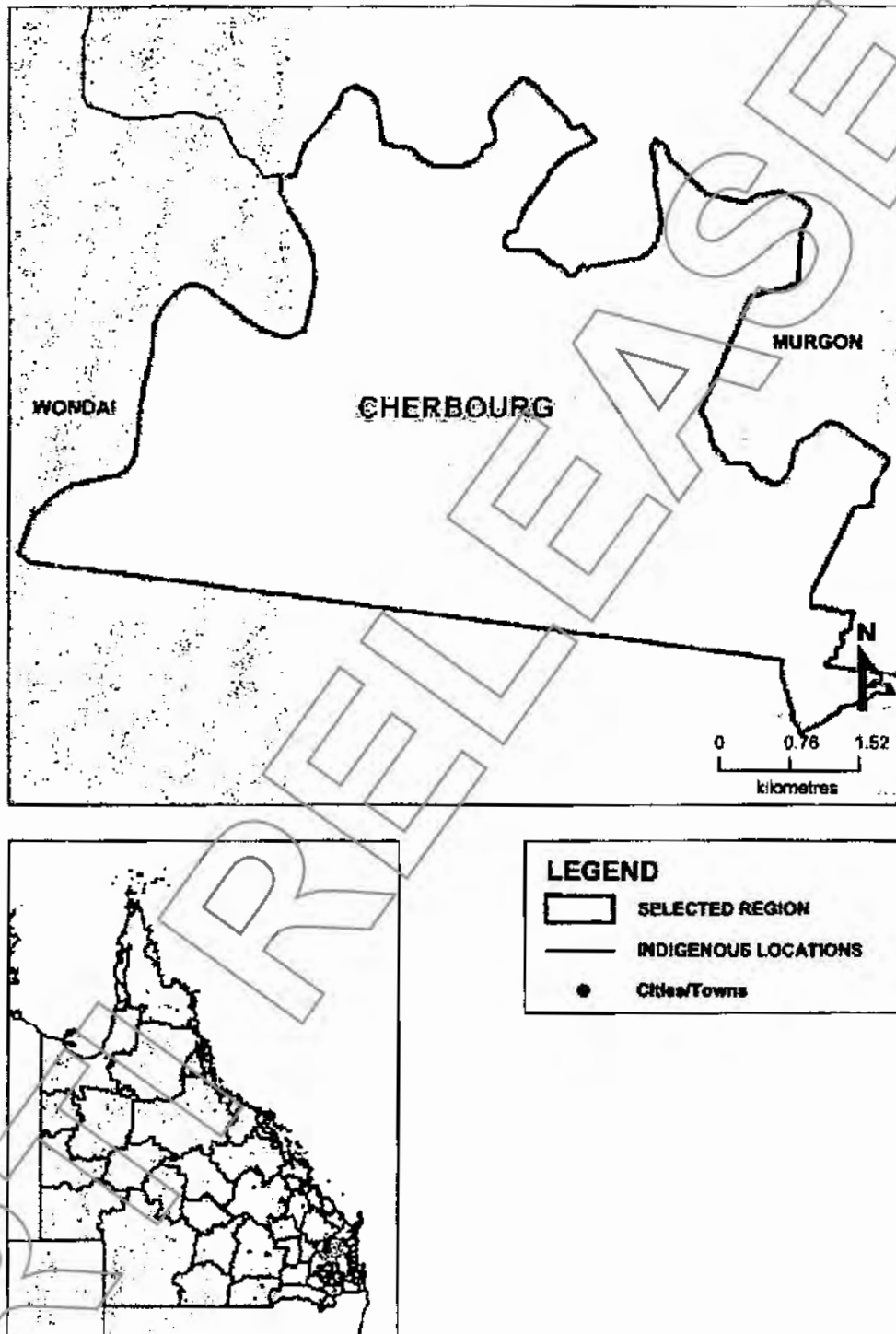
In 2011, 155,824 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in Queensland. This represents 3.6% of the total resident population.

Queensland has a total area of 1,734,238.8 km<sup>2</sup>. Queensland has an average daily temperature range of 16.4 °C to 30.0 °C and on average it receives 636 mm of rainfall each year.

Data are reported at geographical boundaries defined within the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2011.

# Know Your Community

Figure 1 Map of Cherbourg ILOC



# Know Your Community

## People and community

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

The population data shown here are based on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status. This question asks each person to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

97.3%

#### Cherbourg ILOC

- 1,193 persons (or 97.3%) were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- 20 persons (or 1.6%) were non-Indigenous

#### Queensland

- 155,824 persons (or 3.6%) were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- 3,952,707 persons (or 91.2%) were non-Indigenous

Table 1 Persons by sex and Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex / Indigenous status	Cherbourg ILOC		Queensland	
	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	564	94.9	60,363	2.8
Torres Strait Islander	0	0.0	10,048	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	13	2.2	6,330	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>76,741</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Non-Indigenous	10	1.7	1,949,362	80.7
Not stated	7	1.2	122,119	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,148,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	611	98.7	62,533	2.9
Torres Strait Islander	0	0.0	10,048	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	5	0.8	6,504	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>79,083</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Non-Indigenous	10	1.6	2,003,345	91.7
Not stated	6	0.9	102,090	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,184,518</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	1,175	95.8	122,896	2.8
Torres Strait Islander	0	0.0	20,094	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	18	1.5	12,834	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>155,824</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Non-Indigenous	20	1.6	3,952,707	91.2
Not stated	13	1.1	224,209	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,332,740</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 102 (usual residence)

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## Population size and structure

The population data shown here are based on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status. This question asks each person to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



### Cherbourg ILOC

- 37.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 0 to 14 years
- 2.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 65 years and over
- 21.1% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

### Queensland

- 37.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 0 to 14 years
- 19.6% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 3.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 65 years and over
- 13.4% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

**Table 2 Persons by sex and age group by Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Sex / age group	Cherbourg ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Males</b>								
0-14	235	40.8	0	0.0	28,773	38.8	397,313	20.4
15-24	95	16.5	0	0.0	15,088	19.6	265,350	13.6
25-44	153	26.6	0	0.0	18,705	24.4	539,252	27.7
45-64	77	13.4	6	60.0	10,950	14.3	488,492	25.6
65+	16	2.8	4	40.0	2,278	3.0	248,954	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>76,744</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,949,361</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
0-14	210	34.0	0	0.0	28,893	36.3	376,325	18.8
15-24	132	21.4	3	33.3	14,570	18.4	261,565	13.1
25-44	143	23.2	6	66.7	20,544	26.0	565,589	28.2
45-64	113	18.3	0	0.0	12,223	15.5	517,537	25.8
65+	19	3.1	0	0.0	3,053	3.9	282,329	14.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>79,083</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,003,345</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
0-14	445	37.3	0	0.0	58,466	37.5	773,638	19.6
15-24	227	19.0	3	15.8	29,608	19.0	526,915	13.3
25-44	296	24.3	6	31.6	39,249	25.2	1,104,841	28.0
45-64	190	15.9	6	31.6	23,173	14.9	1,016,029	25.7
65+	35	2.9	4	21.1	5,331	3.4	531,283	13.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,827</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,952,706</b>	<b>100.0</b>

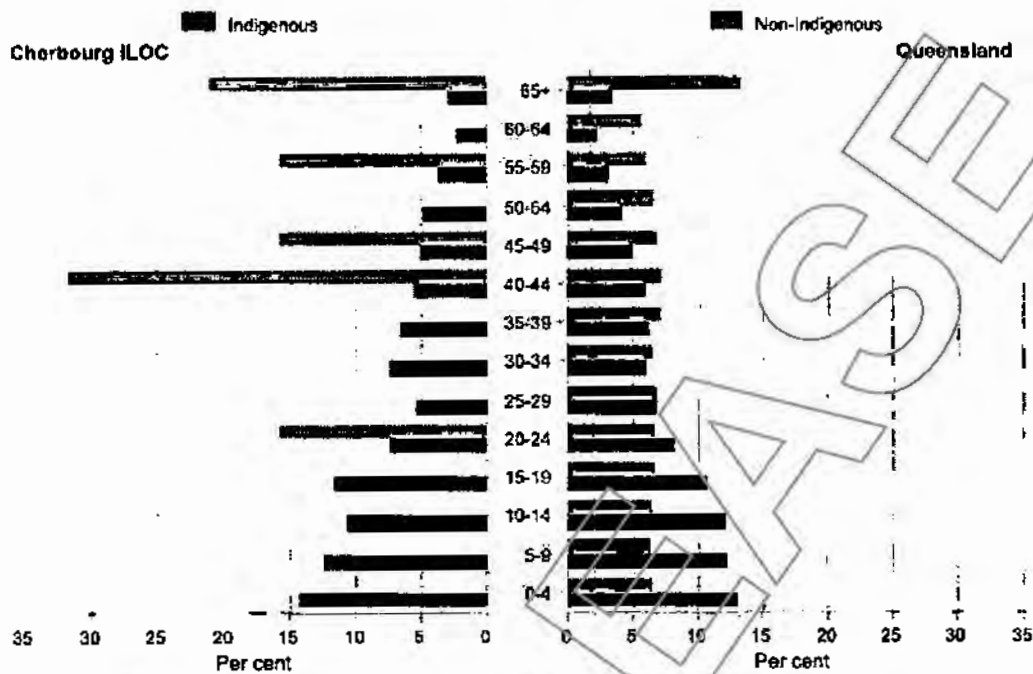
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I03 (usual residence)



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Figure 2 Persons by age and Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 103 (usual residence)

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## Education and training

### Highest level of schooling completed

These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the highest year of primary or secondary school the person has completed?'. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over who were no longer attending school by place of usual residence.



Completed year 12 or equivalent

17.5%

#### Cherbourg ILOC

- 17.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent
- 33.3% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent

#### Queensland

- 31.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent
- 51.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent

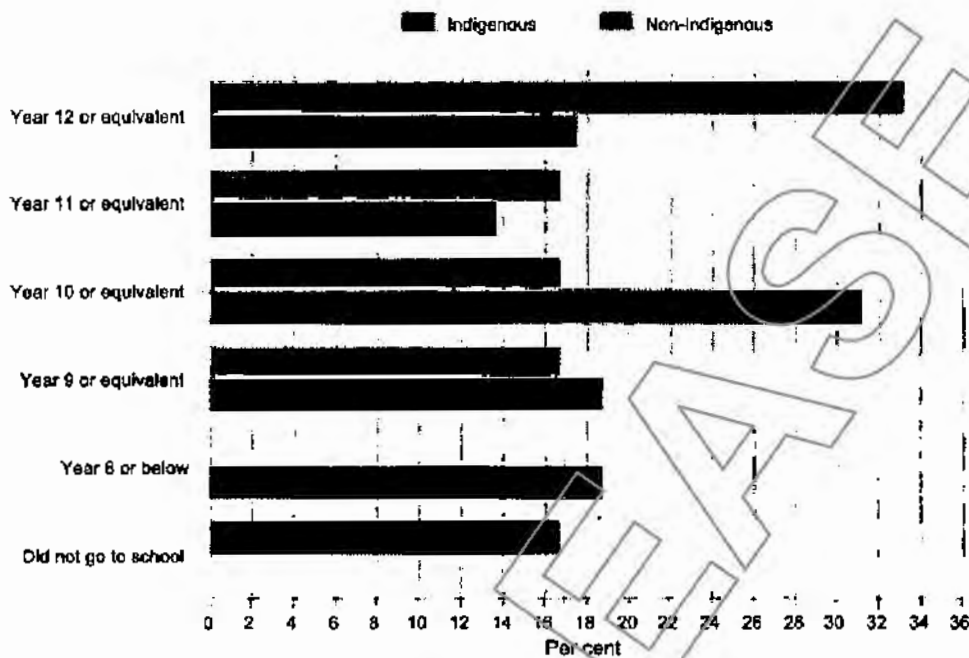
Table 3 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex / highest level of schooling	Cherbourg ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Males</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	64	19.6	3	33.3	12,906	29.7	744,247	50.0
Year 11 or equivalent	36	11.0	0	0.0	4,266	9.8	117,650	7.9
Year 10 or equivalent	92	28.1	0	0.0	12,175	28.0	384,592	25.9
Year 9 or equivalent	66	20.2	3	33.3	4,185	9.6	79,071	5.3
Year 8 or below	69	21.1	0	0.0	4,770	11.0	94,249	6.3
Did not go to school	0	0.0	3	33.3	513	1.2	6,920	0.5
Not stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	4,605	10.6	60,480	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,487,209</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	61	15.8	3	33.3	16,722	33.4	812,548	51.9
Year 11 or equivalent	62	16.0	3	33.3	5,351	11.4	112,621	7.2
Year 10 or equivalent	131	33.8	3	33.3	13,419	28.5	398,863	25.5
Year 9 or equivalent	68	17.6	0	0.0	4,056	8.6	72,314	4.6
Year 8 or below	65	16.8	0	0.0	4,533	9.6	96,937	6.2
Did not go to school	0	0.0	0	0.0	407	0.9	7,067	0.5
Not stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,533	7.5	63,840	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,564,188</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	125	17.5	6	33.3	28,628	31.7	1,556,793	51.0
Year 11 or equivalent	98	13.7	3	16.7	9,617	10.6	230,271	7.5
Year 10 or equivalent	223	31.2	3	16.7	25,594	28.3	783,455	25.7
Year 9 or equivalent	134	18.8	3	16.7	8,241	9.1	151,385	5.0
Year 8 or below	134	18.8	0	0.0	9,312	10.3	191,186	6.3
Did not go to school	0	0.0	3	16.7	920	1.0	13,987	0.5
Not stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	8,138	9.0	124,320	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>90,450</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,051,397</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 106 (usual residence)

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**Figure 3 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC, 2011**



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I06 (usual residence)



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## At school or studying

These data include people who were going to school or studying at other places of education at the time of the \*Function getRowData() Error: There is no data.\* Census. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



AI school or studying

**352 persons**

### Cherbourg ILOC

- 60.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- . . % of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

### Queensland

- 39.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 34.0% of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

**Table 4 Type of education institution attending by Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Sex / education institution	Cherbourg ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
<b>Males</b>								
Pre-school	5	2.7	0	..	1,485	4.9	24,388	4.9
Infants/Primary school	124	67.0	0	..	12,338	40.8	180,685	36.3
Secondary school	36	19.5	0	..	7,237	23.9	121,881	24.5
Tech. institution <sup>(a)</sup>	8	4.3	0	..	1,045	3.5	32,041	6.4
University <sup>(b)</sup>	0	0.0	0	..	885	2.9	68,762	13.8
Other	4	2.2	0	..	402	1.3	10,471	2.1
Not stated	8	4.3	0	..	5,852	22.7	59,487	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>30,225</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>497,673</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Pre-school	11	6.6	0	..	1,477	4.9	22,672	4.2
Infants/Primary school	89	53.3	0	..	11,863	39.0	170,018	31.9
Secondary school	42	25.1	0	..	7,095	23.3	119,379	22.4
Tech. institution <sup>(a)</sup>	11	6.6	0	..	1,701	5.6	43,805	8.2
University <sup>(b)</sup>	5	3.0	0	..	1,996	6.6	100,860	18.9
Other	3	1.8	0	..	598	2.0	17,082	3.2
Not stated	6	3.6	0	..	6,719	18.8	59,655	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>30,447</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>533,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Pre-school	16	4.5	0	..	2,962	4.9	47,038	4.6
Infants/Primary school	213	60.5	0	..	24,202	39.9	350,703	34.0
Secondary school	78	22.2	0	..	14,332	23.6	241,240	23.4
Tech. institution <sup>(a)</sup>	19	5.4	0	..	2,746	4.5	75,846	7.4
University <sup>(b)</sup>	5	1.4	0	..	2,861	4.7	169,622	16.4
Other	7	2.0	0	..	998	1.6	27,553	2.7
Not stated	14	4.0	0	..	12,571	20.7	119,142	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>60,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,031,144</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes 'Technical and Further Educational Institution (including TAFE colleges)'.

(b) Includes 'University or other Tertiary Institution'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I05 (usual residence)



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## Work and income

### Household income

Household income has been adjusted for the number and ages of the people living in the household (referred to as equivalised household income). It includes the weekly incomes of each person aged 16 years and over present in the household on Census Night 2011. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



Household income of \$400-\$599 per week

**25.1%**

#### Cherbourg ILOC

- 25.1% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples earned \$400-\$599 per week
- There were no non-Indigenous households

#### Queensland

- 17.1% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples earned \$400-\$599 per week
- 14.3% of non-Indigenous households earned \$400-\$599 per week

Table 5 Household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Household income (weekly)	Cherbourg ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Negative/nil income	0	0.0	0	..	551	1.0	18,659	1.3
\$1-\$199	25	10.3	0	..	2,493	4.3	30,348	2.0
\$200-\$299	78	32.1	0	..	5,701	9.7	60,255	4.0
\$300-\$399	42	17.3	0	..	8,084	13.8	171,700	11.5
\$400-\$599	61	25.1	0	..	9,881	17.1	213,181	14.3
\$600-\$799	21	8.6	0	..	7,466	12.8	202,629	13.6
\$800-\$999	13	5.3	0	..	5,230	8.9	159,489	10.7
\$1,000-\$1,249	3	1.2	0	..	4,457	7.6	183,599	11.0
\$1,250-\$1,499	0	0.0	0	..	2,817	4.5	110,350	7.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	0	0.0	0	..	2,289	3.9	116,535	7.8
\$2,000 or more	0	0.0	0	..	1,093	1.9	79,171	5.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	0	0.0	0	..	8,547	14.6	152,869	10.9
Total	243	100.0	0	..	58,519	100.0	1,488,786	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Partial income stated' and 'All incomes not stated'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data

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## Not in work by age

Work status by age is derived from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.



15 to 64 years unemployment rate

**36.0%**

### Cherbourg ILOC

- 36.0% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years
- 40.0% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

### Queensland

- 18.1% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years
- 5.9% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

Table 6 Unemployed or not in the labour force by age<sup>(a)</sup> and Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC and Queensland, 2011

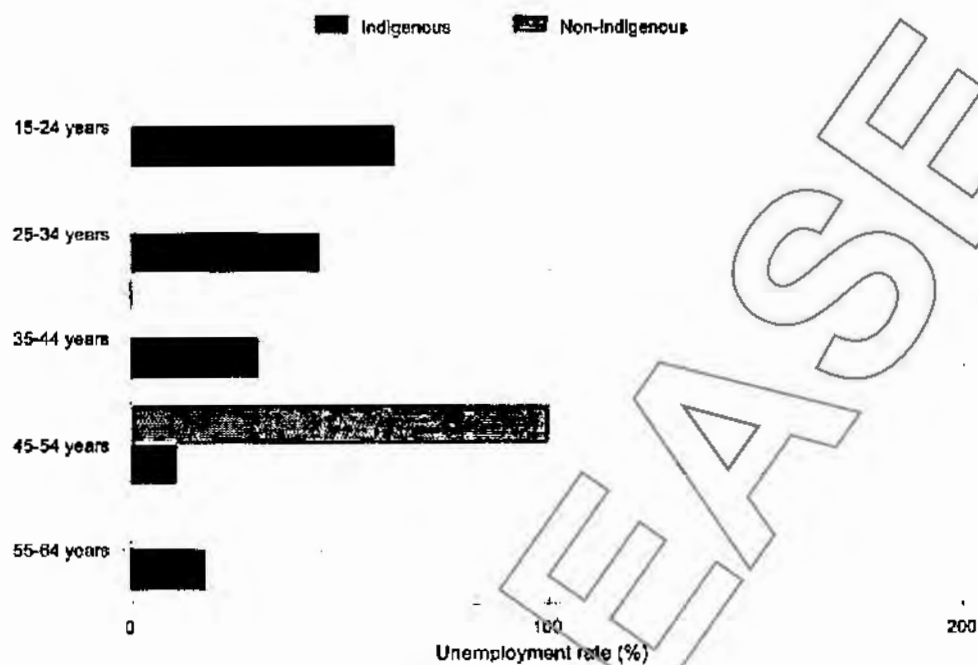
Age group	Cherbourg ILOC		Queensland	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
	number	number	number	number
Unemployed				
15-24 years	40	0	4,081	44,507
25-34 years	29	0	2,365	23,801
35-44 years	26	0	1,789	21,030
45-54 years	6	4	992	17,970
55-64 years	6	0	346	12,168
Total	107	4	9,573	119,576
Unemployment rate				
15-24 years	63.5	..	27.5	12.1
25-34 years	45.3	0.0	18.9	5.4
35-44 years	30.6	0.0	14.4	4.4
45-54 years	11.5	100.0	10.9	3.9
55-64 years	16.2	..	8.8	4.2
Total	36.0	40.0	18.1	5.9
Not in the labour force				
15-24 years	160	0	13,647	164,019
25-34 years	85	0	7,008	85,834
35-44 years	61	0	5,902	86,047
45-54 years	63	4	4,879	84,619
55-64 years	43	0	4,275	171,083
Total	412	4	35,711	581,602

(a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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Figure 5 Unemployment rate by age and Indigenous status, Cherbourg ILOC, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Abbreviations

..	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
ILOC	Indigenous Location
n.a.	not available

## Explanatory notes

### Profile explanatory notes

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

The question used on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing form was "Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?" Respondents could report Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, both Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander origin, or neither.

#### Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the ABS to allow statistics from different collections to be spatially comparable. The ASGS came into effect in July 2011, replacing the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). The 2011 edition of the ASGS has been used for the data in this report.

#### Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises source data confidentialisation. This refers to datasets that have been confidentialised by the data custodians. For example census data supplied by the ABS have small cell counts of 1 or 2 confidentialised to 0 or 3 and a small random adjustment made to all data to avoid any risk of releasing identifiable information. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting data where the cell count is small.

#### Census 2011 data

Census data have 'introduced random error' to ensure no data are released which could risk identifying individuals. As such, cells containing very small counts should be treated with extreme caution.

#### Census undercount

Due to the size and complexity of the Census of Population and Housing, whenever a Census is conducted it is inevitable that some people will be missed and some will be counted more than once. After each Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conduct a Post Enumeration Survey to estimate the number of people who should have been counted in the Census and the actual Census counts. It is important to note, that all Census data reported in this profile do not have any adjustments made for Census undercount and readers should keep this in mind when making inferences from the data.

#### Concordances and concorded data

A concordance, in statistical terms, is a product that allows a user to convert data from one geographical region (under which data have been collected) to a new geographical region. In order to convert data from one geographical boundary to another, each region in the new boundary is assigned percentages of data from the old regions. These percentages in the concordance can be constructed using any number of variables. This profile utilises a population based concordance (estimated resident population) at a specific point in time (2011). This type of concordance is useful when concording demographic based datasets such as (labour force and family composition on a usual resident basis with time periods at or around 2011. It does not work as well when concording data on different counting methods (such as counts by place of work), non-population based datasets (such as business counts) or datasets collected at different time periods (such as data collected in 2001). Caution should therefore be used when interpreting non-resident based datasets that have been concorded.

One major assumption that is necessary to make when concording data is that the data (for example unemployed persons) are proportionately distributed across the region the same as total resident population (as total resident population is the variable used to derive the percentage splits). In some cases this assumption will not be entirely correct. In the example of unemployed persons, within the region there may be more concentrated areas with a larger proportion of unemployed persons. This assumption should therefore be considered when interpreting datasets that have been concorded.

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## Indigenous Locations

Indigenous Locations (ILOCs) generally represent small Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with a minimum population of 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander usual residents. An ILOC is an area designed to allow the production of census statistics relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a high level of spatial accuracy while maintaining the confidentiality of individuals. There are 189 ILOCs within Queensland.

## Indigenous person

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are those who identified (in the 2011 Census of Population and Housing) as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

## Indigenous status of household

A household with Indigenous person(s) is any household that had at least one person of any age as a resident at the time of the Census who identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

## Queensland

Queensland figures include the 'Migratory - Offshore - Shipping' and 'No Usual Address' counts.

## Region overview

Statistics in the region overview have been derived from administrative geographical boundaries and the Bureau of Meteorology.

## Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

## Topic explanatory notes

### Household income

Household income is an equivalence-scaled measure of household income. While for a lone person household it is equal to household income, for a household comprising more than one person, it is an indicator of the household income that would be needed by a lone person household to enjoy the same level of economic wellbeing.

# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
 ☐ Industrial Relations  
☐ Employment  
☒ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Request date:	10/04/15	DUE to MO: (date/time)	17/04/15
MO Ref:	N/A	Dept Ref:	DATSIP 02293-2015
Service Area: (DLO to complete)	Regional Operations – Central Queensland		
<b>PLEASE PREPARE:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Points <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Media Release <input type="checkbox"/> Run Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Guest / RSVP List <input type="checkbox"/> Function Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Post-meeting acknowledgement letter required	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hot Issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Event/s or Visits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demographics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Profile <input type="checkbox"/> Key indicators/NAPLAN			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> Departmental Officer required to attend			
<b>DETAILS OF MEETING / FUNCTION:</b>			
Date:	Tuesday, 21 April 15	Time:	10am to 4pm
Requested for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Organisation / Function:	Cherbourg Visit		
Venue:	Various – see attached draft itinerary		
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If venue for meeting is at Parliament House, departmental representative must meet for pre-briefing 15 minutes prior to meeting time unless otherwise advised.</li> <li>If speech and/or media release has been requested, please ensure liaison/consultation occurs with Communication Services in your department.</li> </ul>			
<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>			
<b>MO Comments:</b> Could you please provide an overall trip brief on Cherbourg.			
<b>DLO comments:</b> Please prepare trip brief providing an overview of Cherbourg including visit briefs for meetings as per the attached draft itinerary; and hot issues, community profile, demographics, funding provided to the community and key stakeholders, as required. Please liaise with Community Participation for input. Thanks Danika			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: <b>Executive Services</b>			
Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment); blue paper (Industrial Relations); or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).			

**Draft itinerary for Cherbourg trip Tuesday 21 April 2015 10am – 4pm:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Meeting with</b>
10.45am	22 Barambah Avenue Cherbourg Qld 4605	Mayor Kenny Bone
12.45pm	Fisher Street, Cherbourg QLD 4605	Cherbourg State School
1.45pm	3 Fisher St Cherbourg QLD 4605	Barambah Local Justice Group

Ministerial reference: N/A  
Mincor reference: DATSIP 03138-2015  
For information ☐ approval ☒  
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**Briefing note**

☐ Confidential

<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	Income Management in Doomadgee
<b>Critical date &amp; reason:</b>	As soon as possible as the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is awaiting information from DATSIP

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you sign the letter to the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services regarding income management in Doomadgee (Attachment 1).

**BACKGROUND**

- Cape York Welfare Reform commenced in 2008 in four Cape York communities: Aurukun, Hope Vale, Mossman Gorge and Coen, with the aim to rebuild social norms, re-establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authority and increase economic participation and home ownership.
- The initiative is now referred to as Welfare Reform and is funded to 31 December 2015, with an annual budget of \$8 million allocated in the June 2014 State Budget.
- The independent Cape York Welfare Reform (CYWR) Evaluation, released in March 2013, found that CYWR had made progress in restoring social norms and re-establishing local authority, with the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) Local Commissioners playing a significant role that led to subtle yet fundamental behavioural changes in money management, responsibility for children, school attendance, educational attainment and attitudes to work.
- During 2014, the FRC was extended to Doomadgee following widespread community support apparent during an extensive consultation process, with Local Commissioner-led conferencing commencing in November.

**KEY ISSUES**

- One element of Welfare Reform and the FRC yet to be implemented in Doomadgee is the introduction of income management as the crucial 'stick' to support the FRC conferencing.
- The Australian Government has expressed support for Welfare Reform efforts in Doomadgee, but has not committed to establish income management there despite several approaches from the previous State Government to Federal ministerial counterparts.
- At the recent Family Responsibilities Board (FRB) meeting on 24 April 2015, Australian Government senior officers sought confirmation of the Queensland Government's continued interest in introducing income management in Doomadgee. The Australian Government representatives suggested that the further request take the form of a letter from you to the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services.
- Without income management in place, it will be difficult to sustain the work of the FRC, and an exit strategy may need to be designed.

**KEY CONSULTATIONS**

- Ms Caroline Edwards, First Assistant Secretary, Indigenous Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Ms Maxine McLeod, Registrar and General Manager, FRC



## ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1—Letter to the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services

Endorsed by Ron Weatherall, DDG CP

James Purtil  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Partnerships

18/05/2015

Comments:

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*C. Pitt*

HON. CURTIS PITT MP

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Comments:



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**22 JUN 2015**

The Honourable Scott Morrison MP  
 Minister for Social Services  
 Parliament House  
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I write seeking your assistance in relation to the implementation of the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) in Doomadgee as part of the welfare reform program in Queensland.

Since its inception in 2008, the welfare reform program has received bipartisan support at both levels of government, and continues to show progress that has rarely been evident in previous reform programs in Queensland's remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In July 2014, the Queensland Government confirmed its intention to extend the FRC to Doomadgee in order to address a variety of social issues in the community, including low levels of school attendance. The FRC has since commenced conferencing community members in November 2014 and has continued this year. The FRC Commissioner, Mr David Glasgow has advised that community members are taking ownership of their problems and embracing the FRC. A large number of clients attended conferencing with their partners to discuss issues as a family, and a high level of engagement by clients with service providers, following FRC referrals, is already evident. The FRC has received more than 200 notices for school attendance issues to date.

The average 2014 school attendance rate in Doomadgee was 58 per cent —nine percentage points higher than the 2013 average, but still unacceptably low.

The FRC, and the broader welfare reform program in Doomadgee are now fully operational and are supported by information released by the Department of Social Services (DSS), but short of the ability to use income management in relation to community members who appear unwilling to address matters such as poor school attendance of their children. In the initial welfare reform communities of Aurukun, Coen, Mossman Gorge and Hope Vale, income management is able to be set at 60, 75 or 90 per cent of welfare payments through DSS operations.

Several letters have been exchanged on this matter between Ministers of the former Queensland Government and Ministers of the Australian Government. The most recent correspondence was from the Prime Minister on 28 November 2014. This letter:

- advises that decisions about the implementation of income management in Doomadgee need to be made in the context of the McClure Review of the Welfare System and the Forrest Review of Indigenous Jobs and Training;
- requests that low cost ways of improving school attendance in Doomadgee be identified; and
- suggests that Remote School Attendance Officers be used to deliver a low cost FRC model.

Local Commissioners have been appointed and trained for the community of Doomadgee, and have established themselves as community leaders who are actively galvanising the broader Doomadgee community. The Local Commissioners are employed and respected community members who have cleared a range of assessments including criminal history, child safety, domestic violence and bankruptcy. The Local Commissioners take leave from their employment for FRC sittings, and are paid \$250 for each four hour session. During these sessions they discuss problems with people, develop case plans and refer people to services addressing issues including parenting and financial management. In the other welfare reform communities of Aurukun, Hope Vale, Mossman Gorge and Coen, the Local Commissioners can resort to income management if they believe that people are not putting adequate effort into solving the problems that brought them before the FRC.

Both the McClure Review of the Australian Welfare System and the Forrest Review of Indigenous Jobs and Training have drawn on the best practice example of the FRC. The Forrest Review suggests a model based on the FRC to assume strategic oversight of local service delivery, and establish and enforce rules, expectations and consequences in relation to work, schooling and other social norms. The McClure Review recommends that income management be used judiciously, and should be delivered in conjunction with financial capability and other support services.

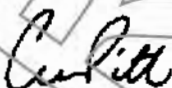
I ask for your support in making income management available in Doomadgee to support the efforts of the FRC, particularly the leadership of the Local Commissioners. I note that you have identified the high cost of outdated welfare system technology as a problem that is being addressed by the DSS.

If the Australian Government is unable to commit to the implementation of income management in the community of Doomadgee, the FRC will not have access to the primary disincentive at its disposal in the other welfare reform communities and the momentum for change in the community may be lost.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact my Senior Advisor, Mr Garth Morgan on (07) 3719 7200.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely



**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

Treasurer

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Family Responsibilities Commission funding</b>		
Contact Officer	Flo Bridger, Welfare Reform, 3224 8073	Reference No.	DATSIP 09857-2015
Approval Required	24 December 2015	Reason	To finalise funding arrangements for 2016 and 2017 for the FRC.
Approved by	Manny Hegarty, Acting DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. It is recommended that you:
  - **approve** the State to meet the full cost of the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) in Doomadgee
  - **sign** the attached letter to Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Attachment 2), seeking formal commitment from the Commonwealth Government for Income Management in Doomadgee and maintaining their current level of funding for the FRC for 2016 and 2017.

### TIMEFRAMES

2. Confirmation of the Queensland and Commonwealth Government positions in relation to funding arrangements for the FRC is required as soon as possible to secure Income Management for Doomadgee in time for the start of the 2016 school year and finalise funding arrangements for the FRC for 2016 and 2017.

### BACKGROUND

3. Previous correspondence from Senator Scullion and discussion at officer level has indicated that the Commonwealth Government will make Income Management available in Doomadgee on the proviso that the State meets the costs of the FRC in Doomadgee.
4. This stems from the Queensland Government making the decision to expand into Doomadgee independent of the Commonwealth Government. The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) has met the full cost to date, providing \$300,000 in 2014 for set up costs, and \$526,000 in 2015.
5. Annual funding for Doomadgee of \$526,000 is included in the \$8 million per annum ongoing funding provided in the 2015–16 State Budget. The FRC's estimate for 2015–16 is \$643,000, the increase mainly arising through increased use of the Deputy Commissioner, an estimated shortfall of \$117,000.
6. In addition, the Commonwealth Government indicated that they would like to see 50/50 funding for the FRC in the other four communities. In 2015, the State provided \$1.6 million and the Commonwealth Government \$1.8 million. DATSIP has provided \$18.5 million to the FRC since inception compared to \$9 million by the Commonwealth Government.

## ISSUES

7. Income Management is an essential mechanism in the FRC model and the achievement of outcomes from this program. Formally securing the Commonwealth Government's commitment is time critical to ensure arrangements are in place at the commencement of the school year.
8. DATSIP acknowledges that the decision to establish the FRC in Doomadgee community was undertaken by the previous Government, independent of the Commonwealth Government. DATSIP has met the full costs to date and has allowed for this arrangement to continue in the Welfare Reform budget, although at a level approximately \$100,000 short of the FRC estimates.
9. However, the State would seek a commitment from the Commonwealth Government to maintain the current level of investment in the FRC of \$1.8 million for two years if the State funds 100 per cent of the FRC in Doomadgee.
10. The Commonwealth Government has verbally advised that this 100 per cent State funding for Doomadgee is not regarded as a precedent for future expansion of the FRC into new communities, noting any such decision needs to be undertaken in collaboration with both parties, and the costs of the FRC shared equally.
11. The Commonwealth Government has also indicated funding for two years only – 2016 and 2017. It is anticipated that negotiations for 2018 and beyond will need to commence in November 2016 in time for the Commonwealth budget cycle.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. If the State undertakes to fully fund the FRC in Doomadgee, the additional funds required from the Service Procurement Fund (SPF) would be approximately \$100,000 in 2015–16, possibly increasing to \$120,000 in 2016–17 after allowing for CPI.
13. There is sufficient funding in the SPF for 2015–16 to meet this increase. The SPF Budget for 2017–18 is approximately \$4.8 million ongoing, reducing to approximately \$4.6 million if additional funds are provided to the FRC.
14. Table 1 in Attachment 1 shows the FRC's estimated budgets for 2015–16 and 2016–17 for Doomadgee and the other four communities. While deficits are estimated for operations in the four communities, DATSIP believes that the FRC can manage with existing funding. This assumes that the Commonwealth Government maintains its current level of investment.

## RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

15. DATSIP's Welfare Reform Program Office and Financial Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the proposed recommendations. Discussions have been held with officers from the Commonwealth Government (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet) who have reaffirmed their position outlined in dot point 6 above. The State's proposed position has not been discussed with them.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—FRC Budget 2015–16 and 2016–17 and State and Commonwealth contributions to the FRC 2008–2015)
- Attachment 2—Letter to Senator Scullion

**RECOMMENDATION**

16. It is recommended that you:

- **approve** that DATSIP meets the full cost of the Family Responsibilities Commission in Doomadgee
- **sign** the attached letter to Senator Scullion seeking that the Commonwealth Government maintains its current level of funding for the FRC and formally commits to the provision of Income Management at Doomadgee.

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 15/12/2015

☒ Approved

☐ Not approved

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Comments

  
 HON. CURTIS PITT MP

Treasurer

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Minister for Sport

17/12/2015

**Family Responsibilities Commission Funding****Table 1: 2015-16 FRC Budget**

2015-16 Budget \$M	FRC excl		Total
	Doom	Doom	
Grants	3.400	0.526	3.926
Other Revenue	0.034	0.000	0.034
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3.434</b>	<b>0.526</b>	<b>3.960</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>3.468</b>	<b>0.643</b>	<b>4.111</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-0.034</b>	<b>-0.117</b>	<b>-0.151</b>

2016-17 \$M	FRC excl		Total
	Doom	Doom	
Grants	3.435	0.538	3.973
Other Revenue	0.034	0.000	0.034
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3.469</b>	<b>0.538</b>	<b>4.007</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>3.550</b>	<b>0.658</b>	<b>4.207</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-0.080</b>	<b>-0.120</b>	<b>-0.201</b>

**Table 2: Commonwealth and State Contributions to the FRC since 2008:**

FRC Contributions	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total to June 2015
QLD Government funding 4 Cape York Communities	750	2,586	3,022	3,607	3,412	1,849	1,649	1,600	18,485
AG Funding 4 Cape York Communities	3,500	-	-	-	500	1,500	1,700	1,800	9,000
QLD Government funding Doomadgee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	552	552
<b>Total grant Funding</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>3,607</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>28,037</b>





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Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
Minister for Indigenous Affairs  
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Dear Senator ~~Scullion~~ **NIGEL**

**Funding for the Family Responsibilities Commission**

I refer to previous correspondence regarding funding for the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) under the Welfare Reform program in Queensland.

Income Management is an essential mechanism in the FRC and Welfare Reform models, and the achievement of positive outcomes from this program. The Queensland Government considers it a matter of priority that arrangements are in place for the FRC to make Income Management orders in Doomadgee at the commencement of the 2016 school year.

I am advised that discussions between senior officers of the Commonwealth Government and Queensland's Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) indicate that Income Management can be made available in Doomadgee in 2016. I understand that this arrangement is conditional upon the Queensland Government continuing to fund 100 per cent of the costs of the FRC in Doomadgee.

DATSIP has met the full costs of the FRC in Doomadgee during 2014 and 2015, and has shared the costs with the Commonwealth Government of the FRC in the other four Welfare Reform communities since 2008. The Queensland Government will continue to fund the full costs of the FRC in Doomadgee on the understanding that the Commonwealth Government is maintaining its current level of investment in the FRC across the four Cape York communities of \$1.8 million per year in 2016 and 2017.

I also understand that your officials have advised that the Queensland Government's funding of the full costs of the FRC in Doomadgee does not set a precedent for any potential expansion or change of focus in the initiative.



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I look forward to your confirmation of these arrangements as soon as possible to ensure that Income Management can commence in Doomadgee at the start of the 2016 school year, and look forward to continuing to work with you in supporting the FRC and Welfare Reform in Queensland.

Yours sincerely



**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

Treasurer

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Minister for Sport

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Meeting briefing note

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Branch: Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure  
Program Office  
Telephone: 4057 3860

To:	Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
For meeting with:	Mr Alex Petridis, Chief Executive Officer, Mensheds Australia Ltd Mr Billy Gordon MP, Member for Cook Mr Ron Weatherall, Deputy Director-General, Community Participation, DATSIP
Date of meeting and venue:	Monday, 16 March 2015, 5:00pm Treasurer's Office, Level 9, Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that you note the following information to support your meeting with Mr Alex Petridis, Mensheds Australia Ltd and Mr Billy Gordon MP, Member for Cook on Monday, 16 March 2015.

KEY ISSUES

- Men's groups are currently operating in Wujal Wujal, Hope Vale and Napranum with services provided by the Apunipima Cape York Health Council (Apunipima), My Pathway and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).
- The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) is the lead agency for support to men's groups. DCCSDS called for nominations through an open tender process in 2014 for the provision of men's services in Wujal Wujal and Napranum.
- Apunipima was successful and is receiving funding of \$115,000 for each community to provide services from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. Apunipima provides on-ground support, three to four days per fortnight. Any contract extensions from DCCSDS will be based on performance.

Business affairs

- Hope Vale was not eligible for DCCSDS funding as it was not identified as a priority location.
- Currently the men's group in Hope Vale is supported by the Wellbeing Centre which is operated by the RFDS. However, the RFDS finds it difficult to run activities for the men's group due to limited access to funding and resources.

KEY CONSULTATIONS

- Ms Tracey Harding, Manager, Community Services Funding and Support, DCCSDS
- Ms Lisa Sarago and Mr Dereck Carter, Regional Managers, My Pathway

BACKGROUND


- Apunipima supports men's groups by delivering social and emotional wellbeing programs which include: Substance Misuse Sessions; Domestic and Family Violence Education and Awareness; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid; Campfire Yarning; On Country Camps; Night Clinics and Elders Groups.

Endorsed by Alan Feely, DDG EP on  
behalf of James Purtill

James Purtill  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Partnerships

13/03/2015

Comments:

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The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 16/03/2015
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# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

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Organisation / Function:	Meeting with Mensheds Australia Ltd and Billy Gordon MP		
Venue:	Treasurer's Office		
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## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Invitations to attend the Sandstone East Land Dealing Handback Ceremony</b>		
Contact Officer	Ross MacLeod, Director, CYPTRP, 3405 6720	Reference No.	DATSIP 00539-2016
Approval Required	Wednesday, 24 February 2016	Reason	To allow adequate time for effective preparation of the Handback Ceremony.
Approved by	Alan Feely, DDG Economic Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

- It is recommended that you:
  - note** that the Sandstone East Land Dealing Handback Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, 6 April 2016 and you are requested to attend
  - sign** the attached letters inviting the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts; the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef; and the Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines (Attachments 1–3) to the event.

### TIMEFRAMES

- Signing the letters of invitation to attend the event is required by 24 February 2016 to provide the Premier and other invitees with sufficient advance notice to attend the Handback Ceremony.

### BACKGROUND

- The Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships has negotiated the transfer of the Sandstone East Land Dealing properties to the Waarnthurr-iiin Aboriginal Corporation, and to the Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation.
- This negotiation has resulted in all of the land being returned to Traditional Owners as Aboriginal Freehold land, and approximately half to be dedicated as the Biniir National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land).

### ISSUES

- At a Ceremony to be held in Hope Vale on Wednesday, 6 April 2016, it is proposed that you will sign ceremonial documents, deliver the deeds for the Sandstone East Land Dealing properties to the two Aboriginal Corporations, and deliver a speech.
- The Indigenous Management Agreement, which forms the basis for management of the new Biniir National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land), will be executed by Minister Miles in advance of the Ceremony.
- The Indigenous Land Use Agreement, which provides Native Title consent for the dealing, will be executed by Minister Lynham in advance of the Ceremony.
- Letters inviting the Premier and Ministers Lynham and Miles to the Handover Ceremony are provided at Attachments 1–3.

9. Further information regarding the Handback Ceremony will be provided to you in an Event Briefing Note in March 2016.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) has adequate funding for the Handback Ceremony.

#### RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

11. Extensive consultation has occurred with the Cape York Land Council, Balakau Cape York Development Corporation, and the Aboriginal people particularly concerned with the land.
12. Cook Shire Council has been consulted in regard to access to gravel and water resources for road maintenance in the dealing area.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—Invitation letter to the Premier
- Attachment 2—Invitation letter to Minister Miles
- Attachment 3—Invitation letter to Minister Lynham

#### RECOMMENDATION

13. It is recommended that you:
- **note** the information regarding the Sandstone East Land Dealing Handback Ceremony
  - **sign** the attached letters inviting the Premier and Ministers Miles and Lynham (Attachments 1–3) to the event.

  
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**Clare O'Connor**  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 8/2/2016

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The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP  
Premier and Minister for the Arts  
PO Box 15185  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier *Anastacia*

**Sandstone East Land Dealing Handback Ceremony Invitation**

The Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) has recently negotiated the transfer of the Sandstone East Land Dealing properties to the Waarnthuurri-in Aboriginal Corporation, and to the Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation.

This negotiation has resulted in all of the land being returned to Traditional Owners as Aboriginal Freehold land. Approximately half of the land will also be dedicated as the Biniirr National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land).

To celebrate this achievement, DATSIP is hosting a Handback Ceremony at the PCYC in Hope Vale on Wednesday, 6 April 2016. I hope you are able to attend and speak on the day should you wish to do so.

Further details and a formal invitation to this important event will be provided to you. This letter serves as a date claimer for the Handback Ceremony.

If you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please contact my office on 3719 7200.

Yours sincerely

**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**  
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The Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP  
Minister for the Environment and Heritage Protection  
and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef  
GPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Minister

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Our Ref: DATSIP 00539-2016

**22 FEB 2016**

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The Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP  
Minister for the Environment and Heritage Protection  
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Dear Minister

**Sandstone East Land Dealing Handback Ceremony Invitation**

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To celebrate this achievement, DATSIP is hosting a Handback Ceremony at the PCYC in Hope Vale on Wednesday, 6 April 2016. I hope you are able to attend and speak on the day should you wish to do so.

Further details and a formal invitation to this important event will be provided to you. This letter serves as a date claimer for the Handback Ceremony.

If you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please contact my office on 3719 7200.

Yours sincerely

**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

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The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP  
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Dear Minister **ANTHONY**

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Meeting briefing note

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Ministerial reference: N/A  
Mincor reference: DATSIP 02401-2015  
For information ☒ approval ☐  
Author: Stephen Ung Telephone: 4057 3866  
Executive Director: Allen Cunnean  
Branch: Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure  
Program Office  
Telephone: 4057 3860

To:	Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
For meeting with:	Councillor Robert Holness, Mayor, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council Mr Emil Moul, Chief Executive Officer, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council Mr Robbie Sands, Director of Community Services, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council Mr James Purtill, Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Date of meeting and venue:	Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 2:30pm – Treasurer's Office

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you note the following information for your meeting with Mayor Robert Holness and Mr Emil Moul of Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council (KASC), on Wednesday, 22 April 2015.

**BACKGROUND**

- On 8 April 2015, Mr Robbie Sands, Director of Community Services at KASC, sent emails to Senator Jan McLucas and the Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation, seeking support for an extension of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) new house construction program.
- Kowanyama community has a significant number of resources with demonstrated ability to deliver civil and building construction works (Attachment 1).

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) has advised KASC that the construction of 15 houses needs to commence immediately and be completed by 30 June 2016 in order to meet the NPARIH target. The 15 houses at Kowanyama form part of the 298 house completion target for 30 June 2016.
- Seven houses (with an option for an additional two) are in tender to be built by external contractors. DHPW, in consultation with KASC, has allocated KASC six houses to build by 30 June 2016, however, DHPW has concerns with KASC's ability to meet the 30 June timeframe.
- At the Technical Working Group meeting held on 20 April 2015, KASC's ability to meet the timeframe was discussed and KASC committed to meet this timeframe.
- However, in the period 2014–18, there is \$14.449 million in known capital infrastructure, scheduled for delivery in Kowanyama by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, DHPW, Queensland Health and Ergon (Attachment 2).
- Additionally, \$14.7 million has been allocated to Kowanyama from the Cape York Infrastructure Program for barge landing and access, drainage improvements, causeways and sealing of access roads.
- The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships' Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (DATSIP Program Office) is currently discussing the coordination of capital works delivery in Kowanyama with DHPW and other Queensland Government agencies.
- The DATSIP Program Office will work with KASC to develop a whole-of-government capital works program for the community. There would be capability building benefits for the community if KASC were able to participate across the capital works programs, rather than being constrained by NPARIH targets.
- After the capital works program is developed, KASC's timeframes for NPARIH house builds may need to be adjusted (for example a six month extension to the NPARIH timeframe).

**KEY CONSULTATION**

- Mr Tim Joyce, Director, Capital Delivery, Portfolio Management and Operations, Department of Housing and Public Works

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1—Summary of Community Workforce in Kowanyama
- Attachment 2—Summary of Upcoming Capital Works in Kowanyama

*Advanced version. DG yet to sign. DGP 21/4/15.*

James Purill  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
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The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP  
Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
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# KOWANYAMA

## Summary of Community Workforce

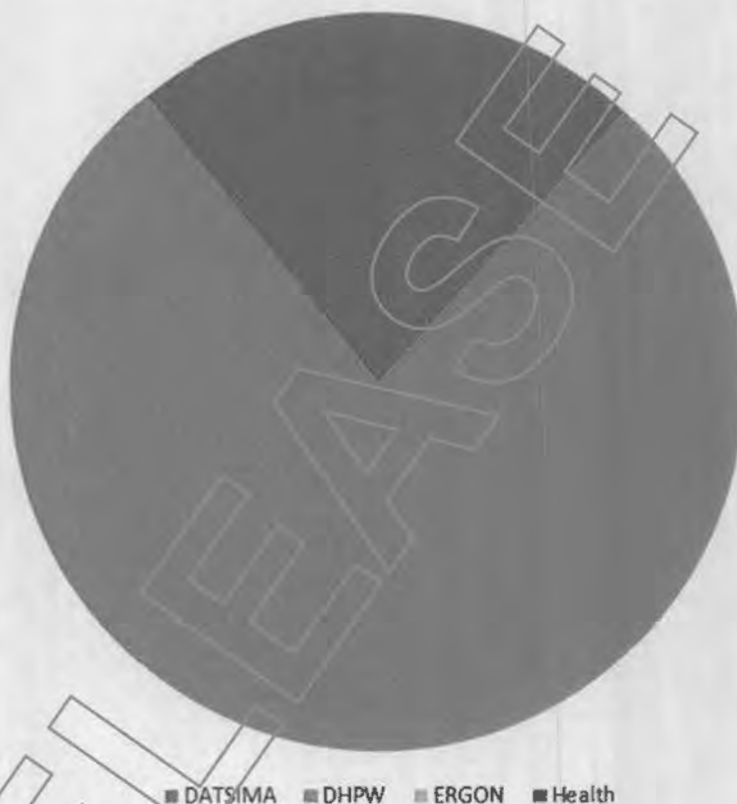
17 April 2015

NUMBER OF WORKERS AVAILABLE	ENGAGED AS /JOB TYPE (Apprentice, Trainee, Tradesperson, Non-Tradesperson)
1	Project Management (non-Indigenous) – Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council (KASC) Works Department
3	Trade Qualified Carpenters
1	Trade Qualified Carpenters (non-Indigenous) – KASC Works Manager
2	Trade Qualified Carpenters/Contractors to KASC – (non-Indigenous)
2	Apprentice Carpenters – supported by My Pathways Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP)
2	Trade Qualified Boilermakers
2	Trade Qualified Electricians (non-Indigenous) – Sub-contracted to KASC
1	Out-of-Trade Electrical Apprentice
1	Trade Qualified Refrigeration
2	Apprentice Plumbers – supported by My Pathways RJCP
1	Trade Qualified Plumber
1	Out-of-Trade Plumbing Apprentice
40	General Labourers – Job Find RJCP participants

## Summary of upcoming Capital Works in Kowanyama

*Note: Indicative values exclude National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing 2016/18 program, Ergon major upgrades and Health Infrastructure upgrades.*

Department	Indicative Budget
DATSIP	\$3,285,000
DHPW	\$11,164,000
ERGON	-
Health	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$14,449,000</b>



### DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Subdivision – 26 Lots
2014/2015 – 3 completions (as per 8 Oct 2014 program)
2015/2016 – 16 completions (as per 8 Oct 2014 program)
2016/2017 – to be announced
2017/2018 – to be announced
3 x National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) upgrades
20 x external paint
23 x internal paint
Community Services Hub – DHPW
Government Employee Housing (GEH) maintenance and upgrades – GEH Housing
Augment step-up transformers to 1500 kVA – Ergon
Install Set 4 new 500 kW genset – Ergon
Fuel tanker unloading – Ergon
Mechanical compliance and bund waste – Ergon
42 Chapman Street floors – Health
Carrington Street Duplex baths, timber floors, renovation – Health
Primary Health Care Clinic Dental Sterilising Room – Health
Primary Health Care Clinic Solar Array – Health
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2015/2016 – 16 completions (as per 8 Oct 2014 program)
2016/2017 – to be announced
2017/2018 – to be announced
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**Danika Ryan**

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**Attachments:** Attachment 1 - Meeting Briefing Note - Kowanyama.docx; Attachment 2 - Meeting Briefing Note - Kowanyama.docx; Meeting Briefing Note - Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council 22.04.15.docx

Good afternoon

Please see the attached **advanced** copy of the Meeting Briefing Note for the meeting with the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council tomorrow, 22 April 2015.

I am hoping to have this version signed by James Purtill, DG this afternoon, in the meantime please refer to the attached.

Kind regards,

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*I acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country throughout Australia, and their connection to land and community.*

*I pay my respect to all Traditional Owners, and to the Elders both past and present.*

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**From:** Hayley Lockyer [mailto:Hayley.Lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au]  
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**To:** Danika Ryan  
**Subject:** Meeting with Mayor of Kowanyama

Hi Danika

Please find brief request attached.

Kind regards



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## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Work for the Dole: Kowanyama and Lockhart River</b>		
Contact Officer	Petina Villafior, Indigenous Employment and Training Coordinator, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, 4039 8572	Reference No.	DATSIP 03360-2015
Approved by	Allen Cunneen, ED RILPO	Approved by	

### PURPOSE

1. To provide the Minister with information on the Commonwealth Government's Work for the Dole (WfD) Program and its implications for the communities of Kowanyama and Lockhart River. Summary of the decision that needs to be made or action that needs to be taken.

### TIMEFRAMES

2. Action arising from Minister Pitt's meeting with Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council on 22 April 2015.

### BACKGROUND

3. On 22 April 2015, you met with the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council. After the meeting, you requested that the department explore opportunities for WfD participants by matching potential WfD activities to the numbers of WfD participants.

### ISSUES

4. A summary of the number of eligible job seekers who will be required to transition to WfD is at Attachment 1.
5. As at 6 April 2015, 313 job seekers (aged between 18 and 49 years) will be eligible for WfD in the Kowanyama/Pornpuraaw Region (Region 55).
6. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) is working with the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) provider in Kowanyama, Job Find, and the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council to develop a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the roles, responsibilities and agreed Key Performance Indicator expectations for all stakeholders to support and progress agreed WfD activities.
7. As at 6 April 2015, in the Central Cape Region (Region 56) which captures Lockhart River, 81 job seekers (aged between 18 and 49 years) will be eligible for WfD.
8. The RJCP provider for Lockhart River, My Pathways, has developed a strong working relationship with the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council which has assisted in identifying and developing activities for RJCP clients. An identified issue for the success of RJCP activities in Lockhart River is improving the engagement of job seekers in their individual RJCP activities.
9. DPMC expects RJCP providers to negotiate Individual Employment Plans (IEP) for all job seekers which will identify their specific WfD activity. This will be lodged electronically with DPMC by 30 June 2015 to enable a smooth transition into the new program.



10. Potential WftD activities for Kowanyama (Attachment 2) have been identified by Job Find and the KASC. While no numbers of participants are included, these activities will struggle to accommodate all the eligible WftD participants in Kowanyama.
11. The potential WftD activities for Lockhart River are not yet available from PM&C.
12. All WftD activities will be meaningful placements with structured training leading to employment outcomes, and these activities will be appropriately resourced and supervised.
13. Providers will be appropriately funded and resourced through PM&C to support approved activities. The funding mechanisms are still being finalised.
14. However, Attachment 3 shows the details of a type of activity that may be chosen.
15. The former Director-General, Mr James Purtill, advised that there was nothing further to update in this brief following the meeting with Mr Eccles and Mr Martin.

### RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

16. Mr Josh Patterson, Senior Advisor, Remote Partnership Manager, RJCP, Indigenous Affairs Group, PM&C has been providing information as WftD has been developed.

### RECOMMENDATION

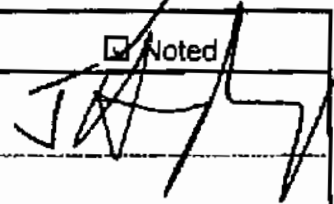
17. It is recommended that you **note** the information contained in this brief.

### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—Number of WftD participants by Region
- Attachment 2—Key Priorities for Kowanyama
- Attachment 3—Grass Roots Project Outline

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 26/7/2015

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<b>HON. CURTIS PITT MP</b> Treasurer Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships		
7/9/2015		

**Potential Number of Work for the Dole Participants**

The following table summarises the forecast participant profile across the Cape York communities (as at 6 April 2015).

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet captures Work for the Dole data based on the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) regions as opposed to individual communities.

<b>RJCP Region</b>	<b>Communities Included</b>	<b>Number of Job Seekers Eligible for Work for the Dole</b>
54	Cook	470
56	Central Cape	81
57	Western Cape	239
58	Northern Peninsula Area	240
55	Kowanyama/Pormpuraaw	313
52	Western Tablelands	391
60	Aurukun/Coen	291
59	Torres Straits	548
51	Wellesley Islands	119
49	Doomadgee	152
50	Palm Island	425
<b>Total:</b>		<b>3,269</b>

**Kowanyama Work for the Dole Activities**

As of 20 May 2015, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, along with the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) provider for Kowanyama, Job Find, and the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council, identified the below Work for the Dole activities. These will form the base for further work experience activities that will be developed to assist local community people transition into paid employment in the Kowanyama region:

- Horticulture
- Town Murals
- Revegetation
- Carbon Farming
- Working On Country
- Turtle Campsite Construction
- School-Based Activities
- Men's Groups
- Infrastructure including the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), Whole-of-Government Infrastructure, and three school construction projects (food preparation area, a school car park and a bus shelter).

# Brief outline - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation

## EP\_Brief\_Outline\_2014-15

Application 2015026 from John Conroy

### Brief Outline

**Project title** Grass Roots Project - Aurukun

#### Objective

Provide a solution to economically grass 42 social houses constructed by providing accredited training and employment for a minimum of 6 local Aurukun people.

Describe the project succinctly in one sentence outlining the aim of the project (eg. Deliver jobs by promoting employment and training opportunities, developing work readiness skills, or creating employment pathways and building confidence).

#### Location

DATSIMA Region	Location
RILIPO	Aurukun
Identify the locations where the project will be delivered. Include the city, suburb and if relevant the school where the main event will occur.	

#### Timeframe

Start date	End date	Duration
03/11/2014	02/11/2015	12 months trial
Must be a date	Must be a date	If exact start and end dates are unknown, provide the duration of the project.

#### Expected outcome

**Number of guaranteed jobs** 6  
The expected outcomes from the project should be number of guaranteed jobs.

**Industry** Horticulture  
Which industries are the guaranteed jobs in?

#### Other outcomes

community beautification-enabling residents living in new residences to care for their lawn and vegetation; providing horticulture and landscaping skilled workforce not currently in community that will enable participants an opportunity to gain future employment

If no guaranteed jobs please provide beneficial outcomes.

#### Expected deliverables / outputs

Outline what the project will deliver.

-accredited training and employment of a minimum of 6 local Aurukun people; horticulture and landscaping accredited qualifications ; beautification of environment - increase civic pride and guardianship of these areas; as well assist to improve community health

Certificate II in Horticulture qualifications for 6 local Aurukun people

For example: event, on fit training, drivers licence, documents, graduation, etc.

#### Total cost of project

\$ Total Cost (GST exclusive)	\$ DATSIMA funds (GST exclusive)	\$ Partner funds (GST exclusive)
\$158,200	148,200	10,000 (in kind)

# Brief outline - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation

## EP Brief Outline 2014-15

Application 2015026 from John Conroy

DATSIMA funds plus Partner funds	What amount DATSIMA is funding	Provide the total amount of project partners are funding (not just DATSIMA)
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### DATSIMA's investment (GST exclusive)

Cost element	Explanation of investment	Amount (GST exclusive)
Training	accredited training	\$24,000.00
Wages	wages of participants	\$30,000.00
Transport	supply of vehicles and trucks	\$15,000.00
Project materials	top soil, seeds, plants; watering agents; fertiliser	\$42,000.00
Equipment and Tools	mowers; levelling equipments; seed spreader; yard irrigation and hoses; gardening tools and utensils	\$15,000.00
Mentoring	1 mentor - 12 months	\$18,000.00
Workplace Health and Safety	Personal Protection Equipment- safety glasses; hats; goggles; leathers; boots and identified safety items.	\$4,200.00
		\$
Eg: training, fuel, hire, clothing	Provide further detail of DATSIMA's investment.	The total amount of DATSIMA's investment is \$148,200.00
		\$148,200.00

### Partner/s' investment

Partner	Financial support	In-kind support
Aurukun Aboriginal Shire Council	No	Yes
Cape York Employment (RJCP)	No	Yes
Identify all project partners in the project and whether they will be providing financial or in-kind support to the project.	If not identified yet, select "No"	If not identified yet, select "No"

### Consultation

Partners consulted?	Potential service provider identified?
Yes	Yes

### DETE Indigenous Training Strategy (ITS) funding?

If DETE is a financial partner, will funding for this project be sought from DETE's ITS funding round?

No

### Recommendation

**Name** Allen Cunneen  
**Position** Executive Regional Director  
 Must be Regional Director or Director level  
**Region** RILIP0  
**Signature**

Please print form for RD to sign prior to submitting.

# Brief outline - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation

## EP\_Brief\_Outline\_2014-15

Application 2015026 from John Conroy

Date

05/09/2014

Must be a date

### RD signed recommendation

Prior to submission attach  
signed copy of RD  
recommendation.

- Signed Funding application 2015026-1676027.pdf 1.0 MB

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**Briefing note**

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<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	Ms Layla Kirchhoff from Mornington Shire Council seeking funding, particularly in relation to major developments that are required within the Shire.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you note the information contained in this brief.

**BACKGROUND**

- Mornington Shire Council (the Council) is seeking funding for infrastructure upgrades and foreshore developments.
- The Council has advised that parts of the jetty and foreshore business precinct were damaged in Cyclone Yasi in 2011.
- The Council is aware of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire receiving substantial funding for jetty repairs and foreshore rehabilitation following Cyclone Yasi.
- The Council has approached both the State and Australian Governments to identify funding sources.
- The Council is eligible for funding under the National Disaster Relief Scheme. However, they have forwarded a letter to the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade, outlining issues within the community and seeking funding assistance to address them (Attachment 1).

**KEY ISSUES**

- Representatives of both the State and Australian Governments have met with Council to identify what funding is required and advice of possible funding sources available.
- The Council met with a representative from Regional Development Australia, Townsville and North West Queensland Inc. and was advised they should consider forming a taskforce of all stakeholders to develop the jetty, and aim for the next round of funding under the National Stronger Regions Fund provided through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Australian Government). The Council has developed a draft application for the complete reconstruction of the foreshore and jetty landing area. It is not known when the application will be finalised.
- A representative of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) has met with the Council and has advised the following:
  - As the Council has some reserve cash, they should consider approaching the Queensland Treasury Corporation for possible loans to secure the funding required.
  - Given some of the infrastructure was damaged as a result of a natural disaster (Cyclone Yasi), the Council should contact the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to see if they fall within their funding guidelines.
- A media article (Attachment 2) during the 2015 State Election has resulted in the proposed visit to Mornington Island by two Federal Members of Parliament. Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, and Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash, Assistant Minister for Health, have advised they will visit the Island on 20 May 2015 to look at the issues firsthand (Attachment 3).
- DILGP has advised the Council to develop a booklet for the visit outlining:
  - where the Shire has come from;
  - where the Shire is now;
  - where the Shire wants to advance to; and
  - how can the Shire form partnerships to get there.

- Representatives of DILGP have also encouraged the Council to apply for funding under the Royalties for the Regions funding program allocation controlled by the Department of State Development.
- The Foreshore Redevelopment Project has been allocated to the local Remote Jobs for Communities Program (RJCP). The RJCP provider is Jobfind. Attached is a copy of the activity plan from Jobfind on Mornington Island in regards to the Foreshore Landscape Plan (Attachment 4). The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had significant input into the initiative.

#### KEY CONSULTATIONS

- Ms Glenys Schuntner, Chief Executive Officer, Regional development Australia, Townsville and North West Queensland Inc.
- Mr Peter Whiting, Senior Advisor, Northern Region, DILGP

#### ATTACHMENTS

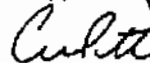
- Attachment 1—Letter to the Deputy Premier from Mornington Shire Council
- Attachment 2—Media article: North West Star, 22 January 2015 - "Time to deliver for Mornington Island"
- Attachment 3—Media article: Queensland Countrylife, 17 March 2015 - "Ministers plan to visit Mornington Island"
- Attachment 4—Scope of Works – Mornington Island foreshore development project

  
James Purtill  
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13/06/2015

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HON. CURTIS PITT MP  
Treasurer  
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
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**MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL***Gulf of Carpentaria*

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Dear Deputy Premier Jackie Trad,

**Re: URGENT assistance and funding under State and Federal Governments for Mornington Shire Council Queensland - requiring relief in revitalising the region.**

As chief executive officer for Mornington Shire Council, I see first hand the efforts of Mayor Bradley Wilson, together with those of the fellow councillors and executive team, centred on creating steps to nurture the lasting change which will positively impact transport, employment, education, health, wellbeing and home/community life.

Mornington Shire Council is requiring funding to upgrade the desperately needed services and infrastructure within the township of Gununa. Through collaboration with State and Federal initiatives, Mornington Shire Council aims to develop the Jetty Precinct to provide modernised safety standards mandatory and compliant with Australian maritime accessibility and public standards. The urgency of funding can not be overlooked, as Council are putting together a funding application for the National Stronger Regions fund to try to secure further assistance for the identified project. Furthermore, public safety concerns are paramount to Council's vision, with the upgrade seen as a MUST.

Through the ongoing collaboration and funding support from state and federal governments, Mornington Shire can work in partnership directly to achieve the following activities supported through the development of the Jetty and Foreshore Business and Recreation Precinct;

- Safe communities – addressing the problem of extreme remoteness, and mass evacuation in the event of a major natural disaster (cyclone).
- Ability to increase public transport (watercraft) and future eco-tourism trade, establishing a sustainable industry within this region.
- Addressing the accessibility issue of the region, there is currently no ability to stop at Mornington Island for commercial and leisure craft operators – this development would provide the opportunity to safely access a mooring site, stopover if needed, utilise community health clinic (doctor), purchase food and fuel supplies, spend some time in the community, purchase art etc.
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Regards

  
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Chief Executive Officer  
Mornington Shire Council

## Scope of Works

### Mornington Island foreshore development project

#### Outline

This project covers an area approximately 250 long, and approximately 100 meters wide. The area is on the foreshore in Mornington Island proper, opposite the Mornington Island township itself.

The foreshore project aims to beautify an existing community area, developing it into a substantial community asset, with use as its prime concern.

The project will cover clearing, levelling, planting, irrigation, sprinklers and water supply, the building of up to 6 structures such as BBQ's and covered areas, and the protection of heritage areas and culturally important items such as bones.

The initial project will run for 26 weeks, with further projects to move to adjacent foreshore sites, including the construction of a beach retainer wall.

#### Activity

The activity begins with the clearing of the site, and also the clearing of an area behind the development site, meaning a very large number of trees will be removed, giving the immediate town area a much better view of the ocean from their homes.

A grader will be used to level the development area off, hired from the Mornington Island Aboriginal Shire Council (MISC). *\*The old mission era well, part of the old township, will be protected and later, once the area is flat, a classic style fence put around the well to protect it. \*There are also potentially old artefacts and possibly bones in the foreshore development area. A CRAC person will work closely with the grader in case any items are unearthed, and then the traditional owners will decide on the next steps from there.*

Once the area has been levelled, other work can be completed. These include:

- The planting of grass, laying of grass (ordered in on pallets)
- The planting of trees such fruit and almond trees (available on the island)  
 From mayor Bradley Wilson - **The plants would consist of fruit trees such as mango and almond trees that can be collected within the community, I know that the motel has heaps of almond trees that can be used and there are heaps off mango trees around. The reason we suggest those trees is that they provide good shade and supply fruits for kids, you might also look at planting some lime/lemon trees as well for the community. Mainly large trees to provide good shade and also will hold the sand together will be suitable for that area too.**
- Laying woodchip in areas and also this woodchip as mulch around the trees and shrubs (chipped from a purchased or hired chipper)
- Installing irrigation networks, including sprinklers to the area. This needs some planning as water pressure is a key priority. Once water are known (from the irrigation provider), Council must be consulted with to ensure that the plumber can advise the Council water system can cope with it, and also whether, under certain pressures and outputs, the water on the island is sufficient to carry it through over a long period of time.(irrigation sourced from Cairns, possibly purchase through MISC)
- Constructing 4 BBQ's for community use (materials sourced through Council)
- Constructing 2 covered areas, with a concrete base, depending on GRAC approval. Each one of these will have a roof and seating as part of the structure. (materials sourced through Council)
- Constructing a cement base under the only existing structure on the development site (materials sourced through Council)

### Outcome

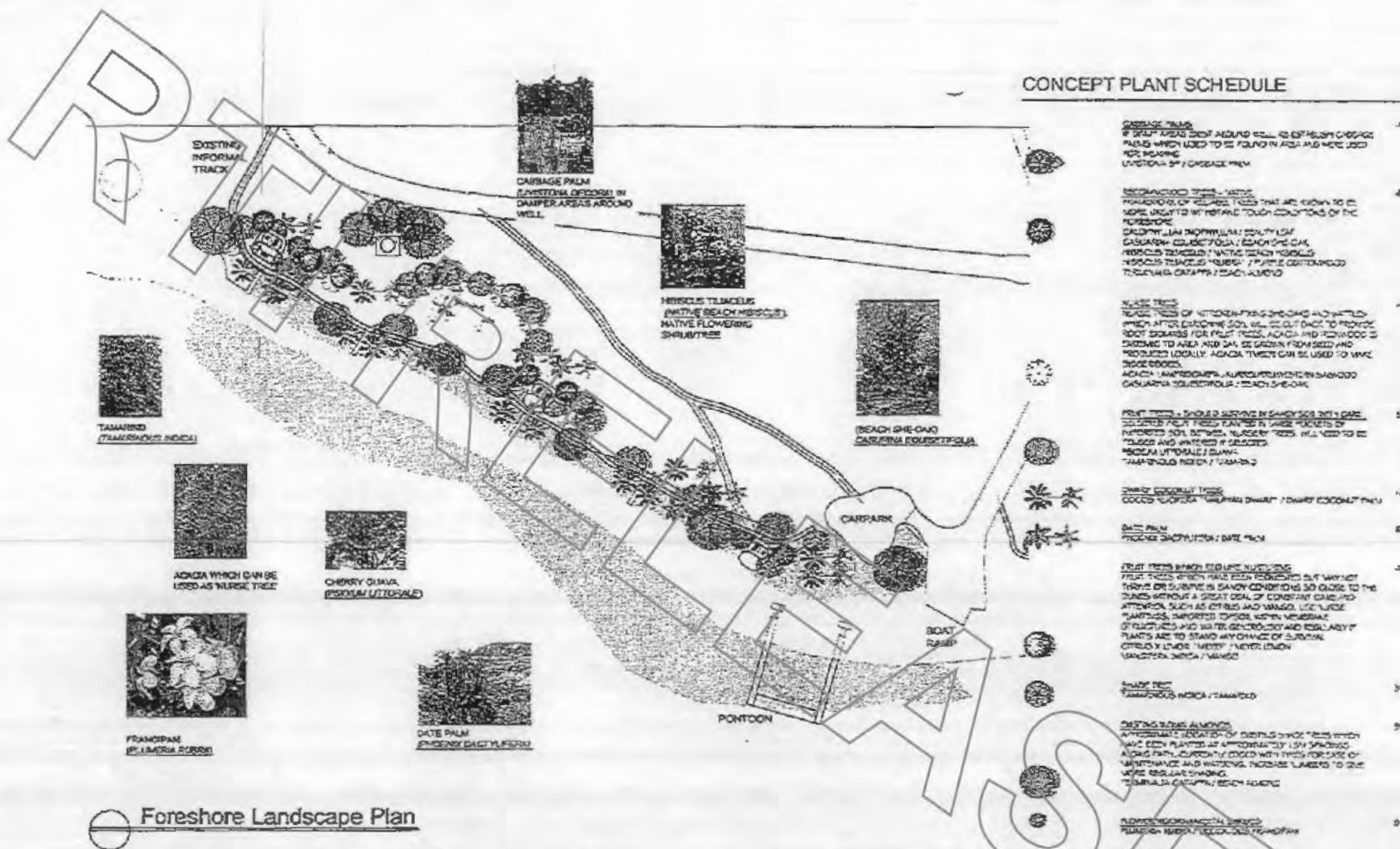
The foreshore development area is for community use. The end aim is to provide the community with an upgraded area that has been beautified to the requirements of the Mornington Island community, and an area that becomes a valued community asset, long into the future.

Key aspects of the activity are the building of a number of structures, including the two covered and floored areas, and the 4 BBQ areas. The Jobfind tool and trade activity can provide timber seating for the covered areas, and may also be able to provide other assistance, including timber tables, as the activity progresses.

### Purchasing

Items to be purchased include;

- 1) Wood chipper (possible, depending on cost, otherwise hired)
- 2) Irrigation pipe, sprinklers, fittings, tools to set the irrigation in place that come with the irrigation supplies.
- 3) Concrete blocks
- 4) Cement
- 5) Timber products (pine)
- 6) Fencing
- 7) Grass seed
- 8) Grass (on pallet)
- 9) Steel and corrugated iron
- 10) BBQ plates
- 11) Nails and screws for construction
- 12) Compressor
- 13) Generator
- 14) Welding equipment (this may be available from Paul at the workshop). Paul may also be able to do the welding work.



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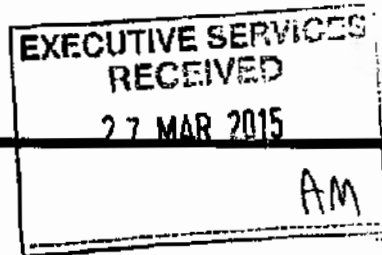


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**Sent:** Monday, 23 February 2015 3:42 PM  
**To:** Treasurer  
**Subject:** ----- URGENT ATTENTION REQUIRED ----- LETTER FROM CEO

**Importance:** High



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### Good Afternoon Mr Curtis Pitt MP

#### **PLEA: HELP OUR REGION GO FROM JUST SURVIVING TO WELL AND TRULY THRIVING**

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Layla Kirchhoff and I work within the team at Mornington Shire Council, in Gununa on Mornington Island. I have also included Mornington Shire Council **CEO Mr Frank Mills** and Mornington Shire Council **Mayor Mr Bradley Wilson** for your introduction and future reference.

I am currently looking into funding opportunities for our region, particularly in relation to some major developments that are desperately required within our Shire and, as a result – I have been forwarded your details.

Our Council has undergone some significant staffing changes in the past year (including a new CEO from June), to bring about positive change and moving forward. We are seeking (desperately needed) assistance with funding to make real positive differences integral to building a better future for our remote (primarily) indigenous community.

At present, we require funding for a major **jetty and foreshore business and recreation precinct** upgrade due to the previous devastations from Cyclone Yasi many years ago. This upgrade will enable the community to build on a sustainable economy and empower individuals through education and practical skills. The project will correspondingly assist in promoting a possible eco-tourism trade with a viable, small scale seafood trade, leading to local employment and revenue raising.

Additionally, Mornington Shire Council also require several building upgrades and general community upgrades, (there is NO community centre on the island and very tired infrastructure's at present – countless opportunities for betterment) Gununa also has no swimming centre – an infrastructure that would positively impact the lives of youth, particularly in a hot climate and assist in the training of our revived rugby league squad... (it is well documented and we all know swimming can have a profound benefit on the mind). Ultimately all of these needs impact on the social and economic structures of our region, and we could really utilise governmental backing to make and create positive change to so many disadvantaged.

For now, I invite you to a teleconference with the Mayor and CEO in the coming week to address our current state of affairs and have attached some further information below for your vested interest.

Take a look at our website – [www.mornington.qld.gov.au](http://www.mornington.qld.gov.au) and I urge you to read our news, like us on FB and take part in our community. I would like to hope you take note of these requirements that make any community function efficiently – and I trust in you to be in contact with our Council, advocating for our community and assisting in what is a long over due revolution for our region.

It is worth noting I will also notify both Jackie Trad and Annastasia Palasczuk , as well as Mr Tony Abbott to gain the full support of our nation.

*Many hands can make a positive difference, in fact – it is the only thing that ever has.*



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Kind regards and have a wonderful day,

**Layla Kirchhoff**

Grants and Communications Coordinator

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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

January 21, 2015

## **ISLAND PLEA: *Mornington Shire requires support from Australia***

Slight nor-westers greeted Cr John Wharton and Senator Barry O'Sullivan as their aircraft landed on Mornington Island yesterday.

The day, pivotal in Mornington Shire's future as a well functioning community in the Gulf, started an overdue conversation acknowledging the dire state the region has been left in from years of mismanagement.

Mayor Bradley Wilson stated, "enough is enough, we need this to change and it needs to start today" as the round table meeting commenced.

"Just because we're in a remote community doesn't mean that we're out of sight - out of mind, we need the Australian Government to hear our voices from within the parliament.

Cr Robyrta Felton explained "we need empowerment and the ability to drive our own agenda without the state government telling us what to do all the time"

"We are not going to sit here in the quiet, we need support and we need to enhance the quality of life here, everything from community health to recreation and industry," Cr Wilson said.

"The hospital here closes at lunch time, and if you are really unwell, you are told to go home and come back when a nurse is back...can the Prime Minister of Australia imagine that."

Cr Wharton, who is running for the seat of Mt Isa, made a promise to the council.

"If I am elected I can promise you I will be back, I will stay here for one week, live and breathe the community - I will listen to your needs and act."

Senator O'Sullivan explained, "Nothing has been previously done for the community and a change is well and truly overdue".



**MEDIA RELEASE**

January 21, 2015

**ISLAND PLEA:** *Mornington Shire requires support from Australia*

"Fly down to Canberra and I will guarantee you will meet with Warren's (Truss) office and you can have an hour discussion on what your community needs are to make sure you have state help."

Mornington Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Frank Mills says, "due to expenses associated with remote living, together with the explosive price of REX airlines, it was just not affordable to do so".

"We invite Warren and Fiona (Nash) to come here and see what exactly is going on here – this is outrageous and as Australian's, our community deserves better – not to live like a third world country."

The visit was a first in recognising the community needs to ensure the quality of life improves and a more sustainable local industry is met.

Cr Wilson says "Mornington Shire Council moving forward, away from "the empty promises".

"We need to be heard far beyond the island's shores – we need assistance from a Federal level".



**MEDIA RELEASE**

January 21, 2015

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From Left: Cr Robert Thompson, Cr Jimmy Wilson, Cr John Wharton, CEO Frank Mills, Senator Barry O'Sullivan, Mayor Brad Wilson, Cr Sean Linden discuss the neglect and much needed future support on ruined jetty.

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## MEDIA RELEASE

January 28, 2015

**Indigenous times:** *Morrington Shire pioneers indigenous workforce but needs more federal support*

"Much of the difficulty lies within the lack of support from the federal government to ensure there is adequate funding for local industries, infrastructures and recreational facilities to achieve a more sustainable long term employment of indigenous peoples, not only for quality of life – but for a skill set and sense of purpose needed in today's industrialised world."

Hon Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural affairs Glen Elmes said 'the role that council's play in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is critical for economic development'.

"I commend Morrington Shire Council for its employment of local Indigenous people and for exploring opportunities to increase economic activity including the training of local indigenous people."

For more information regarding Morrington Shire Council's economic and education plans for the region visit [www.morrington.qld.gov.au](http://www.morrington.qld.gov.au)

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Dear Curtis Pitt MP,

**Re: URGENT assistance and funding under State and Federal Governments for Mornington Shire Council Queensland - requiring relief in revitalising the region.**

As chief executive officer for Mornington Shire Council, I see first hand the efforts of Mayor Bradley Wilson, together with those of the fellow councillors and executive team, centred on creating steps to nurture the lasting change which will positively impact transport, employment, education, health, wellbeing and home/community life.

Mornington Shire Council is requiring funding to upgrade the desperately needed services and infrastructure within the township of Gununa. Through collaboration with State and Federal initiatives, Mornington Shire Council aims to develop the Jetty Precinct to provide modernised safety standards mandatory and compliant with Australian maritime accessibility and public standards. The **urgency of funding** can not be overlooked, as Council are putting together a funding application for the National Stronger Regions fund to try to secure further assistance for the identified project. Furthermore, public safety concerns are paramount to Councils vision, with the upgrade seen as a MUST.

Through the ongoing collaboration and funding support from state and federal governments, Mornington Shire can work in partnership directly to achieve the following activities supported through the development of the Jetty and Foreshore Business and Recreation Precinct;

- Safe communities – addressing the problem of extreme remoteness, and mass evacuation in the event of a major natural disaster (cyclone).
  - Ability to increase public transport (watercraft) and future eco-tourism trade, establishing a sustainable industry within this region.
  - Addressing the accessibility issue of the region, there is currently no ability to stop at Mornington Island for commercial and leisure craft operators – this development would provide the opportunity to safely access a mooring site, stopover if needed, utilise community health clinic (doctor), purchase food and fuel supplies, spend some time in the community, purchase art etc.
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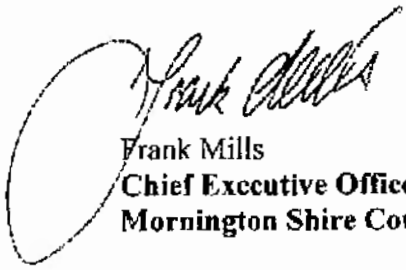
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Mornington Shire Council

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To:	Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Subject:	Retail Stores – payroll issue at Palm Island store

RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that you:
  - note that, due to timesheet errors dating back to July 2011, approximately 40 staff at the Palm Island Retail Store have been underpaid an average of up to \$750 (with significant variation in underpayment per person)
  - note that a plan is in place to confirm all underpayments by mid-April 2015 and rectify underpayments by notifying and paying affected staff by the end of April 2015.

BACKGROUND

- Total Employee Expenses for the Palm Island Retail Store over the four year period was \$2.8 million.

KEY ISSUES

- A routine audit, conducted by DATSIP's Internal Auditors, recently identified errors in the recording of actual time worked for casual staff at the Palm Island Retail Store between July 2011 and February 2015.
- The timesheet errors mean that some staff were underpaid small amounts per shift (typically less than \$10).
- The Auditors first informed DATSIP of the errors on 23 February 2015, however the final Audit Report on the matter is not expected until 20 March 2015.
- Immediately following notification of Internal Audit's findings, DATSIP started a comprehensive review of all time cards, timesheets and payroll figures for that period. That review is scheduled to be completed in mid-April 2015.
- At this stage, the data indicates that approximately 40 staff have been underpaid. The underpayment amount for each person will be confirmed by mid-April. The total amount of underpayment over the four years is also to be confirmed, but is not expected to exceed \$30,000.
- All affected staff (approximately 15 current and 25 former employees) are living on Palm Island and are easily contactable.
- When the final underpayment figures for each person are confirmed, DATSIP plans to notify affected people and pay them by the end of April 2015. At that time, DATSIP would also notify the Palm Island Mayor of the issue and its resolution.
- Speaking points will be prepared in consultation with the Minister's Media Advisor in advance of the Community Cabinet meeting in Townsville on 29 March 2015.

KEY CONSULTATIONS

- Internal Audit was consulted on the process for rectifying the payroll under-payments.
- The Manager of the Palm Island Retail Store has been consulted on the most appropriate approach to notifying local staff.
- The Minister's Media Advisor was consulted on, and supported, the proposed approach to managing communication on the issue.

James Purtil  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Partnerships

19.1.3/2015

Comments:

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The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP  
Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Partnerships

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<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Palm Island Community Company – Proposal to transfer shareholding interest from the Palm Island Community Company</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you **agree** to the transfer of the Queensland Government's shareholding interest in the Palm Island Community Company from the Minister responsible for the Communities portfolio to you as the Minister responsible for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs portfolio.

**BACKGROUND**

- On 13 March 2015, the Director-General, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS), wrote to the Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) requesting consideration of a proposal to transfer the Queensland Government's shareholding interest in the Palm Island Community Company (PICC) to you as Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
- Pursuant to the relevant shareholding protocol, DCCSDS also wrote to the Under Treasurer advising of the proposal and seeking his endorsement following any approval by the Director-General of DATSIP.
- PICC was incorporated in 2007 under the *Corporations Act 2011* as a public company limited by shares.
- The Shareholders' Agreement provides for two kinds of shareholdings: ordinary, and community shares. The Queensland Government is an ordinary shareholder, with the shareholding interest currently held in the name of the Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Minister for Communities).
- The Minister for the Indigenous Affairs portfolio held the interest until 2012 when it accrued to the former Minister for Communities on account of a machinery of government change. No funding accompanied the transfer.
- The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) is the other ordinary shareholder.
- The community shareholders are members of the community who have purchased shares in the company and the 'Palm Island' (surname) family which is deemed to be a community shareholder through affiliation with the Manbarra clan.
- The company board comprises nine directors, two of whom the Queensland Government may appoint, two the PIASC may appoint, and five who may be appointed by the Palm Island shareholders.
- Of the two members the State is entitled to appoint, there is currently only one appointee, Ms Rhonda Phillips, as the other position has been vacant since 2013.
- At the Community Cabinet Meeting held in Townsville on 29 March 2015, the Premier agreed to finalise the outstanding member appointment.
- PICC currently receives approximately \$4,035,000 in annual funding from DCCSDS to act as a service provider for a number of initiatives, including disability services, diversionary services, a safe house, and targeted family support services.
- PICC also receives approximately \$430,000 from the Department of Housing and Public Works for the operation of the existing women's shelter.
- In the 2012–2013 financial year, PICC received \$409,812 from the Department of Education, Training and Employment for a Children and Family Centre, and approximately \$98,000 from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General for a Community Justice Group.



**KEY ISSUES**

- DCCSDS considers that, because it funds the PICC to provide community support services, there is a risk of a perceived conflict of interest if the Minister for Communities retains the shareholding interest.
- In accordance with the Premier's undertaking given at the Community Cabinet in Townsville, DCCSDS has advised that they have written to you as Treasurer seeking your approval to appoint Mr Mark Johnson as the other government representative.
- Once the shareholding interest is transferred, you would be responsible for the future appointment of the Queensland Government appointed Board Members.
- As the shareholding Minister, you would of course be responsible for attendance at Annual General Meetings (AGMs) or nomination of a proxy to attend on your behalf (which has been the usual practice).
- You would also be responsible for compliance with the Shareholders' Agreement developed with the PIASC as the other 'ordinary' shareholder. The Agreement outlines the rights and obligations of each party, and includes a requirement for written State approval of matters such as changes to the PICC constitution, Directors' remuneration and the future transfer of shares.
- As Treasurer, you have obligations under the Queensland Government's Guidelines for the Formation, Acquisition and Post Approval Monitoring of Companies (the Guidelines). The Guidelines would require you to approve the proposed transfer of the shareholding interest into your name as Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
- In addition, shortly after PICC's inception, a Shareholding Protocol was developed between the former Treasurer and the former Minister for Communities pursuant to the Guidelines.
- This requires the shareholding Minister to seek approval from the Treasurer before exercising the power to appoint a Director to the Board, although the protocol would apparently become redundant if the Treasurer became the shareholder.
- Nevertheless, it is considered that any perceived conflicts of interest arising on account of future dual roles by you concerning PICC would be manageable, and that any concerns could be addressed by seeking the Premier's endorsement of decisions.
- If the shareholding interest was transferred as proposed, DATSIP would assume responsibility for a range of administrative duties, including the preparation of reports as required, as well as meeting the costs associated with participation in Annual General Meetings.
- The transfer of shareholding responsibilities to this portfolio would require a coordinated transition strategy.
- The strategy would be developed in consultation with DCCSDS, Queensland Treasury and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.
- DCCSDS has advised that, pursuant to the Guidelines, DCCSDS will have two months from the date of your agreement to finalise the transfer.
- Also, DCCSDS will instigate an approach to seek endorsement from the Premier and to initiate consultation with PICC and the PIASC.
- DATSIP has had preliminary discussions with DCCSDS to ensure that DCCSDS can comply with all relevant timeframes and assist in the consultation process with PICC and the PIASC, and allow DATSIP to establish mechanisms to support its administrative responsibilities.

**KEY CONSULTATIONS**

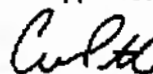
- DCCSDS and Queensland Treasury

  
 James Purtill  
 Director-General  
 Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
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7/11/2015

Comments:

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HON. CURTIS PITT MP

Treasurer

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

14/11/2015

Comments:

**Briefing note**

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<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	Retail Stores – resolution of payroll issue at Palm Island Store

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- It is recommended that you:
  1. **note** that a thorough analysis of the timesheet/payroll errors for the Palm Island Retail Store staff shows that 36 current and former staff were underpaid an average of \$940 (with significant variation in underpayment per person)
  2. **approve** payment of monies owed to affected current and former staff as part of the routine pay run on Wednesday, 29 April 2015, with specific notation of the extra payment on payslips.

**KEY ISSUES**

- 15 current and 21 former employees have been underpaid. All are easily contactable, except for one person who has left Palm Island and is currently under investigation by Police. Retail Stores holds the bank account details of all affected staff.
- The amounts owed to staff vary from \$2 to \$3,100.
- DATSIP recommends the following process for rectifying the error and communicating the solution:
  - The Director, Retail Stores will travel to Palm Island to notify current staff in one-on-one meetings on Friday, 24 April 2015.
  - The Manager, Palm Island Retail Store will notify former staff in one-on-one meetings between 24-29 April 2015.
  - Money owed to current and former staff will be paid into their bank accounts as part of the routine pay run on Wednesday, 29 April 2015, with specific notation of the extra payment added onto their payslips.
  - Minister Pitt will contact Mr Alex Scott, Secretary, Together Queensland before Wednesday, 29 April 2015 to explain the underpayments and steps taken as quickly as possible to rectify them.
- Communication points have been prepared for notifying staff (Attachment 1) and the Together Queensland union (Attachment 2).
- s78B(2)(c)

**KEY CONSULTATIONS**

- The Manager of Palm Island Retail Store, a local Palm Island woman, has advised on the most appropriate approach to notifying local staff.
- The Minister's Media Advisor, Ms Julie Sheedy was consulted on, and supports, the proposed approach to managing communication on the issue.

**BACKGROUND**

- A routine audit of Palm Island Retail Store, conducted by DATSIP's Internal Auditors, identified errors in the recording of actual time worked for casual staff between July 2011 and February 2015.
- The timesheet errors mean that some staff were underpaid small amounts per shift (typically less than \$10).
- The Auditors submitted their report on the matter on 20 March 2015.

- Immediately following notification of Internal Audit's findings, DATSIP started a comprehensive review of all time cards, timesheets and payroll figures for that period. That review was completed on 14 April 2015.
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#### ATTACHMENTS

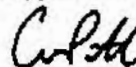
- Attachment 1—Communication points for notifying staff
- Attachment 2—Key points for notifying Together Queensland

  
 James Purtill  
 Director-General  
 Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
 Islander Partnerships

22/04/2015

Comments:

Approved / Not approved / Noted



The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP  
 Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
 and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
 Partnerships

22/04/2015

Comments:

**Attachment 1****Communication points for notifying staff**

- Retail Stores administration has recently discovered that there were some errors in the information used to calculate payroll for the period 13 July 2011 to 3 March 2015.
- This was primarily due to mistakes in rounding time recordings for hours worked by employees.
- As a result, a number of current and former staff have been underpaid.
- The time recording errors have now been comprehensively analysed and verified.
- I'm pleased to advise (payment amount) will be paid to you on Wednesday, 29 April 2015.
- The corrective payment will be based on current pay rates, and will be separately identified on your payslip.
- (For current employees) A new process has been put in place with store management to ensure that pays reflect the correctly rounded times.
- We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

## Attachment 2

**Key points for notifying Together Queensland**

- The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) operates six Retail Stores in regional and remote communities, including Palm Island.
- DATSIP recently discovered that there were some timesheet errors in the information used to calculate payroll for the period 13 July 2011 to 3 March 2015.
- This was primarily due to mistakes at the store level in recording time for hours worked by employees.
- As a result, 36 current and former staff have been underpaid an average of \$940, although there is significant variation in underpayments per person.
- DATSIP has worked as quickly possible to analyse all relevant time recordings and payroll information, and the underpayment amounts have now been comprehensively verified.
- The underpayments were paid to current and former staff via their bank accounts on Wednesday, 29 April 2015.
- The corrective payment was based on current pay rates, and will be separately identified on employees' payslips.
- A new process has been put in place with store management to ensure that pays reflect the correctly rounded times.
- There is no issue with the payroll system itself, and DATSIP also thoroughly checked the payroll data at the other five Retail Stores. The problem was limited to Palm Island.

**Background**

- A routine audit of the Palm Island Retail Store, conducted by DATSIP's Internal Auditors, identified errors in the recording of actual time worked for casual staff between July 2011 and February 2015.
- The timesheet errors mean that some staff were underpaid small amounts per shift (typically less than \$10).
- The auditors submitted their report on the matter on 20 March 2015.
- Immediately following notification of Internal Audit's findings, DATSIP started a comprehensive review of all time cards, timesheets and payroll figures for that period. That review was completed on 14 April 2015.
- Total Employee Expenses for the Palm Island Retail Store over the four year period was \$2.8 million.

**Event briefing note**

☐ Confidential

<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>
<b>Event:</b>	Local Government Association of Queensland Indigenous Leaders' Forum and Ministerial Roundtable
<b>Date of event:</b>	Wednesday, 27 May 2015, 8:30am–5:00pm Thursday, 28 May 2015, 8:30am–12:30pm

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you note the following information to support your attendance at the Local Government Association of Queensland Indigenous Leaders' Forum and Ministerial Roundtable on Wednesday, 27 May and Thursday, 28 May 2015 on Palm Island.

**BACKGROUND**

- The Government Election Commitment was to "Convene a Ministerial Roundtable with leaders of all Aboriginal Shire Councils and Torres Strait Island based Councils and with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) within 100 days to investigate the suitability of existing State Government support to this unique group of councils with specific ambit to consider the three goals contained within item 5 of the LGAQ Policy Plan".

**KEY ISSUES**

- The LGAQ Indigenous Leaders' Forum will occur on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 followed by the Indigenous Leaders' Forum and Ministerial Roundtable on Thursday, 28 May 2015 (Agenda—Attachment 1).
- At the conclusion of Day 1, the Minister will meet with relevant mayors and Chief Executive Officers to discuss Retail Stores. This meeting commences at 5:00–5:30pm. Speaking Points for the Minister have been prepared at Attachment 2.
- A list of delegate for both days has been compiled by LGAQ (Attachment 3).
- Mr Tony Goode, Workforce Strategy Executive, LGAQ provided a list of topics to the Office of the Minister for discussion at the Ministerial Roundtable. Dot points and a Know Your Community Profile for Palm Island have been prepared and are at Attachment 4.
- At the conclusion of the Ministerial Roundtable, the Minister along with Councillor Alf Lacey, Mayor, Palm Island Shire Aboriginal Council (PIASC) will plant a tree at the Rodeo Grounds Subdivision, Palm Island. Mr Allen Cunneen, Executive Director, DATSIP Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office has arranged this event in conjunction with PIASC.

**ELECTION / CABINET / PUBLIC COMMITMENTS**

- The Government Election Commitment was to "Convene a Ministerial Roundtable with leaders of all Aboriginal Shire Councils and Torres Strait Island based Councils and with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) within 100 days to investigate the suitability of existing State Government support to this unique group of councils with specific ambit to consider the three goals contained within item 5 of the LGAQ Policy Plan".

**KEY CONSULTATIONS**

- Mr Garth Morgan, Senior Advisor, Office of the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- Mr Allen Cunneen, Executive Director, DATSIP Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office
- Mr Matt Skoien, Executive Director, DATSIP

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1—Agenda
- Attachment 2—Speaking Points and Retail Stores Profile
- Attachment 3—Delegates List
- Attachment 4—Key Issues/dot points and Know Your Community – Palm Island Profile.

Alan Feely  
 Deputy Director—General  
 Economic Participation  
 Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
 Islander Partnerships  
 25/05/2015

Comments:

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**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

Treasurer

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

26/05/2015

Comments:



# Indigenous Leaders' Forum - DRAFT

Meeting: May 26, 27 & 28, 2015

Venue: Bwgcolman Community School Multi-purpose Hall, Creek Road Palm Island

**TUESDAY MAY 26, 2015 - Hosted by Palm Island Indigenous Shire Council**

Event: Field Trip/Technical Tours - 12.00 - 3.30pm

Event: 5.00 pm - Delegate Registration - Fred Clay Park (Beach Front Palm Island)

Event: 6.00 pm - Welcoming Ceremony - Fred Clay Park (Beach Front Palm Island)

## AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2015**

**8.30 am - 5.00 pm**

**Welcome by Palm Island School Students - School Assembly area (8.30 am)**

**1. Welcome - Alf Lacey - Mayor of Palm Island Indigenous Shire Council (9.00 am)**

Chair Day 1: Alf Lacey

Opening Prayer: Philemon Mene, Mayor Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

**2. Welcome by LGAQ President (9.15 am)**

(a) Margaret de Wit, President LGAQ

**3. Latest Community Consultation data - AMP Research Project (9.30 am)**

(a) Alan Clough, Associate Professor, James Cook University

**4. Conversation on the Impact of Ice in Communities. Is there a need for a dedicated Strategy between Councils and Police? (10.00 am)**

(a) Tony Goode - LGAQ

(b) Ian Stewart - Commissioner, Queensland Police Service

Morning Tea: 11.00 - 11.30 am

**5. Modelling Program - smoothing out Project Work peaks & troughs (11.30 am)**

(a) Allen Cunneen, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, DATSIP

**6. Update on Free Holding Pilot (11.50 pm)**

(a) Allen Cunneen, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, DATSIP

**7. Better Councils Better Communities - Demonstration (12.10 pm)**

(a) Wilson Crawley, LGAQ

**8. Indigenous Knowledge Centres - what are the possibilities? (12.30 pm)**

(a) Ross Duncan & Cynthia Rowan, State Library of Queensland

**9. CCTV Presentation (12.50 pm)**

(a) Greg Outridge, Optical Solutions Australia

Lunch: 1.00 - 2.00 pm



**CLOSED SESSION – Council representatives only**

<b>10. Constitutional Recognition - website</b>	<b>(2.00 pm)</b>
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<b>11. Open Discussion – Key Issues for next 12 months</b>	<b>(2.15 pm)</b>
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- (a) Each Council to outline their top 2-3 key issues
- (b) ILF to agree on top 3 Priorities
- (c) Issues to raise with Ministers tomorrow
- (d) Possible Motions to go to Annual Conference

**Issues listed for discussion include:**

- Future of Communities given Western Australian trend
- Delegation to Canberra (ALGA National Congress June 14-17)
- Restoring SGFA funding
- Increasing level of Economic Development/Participation within Communities
- Infrastructure Spend
- Housing – future of NPARIH
- Workforce Development & Capacity Building
- Stolen Wages (ALP commitment)
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**Afternoon Tea: 3.15 – 3.45 pm**

<b>12. Open Discussion – Key Issues for next 12 months – (continued)</b>	<b>(3.45 pm)</b>
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<b>13. Summary of Key Issues – Tony Goode</b>	<b>(4.45 pm)</b>
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**Close of Forum Day 1: 5.00 pm**

<b>Closed Session: Minister Pitt and relevant CEOs on Retail Stores</b>	<b>(5.00 pm – 5.30 pm)</b>
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**Special Guests: Day 1**

1. Billy Gordon, Member for Cook
2. Scott Stewart, Member for Townsville

**Apologies:**

1. Warren Entsch, MP - Federal Member for Leichhardt & Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia
2. Warren Mundine – Head of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council
3. Jackie Trad, Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport, Minister for Trade, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning

**THURSDAY MAY 28, 2015****8.30 am to 12.30 pm****ILF & MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE****1. Welcome – Wayne Butcher – Mayor, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council (8.30 am)****Chair Day 2: Wayne Butcher****2. Summary of ILF Priorities & Issues (8.45 am)**

- (a) Wayne Butcher – Mayor, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

**3. Conversation with Ministers (9.00 am)**

- (a) Curtis Pitt, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- (b) Coralee O'Rourke, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors, Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland
- (c) Leanne Enoch, Minister for Housing & Public Works, and Minister for Science & Innovation

**Morning Tea – 10.30 am – 11.00 am****4. Conversation with Ministers – (continued) (11.00 am)****5. Wrapping Up: Fred Gela – Mayor of Torres Strait Island Regional Council (12.15 pm)**

- (a) Future of the ILF: Options for consultation within Indigenous Leaders

**Date of Next ILF – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Burke & Wills, Toowoomba****Special Guests: Day 2**

1. Scott Stewart, Member for Townsville

**Apologies:**

## **SPEAKING POINTS**

**The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**  
**Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and**  
**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait**  
**Islander Partnerships**

### **Meeting with the Mayors on Retail Stores**

**Palm Island**

**May 2015**

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## **TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which this event is taking place and Elders past and present.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for meeting me with today. I appreciate that the ownership and operation of the Queensland Government's Retail Stores have been an ongoing issue for your communities.

## **BODY**

I acknowledge that, over the years, there have been many reviews of the retail stores and proposals for increased community involvement.

For my part, I feel that any future operational model for Retail Stores needs to consider five overarching priorities:

1. Food security – to maintain access to quality food and drinks in your communities year-round
2. Nutrition and health – ensure the communities have access to a wide range of healthy food and drink options
3. Affordability – ensure the communities have access to groceries at reasonable prices

4. Economic sustainability – the stores need to remain financially viable into the future without the need for major Government 'bail outs'
5. Community engagement – the stores are active and valued institutions in the communities.

I welcome your response to these suggested priorities and your views on how we can increase community involvement in the stores.

I acknowledge your desire for communities to generate their own rental income.

On the other hand, I note that the 6 stores are run as a self-sustaining group where any surpluses are reinvested in the stores to keep prices as low as possible, especially for healthy foods and drinks, and keep store equipment well-maintained.

The group model strikes me as vital to the success of all the stores, for economies of scale and withstanding specific issues that might affect an individual store's trading results.

But the 'not-for-profit' / 'not-for-loss' approach means that all costs, including rental charges and rates fees (\$85K last financial year) are ultimately borne by customers in store.

I can appreciate, however, the benefits that would flow from a greater community 'stake' in the stores.

So I have asked my department to provide advice on how the transfer of land and assets to the communities could occur.

Initial advice is that such a transfer of the reserve land to Councils is technically possible, with a lease-back arrangement to the State to operate the stores as a group.

The implications of such an arrangement would need to be worked through, including with Queensland Treasury.

We would also need to take account of any impacts on the priorities above, including overall financial sustainability of the stores and affordability of food.

However, such an arrangement may provide an opportunity for greater community involvement in the stores and would not preclude consideration of different operating arrangements in the future.

## CONCLUSION

I look forward to working together on this important issue.

**<ENDS>**

## Attachment 2 – Retail Stores profile

Store location	Doomadgee	Kowanyama	Lockhart River	Palm Island	Pormpuraaw	Woorabinda
Community event	Doomadgee Day (23 August)	Kowanyama DOGIT Day (12 August) Kowanyama Annual Rodeo (26 August)	Foundation Day (23 February) DOGIT Day (29 October)	First week of June - Strike 57 Commemoration Day Second week of June - Bwgcolman Day	Pormpuraaw Show Holiday (24 September)	-
State electorate	Mount Isa	Cook	Cook	Townsville	Cook	Gregory
Address	266 Ginnalunja Drive	37 Chapman Road	31 Tiway Drive	67 Beach Road	23 Plithamamo Street	32 Munns Drive
Location	Gulf of Carpentaria, approximately 140km from the Northern Territory border and 470 km north-west of Mt Isa alongside the Nicholson River	On the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula, 600km north-west of Cairns	On the eastern coast of the Cape York Peninsula	65km north of Townsville	On the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula, south of Weipa	170 km south west of Rockhampton
Ownership of retail facility	Government owned	Government owned	Government owned	Government owned	Government owned	Owned by Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Operating without a lease
Opening hours	Monday: 9:00am - 4:30pm Tuesday: 9:30am - 4:30pm Wednesday to Friday: 9:00am - 4:30pm Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm Sunday: closed	Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Saturday: 8:30am - 11:30am Sunday: closed	Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5:45pm Saturday: 8:30am - 11:45am Sunday: closed	Monday to Wednesday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Thursday to Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am - 12:30pm Sunday: closed	Monday to Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm Saturday: 8:00am - 11:30am Sunday: closed	Monday to Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00pm Sunday: closed
Store Management	Manager and Assistant Manager	Manager and Assistant Manager	Manager and Assistant Manager	Manager and Assistant Manager	Manager only	Manager only
Store FTEs / Headcount (as at May 2015)	8.6 FTEs / 15 headcount	3.5 FTEs / 7 headcount	7 FTEs / 17 headcount	8.9 FTEs / 18 headcount	5 FTEs / 9 headcount	3.4 FTEs / 7 headcount
Budgeted Turnover 2014-15	\$7.3 million	\$4.4 million	\$4.7 million	\$6.3 million	\$3.5 million	\$1.9 million
Trading Result 2014-15 to date	+\$0.87 million	-\$0.09 million (includes one-off \$0.46m operating expense for refurbishment)	+\$0.02 million	+\$0.46 million	+\$0.24 million	+\$0.06 million
Trading Result end 2013-14	+\$0.77 million	+\$0.19 million	-\$0.002 million	+\$0.32 million	+\$0.13 million	+\$0.04 million
Trading result history	Historically returns a positive trading result and this has continued for 2013- 14.	Historically negative trading result, decreasing last number of years, breaking even achieved during 2011/12, positive trading result for 2012-13 and similar 2013-14	Historically negative result decreasing last two years, almost breaking even in 2011/12, better than expected trading result for 2012-13 and similar for 2013-14	Historically trades with a modest positive trading result however recent reforms have achieved a more positive trading results for 2013-14	Historically negative results, decreasing last three years and achieving, positive return in 2011/12, 2012-13 and for 2013-14	Historically negative results, decreasing last three years and achieving, positive return in 2011/12, negative in 2012-13 and a positive result for 2013-14
Facilities	Trading floor, bulk storage & management offices under one roof	Trading floor, bulk storage & management offices under one roof, fuel bowzers, & off site bulk storage facility on Council land and off site bulk storage facility for gas bottles at Council facility	Trading floor, bakery/deli/takeaway, management office, a bulk storage facility (connected to store), fuel bowzers	Trading floor, management office, bulk storage facility and a Council owned off site bulk storage facility for gas bottles	Trading floor, management office, bulk storage facility under one roof	Trading floor, management office and bulk storage facility under one roof
Security	24/7 CCTV Intruder alarms and refrigeration alarms	24/7 CCTV Intruder alarms and refrigeration alarms	24/7 CCTV Intruder alarms and refrigeration alarms	24/7 CCTV Intruder alarms and refrigeration alarms	24/7 CCTV Intruder alarms and refrigeration alarms	24/7 CCTV Intruder alarms and refrigeration alarms
Stock summary	Foodstuffs, drinks, mobile phones, prepaid credits, power cards and a limited range of whitegoods, small electrical items, Manchester, clothing, general variety items & 45Kg domestic gas bottles	Foodstuffs, drinks, mobile phones, prepaid credits, diesel and unleaded fuel, ammunition and a limited range of whitegoods, small electrical items, Manchester, clothing, general variety items & 45Kg domestic gas bottles	Foodstuffs, drinks, in store baked bakery items, hot/cold cooked foodstuffs, mobile telephones, prepaid credits, power cards, diesel and unleaded fuel & a limited range of whitegoods, small electrical items, Manchester, clothing and general variety items	Foodstuffs, drinks, hot/cold cooked foodstuffs, mobile phones, prepaid credits & a limited range of whitegoods, small electrical items, Manchester, clothing and general variety items	Foodstuffs, drinks, mobile phones, prepaid credits & a limited range of whitegoods, small electrical items, Manchester, clothing and general variety items	Foodstuffs, drinks, mobile phones, prepaid credits & limited range of whitegoods, small electrical items, Manchester and general variety items
Donations (2014)	Donation of one carton of apples and one carton of oranges on a weekly basis	Donation of one carton of apples and one carton of oranges on a weekly basis	Donation of one carton of apples and one carton of on a weekly basis during	Weekly donation of one carton of apples to the Palm Island PCYC	Donation of one carton of apples and one carton of oranges on a weekly	Donation of one carton of apples and one carton of oranges on a



Store location	Doomadgee	Kowanyama	Lockhart River	Palm Island	Pormpuraaw	Woorabinda
	during the school term to the Doomadgee State School	during the school term to the Kowanyama State School	the school term to the Lockhart River State School	supporting the after school and vacation care program  Donation of one carton of apples and one carton of oranges on a weekly basis during the school term to St Michael's Primary School	basis during the school term to the Pormpuraaw State School	weekly basis during the school term to the Woorabinda State School
History of store	Doomadgee originally founded in 1933 (100km north of current location). In 1936 following a Cyclone the mission moved to present site.  1969—Queensland government trustee of the reserve where Doomadgee is located 1977—work commenced on new retail store 1979—completion of stage one 1981—completion of stage two 1983—Administration assumed from the Brethren by the Government 1986—Department of Community Services ran the Retail Store, bakery and butcher. Additional refrigeration and freezers installed.	Formerly Mitchell River Mission which was established in 1904 which moved in 1917 due to salt water seeping into the locate waterholes. Kowanyama name used around 1971.  1971—Administration of Kowanyama handed to Government from Anglican Church 1980—Community farm project supplied fruit and vegetables to the store 1981—New Retail Store opened, includes butcher, bulk store area and three cold rooms	Lockhart River Mission ('Old Site') established in 1924 and relocated in 1969 (50km north of the Old Site)  1967—Administration of Lockhart River handed to Government from the Church of England 1970—Retail Store constructed by DPW 1977—Expansion of store to incorporate self-service shopping and new freezers. New resident fishing venture commenced (Commonwealth supplied two boats) 1984—Farm and grazing field established to supply produce 1986—Bulk store completed to allow stockpiling	Palm Island settlement established in 1918 after the Hull River settlement near Tully was destroyed by a cyclone.  1970—Construction of new Retail Store complex completed by DPW 1973—Store facilitated training programs for locals seeking employment in the retail sector 1983—Poultry farm and cattle enterprise produce stocked in stores	Formerly Edward River Mission which was established in 1938.  1967—Administration of Pormpuraaw handed to Government from the Anglican Church 1969—Construction began on new store following its destruction after Cyclone Dora hit in 1964 1970—New store completed by DPW 1976—Construction of self-service store commenced. Local crops sold through existing store 1982—New refrigerator display units 1985—New generator for refrigeration provided	Woorabinda community opened in 1927  1975—Construction of new Retail Store underway. Existing stores partly stocked with supplies from community produced fruit and vegetables 1977—Completion of Retail Store 1977—Improvements made to Store 1978—Alterations made to improve ventilation and increase freezing capacity
Employee housing owned by DATSIP	2 x houses 1 x Duplex	2 x houses	2 x houses	1 x house (leased)	1 x house	1 x house
Land type and size	Reserve 1000m <sup>2</sup>	Reserve 2690m <sup>2</sup>	Reserve 6312m <sup>2</sup>	Reserve 1250m <sup>2</sup>	Reserve 1590m <sup>2</sup>	DOGIT
Rates charged by Council (2013-14)	\$24,000	\$21,000	\$13,660	\$11,500	\$13,500	\$1,700
Programs operating in store	Jimmy Little 'Thumbs Up' healthy choice program	Jimmy Little 'Thumbs Up'	Jimmy Little 'Thumbs Up'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jimmy Little 'Thumbs Up'</li> <li>Red Cross Palm Island Good Start Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	Jimmy Little 'Thumbs Up'	Jimmy Little 'Thumbs Up'
Store condition	Modern retailing facility Has 100% automatic generator backup power supply	Significant renovation of frozen and chilled warehousing, and freezer and refrigeration in store (approx. \$1.3M) completed in Nov 2014. 100% automatic generator backup power supply to be installed by June 2015	Modern retailing facility  100% automatic generator backup power supply to be installed by June 2015	Modern retailing facility	Modern retailing facility Has 100% automatic generator backup power supply	Modern retailing facility  100% automatic generator backup power supply to be installed in 2015
Presence of other retailing outlets	Doomadgee Roadhouse Doomadgee Bakery Ringrose Transport Pty Ltd mobile retailing outlet. Burketown Bakery – mobile retail unit (bread and meat)	Council's guesthouse/store Anglican church coffee shop Market stall (3 days a week) Council owned and operated – bakery/deli/takeaway and Council run bulk meat retailer	Anglican Church 'Jamie's Store' – privately operated	Council owned and leased Sibley Seaside Petrol Station CDEP Bakery and fried chicken outlets Sports and Social Club Sunset Foods takeaway outlet Post Office shop Local Butcher (fresh meat) Privately operated convenience store and catering facility (cooked meals)	Anglican Church Store Sports and Social Club Local takeaway	Local takeaway Post Office Mobile butcher Neighbouring towns
Typical wet season impact	4 months	6 months	6 months	N/A	6 months	N/A
Size (turnover and physical size)	Largest	Third largest	Fourth largest	Second largest	Fifth largest	Sixth largest



# Indigenous Leaders Forum - Wednesday May 27- Thursday May 28, 2015

Council	Delegate	Position
Aurukun	Dereck Walpo	Mayor
	Bernie McCarthy	CEO
Cherbourg	Ken Bone	Mayor
	Gordon Wragge	Deputy Mayor
	Arnold Murray	Councillor
	Fred O'Keefe	Mayor
Doomadgee	Tony Douglas	Deputy Mayor
	Rod Richardson	CEO
	Jason Ned	Councillor
	Vernon Ned	Councillor
	Elaine Cairns	Councillor
	Adam Sieler	CSM
	Greg McLean	Mayor
Hopevale	Ross Higgins	CEO
	Robert Holness	Mayor
Kowanyama	Michael Yam	Deputy Mayor
	Emil Moul	CEO
	Teddy Bernard	Councillor
	William Thomas	Councillor
	Robert Sands	Director Community Services
	+ 1 more Councillor yet to be sworn in	Councillor
	Wayne Butcher	Mayor
Lockhart River	Norman Bally	Deputy Mayor
	David Clarke	CEO
	Peter Guivarra	Mayor
Mapoon	Leon Yeatman	CEO
	Brad Wilson	Mayor
Mornington	Frank Mills	CEO

	Jimmy Wilson	Councillor
Napranum	Philemon Mene	Mayor
	Amos Njaramba	CEO
NPARC	Bernard Charlie	Mayor
	Gil Hainey	CEO
	Edward Newman	Councillor
	Anthony Mara	Councillor
	Dennis Getawan	Councillor
Palm Island	Alf Lacey	Mayor
	Roy Prior	Deputy Mayor
	Mislam Sam	Councillor
	Edward Walsh	Councillor
	Frank Conway	Councillor
Pormpuraaw	Richard Tarpencha	Mayor
	Dennis Michael	Deputy Mayor
Torres Shire	Yen Loban	Deputy Mayor
	Allan Ketchell	Councillor
TSIRC	Keith Fell	Deputy Mayor
	David Bosun	Councillor
	Ron Enosa	Councillor
	Phillemon Mosby	Councillor
	Mario Sabatino	Councillor
Woorabinda	Terry Munns	Mayor
	William Gulf	Deputy Mayor
	Ron Smith	CEO
	Archie Williams	Councillor
Wujal Wujal	Cliff Harrigan	Mayor
	Allister Gibson	Deputy Mayor
	Bobby Kulka	Councillor
	Natasha Duncan	Councillor
	Vincent Tayley	Councillor
	Alan Neilan	CEO
Yarrabah	Errol Neal	Mayor

	Janelle Menzies	CEO
	Bevan Walsh	Councillor
	Malcolm Canendo	Councillor
<b>Total Number Delegates</b>	<b>64</b>	
<b>Speakers</b>		
<b>James Cook Uni</b>	<b>Alan Clough</b>	JCU
	Jan Robertson	JCU
<b>Police Dept</b>	<b>Ian Stewart</b>	Police Commissioner
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<b>CCTV</b>	<b>Greg Outridge</b>	Optical Solutions Australia
<b>State Library</b>	Cynthia Rowan	Executive Manager
	Ross Duncan	
	Jonathan Kingsley	NAO team
	Karen Gibbs	NAO team
<b>DATSIP</b>	<b>The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP</b>	Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Garth Morgan	Senior Advisor, Office of the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Mr James Purtill	Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Mr Ron Weatherall	Deputy Director-General, Community Participation, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

	Mr Allen Cunneen	Executive Director, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
<b>Minister for North Queensland</b>	<b>The Honourable Coralee O'Rourke MP</b>	Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland
	Ms Neva Woolmer	Senior Media Advisor, Office of the Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors and Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland
<b>Minister for Housing &amp; Public Works</b>	<b>The Honourable Leanne Enoch MP</b>	Minister for Housing & Public Works, and Minister for Science & Innovation
	Mr Tim Shipstone	Media Advisor
<b>Federal Member for Kennedy</b>	<b>Mr Bob Katter Snr MP</b>	Federal Member for Kennedy
<b>Member for Cook</b>	<b>Mr Billy Gordon MP</b>	Member for Cook
<b>Member for Townsville</b>	<b>Mr Scott Stewart MP</b>	Member for Townsville
<b>LGAQ</b>	Mr Tony Goode	
	Ms Gabrielle Donward	
	Ms Tracy Haynes	
	Ms Jess Woodham	
	Mr Wilson Crawley	
	Ms Margaret de Wil	
	Mr Greg Hoffman	
<b>Total Number Speakers</b>	<b>28</b>	

**Queensland Government (style)**

- Will be consultative.
- Focussed on economic opportunity.
- Adopt a partnership approach.
- Want to make a difference.
- Funding tight but if managed still sufficient to do good job.

**State Government Funding Arrangements**

- The department is developing a whole-of-government framework to rationalise government investment in the discrete communities in order to improve outcomes. It will not be about increasing current levels of investment, but using them more productively.
- It will require all departments to assess proposed expenditure against a set of principles that emphasise local ownership and decision-making, as well as the role of individuals and community leaders in taking greater responsibility for their circumstances.
- The framework will fundamentally change the way that government operates, ensuring programs and other initiatives are complementary and consistent. Programs and services will also need to be grounded in evidence of what works and have clear milestones leading to measurable results.
- It will be important to try and achieve greater flexibility in programs so they can respond to changed circumstances and that barriers to greater integration of service delivery are dealt with.
- Once approved by Government, the framework will apply to all new Government spending on mainland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities but will not be strictly applied in the Torres Strait Islands given the unique border security issues at play in the region and the distinct issues affecting service provision on the islands.

**Community Closures**

- The Queensland Government are not looking to close any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within Queensland.

**Peninsula Development Road**

- The current focus is on the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) tender for Mein Deviation - the fourth of 11 projects, addressing the first \$134.8 million of the \$260.5 million Cape York Infrastructure Program. This project is estimated to be about a \$20 million package.
- DATSIP is a member of the Project Leadership Team, which will be providing advice to DTMR and the contractor on how to resolve barriers to successfully maximise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander training and business opportunities for this project.
- Contracts will include incentives, rather than penalties, which is a new innovation into procurement by DTMR in Cape York.
- Combining this work with the Whole-of-Government Capital Works Program across the discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is seen as a great initiative to improve continuity of sustainable employment and leveraging for capability building for community development opportunities.

- At the latest Taskforce meeting on 20 May 2015, consideration was given to an opportunity to more directly appoint Cape York businesses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and although representatives also requested that local or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses be tested, as a first priority there was consideration given to balancing this strategy with a competitiveness tending process. The Taskforce also discussed the need to ensure a sound communication process is developed to keep the community well informed.
- DATSIP continues to work with DTMR, the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and Regional Development Australia to look at innovative solutions to procurement processes that will enhance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community development opportunities from these programs as well as future State and Commonwealth investments for inland roads in Northern Australia.

**Infrastructure Spend - National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (DATSIP Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office)**

- Over the next three years it is estimated that the Government and private/public partnerships will expend approximately \$900 million in building and related works in and connecting discrete communities. This includes expenditure by the Australian Government as well as Departments of Health, Education, Housing and Public Works, Transport and Main Roads, Justice and Attorney-General, Local Government Infrastructure and Planning and the Queensland Police Service.
- To date, there has been a lost opportunity for generating sustainable local employment and skills development from Governments' capital investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Significant coordination is required to improve the ability for these communities to leverage economic opportunities from this spend.
- Improved coordination will provide a forward program of work and the opportunity for ongoing employment and sustainable trade related full-time jobs in each community, including skill transfer from a traineeship to an apprenticeship (in some discrete communities it is the only employment opportunity), and provide opportunities for small business ventures.
- With its strong linkages and relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, extensive experience in land reform including negotiating land use agreements, identifying infrastructure funding sources and enabling community capacity building that assists other Government departments, the DATSIP Program Office is well-placed to take on an expanded role in coordinating all Government works in communities to maximise the economic benefit to the local people.
- The DATSIP Program Office will ensure that land development is consistent with the statutory requirements of the Land Use Planning Scheme, survey and tenure issues have been addressed to a standard that can support the progression of the project, Native Title and cultural heritage obligations and agreements are in place and leases or other necessary requirements are in place to authorise the development.
- Each tender for work will require the Principal Contractor to submit an Indigenous Employment Opportunity Plan (IEOP) in accordance with the Queensland Government Building and Construction Training Policy. The plan articulates how the contractor will achieve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment targets. Additionally these plans are endorsed by each community's Technical Working Group which consists of members of the local community, DATSIP, the Department of Housing and Public Works and any appointed external project managers.



**Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP)**

- Economic Participation (EP) is supporting the development of policies and programs (both internally and across Government) that increase the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in employment and business. Further, EP is actively seeking opportunities to remove impediments to the growth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and business. For example through:
  - the provision of clear and accurate advice to the Minister and Director-General on the barriers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation
  - establishing a partnership with the Department of Education and Training to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples receive accredited training that leads to sustainable employment outcomes
  - working with other Government departments and the private sector to broker and implement agreements that leverage Queensland's training policy and industry mega categories
  - seeking to integrate service systems across Government, particularly those with a high proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients
  - enhancing awareness of the role each agency can play in delivering the Government's agenda within the existing funding envelope.
- DATSIP is working actively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprises to support/increase their capacity to access internal and external procurement opportunities through:
  - the delivery of at least 10 procurement workshops across the State with the primary aim of increasing knowledge/awareness of Government's procurement processes and advice/training on the preparation of Capability Statements – a key business tool that assists purchasers to understand the range and scope of services delivered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprises
  - potentially outsourcing DATSIP staff to procurement services teams within the Department of Education and Training; the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services; and Local Buy (the agency responsible for procuring services for Local Government Authorities)
  - an expanded role in service matching for Government procurement opportunities
  - a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business eDirectory. This will complement existing sites, such as the Black Business Finder, but will be less restrictive for entry, allowing more access for businesses with substantial Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ownership or employment. Participants will self-nominate under agreed criteria with Government's impartial role protected by appropriate disclaimers.
  - improved awareness of the range of supports provided by Government for small to medium enterprises, (recognising that many enterprises require these supports).
- With regard to the business eDirectory, DATSIP already has the key details of approximately 400 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses consequently, DATSIP is well positioned to provide advice on service matching opportunities and to link enterprises with key industry contacts.
- While DATSIP has, in recent years, achieved substantial gains in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprises who have tendered for Government work and increased the value of the contracts awarded (the projected spend for the 2014-15 financial year is \$55M), there is enormous potential to further develop these enterprises through internal (to Government) and external procurement activity.
- In response, DATSIP has engineered a new program of work to grow Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprises.

**Workforce Development and Capacity Building - Youth Employment Program**

- The DATSIP Youth Employment Project strives to ensure the over representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth is being specifically and actively addressed as a part of the broader Government employment agenda.
- In 2011, Queensland's unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, aged 15 to 24 years, was 27.5%—more than double the rate of non-Indigenous people in the same age bracket (12.1%).
- To improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander labour market engagement, DATSIP has identified the need for a coordinated and targeted approach, focusing on Indigenous students who complete Year 12.
- DATSIP Youth Employment Project aims to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who complete Year 12 to avoid the post-school unemployment gap and transition into higher education, training and rewarding careers.
- Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is growing and this means we have an increasing number of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students going through the schooling system and looking for further training and employment.
- The Project is designed to maximise economic participation outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

**Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program**

- One of the key commitments of the Queensland Government under the Working Queensland strategy is to reinstate the Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) initiative.
- SQW will be funded to \$240m over four years from 2015-19.
- The program will target Queenslanders with multiple barriers to finding a job and keeping a job, including: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Young people (aged 15-24 years old and specific projects for 15-19 year olds), mature age and the long-term unemployed.
- Projects determined by regional committees with community/employer and government/local government membership to make regional assessments based on local needs and priorities.
- SQW currently includes six programs target various job seeker cohorts
- Funding rounds are open now and close in July 2015 (there are two funding rounds per year, with annual funding available).
- Local councils, not-for-profit organisations working in partnership with recognised training organisations, as well as schools, P&Cs are all eligible to apply
- Local councils will be most interested in the First Start initiative which targets all job seekers (with an expected 80% take up by 15 to 24 year olds). This program provides wage subsidies to local councils to employ additional trainees. The program offers opportunities to young people and disadvantaged job seekers to gain nationally recognised qualifications and 12 months employment by undertaking a traineeship. In 2015-16, up to \$2.5 million will be available to create 200 new traineeships under the First Start program.
- A fact sheet on Skilling Queenslanders for work is attached (Attachment 1).



**MUNS (withdrawal of Commonwealth Municipal funding)**

- There is a need for approximately \$144 million of municipal services infrastructure in Queensland that would have previously been considered under MUNS funding arrangements.
- Ten Indigenous Queensland Local Governments (as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Governments and community organisations in other States) were funded under the Commonwealth Municipal Services (MUNS) program for over 20 years.
- The 10 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Governments previously funded under MUNS were:
  - Aurukun Shire Council
  - Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
  - Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.
- Under a bilateral agreement with the Australian Government, the previous Queensland Government agreed to accept \$10.365 million to assist the effected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Governments prepare for, and mitigate, this loss in revenue.
- In my opinion this amount was not satisfactory and we have raised this with the Federal Government.
- The Queensland Government will make strategic use of this funding to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Governments to enhance their capacity to create local jobs, improve services, upgrade essential infrastructure and plan for long-term sustainability.
- Following consultation with all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Local Governments on their needs, priorities and ideas, the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will develop proposals for an Indigenous Local Government Sustainability Program for consideration before 1 July 2015.

**Alcohol Management**

- Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) were rolled out in 15 Local Government Areas (LGAs) from 2002.
- Deliberative process
- AMPs are a key tool in managing and reducing alcohol-related harm and the goal of any future alcohol management arrangements must be sustained reductions in alcohol-related rates of harm, which remain unacceptably high.
- When we think about what works and what doesn't work, the evidence shows that it takes a long time to change the culture of drinking in any society and that changing things takes a strong combination of alcohol supply restrictions, demand reduction, and harm reduction measures.

- Each community and Government needs to work in partnership to deal with alcohol fuelled violence and the impacts that alcohol has on individual people's health, their family and on community life. The safety of children, women and the elderly must be paramount in any changes to alcohol management arrangements.

### Reparations

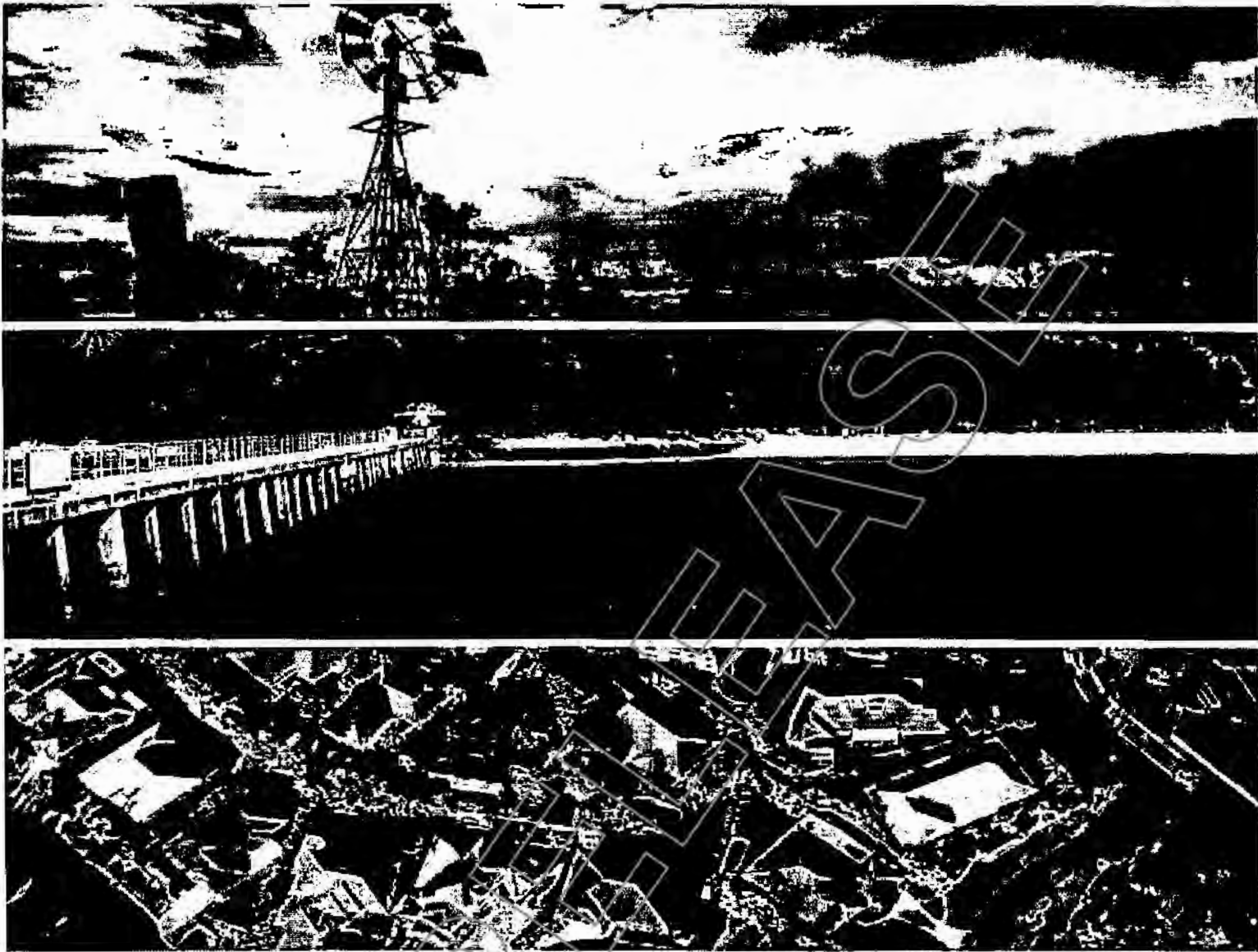
- The Government has confirmed its election commitment of a \$21 million fund for those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders who had their wages stolen under previous Governments' discriminatory policies.
- The Government also committed to the establishment of a Taskforce to recommend eligibility criteria and oversee allocation of the funds.
- The Government is working with stakeholders, including Stolen Wages groups and the Queensland Council of Unions, to establish the Taskforce as a matter of priority.
- The Taskforce, which will include key stakeholder representatives, is expected to convene in the second half of 2015.
- Reparations payments are expected to start in the first half of 2016 after the taskforce has made its recommendations to Government.
- Ample opportunity will be provided to the community regarding the timing, eligibility criteria and process for making reparation claims.
- **Mayors are requested to nominate a suitable person in their community who can be a point of contact for the Taskforce, and coordinate the distribution of communications material about the Reparations project.**
- **For any questions about the Reparations project and to nominate a community contact please email [Matthew.Skoien@atsip.qld.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Skoien@atsip.qld.gov.au)**

### Home Ownership

- DATSIP is providing practical on ground support to community members, local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Shire Councils and Native Title Prescribed Body Corporates in order to increase home ownership in Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- This practical on ground support includes technical assistance for Trustees in assessing applications against Planning Schemes to ensure the land is suitable for home ownership and the assessment of Native Title on individual lots.
- DATSIP is reducing barriers to home ownership through the delivery of its Community Survey, Tenure Resolution, Indigenous Land Use Agreements and Planning Scheme programs ensuring Native Title and land issues are correctly addressed.
- Recent amendments to the Aboriginal Land Act 1991, Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 and Land Act 1994 are now providing a simpler pathway to home ownership.
- DATSIP also assists by coordinating activities between Indigenous Business Australia, local councils and other government departments.
- By working with all of the communities, representative bodies, agencies and departments, we have ensured that the way forward is well engineered, implemented and sustainable.
- Significant achievements to date include:
  - 16 home owners are living in their homes in Hope Vale, Yarrabah and Palm Island.
  - The first 99 year lease in Queensland was signed on Palm Island on 8 April 2014 and is now registered.
  - The first lease over a social housing dwelling in Queensland was signed in Yarrabah on 7 October 2014 and is now registered.
  - Palm Island, Yarrabah and Woorabinda have official social housing sale prices agreed to by the Department of Housing and Public Works.

- 1,864 social housing dwelling lots have been made home-ownership ready, with reduced costs to future home owners.
- Template Agreement to Lease and Lease documents have been distributed to all Trustees to assist in reducing costs and application timeframes.
- Some of the challenges to home ownership for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in remote communities are:
  - The financial capacity of individuals to purchase and maintain a home.
  - Understanding what is home ownership, its opportunities and associated responsibilities.
  - The capacity of land trustees to process home ownership application.
  - The time involved with resolving Native Title.
- The road to home ownership for remote Indigenous communities has been a complicated one, but the Queensland Government is now making the real changes needed to open the door to home ownership for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

**Know Your Community—Palm Island Profile (Attachment 2).**



## Know Your Community

### Key insights into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders

Palm Island Indigenous Location (ILOC)

Compared with Queensland

20 May 2015

# Know Your Community

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- employment and business development land tenure resolution, housing and land development in remote communities
- integrated infrastructure coordination and delivery in remote communities
- cultural heritage
- cultural capability and engagement
- Cape York Welfare Reform
- community participation
- retailing services in six remote locations
- community and personal histories services.

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# Know Your Community

## Region overview

The data used in this profile was collected in the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and describes a range of characteristics of people who lived in the region at the time of the Census. Characteristics for the region are reported by Indigenous status.

Throughout this report, the term "Indigenous" is used in reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to ensure tables and charts are kept succinct.

All summary statistics mentioned in the highlight boxes refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the primary region selected in this report.

In 2011, 2,202 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in Palm Island Indigenous Location (ILOC). This represents 84.2% of the total resident population.

Palm Island ILOC has a total area of 70.9 km<sup>2</sup>. Palm Island ILOC has an average daily temperature range of 20.6 °C to 27.9 °C and on average it receives 1,837 mm of rainfall each year.

Community history about Palm Island ILOC can be found at:

<http://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/cultural-awareness-heritage-arts/community-histories-palm-island/>

In 2011, 155,824 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in Queensland. This represents 3.6% of the total resident population.

Queensland has a total area of 1,734,238.8 km<sup>2</sup>. Queensland has an average daily temperature range of 16.4 °C to 30.0 °C and on average it receives 636 mm of rainfall each year.

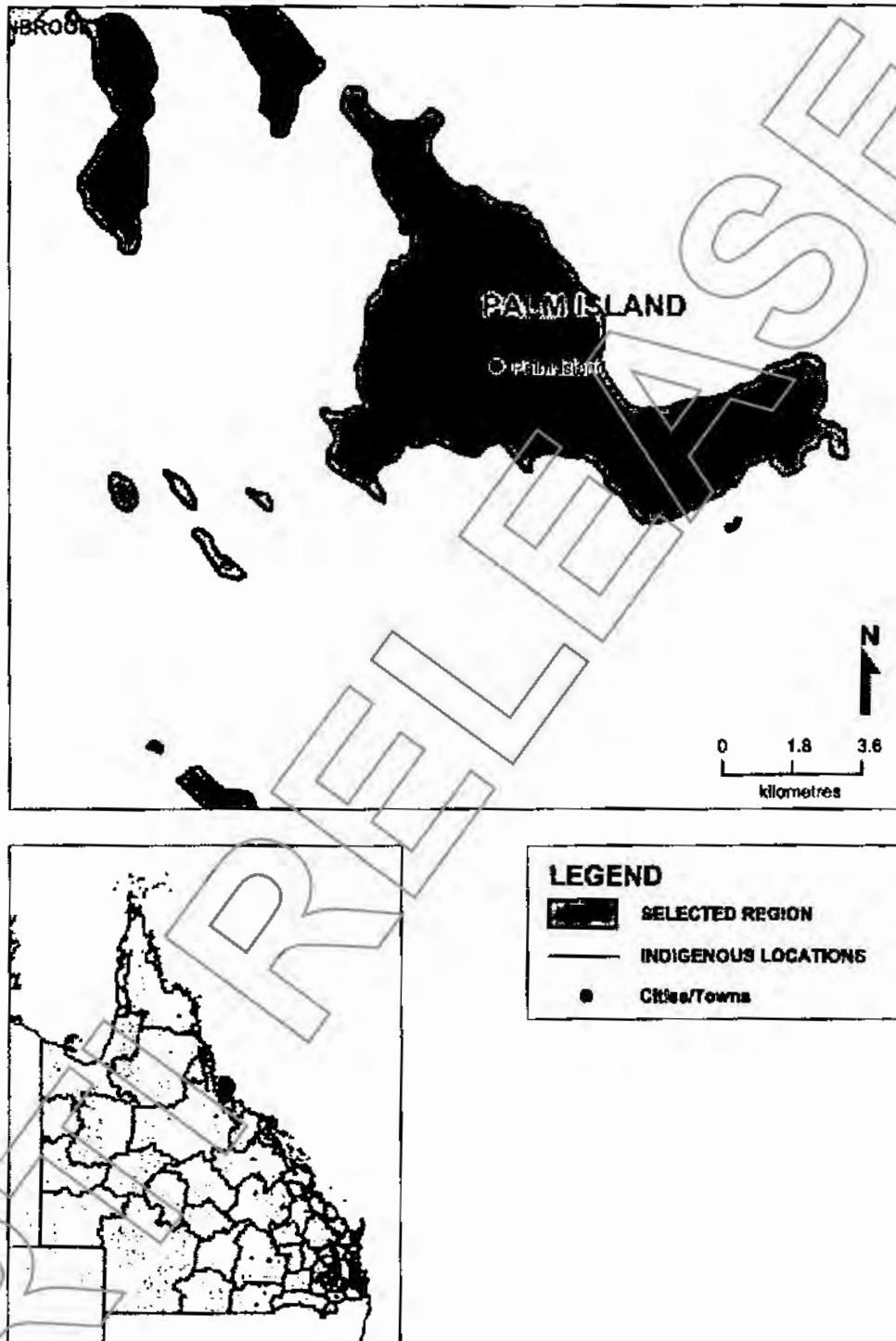
Data are reported at geographical boundaries defined within the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), July 2011.





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Figure 1 Map of Palm Island ILOC

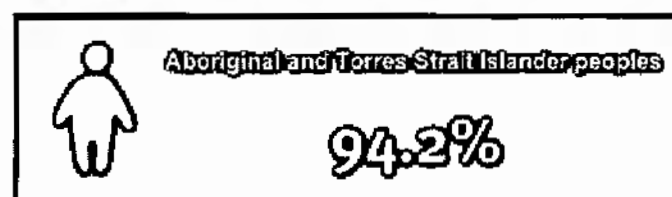


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## People and community

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

The population data shown here are based on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status. This question asks each person to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



#### Palm Island ILOC

- 2,202 persons (or 94.2%) were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- 114 persons (or 4.9%) were non-Indigenous

#### Queensland

- 155,824 persons (or 3.6%) were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- 3,952,707 persons (or 91.2%) were non-Indigenous

Table 1 Persons by sex and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex/Indigenous status	Palm Island ILOC		Queensland	
	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	958	78.3	60,363	2.8
Torres Strait Islander	10	0.8	10,048	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	184	15.0	6,330	0.3
Total	1,153	94.2	76,741	3.6
Non-Indigenous	60	4.9	1,949,382	80.7
Not stated	11	0.9	122,118	5.7
Total	1,224	100.0	2,148,222	100.0
<b>Females</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	880	79.1	62,533	2.8
Torres Strait Islander	17	1.5	10,046	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	162	13.7	6,504	0.3
Total	1,049	84.2	79,083	3.6
Non-Indigenous	54	4.8	2,003,345	91.7
Not stated	10	0.9	102,090	4.7
Total	1,113	100.0	2,184,518	100.0
<b>Persons</b>				
Indigenous:				
Aboriginal	1,838	78.7	122,896	2.8
Torres Strait Islander	27	1.2	20,094	0.5
Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	336	14.4	12,834	0.3
Total	2,202	94.2	155,824	3.6
Non-Indigenous	114	4.9	3,952,707	91.2
Not stated	21	0.9	224,209	5.2
Total	2,337	100.0	4,332,740	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 102 (usual residence)



# Know Your Community

## Population size and structure

The population data shown here are based on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question about Indigenous status. This question asks each person to identify whether they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



### Palm Island ILOC

- 32.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 0 to 14 years
- 2.7% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 2.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 65 years and over
- 3.5% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

### Queensland

- 37.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 0 to 14 years
- 19.6% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 0 to 14 years
- 3.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were aged 65 years and over
- 13.4% of non-Indigenous persons were aged 65 years and over

Table 2 Persons by sex and age group by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

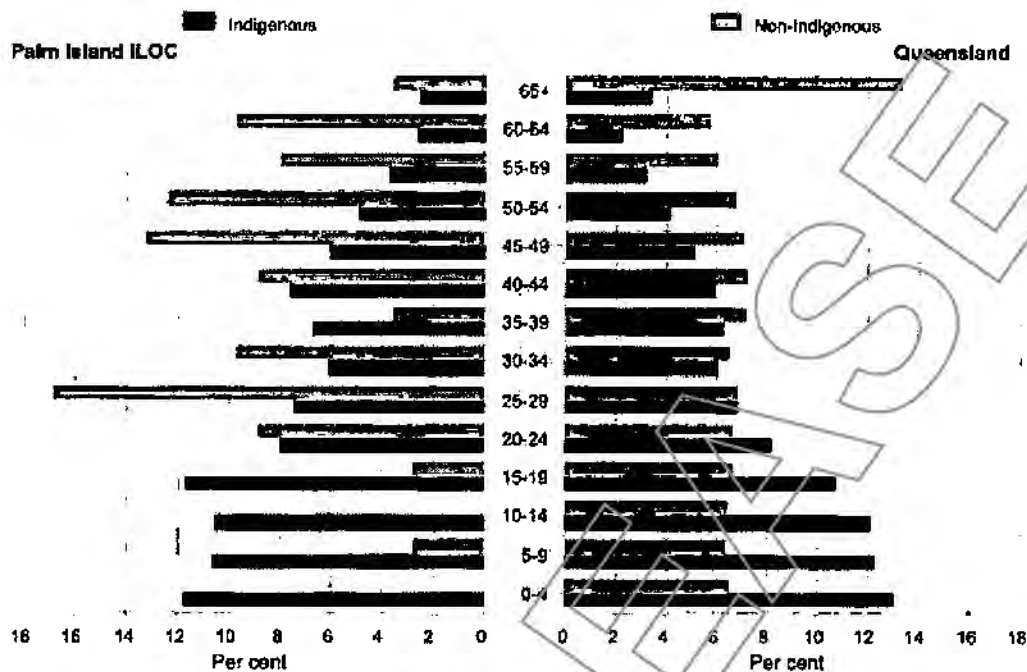
Sex / age group	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
0-14	397	34.4	3	5.1	29,773	38.8	397,313	20.4
15-24	228	19.8	7	11.9	15,038	19.6	265,350	13.6
25-44	306	26.6	21	35.8	18,705	24.4	539,252	27.7
45-64	184	16.8	28	47.6	10,850	14.3	498,482	25.6
65+	29	2.5	0	0.0	2,278	3.0	248,854	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>76,744</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,949,361</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
0-14	328	31.2	0	0.0	28,693	36.3	376,325	18.8
15-24	205	19.5	6	11.1	14,570	18.4	261,565	13.1
25-44	306	29.1	23	42.8	20,544	26.0	565,589	28.2
45-64	185	17.6	21	36.9	12,223	15.5	517,537	25.8
65+	26	2.5	4	7.4	3,053	3.9	282,329	14.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>79,083</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,003,345</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
0-14	725	32.9	3	2.7	58,466	37.5	773,638	19.6
15-24	433	19.6	13	11.5	29,608	19.0	526,915	13.3
25-44	612	27.8	44	38.9	39,248	25.2	1,104,841	26.0
45-64	379	17.2	49	43.4	23,173	14.9	1,016,029	25.7
65+	55	2.5	4	3.5	5,331	3.4	531,283	13.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,827</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,952,706</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I03 (usual residence)

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Figure 2 Persons by age and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 103 (usual residence)

# Know Your Community

## Different address 1 year ago

Migration one year ago compares where a person said they usually lived on Census Night 2011 (9 August 2011) with where they said they usually lived one year earlier (i.e. 9 August 2010). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



Different address one year ago

3.3%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 3.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2011
- 38.9% of non-Indigenous persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2011

### Queensland

- 22.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2011
- 18.5% of non-Indigenous persons aged 1 year and over were living at a different address one year before Census Night 2011

**Table 3 Different address 1 year ago<sup>(a)</sup> by age and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Age group	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
1-14	18	2.7	0	0.0	12,765	23.4	139,647	19.3
15-24	9	2.1	4	50.0	8,573	29.0	160,808	30.5
25-44	27	4.4	21	50.0	9,170	23.4	274,421	24.8
45-64	14	3.7	15	28.6	3,245	14.0	112,013	11.0
65+	4	7.5	4	80.0	469	8.8	35,669	8.7
Total	72	3.3	44	38.9	34,222	22.6	722,668	18.6

(a) Excludes persons less than 1 year of age.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)



# Know Your Community

## Different address 5 years ago

Migration five years ago compares where a person said they usually lived on Census Night 2011 (9 August 2011) with where they said they usually lived five years earlier (i.e. 9 August 2006). This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



Different address five years ago

6.3%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 6.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2011
- 72.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2011

### Queensland

- 45.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2011
- 47.1% of non-Indigenous persons aged 5 years and over were living at a different address five years before Census Night 2011

Table 4 Different address 5 years ago<sup>(a)</sup> by age and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

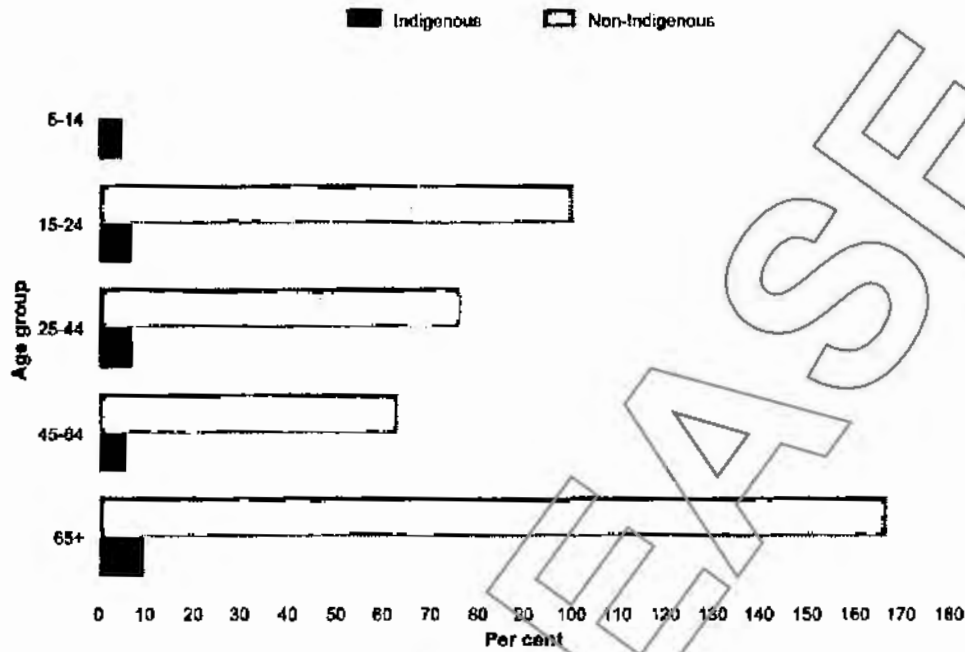
Age group	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
5-14	23	4.9	0	0.0	18,594	48.8	283,472	51.5
15-24	31	7.1	8	100.0	14,894	50.3	300,992	57.1
25-44	43	7.0	32	78.2	19,565	49.9	705,150	63.8
45-64	21	5.5	32	62.7	7,573	32.7	348,779	34.3
65+	5	9.3	5	155.7	1,182	22.2	118,884	22.8
Total	123	6.3	77	72.0	61,308	45.6	1,738,277	47.1

(a) Excludes persons less than 5 years of age.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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Figure 3 Different address 5 years ago by age and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC, 2011

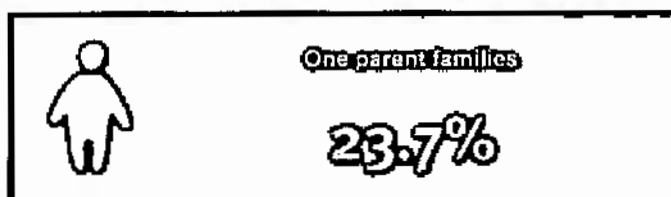


Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Family and household structure

In the 2011 Census there was a question about relationships between people who were in the household on Census Night 2011. These data were then used to work out family types, including single parent families and couple families, and whether there was more than one family living in the household. Some households may have had people living in them that are not related to each other—these are group households. Other households may have had only one person living in them—these are lone person households. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



### Palm Island ILOC

- 23.7% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were occupied by one parent families
- 0.0% of non-Indigenous households were occupied by one parent families

### Queensland

- 26.3% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were occupied by one parent families
- 10.2% of non-Indigenous households were occupied by one parent families

Table 5 Households<sup>(a)</sup> by family type by Indigenous status of household, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Household type	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
One family households:								
Couple family with no children	30	8.4	4	13.8	6,871	15.2	423,888	28.5
Couple family with children	98	27.4	6	20.7	19,297	33.0	456,499	30.7
One parent family	85	23.7	0	0.0	16,412	28.3	161,574	10.2
Other family	18	5.0	3	10.3	1,302	2.2	17,626	1.2
Total	231	64.5	13	44.8	44,882	78.7	1,049,586	70.5
Multiple family households	90	25.1	0	0.0	3,318	5.7	23,044	1.5
Group households <sup>(b)</sup>	6	1.7	4	13.8	3,228	5.6	69,741	4.7
Lone person households	31	8.7	12	41.4	7,090	12.1	346,418	23.3
Total	358	100.0	29	100.0	68,518	100.0	1,488,768	100.0

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) A group household is a non-family household with more than one person present on Census Night.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 112 (occupied private dwellings)

# Know Your Community

## Children in jobless families

These data include information about couple and single parent families where no parent(s) was working (referred to as jobless families). Only families with children aged 0 to 14 years and dependent students aged 15 to 24 years are included. This is based on dependent children and families by place of usual residence.



Children in jobless families

46.9%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 46.9% of dependent children in families with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were from jobless families
- There were no non-Indigenous jobless families

### Queensland

- 38.2% of dependent children families with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were from jobless families
- 11.7% of dependent children in non-Indigenous families were from jobless families

**Table 6** Dependent children<sup>(a)</sup> and families with no parent employed<sup>(b)</sup> by family composition by Indigenous status of family <sup>(c)</sup> Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Family type	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Families with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous families		Families with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous families	
Couple family <sup>(d)</sup>								
Dependent children	144	31.2	0	0.0	7,292	18.1	35,880	4.8
Families	49	30.4	0	0.0	2,914	15.8	16,886	4.3
Single parent family								
Dependent children	200	73.5	0	0.0	19,421	65.8	72,478	40.6
Families	94	73.4	0	0.0	8,369	60.2	40,664	36.0
Total family								
Dependent children	344	46.9	0	0.0	26,713	38.2	108,158	11.7
Families	143	49.5	0	0.0	12,283	36.1	57,550	11.4

(a) Dependent children defined as children aged 0-14 and full time students aged 15-24, who were usual residents and at home on Census night.

(b) A couple family with no parents employed includes both parents unemployed or both not in the labour force or one unemployed and the other not in the labour force.

(c) An Indigenous family is one where any member of the family is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin and who was at home on Census night. Excludes those who were temporarily absent.

(d) Couple family includes couple family with or without children.

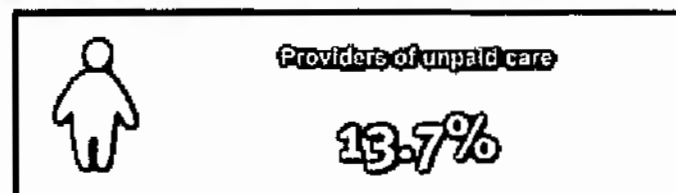
Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data



# Know Your Community

## Unpaid care

Unpaid care describes the number of people who cared for someone who had a disability, a long-term illness or problems with old age, but were not paid for their care. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.



### Palm Island ILOC

- 13.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else
- 8.5% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else

### Queensland

- 11.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else
- 10.7% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to someone else

Table 7 Provision of unpaid care<sup>(a)</sup> by sex by Indigenous status<sup>(b)</sup>, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male	81	10.7	6	11.1	4,150	8.3	130,448	8.4
Female	122	16.9	3	5.8	7,206	14.3	206,422	12.8
Persons	203	13.7	9	8.5	11,356	11.6	338,870	10.7

(a) Care provided to a person with a disability.

(b) Persons aged 15 years and over.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)



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## Disability

In this section, people with a profound or severe disability are those that need help with looking after themselves, getting around and/or talking to other people, because of:

- a long term health condition (for six months or more),
- a disability (for six months or more),
- or old age.

This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



People with a profound or severe disability

3.1%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 3.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had a profound or severe disability
- There were no non-Indigenous persons

### Queensland

- 4.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had a profound or severe disability
- 4.6% of non-Indigenous persons had a profound or severe disability

Table 8 Profound or severe disability by age group by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Age group	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
0-14	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,512	2.6	16,437	2.1
15-24	3	0.7	0	0.0	868	2.9	9,461	1.8
25-44	11	1.8	0	0.0	1,383	3.5	19,124	1.7
45-64	36	9.5	0	0.0	2,280	9.8	43,685	4.3
65+	19	38.6	0	0.0	1,461	27.4	91,603	17.2
Total	69	3.1	0	0.0	7,505	4.8	180,310	4.6

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Voluntary work

This information is from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question 'In the last twelve months did the person spend any time doing voluntary work through an organisation or group?'. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.



Spent time doing voluntary work

5.6%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 5.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples spent time doing voluntary work
- 38.7% of non-Indigenous persons spent time doing voluntary work

### Queensland

- 13.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples spent time doing voluntary work
- 19.8% of non-Indigenous persons spent time doing voluntary work

Table 9 Voluntary work<sup>(a)</sup> by sex by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Male	30	4.0	17	31.5	5,753	12.2	270,849	17.5
Female	52	7.2	24	46.2	7,589	15.1	357,026	21.8
Persons	82	5.6	41	38.7	13,342	13.7	627,875	19.8

(a) Persons 15 years and over who participated in voluntary work in the 12 months prior to Census night.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

# Know Your Community

## Education and training

### Highest level of schooling completed

These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the highest year of primary or secondary school the person has completed?'. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over who were no longer attending school by place of usual residence.



Completed year 12 or equivalent

**19.0%**

#### Palm Island ILOC

- 19.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent
- 63.6% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent

#### Queensland

- 31.7% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent
- 51.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had completed year 12 or equivalent

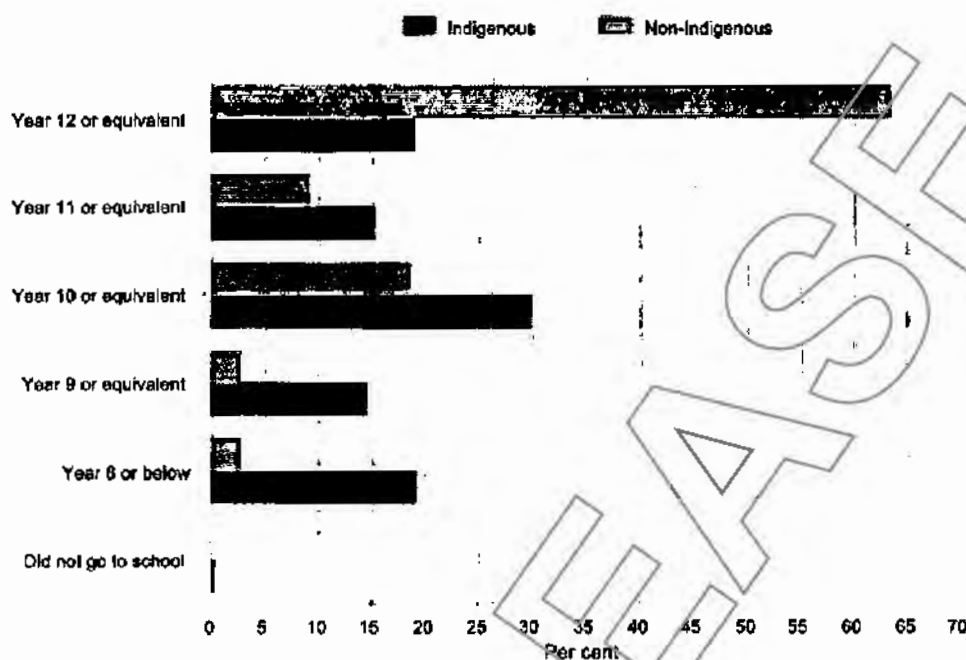
**Table 10 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Sex / highest level of schooling	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	127	17.3	23	41.8	12,906	29.7	744,247	50.0
Year 11 or equivalent	102	13.9	7	12.7	4,266	9.8	117,650	7.9
Year 10 or equivalent	228	31.1	16	29.1	12,175	28.0	384,592	25.0
Year 9 or equivalent	109	14.9	3	5.5	4,165	9.6	79,071	5.3
Year 8 or below	148	20.2	3	5.5	4,779	11.0	94,249	6.3
Did not go to school	5	0.7	0	0.0	613	1.2	8,920	0.5
Not stated	13	1.8	3	5.5	4,605	10.6	60,480	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>43,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,487,209</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	145	20.8	45	86.5	15,722	33.4	812,546	51.9
Year 11 or equivalent	117	16.8	3	5.8	5,351	11.4	112,821	7.2
Year 10 or equivalent	200	28.7	4	7.7	13,419	28.5	398,863	25.5
Year 9 or equivalent	100	14.4	0	0.0	4,056	8.6	72,314	4.6
Year 8 or below	126	18.1	0	0.0	4,533	9.6	96,937	6.2
Did not go to school	0	0.0	0	0.0	407	0.9	7,067	0.5
Not stated	8	1.1	0	0.0	3,633	7.5	63,840	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,564,188</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Year 12 or equivalent	272	19.0	68	63.6	28,628	31.7	1,556,793	51.0
Year 11 or equivalent	219	15.3	10	9.3	9,617	10.6	230,271	7.6
Year 10 or equivalent	428	30.0	20	18.7	25,594	28.3	783,455	25.7
Year 9 or equivalent	209	14.6	3	2.8	8,241	9.1	161,385	5.0
Year 8 or below	274	19.2	3	2.8	9,312	10.3	191,188	6.3
Did not go to school	5	0.4	0	0.0	920	1.0	13,967	0.5
Not stated	21	1.5	3	2.8	8,138	9.0	124,320	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>90,460</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,051,397</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I06 (usual residence)

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Figure 4 Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 106 (usual residence)

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## Non-school qualifications

Non-school qualification information describes the highest non-school qualification (e.g. bachelor degree, diploma) completed as stated in the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. This is based on persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.



With non-school qualification

22.6%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 22.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification
- 81.1% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification

### Queensland

- 38.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification
- 52.6% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over had a non-school qualification

Table 11 Level of non-school qualification<sup>(a)</sup> by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex / non-school qualification	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Postgraduate degree	0	0.0	0	0.0	193	0.4	49,813	3.2
Graduate diploma and certificate	0	0.0	0	0.0	150	0.3	17,854	1.1
Bachelor degree	3	0.4	13	24.1	1,005	2.1	168,556	10.9
Advanced diploma and diploma	11	1.5	4	7.4	1,297	2.8	106,934	6.9
Certificate	111	14.7	19	35.2	9,356	19.9	437,641	28.2
Total with a qualification <sup>(b)</sup>	182	24.1	41	75.9	16,213	38.8	876,628	56.5
Total <sup>(c)</sup>	755	100.0	54	100.0	46,972	100.0	1,552,045	100.0
<b>Females</b>								
Postgraduate degree	0	0.0	3	5.8	268	0.6	43,980	2.7
Graduate diploma and certificate	4	0.6	4	7.7	367	0.7	31,109	1.9
Bachelor degree	6	0.8	32	61.5	2,211	4.4	231,264	14.2
Advanced diploma and diploma	15	2.1	0	0.0	2,651	5.3	148,427	9.1
Certificate	86	11.9	3	5.8	8,397	16.7	226,678	13.9
Total with a qualification <sup>(b)</sup>	152	21.1	46	86.5	19,113	37.9	795,518	48.9
Total <sup>(c)</sup>	721	100.0	52	100.0	50,385	100.0	1,627,025	100.0
<b>Persons</b>								
Postgraduate degree	0	0.0	3	2.8	461	0.5	93,793	3.0
Graduate diploma and certificate	4	0.3	4	3.8	517	0.5	48,763	1.6
Bachelor degree	9	0.6	45	42.5	3,217	3.3	399,820	12.6
Advanced diploma and diploma	26	1.8	4	3.8	3,948	4.1	255,361	8.0
Certificate	197	13.3	22	20.8	17,753	18.2	684,320	20.9
Total with a qualification <sup>(b)</sup>	336	22.6	86	81.1	37,326	38.3	1,672,146	52.6
Total <sup>(c)</sup>	1,476	100.0	106	100.0	97,357	100.0	3,179,070	100.0

(a) Includes persons aged 15 years and over with a qualification within the scope of the Australian Standard Classification of Education.

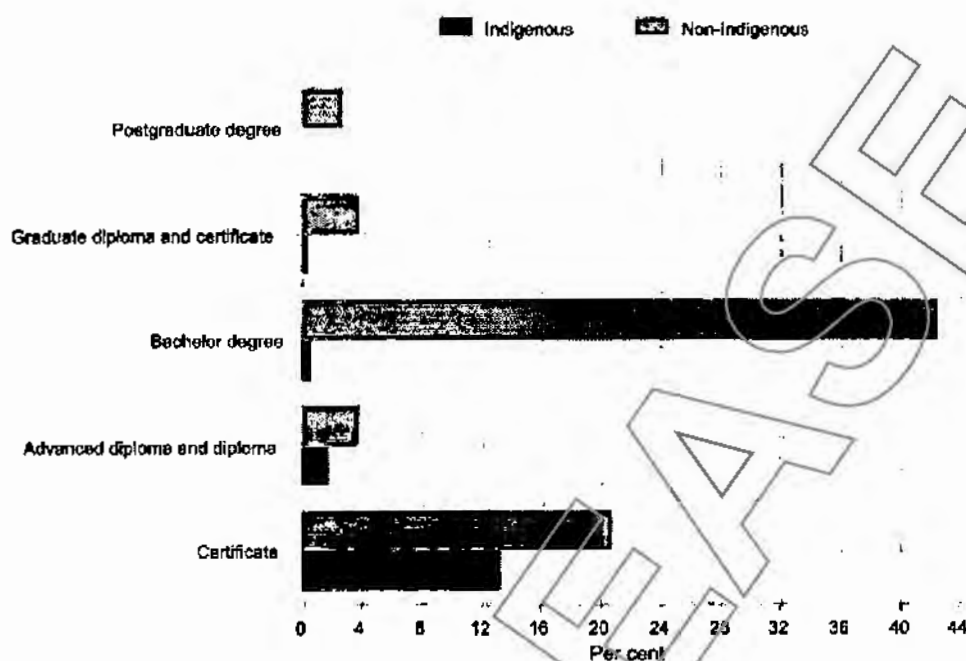
(b) Includes level of qualification inadequately described or not stated.

(c) Includes all persons aged 15 years with or without a qualification.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 114 (usual residence)

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Figure 5 Level of non-school qualification by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 114 (usual residence)

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## At school or studying

These data include people who were going to school or studying at other places of education at the time of the 2011 Census. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.



At school or studying

**599 persons**

### Palm Island ILOC

- 59.1% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 30.0% of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

### Queensland

- 39.9% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at school or studying were attending infants or primary school
- 34.0% of non-Indigenous persons at school or studying were attending infants or primary school

Table 12 Type of education institution attending by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex / education institution	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Person	%	Person	%	Person	%	Person	%
<b>Males</b>								
Pre-school	20	6.3	0	0.0	1,485	4.9	24,368	4.8
Infants/Primary school	192	60.6	3	50.0	12,339	40.8	180,685	39.3
Secondary school	50	15.8	0	0.0	7,237	23.9	121,861	24.5
Tech. institution <sup>(a)</sup>	17	5.4	0	0.0	1,045	3.5	32,041	6.4
University <sup>(b)</sup>	3	0.8	3	50.0	885	2.9	68,762	13.8
Other	6	1.9	0	0.0	402	1.3	10,471	2.1
Not stated	29	9.1	0	0.0	6,852	22.7	59,487	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,225</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>497,673</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Pre-school	11	3.9	0	0.0	1,477	4.9	22,872	4.2
Infants/Primary school	162	57.4	0	0.0	11,863	39.0	170,018	31.9
Secondary school	55	19.5	0	0.0	7,095	23.3	118,379	22.4
Tech. institution <sup>(a)</sup>	17	6.0	0	0.0	1,701	5.6	43,806	8.2
University <sup>(b)</sup>	9	3.2	4	100.0	1,995	6.6	100,860	18.9
Other	7	2.5	0	0.0	596	2.0	17,082	3.2
Not stated	21	7.4	0	0.0	5,719	18.8	59,655	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,447</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>533,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Pre-school	31	5.2	0	0.0	2,962	4.9	47,038	4.6
Infants/Primary school	354	59.1	3	30.0	24,202	39.9	350,703	34.0
Secondary school	105	17.5	0	0.0	14,332	23.6	241,240	23.4
Tech. institution <sup>(a)</sup>	34	5.7	0	0.0	2,748	4.5	75,846	7.4
University <sup>(b)</sup>	12	2.0	7	70.0	2,861	4.7	169,822	16.4
Other	13	2.2	0	0.0	998	1.6	27,553	2.7
Not stated	50	8.3	0	0.0	12,571	20.7	119,142	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,031,144</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes 'Technical and Further Educational Institution (including TAFE colleges)'.  
(b) Includes 'University or other Tertiary Institution'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 105 (usual residence)



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## Year 12 or above (20 to 24 years)

These data include information on the education and training levels of young adults aged 20-24 years. It describes the number of people who attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification. People who said they had a non-school qualification but did not say what level it was, are not included. This is based on persons by place of usual residence.

### Palm Island ILOC

- 38.0% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification
- 100.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification

### Queensland

- 62.5% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification
- 85.7% of non-Indigenous persons aged 20 to 24 years attained a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above qualification

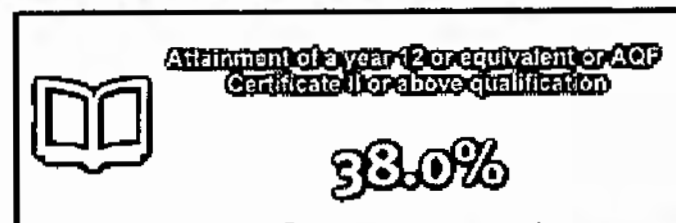


Table 13 Persons aged 20 to 24 years who had attained at least a year 12 or equivalent or AQF Certificate II or above by sex by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex and age group	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Males aged 20 to 24 years	23	29.9	3	100.0	3,388	61.2	106,725	84.0
Females aged 20 to 24 years	39	45.3	5	100.0	3,784	63.7	113,483	87.4
Total	62	38.0	8	100.0	7,152	62.5	220,208	85.7

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data



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## Working, studying or training (18 to 24 years)

Young people can be involved in a combination of working and learning activities. To be fully engaged in work or learning, a young person would be doing one of the following:

- have a full-time job,
- in full-time education or training,
- have a job and be in education or training.

This is based on persons aged 18 to 24 years by place of usual residence.

### Palm Island ILOC

- 16.3% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training
- 100.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training

### Queensland

- 35.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training
- 67.7% of non-Indigenous persons aged 18 to 24 years were working, studying or training



Fully engaged in work, study or training

**16.3%**

**Table 14** Persons aged 18 to 24 years fully engaged in work, study or training by sex by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex and age group	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
Males aged 18 to 24 years	22	14.1	5	100.0	3,750	39.4	129,298	70.3
Females aged 18 to 24 years	26	18.7	3	100.0	2,907	30.9	119,753	65.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>249,051</b>	<b>67.7</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data

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## Work and income

### Household income

Household income has been adjusted for the number and ages of the people living in the household (referred to as equivalised household income). It includes the weekly incomes of each person aged 15 years and over present in the household on Census Night 2011. This is based on occupied private dwellings.

#### Palm Island ILOC

- 33.1% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples earned \$400-\$599 per week
- 0.0% of non-Indigenous households earned \$400-\$599 per week

#### Queensland

- 17.1% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples earned \$400-\$599 per week
- 14.3% of non-Indigenous households earned \$400-\$599 per week

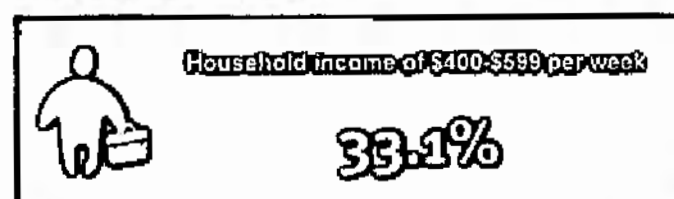


Table 15 Household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Household income (weekly)	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Negative/nil income	0	0.0	0	0.0	561	1.0	18,659	1.3
\$1-\$199	13	3.7	0	0.0	2,493	4.3	30,348	2.0
\$200-\$299	56	15.7	0	0.0	5,701	9.7	60,266	4.0
\$300-\$399	87	24.4	0	0.0	8,084	13.8	171,700	11.5
\$400-\$599	118	33.1	0	0.0	9,981	17.1	213,181	14.3
\$600-\$799	44	12.4	0	0.0	7,408	12.8	202,629	13.8
\$800-\$999	17	4.8	4	13.3	5,230	8.9	159,489	10.7
\$1,000-\$1,249	9	2.5	7	23.3	4,457	7.8	183,589	11.0
\$1,250-\$1,499	0	0.0	11	35.7	2,617	4.5	110,350	7.4
\$1,500-\$1,999	3	0.8	0	0.0	2,289	3.9	118,535	7.8
\$2,000 or more	0	0.0	5	16.7	1,093	1.9	79,171	5.3
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	9	2.5	3	10.0	8,547	14.6	182,889	10.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>68,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,488,785</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes 'Partial income stated' and 'All incomes not stated'.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data

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Figure 6 Household income by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data

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## Personal income

Personal income information is from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question 'What is the total of all wages/salaries, government benefits, pensions, allowances and other income a person usually receives?'. This is based on the weekly income of persons aged 15 years and over by place of usual residence.

### Palm Island ILOC

- 54.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over earned \$200-\$399 per week
- 9.4% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over earned \$200-\$399 per week

### Queensland

- 28.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 years and over earned \$200-\$399 per week
- 20.5% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 years and over earned \$200-\$399 per week

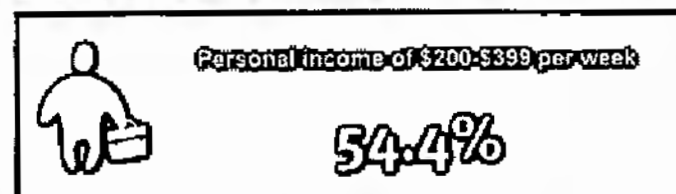


Table 16 Personal income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex / personal income (weekly)	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Males</b>								
Negative/nil income	55	7.3	6	10.9	4,508	9.8	99,772	6.4
\$1-\$199	78	10.3	0	0.0	4,352	9.3	83,722	5.4
\$200-\$399	434	57.6	6	10.9	11,996	25.5	261,231	16.8
\$400-\$599	62	8.2	5	9.1	4,440	9.5	149,474	9.6
\$600-\$799	65	8.6	6	10.9	4,869	10.4	168,994	10.9
\$800-\$999	22	2.9	4	7.3	3,440	7.3	158,876	10.2
\$1,000 or more	21	2.8	28	50.9	8,111	17.3	568,082	36.6
Income not stated	17	2.3	0	0.0	5,254	11.2	61,895	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,970</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,552,046</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Females</b>								
Negative/nil income	40	5.5	0	0.0	4,394	8.7	147,785	9.1
\$1-\$199	60	8.3	0	0.0	5,684	10.1	152,202	9.4
\$200-\$399	369	51.0	4	7.8	15,867	31.1	390,816	24.0
\$400-\$599	112	15.5	5	9.8	8,270	16.4	250,439	15.4
\$600-\$799	72	10.0	3	5.6	5,440	10.8	198,801	12.2
\$800-\$999	31	4.3	5	9.8	2,992	5.9	130,891	8.0
\$1,000 or more	25	3.5	34	66.7	4,883	9.7	295,661	18.2
Income not stated	14	1.9	0	0.0	3,677	7.3	60,629	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50,387</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,627,024</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Persons</b>								
Negative/nil income	95	6.4	6	6.7	8,902	9.1	247,557	7.8
\$1-\$199	138	9.3	0	0.0	9,436	9.7	236,924	7.4
\$200-\$399	803	54.4	10	9.4	27,663	28.4	651,847	20.5
\$400-\$599	174	11.8	10	9.4	12,710	13.1	399,913	12.6
\$600-\$799	137	9.3	9	8.5	10,309	10.6	367,795	11.6
\$800-\$999	53	3.6	9	8.5	6,432	6.6	289,767	9.1
\$1,000 or more	46	3.1	62	58.5	12,974	13.3	863,743	27.2
Income not stated	31	2.1	0	0.0	8,931	9.2	122,524	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>97,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,179,070</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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Figure 7 Personal income by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC, 2011

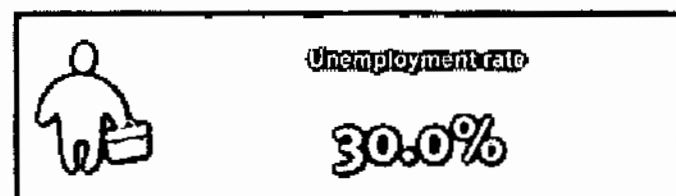


Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Work status

Work status is derived from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.



### Palm Island ILOC

- The unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was 30.0%
- The unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons was 0.0%

### Queensland

- The unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was 18.1%
- The unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons was 5.9%

Table 17 Work status by Indigenous status<sup>(a)</sup>, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Sex/labour force status	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Male</b>								
Employed <sup>(b)</sup>	181	24.8	39	75.0	22,090	49.4	1,011,370	77.6
Unemployed <sup>(b)</sup>	126	17.3	0	0.0	5,251	11.7	62,716	4.8
CDEP participants	95	13.0	0	0.0	756	1.7	30	0.0
Total labour force	398	64.8	45	86.5	28,098	62.9	1,074,114	82.4
Not in labour force	319	43.8	10	18.2	14,790	33.1	215,022	16.5
Total <sup>(c)</sup>	729	100.0	52	100.0	44,682	100.0	1,303,090	100.0
Unemployment rate <sup>(b)</sup>	n.a.	31.7	n.a.	0.0	n.a.	18.7	n.a.	5.8
CDEP participants rate	n.a.	23.9	n.a.	0.0	n.a.	2.7	n.a.	0.0
Participation rate	n.a.	64.8	n.a.	86.5	n.a.	62.9	n.a.	82.4
<b>Female</b>								
Employed <sup>(b)</sup>	198	28.4	48	100.0	20,056	42.4	908,507	67.6
Unemployed <sup>(b)</sup>	91	13.1	0	0.0	4,322	9.1	58,859	4.2
CDEP participants	38	5.5	0	0.0	325	0.7	18	0.0
Total labour force	326	46.8	48	95.8	24,701	52.2	966,388	71.9
Not in labour force	356	51.1	0	0.0	20,922	44.2	368,579	27.3
Total <sup>(c)</sup>	696	100.0	48	100.0	47,334	100.0	1,344,694	100.0
Unemployment rate <sup>(b)</sup>	n.a.	27.9	n.a.	0.0	n.a.	17.5	n.a.	5.9
CDEP participants rate	n.a.	11.7	n.a.	0.0	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	0.0
Participation rate	n.a.	46.8	n.a.	95.8	n.a.	52.2	n.a.	71.9
<b>Persons</b>								
Employed <sup>(b)</sup>	379	28.6	87	87.0	42,146	45.8	1,820,877	72.5
Unemployed <sup>(b)</sup>	217	15.2	0	0.0	9,573	10.4	119,575	4.5
CDEP participants	133	9.3	0	0.0	1,081	1.2	48	0.0
Total labour force	724	50.8	91	91.0	52,800	57.4	2,040,502	77.1
Not in labour force	675	47.4	10	10.0	35,712	38.8	581,601	22.0
Total <sup>(c)</sup>	1,425	100.0	100	100.0	92,026	100.0	2,647,784	100.0
Unemployment rate <sup>(b)</sup>	n.a.	30.0	n.a.	0.0	n.a.	18.1	n.a.	5.9
CDEP participants rate	n.a.	18.4	n.a.	0.0	n.a.	2.0	n.a.	0.0
Participation rate	n.a.	50.8	n.a.	91.0	n.a.	57.4	n.a.	77.1

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.

(b) Excludes Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) participants.

(c) Includes labour force status not stated.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Not in work by age

Work status by age is derived from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.



15 to 64 years unemployment rate

**29.7%**

### Palm Island ILOC

- 29.7% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years
- There were no non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years unemployed

### Queensland

- 18.1% unemployment rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years
- 5.9% unemployment rate for non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years

Table 18 Unemployed or not in the labour force by age<sup>(a)</sup> and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Age group	Palm Island ILOC		Queensland	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
	number	number	number	number
<b>Unemployed</b>				
15-24 years	78	0	4,051	44,607
25-34 years	58	0	2,365	23,801
35-44 years	44	0	1,289	21,030
45-54 years	30	0	992	17,970
55-64 years	5	0	348	12,168
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,573</b>	<b>119,576</b>
<b>Unemployment rate</b>				
15-24 years	46.7	0.0	27.5	12.1
25-34 years	34.3	0.0	18.9	5.4
35-44 years	23.5	0.0	14.4	4.4
45-54 years	20.4	0.0	10.9	3.9
55-64 years	8.1	0.0	8.8	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Not in the labour force</b>				
15-24 years	257	0	13,847	154,019
25-34 years	122	4	7,008	85,834
35-44 years	125	0	6,902	88,047
45-54 years	91	0	4,879	84,619
55-64 years	82	5	4,275	171,083
<b>Total</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35,711</b>	<b>551,602</b>

(a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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Figure 8 Unemployment rate by age and Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)



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## Work by industry

Work by Industry is from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. It combines information on the type of business or industry a person works in with the main goods or service their workplace produces. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.

Largest industry of work



**Public  
administration  
and safety (23.6%)**

### Palm Island ILOC

- 23.6% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry
- 25.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry

### Queensland

- 12.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry
- 6.7% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the Public administration and safety industry

Table 19 Work by industry by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Industry	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,033	2.4	45,749	2.4
Mining	7	1.4	0	0.0	1,743	4.0	50,333	2.8
Manufacturing	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,912	6.7	163,388	8.5
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	0	0.0	0	0.0	417	1.0	23,872	1.2
Construction	23	4.6	6	6.8	3,840	8.4	174,981	8.1
Wholesale trade	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,014	2.3	70,519	3.7
Retail trade	12	2.3	0	0.0	3,590	8.3	207,487	10.8
Accommodation and food services	9	1.8	0	0.0	2,989	6.9	135,052	7.0
Transport, postal and warehousing	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,048	4.7	99,839	5.2
Information media and telecommunications	0	0.0	0	0.0	338	0.8	24,399	1.3
Financial and insurance services	0	0.0	0	0.0	483	1.1	52,319	2.7
Rental, hiring and real estate services	0	0.0	0	0.0	363	0.8	34,239	1.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	9	1.8	0	0.0	1,082	2.5	126,753	6.8
Administrative and support services	20	3.9	0	0.0	1,648	3.8	60,972	3.2
Public administration and safety	121	23.6	22	25.0	5,538	12.8	128,190	6.7
Education and training	62	12.1	31	35.2	3,446	8.0	152,385	7.9
Health care and social assistance	110	21.4	23	26.1	6,391	14.8	227,989	11.9
Arts and recreation services	10	1.9	0	0.0	700	1.6	26,518	1.4
Other services	111	21.6	6	6.8	2,011	4.7	73,885	3.8
Total(a)	613	100.0	88	100.0	43,227	100.0	1,920,926	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.


(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Work by occupation

Work by occupation is from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. It combines information on the type of work a person does and the tasks they do while at work. This is based on persons aged 15 to 64 years by place of usual residence.



**Largest occupation of work**

### Labourers (34.8%)

### Palm Island ILOC

- 34.8% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 to 64 years worked in the labourers occupation
- 0.0% of non-Indigenous persons aged 15 to 64 years worked in the labourers occupation

### Queensland

- 20.2% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples worked in the labourers occupation
- 10.3% of non-Indigenous persons worked in the labourers occupation

Table 20 Work by occupation by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Occupation	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Managers	19	3.7	9	10.3	2,412	5.6	227,557	11.8
Professionals	39	7.6	47	54.0	4,903	11.3	368,380	19.2
Technicians and trades workers	33	6.4	14	16.1	5,695	13.2	290,898	15.1
Community and personal service workers	105	20.5	17	19.5	8,701	15.5	181,245	10.0
Clerical and administrative workers	61	11.9	0	0.0	5,657	13.1	284,187	14.8
Sales workers	22	4.3	0	0.0	3,265	7.6	190,059	9.9
Machinery operators and drivers	23	4.5	0	0.0	4,345	10.1	138,528	7.2
Labourers	178	34.8	0	0.0	8,730	20.2	197,786	10.3
Total(a)	512	100.0	87	100.0	43,227	100.0	1,920,926	100.0

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Includes inadequately described and not stated responses.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data (usual residence)

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## Housing

### Overcrowding

This measure of overcrowding assumes that any household with at least two people more than the number of bedrooms is overcrowded. Overcrowding in households has been derived from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing data. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



#### Palm Island ILOC

- 58.5% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were overcrowded
- There were no non-Indigenous households

#### Queensland

- 19.3% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were overcrowded
- 5.0% of non-Indigenous households were overcrowded

Table 21 Overcrowding in households by Indigenous status of household, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Bedrooms / usual residents	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
0 bedrooms, 2 or more persons	0	..	0	..	206	48.3	2,437	29.6
1 bedrooms, 3 or more persons	5	20.8	0	..	266	11.7	2,199	3.6
2 bedrooms, 4 or more persons	33	47.8	0	0.0	1,428	14.8	10,790	4.3
3 bedrooms, 5 or more persons	100	69.0	0	0.0	5,314	20.5	34,197	5.5
4 bedrooms, 6 or more persons	59	62.1	0	..	3,016	20.4	19,419	4.8
5 bedrooms, 7 or more persons	9	47.4	0	..	521	18.9	3,352	4.3
Total	206	58.5	0	0.0	10,744	19.3	72,394	5.0

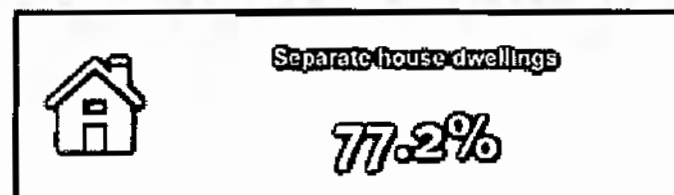
Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data.

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## Dwelling type

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which was fit to be lived in on Census Night 2011. Dwelling structure describes the type of dwellings counted on Census Night, for example, houses, flats and caravans. Non-private dwellings such as hospitals, hostels and aged care homes are not included in this profile. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



### Palm Island ILOC

- 77.2% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in separate houses
- 48.4% of non-Indigenous households lived in separate houses

### Queensland

- 81.2% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived in separate houses
- 78.4% of non-Indigenous households lived in separate houses

Table 22 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by dwelling structure by Indigenous status of household, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Dwelling structure	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
Separate house	275	77.2	15	48.4	47,512	81.2	1,167,793	78.4
Semi-detached, row, terrace, townhouse	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,629	6.2	125,798	8.4
Flat, unit or apartment	56	15.7	16	51.6	6,447	11.0	176,271	11.8
Caravan, cabin, houseboat	25	7.0	0	0.0	696	1.2	15,498	1.0
Improvised home, tent, sleepers out	0	0.0	0	0.0	109	0.2	1,176	0.1
House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.	0	0.0	0	0.0	73	0.1	2,024	0.1
Not stated	0	0.0	0	0.0	52	0.1	1,226	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58,618</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,488,786</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, unpublished data

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## Renting, buying or owned

In general terms, a dwelling is a structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which was fit to be lived in on Census Night 2011. Tenure type describes whether a household rents or owns the dwelling they were counted in on Census Night 2011. Other tenure types are also included. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



Dwellings owned outright

3.9%

### Palm Island ILOC

- 3.9% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples fully owned their dwelling
- 0.0% of non-Indigenous households fully owned their dwelling

### Queensland

- 9.4% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples fully owned their dwelling
- 29.8% of non-Indigenous households fully owned their dwelling

**Table 23 Occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)</sup> by tenure type by Indigenous status of household, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Tenure type	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
Owned outright	14	3.9	0	0.0	5,503	9.4	443,114	29.8
Owned with a mortgage <sup>(b)</sup>	0	0.0	0	0.0	13,573	23.2	520,295	34.9
Rented <sup>(c)</sup>	338	93.6	25	100.0	37,042	63.3	476,373	32.0
Other tenure type <sup>(d)</sup>	3	0.8	0	0.0	340	0.6	13,967	0.9
Tenure type not stated	6	1.7	0	0.0	2,061	3.5	36,037	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,488,786</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Includes dwellings being purchased under a rent/buy scheme.

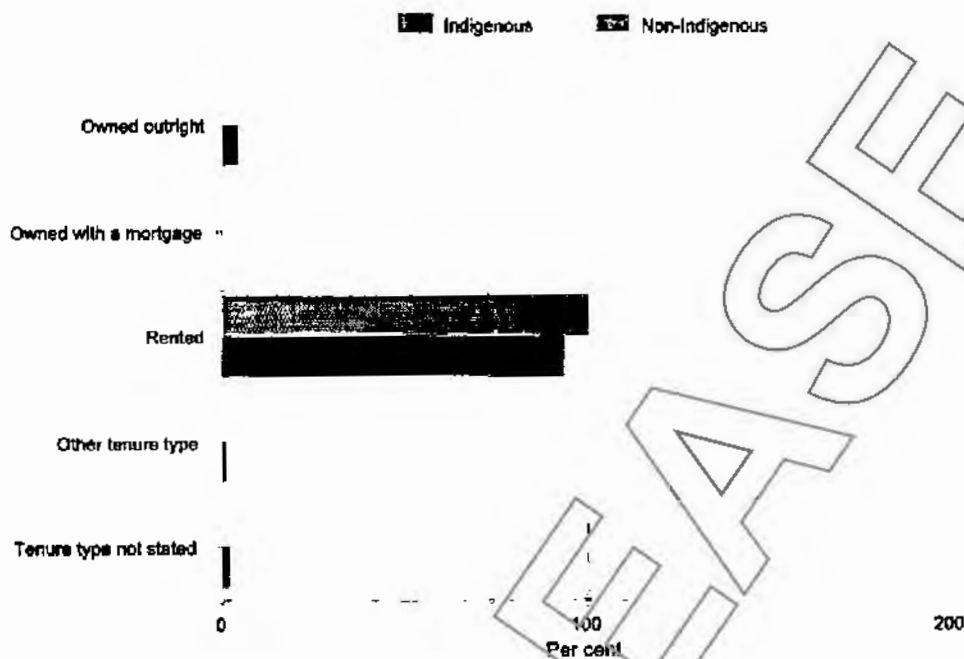
(c) Includes renting from a real estate agent, state housing authority, person not in the same household, housing co-op/community/church, other and not stated.

(d) Includes dwellings being occupied under a life tenure scheme.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 110 (occupied private dwellings)

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Figure 10 Occupied private dwellings by tenure type and Indigenous status of household, Palm Island ILOC, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I10 (occupied private dwellings)

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## Internet connection

Information on Internet connection is from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing question 'Can the Internet be accessed at this dwelling?'. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



### Palm Island ILOC

- 89.4% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had an internet connection
- 85.2% of non-Indigenous households had an internet connection

### Queensland

- 65.1% of households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had an internet connection
- 78.8% of non-Indigenous households had an internet connection

**Table 24 Internet connections in occupied private dwellings<sup>(a)(b)</sup> by Indigenous status of household, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Type of Internet connection	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
Type of internet connection:								
Broadband	57	15.9	17	63.0	32,129	54.9	1,070,910	71.9
Dial up	6	1.7	0	0.0	1,561	2.7	43,528	2.9
Other	267	71.8	8	22.2	4,376	7.5	59,363	4.0
Total	320	89.4	23	85.2	38,066	65.1	1,173,821	78.8
No Internet connection	35	9.8	4	14.8	17,417	29.8	264,050	17.7
Internet connection not stated	3	0.8	0	0.0	3,034	5.2	50,914	3.4
Total	358	100.0	27	100.0	58,517	100.0	1,488,785	100.0

(a) Excludes Visitors only and other not classifiable households.

(b) Where a dwelling has more than one type of Internet connection only one is recorded.

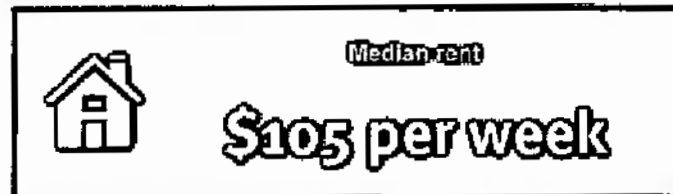
Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - 111 (occupied private dwellings)



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## Rent by income

This section shows the median rent paid each week by households who rent, by their household income. The median rent is the value whereby half the households pay less and half pay more. Median rents have been calculated by Queensland Treasury. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



### Palm Island ILOC

- Median rent of \$105 per week for households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Median rent of \$11 per week for non-Indigenous households

### Queensland

- Median rent of \$220 per week for households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Median rent of \$300 per week for non-Indigenous households

Table 26 Median weekly rent by household income (weekly) by Indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011

Household income (weekly)	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)
Negative/nil income	0	..	0	..	258	206	6,428	318
\$1-\$199	0	..	0	..	627	134	6,164	218
\$200-\$299	14	46	0	..	1,338	118	15,904	159
\$300-\$399	12	93	0	..	2,198	135	29,800	152
\$400-\$599	18	91	0	..	4,460	178	47,721	234
\$600-\$799	35	88	0	..	4,718	201	48,509	270
\$800-\$999	26	116	0	..	3,482	230	42,298	295
\$1,000-\$1,249	63	116	7	75	3,631	252	46,397	313
\$1,250-\$1,499	37	116	7	75	2,712	272	38,609	326
\$1,500-\$1,999	52	108	0	..	3,445	294	54,177	350
\$2,000-\$2,499	30	126	7	75	2,062	310	33,606	366
\$2,500-\$2,999	28	127	0	..	1,115	324	26,306	394
\$3,000-\$3,499	25	155	0	..	514	336	11,665	406
\$3,500-\$3,999	0	..	0	..	228	373	5,014	428
\$4,000-\$4,999	0	..	0	..	174	368	3,662	457
\$5,000 or more	0	..	0	..	108	321	2,746	476
Partial income stated	6	104	0	..	3,392	246	35,187	347
All incomes not stated	0	..	0	..	902	170	7,200	229
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35,666</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>461,403</b>	<b>300</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Where published, median values were taken from the ABS Indigenous Profile.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I04 (release 1.1) and unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates



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## Mortgage repayments by income

This section shows the median mortgage paid each week by households with a mortgage, by their household income. The median mortgage is the value whereby half the households pay less and half pay more. Median mortgage repayments have been calculated by Queensland Treasury. This is based on occupied private dwellings.



There were no households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with mortgage repayments

### Palm Island ILOC

- There were no households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with mortgage repayments

### Queensland

- Median mortgage repayment of \$433 per week for households with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Median mortgage repayment of \$463 per week for non-Indigenous households

**Table 26 Median weekly mortgage repayments by household income (weekly) by indigenous status, Palm Island ILOC and Queensland, 2011**

Household income (weekly)	Palm Island ILOC				Queensland			
	Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households		Households with Indigenous persons		Non-Indigenous households	
	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)	number	median(\$)
Negative/nil income	0	..	0	..	87	450	3,401	423
\$1-\$199	0	..	0	..	73	316	2,777	343
\$200-\$299	0	..	0	..	83	255	2,954	241
\$300-\$399	0	..	0	..	159	263	6,000	183
\$400-\$599	0	..	0	..	409	266	14,240	248
\$600-\$799	0	..	0	..	620	298	20,941	298
\$800-\$999	0	..	0	..	650	337	26,416	342
\$1,000-\$1,249	0	..	0	..	1,047	377	37,117	382
\$1,250-\$1,499	0	..	0	..	1,127	407	41,700	422
\$1,500-\$1,999	0	..	0	..	2,071	442	79,036	462
\$2,000-\$2,499	0	..	0	..	1,822	495	67,888	512
\$2,500-\$2,999	0	..	0	..	1,290	528	59,453	547
\$3,000-\$3,499	0	..	0	..	858	558	39,634	582
\$3,500-\$3,999	0	..	0	..	367	614	16,765	607
\$4,000-\$4,999	0	..	0	..	253	585	13,217	645
\$5,000 or more	0	..	0	..	173	655	9,312	720
Partial income stated	0	..	0	..	1,544	449	48,580	491
All incomes not stated	0	..	0	..	114	394	2,620	398
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>12,747</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>492,051</b>	<b>463</b>

Refer to explanatory notes for additional information.

(a) Where published, median values were taken from the ABS Indigenous Profile.

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011, Indigenous Profile - I04 (release 1.1) and unpublished data and Queensland Treasury estimates



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## Abbreviations

...	not applicable
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AQF	Australian Qualifications Framework
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
ILOC	Indigenous Location
n.a.	not available

## Explanatory notes

### Profile explanatory notes

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons

The question used on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing form was "Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?" Respondents could report Aboriginal origin, Torres Strait Islander origin, both Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander origin, or neither.

#### Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)

A geographical framework covering all spatial areas of Australia and its external territories. The ASGS was developed by the ABS to allow statistics from different collections to be spatially comparable. The ASGS came into effect in July 2011, replacing the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). The 2011 edition of the ASGS has been used for the data in this report.

#### Cell confidentialisation

This profile utilises source data confidentialisation. This refers to datasets that have been confidentialised by the data custodians. For example census data supplied by the ABS have small cell counts of 1 or 2 confidentialised to 0 or 3 and a small random adjustment made to all data to avoid any risk of releasing identifiable information. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting data where the cell count is small.

#### Census 2011 data

Census data have 'introduced random error' to ensure no data are released which could risk identifying individuals. As such, cells containing very small counts should be treated with extreme caution.

#### Census undercount

Due to the size and complexity of the Census of Population and Housing, whenever a Census is conducted it is inevitable that some people will be missed and some will be counted more than once. After each Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conduct a Post Enumeration Survey to estimate the number of people who should have been counted in the Census and the actual Census counts. It is important to note, that all Census data reported in this profile do not have any adjustments made for Census undercount and readers should keep this in mind when making inferences from the data.

#### Concordances and concurred data

A concordance, in statistical terms, is a product that allows a user to convert data from one geographical region (under which data have been collected) to a new geographical region. In order to convert data from one geographical boundary to another, each region in the new boundary is assigned percentages of data from the old regions. These percentages in the concordance can be constructed using any number of variables. This profile utilises a population based concordance (estimated resident population) at a specific point in time (2011). This type of concordance is useful when concurring demographic based datasets such as labour force and family composition on a usual resident basis with time periods at or around 2011. It does not work as well when concurring data on different counting methods (such as counts by place of work), non-population based datasets (such as business counts) or datasets collected at different time periods (such as data collected in 2001). Caution should therefore be used when interpreting non-resident based datasets that have been concurred.

One major assumption that is necessary to make when concurring data is that the data (for example unemployed persons) are proportionately distributed across the region the same as total resident population (as total resident population is the variable used to derive the percentage splits). In some cases this assumption will not be entirely correct. In the example of unemployed persons, within the region there may be more concentrated areas with a larger proportion of unemployed persons. This assumption should therefore be considered when interpreting datasets that have been concurred.

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## Dwelling

In broad terms, a dwelling is a structure intended for persons to live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night (9 August 2011). Examples of dwellings include houses, motels, flats, caravans, prisons, tents, humpies and houseboats. Private dwellings are enumerated using household Census forms, obtaining family and relationship data. Personal forms are used to enumerate non-private dwellings (for example, hotels and hospitals).

## Indigenous Locations

Indigenous Locations (ILOCs) generally represent small Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with a minimum population of 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander usual residents. An ILOC is an area designed to allow the production of census statistics relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a high level of spatial accuracy while maintaining the confidentiality of individuals. There are 189 ILOCs within Queensland.

## Indigenous person

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are those who identified (in the 2011 Census of Population and Housing) as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

## Indigenous status of household

A household with Indigenous person(s) is any household that had at least one person of any age as a resident at the time of the Census who identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

## Median

The median value corresponds to the middle observation when a data set is arranged in ascending order by value.

## Queensland

Queensland figures include the 'Migratory - Offshore - Shipping' and 'No Usual Address' counts.

## Region overview

Statistics in the region overview have been derived from administrative geographical boundaries and the Bureau of Meteorology.

## Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

## Topic explanatory notes

### Household Income

Household income is an equivalence-scaled measure of household income. While for a lone person household it is equal to household income, for a household comprising more than one person, it is an indicator of the household income that would be needed by a lone person household to enjoy the same level of economic wellbeing.

### Overcrowding

The overcrowding table in this profile is based upon the assumption that any household with at least two persons more than the number of bedrooms is overcrowded. Naturally, this assumption will not always be appropriate, as some households which are classified as 'overcrowded' using this assumption may, in fact, be living under reasonable living conditions. Overcrowding has been calculated only for households with up to 5 bedrooms. More sophisticated methods of estimating overcrowding do exist. The Canadian National Occupancy Standard is one such method and is used more extensively throughout Australia. This Standard uses a range of criteria (such as age, sex and relationships between occupants) to determine whether a household is overcrowded. Furthermore, overcrowded households may be categorised as experiencing 'a moderate degree of overcrowding' or 'a high degree of overcrowding', depending on the number of bedrooms needed to meet the standard.

### Work (employment) by industry

The industry of employment (for persons aged 15 years and over) is classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006 (Revision 1).

### Work (employment) by occupation

In the Census, occupation is collected for all employed persons aged 15 years and over. Occupation is coded using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2006 edition (Revision 1).

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## Work status

### Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)

The Community Development Employment Projects program assists Indigenous job seekers to gain the skills, training and capabilities needed to find sustainable employment and aims to improve the economic and social well-being of communities.

### Year 12 or equivalent (20 to 24 years)

Percentages in this table were derived from all persons aged 20–24 years excluding persons whose highest year of school completed and/or level of education was not stated. This was done to ensure consistency with the Closing the Gap - Prime Minister's Report 2013. This method is different to all the other percentage calculations in this profile which follow standard practices of including the 'not stated' responses in the total population.

Attainment includes persons who have completed year 12 or Certificate II or above (includes 'Certificate I or II nfd' but excludes people with a 'Certificate nfd' and people whose level of non-school qualification could not be determined).

RTI RELEASE

**Briefing note**

☐ Confidential

<b>To:</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	Letter of Complaint	Third party personal information	regarding dental health services on Palm Island

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that you **note** the information contained in this brief.

**BACKGROUND**

- The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has for many years been advocating for better health services for Palm Island.
- Collaboration between the three levels of government culminated in the development of the Palm Island Health Action Plan (Attachment 1).
- The Palm Island Health Action Plan identifies the major health issues on the island, and includes suggested actions to address these issues.
- Dental health was identified as a major issue and the Townsville Hospital and Health Service Board has undertaken to address the agreed action of the report to address the oral health needs on Palm Island.
- Currently, residents who do not hold a Centrelink Health Care Card must travel to the mainland to attend private dental services, or register with the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service oral health waiting list—as mentioned in [ ] letter this can be up to eight weeks or more to be seen.

**KEY ISSUES**

- At the time of development of the Palm Island Health Action Plan (2010), the dental services to the island consisted of:
  - visiting dental service one day per week (dentist, dental hygienist)
  - Oral Health Therapist visits one day per week from Term 2 to provide services to school students and support oral health promotion in the school curriculum
  - resident full-time Indigenous Community Health Worker (currently dedicated to oral health) to support the visiting oral health team and oral health promotion activities.
- Since the introduction of the Palm Island Health Action Plan, oral health services have been expanded to provide dental care five days per week to both children and adults. The adult service is provided within the Joyce Palmer Health Service and the children's service is located in a mobile unit based at the Bwgcolman Community School.
- As Public Health Dental Services are free for the clients who hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, the Townsville Hospital and Health Service Board is progressing further options to increase oral health provisions to meet the current needs, including an additional mobile unit for adults.
- The Townsville Hospital and Health Service Board is undertaking final work preparations to implement a fee for service clinic on Palm Island.
- Fee for service charges will be similar to elsewhere on the mainland as directed by the Australian Government.
- It is anticipated the new fee for service option for Palm Island clients who do not hold a Centrelink Health Care Card should be operating early in the new financial year.



# MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

File 01

**URGENT**  
Queensland Government

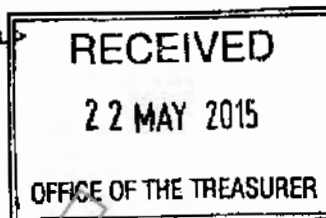
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Min comments:			
DLO comments: Please prepare a briefing note for information as requested. Note due date 26/5. Thanks, Danka			
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Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment); blue paper (Industrial Relations); or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).

**Kendall Chick**

**From:** Scott Stewart <Scott.Stewart@parliament.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 May 2015 12:03 PM  
**To:** health@minister.qld.gov.au  
**Cc:** Treasurer's Office  
**Subject:** FW: Health Service Complaint  
**Attachments:** SCAN0606\_000.pdf



Afternoon, Cameron and team,

I received an email late last week and have not had a chance to forward it to the Minister earlier.

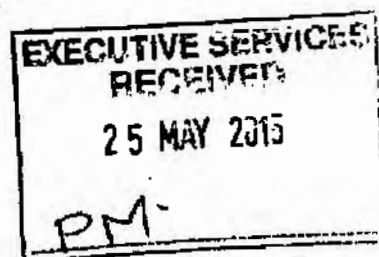
Could a member of the team please respond to [redacted] regarding [redacted] complaint. I will send an email to say that I have escalated [redacted] concerns to the Minister for Health and will be considered at a ministerial level.

I will CC Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships into the email as he will be going to Palm Island later next week and will not be blindsided if approached by [redacted] while on the island.

Thanks

*Scott Stewart*

Scott Stewart MP  
 Member for Townsville  
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Third party personal information

## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Low aromatic unleaded fuel on Palm Island to combat petrol sniffing</b>		
Contact Officer	Melanie Duesing, Community Participation, 3033 0149	Reference No.	DATSIP 06499-2015
Approved by	Ainslie Barron, ED Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To seek your signature on the attached letter to Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Attachment 2).

### TIMEFRAMES

2. Submissions to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) about low aromatic unleaded fuel (LAF) on Palm Island closed on 11 September 2015, however the department was granted an extension to submit a response by Monday 21 September 2015.

### BACKGROUND

3. On 12 August 2015, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) regional staff were advised that Third party personal information revert to supplying regular unleaded fuel to the Palm Island community.
4. See Attachment 1 for an overview of petrol sniffing on Palm Island.

### ISSUES

5. On 20 August 2015, Senator Scullion wrote to seek your support in combatting petrol sniffing on Palm Island. He is particularly concerned that the decision to revert to regular unleaded fuel on Palm Island risks a return to petrol sniffing outbreaks.
6. Senator Scullion is considering whether to use his powers under the *Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013* (the Act) to reduce the impact of petrol sniffing on Palm Island by designating it as a 'low aromatic fuel area'.
7. On 28 August 2015, DATSIP regional office staff were advised by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services that there have been reports of groups of children sniffing petrol, including one boy being sent off the Island due to his use. Additionally, some children are already not attending school.
8. PM&C is undertaking consultation on Palm Island about the potential use of the Act to prevent petrol sniffing between 17 August 2015 and 11 September 2015. This process affords residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to meet with PM&C representatives, and to provide written submissions on the community impact of the recent change back to unleaded fuel. Written submissions closed on 6 September 2015.
9. The Australian Government funds the extra costs of producing LAF. This allows it to be sold at a similar price to regular unleaded fuel.
10. Given the community's support for the use of LAF, the introduction of LAF on Palm Island in 2014 and the recent incidents reported on 28 August 2015 to DATSIP staff, it is recommended that the use of the Act to designate Palm Island as a 'low aromatic fuel area' is supported.



## RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

11. Consultations occurred with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Energy and Water Supply, and Queensland Health who are all in support of declaring Palm Island a 'low aromatic fuel area'.

## ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1—Overview of petrol sniffing on Palm Island


## RECOMMENDATION

12. It is recommended that you:

- **note** the contents of this brief; and
- **sign** the attached letter to Senator Scullion (Attachment 2).



Clare O'Connor  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 9/9/2015

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Comments		
		
HON. CURTIS PITT MP Treasurer Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships		
29/09/2015		

## Overview of petrol sniffing on Palm Island

Petrol sniffing is a form of substance misuse. People who sniff petrol inhale petrol fumes on purpose to become high. This dangerous activity can cause brain damage or death. Petrol sniffing mainly occurs in regional and remote communities and can lead to poor health, increased violence and crime, and the breakdown of communities and families.

In an effort to reduce the epidemic of petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities, BP introduced a new petrol brand, called Opal, in early 2005. It contains almost no lead and has only very low levels of the aromatic hydrocarbons ('aromatics'), which give the "high" sought by petrol sniffers. This is the first time a product has been specifically designed to assist remote communities and, in particular, Aboriginal communities to fight petrol sniffing.

Through the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy, the Commonwealth Government is working with Indigenous Australians on the priority of getting children to school, adults to work and making communities safer. The production and distribution of low aromatic unleaded fuel (LAF) is just one of the several initiatives being implemented by the Commonwealth to tackle petrol sniffing and to help eradicate the problem of substance abuse more broadly.

In addition to Palm Island, LAF has been rolled out to some communities on the western side of Cape York and to two communities in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Mornington Island and Doomadgee. The Commonwealth plans to roll-out LAF to the rest of the Gulf region. This is a limited roll-out to remote and rural regions where there is a problem of petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities.

Palm Island community members identified petrol sniffing as an issue for some people in the community in the Palm Island Health Action Plan 2010–2015. To tackle this issue, the Palm Island community approached the Commonwealth Government in 2013 to help make LAF available on Palm Island through the Petrol Sniffing Prevention Program. LAF was subsequently introduced in 2014.

This Program helps communities to replace regular unleaded fuel by subsidising the supply of LAF. This initiative has been very successful in reducing petrol sniffing in remote communities around the country.

For the health of the community, it is important that the roll-out of LAF has the full cooperation and support of Palm Island community leaders, Council, businesses and community members.

While it is difficult to obtain definite figures on the numbers of people engaging in petrol sniffing, it appears that over 2006–2008 the incidence of petrol sniffing in central Australia has reduced significantly coincident with the roll-out of Opal fuel across central Australia.



Treasurer  
Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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1 OCT 2015

Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion  
Minister for Indigenous Affairs  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Scullion **NIGEL**

**Low aromatic unleaded fuel on Palm Island to combat petrol sniffing**

I refer to your letter of 20 August 2015 regarding low aromatic unleaded fuel on Palm Island.

Palm Island community members identified petrol sniffing as an issue for some people in the community in the Palm Island Health Action Plan 2010–2015. To tackle this issue, I understand that the Palm Island community approached the Commonwealth Government in 2013 to help make low aromatic unleaded fuel (LAF) available on Palm Island through the Petrol Sniffing Prevention Program. LAF was subsequently introduced in 2014.

I note you are currently consulting with stakeholders including community members, the fuel industry, and health professionals prior to making a decision on whether to declare Palm Island a 'low aromatic fuel area' under the *Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013* (the Act).

For the health of the community, it is important that Palm Island is a LAF area. I understand that, since the reintroduction of unleaded fuel into the community, petrol sniffing has re-emerged. I am also informed that there have already been damaging effects on the children and young people of Palm Island as a result.

Therefore, I support the use of your powers under the Act to promote the supply of LAF and control the supply of other fuels on Palm Island by designating it as a 'low aromatic fuel area' to reduce harms in the community.

I look forward to your further advice on this matter.

In addition to the issue of petrol sniffing, on 28 May 2015, there were a number of matters discussed at the Palm Island Indigenous Leaders Forum, which included alcohol management, ways to maximise local employment, and business development opportunities through the construction of housing and infrastructure.

More broadly, rates of harm on Palm Island remain high, and the Queensland Government is committed to a harm minimisation approach that encompasses supply restrictions, demand reduction, and harm reduction initiatives. These must be community-led, co-designed and integrated with other protective strategies that address community needs and priorities in the areas of child safety, domestic violence, mental health and employment.

If you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please contact my Senior Advisor, Mr Garth Morgan on (07) 3719 7200.

Thank you for taking the time to raise these important issues.

Yours sincerely



**HON. CURTIS PITT MP**

Treasurer

Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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# MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

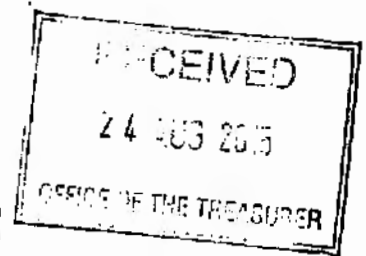
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**Queensland Government**

- ☐ Treasury      ☐ Industrial Relations  
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☒ **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

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MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS



Reference: B15/1690

The Hon Curtis Pitt  
Minister for Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
GPO Box 611  
BRISBANE QLD 4011



*Curtis*  
Dear Minister

I am writing to seek your support in combatting petrol sniffing on Palm Island.

As you are aware, petrol sniffing causes enormous harm to individuals, families and communities and especially to young people across Australia. Research has shown that the rollout of low aromatic unleaded fuel has significantly reduced petrol sniffing in regions where it is a problem.

I am committed to the continued rollout of low aromatic unleaded fuel as part of a proven strategy to prevent sniffing of regular unleaded petrol. To date low aromatic unleaded fuel has been successfully rolled out to approximately 150 retail sites on a voluntary basis.

You may be aware from recent media articles that the proprietor of the sole service station on Palm Island has determined to revert to supplying regular unleaded petrol to the Palm Island community.

My Department has been working with the proprietor and residents of Palm Island to resolve concerns about the perceived impact of low aromatic unleaded fuel on engines. This has included a number of visits to the island by fuel experts and marine mechanics. To date no fault has been found with the low aromatic unleaded fuel.

I am deeply concerned that the decision to revert to regular unleaded petrol on Palm Island risks a return to petrol sniffing outbreaks.

As a result, I am now considering whether to use my powers under the *Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013* to promote the supply of low aromatic unleaded fuel and control the supply of other fuels on Palm Island by designating it as a 'low aromatic fuel area'.

The Act requires that I consult with appropriate stakeholders including community members, the fuel industry and health professionals prior to making a decision on whether to use the Act.



Accordingly, consultations commenced on Palm Island on 17 August 2015 and will conclude on 11 September 2015. This provides residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to meet with Departmental representatives, as well as to provide written submissions. Further information on the process is available at [www.lowaromaticunleaded.gov.au](http://www.lowaromaticunleaded.gov.au).

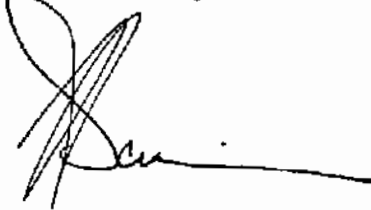
I invite you to make a submission as part of these consultations and trust that staff from our respective Departments can work together to prevent petrol sniffing.

The contact officer for this work is Brendan Gibson, Assistant Secretary, Health Branch, on (02) 6228 6539 or at [Brendan.Gibson@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Brendan.Gibson@pmc.gov.au).

I have copied this letter to the Queensland Minister for Health, the Hon Cameron Dick.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on stopping petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities across Australia.

Yours sincerely



NIGEL SCULLION

20/8/2015

## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Palm Island Water Shortage</b>		
Contact Officer	Greg Anderson, North Queensland Region, 4799 7780	Reference No.	DATSIP 07248-2015
Approved by	Lawrence Swann, A/DDG, Economic Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, DG

### PURPOSE

1. It is recommended you **note** the information contained in this brief.

### BACKGROUND

2. Palm Island Aboriginal Community is 65 kilometres north-east of Townsville with a fluctuating population of around 3,500 people.
3. Palm Island has two water storage dams, the newer Minggudjamba Banbarribarra Dam (also known as the Francis Creek Dam) and the older Solomon Dam.
4. A decision to construct the second dam on Palm Island was made following a serious water shortage on the island in the early 1990s, during which many people were forced to temporarily relocate to the mainland.
5. The new dam was officially opened in 2001.
6. It was anticipated that with normal rainfall the capacity of the new dam (approximately 620 mega litres) would provide for projected community growth for approximately 25 years.
7. On 16 September 2015, a notice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council was circulated to all residents and agencies on the Island regarding water restrictions effective from Sunday, 20 September 2015 (in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 388 (1) of the *Water (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*). Refer Attachment 1.
8. The Palm Island Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) held a meeting on 17 September 2015 to discuss possible options regarding the water shortage.
9. Current actions are to notify the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning of the current situation.
10. The Local Government Association of Queensland has been approached for recommendations on plans for reductions in water usage.
11. Council and associated LDMG members continue to promote the message to the community regarding the restrictions and plans are now in place to educate the community on water saving methods.

### ISSUES

12. The current total water supply as at Friday, 18 September 2015 is 185 days; down from 200 days at the beginning of the month.
13. Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council advises that water usage is being monitored and a further meeting of the LDMG is scheduled in a fortnight's time.





14. During the last water shortage, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships had considered a number of strategies to address this issue, including:

- assisting with the temporary relocation of residents to the mainland. The Aitkenvale Hostel was one location that had been considered, however the Hostel no longer exists
- assistance with water cartage to the Island: the main solution identified was via the Defence Force. This option would take considerable time to work through the bureaucracy and will likely require a formal, written request by the Premier. The Army will require mobilisation and transport time and therefore quick action would be required if consideration was given to this option
- severe water restrictions
- support for drinking water via the store.

15. Fortunately the above strategies were not required as rain occurred.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. Unknown at this stage.

#### RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

17. Mr Ross Norman, Chief Executive Officer, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, advised the outcome of discussions at the Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held on 17 September 2015.


#### ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1—Water Restriction Notice

#### RECOMMENDATION

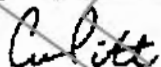
18. It is recommended that you **note** the information contained in this brief.

*Treasurer I have advised  
Dr Paul Simolomon, of DONS  
who is watching situation*



Clare O'Connor  
Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 22/9/2015

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HON. CURTIS PITT MP Treasurer Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships		
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## **WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Section 43 of the Water (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008

### **RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE**

**EFFECTIVE AS AT SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2015**

As the dams have now reached critical levels, Council has put in place water restrictions for the whole of the Palm Island Local Government Area until further reviewed. Both dams hold 100 day's supply of water at the current rate of consumption.

Notice is hereby given of water restrictions in accordance with the Local Government Act and Section 388(1) of the Water (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008. The following restrictions are effective from midnight on:

### **Sunday 20 September 2015**

The use of unattended hoses, sprinklers and soaker hoses to water gardens or lawns are totally banned.

There is to be no washing down of paths/driveways at any time. Motor vehicles may be washed by hand using buckets.

Hand held hoses, watering cans and buckets to water gardens and lawns can be used at any time.

These restrictions remain in force until further notice.

Ross Norman  
Chief Executive Officer  
 16 September 2015

## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>2016 Palm Island Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council Local Government Elections</b>		
Contact Officer	Bruce Visser, Director, ATSI Policy, 3247 3406	Reference No.	DATSIP 01777-2016
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Policy	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. That you **note** the concerns raised around the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) and Croydon Shire Council (CSC) Local Government Elections.
2. That the **Chief of Staff signs** the attached letters acknowledging the concerns raised (Attachments 1–4).

### BACKGROUND

3. Local Government Elections were held on Saturday, 19 March 2016.
4. Councillor Alf Lacey was re-elected as the Mayor of PIASC. Mayoral candidates included Mr Lacey, Mr Raymond Sibley, Ms Delena Foster, Mr Thomas Geia and Ms Elizabeth Clay.
5. Mr Trevor Pickering was re-elected as the Mayor of Croydon Shire Council. Mayoral candidates included Mr Pickering, Ms Caroline Steele, Mr Patrick Wheeler and Mr John Pickering.

### ISSUES

6. Concerns have been raised Third party personal information regarding the PIASC Election. These include: the lack of information regarding the nomination process and pre-polling arrangements; inappropriate behaviour of polling staff including an intoxicated person being permitted to work at the polling booth; intimidation of scrutineers and electors; people being denied declaration votes; and the handling and counting of ballots and declaration votes.
7. Concerns have also been raised regarding the CSC Local Government Election by  . These include: people not currently residing in the Electorate being on the Electoral Roll; Indigenous people being denied postal and declaration votes; and the handling and counting of votes.
8. As all of the incoming correspondence apart from   has also been sent to the Queensland Electoral Commission and the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment, referral letters will not be required.   correspondence will not be referred as   has subsequently withdrawn   complaint.

### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1—Letter to
- Attachment 2—Letter to
- Attachment 3—Letter to
- Attachment 4—Letter to

## RECOMMENDATION

9. It is recommended that you **note** the information contained in this brief.
10. It is recommended that the **Chief of Staff signs** the attached letters (Attachments 1-4).



Clare O'Connor  
Director-General  
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 13,4 /2016

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## Queensland Government

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ATSI Policy  
Please prepare a briefing note for information. Please add letters of response as attachments (CoS sign-off). Please also include letter of referral to Deputy Premier CoS (Local Govt).

If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: Executive Services Thanks, Tff.

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## TRIP BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR TRIP TO</b>	<b>Woorabinda</b>		
<b>DATE OF TRIP</b>	<b>Wednesday, 26 August 2015</b>		
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Lauren Leggate, Communications Manager, s78B2C	<b>Reference No.</b>	DATSIP 05983-2015
<b>Approved by</b>	Lawrence Swann, A/ED Economic Participation	<b>Approved by</b>	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. Information to support your trip to Woorabinda on Wednesday, 26 August 2015.

### ATTENDANCE AT THE TRIP

2. Councillor Terry Munns, Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council  
Councillor William Gulf, Deputy Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council  
Mr Ron Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council  
Mr Peter Kane, Chief Executive Officer, Cockatoo Coal Limited  
Mr David Nilon, Chairman, Earthtrade  
Mr Paul Travers, Manager Communities, BHP Billiton.

### BACKGROUND

3. On Wednesday, 26 August 2015, you are travelling to Woorabinda to announce a ground-breaking partnership between Cockatoo Coal, BHP and Earthtrade which will enable the Woorabinda community to manage biodiversity offsets on behalf of Cockatoo Coal and BHP; and meet with the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council.

### ISSUES

4. The property being managed under the biodiversity offsets agreement includes a rare Brigalow Belt ecosystem:
  - The contracts are worth approximately \$2.4 million.
  - The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) provided a \$40,000 Economic Participation Program grant to complete a Biodiversity and Carbon Offset assessment report as a final step towards delivering a saleable biodiversity/carbon product to the market.
5. A three minute speech is to be delivered for the announcement of the biodiversity offsets agreement (Attachment 3).
6. Councillor Gulf has requested a meeting to discuss:
  - Woorabinda's Alcohol Management Plan; and
  - Aged Care facilities within the community.

Further information on these issues is provided in Attachment 4.

Woorabinda

**RESULTS OF CONSULTATION**

7. The following people were consulted:

- Mr Manny Hegarty, Regional Director, Central Queensland, DATSIP
- Ms Ainslie Barron, Executive Director, Social Policy, DATSIP
- Mr Ron Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mr Alan Key, Managing Director, Earthtrade
- Ms Victoria Musgrove, Senior Environmental Planner, Cockatoo Coal Limited
- Mr Paul Travers, Manager Communities, BHP Billiton
- Ms Michelle Connolly, Director (Inter Governmental Relations), Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- Mr Michael Rutherford, Rockhampton Region, Queensland Health.

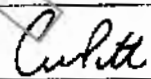
8. All parties agree to make the announcement as per the attached Run Sheet (Attachment 2).

**RECOMMENDATION**

9. It is recommended that you **note** the information in this brief and attachments to support your trip to Woorabinda on Wednesday, 26 August 2015:

- Attachment 1—Itinerary
- Attachment 2—Run Sheet
- Attachment 3—Speaking Points
- Attachment 4—Meeting Brief
- Attachment 5—Community Profile including stakeholders, demographics, NAPLAN
- Attachment 6—Protocol Form

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General  
 Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 24/8/2015

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<b>HON. CURTIS PITT MP</b> <b>Treasurer</b> <b>Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations</b> <b>Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
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## ITINERARY

### Woorabinda visit and biodiversity offsets announcement

Wednesday, 26 August 2015

Venue: Woorabinda, Queensland

Officers: Clare O'Connor, Director-General, DATSIP

Mobile:

Lauren Leggate, Communications Manager, DATSIP

Mobile:

David Thompson, Program Manager, DATSIP

Mobile:

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10:10am – 10:55am Arrive at airstrip, travel with Mayor to Stoney Creek Station

10:55am – 11:25am Walk through a section of Stoney Creek Station, one of the properties to be managed under the biodiversity offsets agreement

11:25am – 12:10pm Travel with the Mayor back to Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Chambers

12:10pm – 12:20pm Local singer marks the start of official celebrations

12:20pm – 12:55pm Official speeches

12:55pm – 1:10pm Traditional dance

1:10pm – 1:40pm Interviews with Media, community BBQ and community engagement

1:45pm – 2:15pm Meeting with Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

2:15pm – 2:30pm Travel to airstrip and depart

## RUN SHEET

### Woorabinda biodiversity offsets announcement

Wednesday, 26 August 2015

Venue: Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Chambers  
Woorabinda, Queensland

Officers: Manny Hegarty, Regional Director, DATSIP  
Mobile:  Mobile phone numbers  
Lauren Leggate, Communications Manager, DATSIP  
Mobile:

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12:20pm – 12:30pm **Ron Smith, CEO, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council (MC)** to introduce himself and welcome community and partners to the event

Invite **Dianne Evans and Steven Kemp (Traditional Owner/Elder)** to the stage for Welcome to Country

**Dianne Evans and Steven Kemp** to perform Welcome to Country

**MC** thanks **Dianne Evans and Steven Kemp**, outlines the program for the morning, and introduces **Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Curtis Pitt**

12:30pm – 12:33pm **Curtis Pitt** to present

12:33pm – 12:34pm **MC** thanks **Curtis Pitt** and introduces **Terry Munns, Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council**

12:34pm – 12:37pm **Terry Munns** to present

12:37pm – 12:38pm **MC** thanks **Terry Munns** and introduces **Peter Kane, CEO Cockatoo Coal Limited**

12:38pm – 12:41pm **Peter Kane** presents

12:41pm – 12:42pm **MC** thanks **Peter Kane** and introduces **Paul Travers, Manager Communities, BHP Billiton** to present

12:42pm – 12:45pm **Paul Travers** to present

12:45pm – 12:46pm **MC** thanks **Paul Travers** spokesperson and introduces **David Nilon, Chairman, Earthtrade**

12:46pm – 12:49pm **David Nilon** to present

12:49pm – 12:50pm **MC** thanks **David Nilon**, and invites **Terry Munns, Peter Kane** and **BHP** spokesperson to sign agreement

12:50pm – 12:52pm **Terry Munns, Peter Kane** and **BHP** spokesperson to sign agreement

12:52pm – 12:53pm **MC** concludes and thanks all speakers, community members and guests for attending today's event



**Queensland  
Government**

**Speech notes**

**For**

**The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**

**Treasurer**

**Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations**

**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

**Woorabinda biodiversity offsets announcement**

**Wednesday, 26 August 2015**

**12:20pm**

## **TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Wadja [PRON: Wod ja] and Gangulu [PRON: Gung ga lu] Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and Elders past and present on whose land this event is taking place. I sincerely thank them as the First Australians for their careful custodianship, over countless generations and generations to come, of the lands, winds and waters that we all now share.

## **OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Terry Munns, Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Ron Smith, CEO, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Councillor
- Brian Wyatt, General Manager – Baralaba Mine, Cockatoo Coal
- David Nilon, Chairman, Earthtrade
- Paul Travers, Manager Communities, BHP Billiton
- Community members
- Ladies & gentlemen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

I am honoured to be here today and to be part of these ground breaking partnerships that enable the community to manage environmental offsets on their land on behalf of Cockatoo Coal and BHP.

As I got to experience this morning, the land that will be protected under these agreements is the endangered and threatened Brigalow Belt ecosystem.

The protection of our unique ecosystems is crucial in Queensland to support biodiversity and secure the conservation values of our State.

In particular, the project will provide for the protection of the vulnerable ornamental snake, vulnerable squatter pigeon, vulnerable long-eared bat, and the endangered solanum species of plant.

With 740 hectares being protected under the agreements, these partnerships mark a significant achievement for environmental conservation in Queensland.

## **BODY**

But the benefits of this agreement extend beyond environmental protection.

These agreements will protect this unique environment, build on environmental management skills, further strengthen individuals' connection to country, while providing long-term local jobs benefitting the whole community.

The initial appointment of Rangers will mean that important baseline environmental data such as rainfall, temperature and grass cover will be collected and monitored.

The Offset Area Management Plan also calls for the fencing of the land, management of weeds, pests and exclusion of fire on the land.

I look forward to hearing about the expansion of the Ranger Program and the training that will be happening within the community to meet these needs.

I commend Cockatoo Coal and BHP Billiton for their progressive approach to environmental management, and raising the bar when it comes to corporate social responsibility.

I also want to congratulate the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for instigating the project with Earthtrade and the community with a \$40,000 grant.



I especially thank Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council and the community for working together in true partnership with Cockatoo Coal and BHP Billiton to make this partnership possible.

The visionary approach that all parties have taken to design this project demonstrates that triple bottom line impacts can be achieved without conflict between the economic, social and environmental aims.

## **CONCLUSION**

It's the first of what we hope will be many similar agreements enabling remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to provide environmental management services to companies throughout Australia.

**<ENDS>**

<b>Visit to / meeting with:</b>	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
<b>Date and time:</b>	1:15pm–1:45pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chambers
<b>Attendees:</b>	Councillor Terry Munns–Mayor; Councillor William Gulf–Deputy Mayor; Councillor Archie Williams; Councillor Dellas Walker; Councillor Pamela Adams

### PURPOSE

- Councillor William Gulf, Deputy Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council has requested a meeting to discuss:
  - Woorabinda's Alcohol Management Plan; and
  - Aged care facilities within the community.

### BACKGROUND

- Government Champion, Neil Scales, has met with community leaders four times since November 2014, with the most recent visit held on 14 July 2015.

### KEY ISSUES

- Current issues/action being addressed for the community include:

Issue	Problem	Action/status
Alcohol Management Plan (AMP)	Deliberative process	
Relocation of aged care facilities to the Hospital	The aged care home is owned by Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council however the condition of the aged care home may soon not meet required standards and will need an upgrade. Some community members need to leave the community to receive appropriate care. There is a duplication of resources to maintain the two facilities.	Council has contacted the Premier regarding the relocation. Queensland Health is looking at avenues to apply for Commonwealth Government funding to expand the Hospital.
Usage and transfer of 'Shrek' building	The 'Shrek' building is a State-owned building, however is currently abandoned and being vandalised. There is an application with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines to transfer the building to Council, and Council is seeking support to use the building as a social club until it is transferred to prevent further degradation. DATSIP is providing funding to make the building safe to allow Council to occupy it, and Council is seeking further funds to do internal renovations.	The survey plan needs to be updated to allow for the transfer process to continue.

Issue	Problem	Action/status
Bridge over the McKenzie River on the Duaringa-Apis Creek Road	The community is isolated during the wet season due to the condition of the bridge. GHD's Rookwood Weir proposal would place the bridge one metre under water.	Council to discuss with GHD.
Power supply	Tropical Cyclone Marcia highlighted issues resulting from lengthy outages, including to retain fresh food, loss of communication and sewerage functions.	RoadTek has sourced two generators and provided advice to Council on procuring a third generator. Council is speaking with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning about applying for funding through their resilience program.
Telstra tower	Tropical Cyclone Marcia highlighted issues with mobile phone services/coverage in the community.	The Queensland Reconstruction Authority has met with Telstra, who will now liaise with the Council's CEO about making local disaster management arrangements for the mobile repeater battery and generator. A satisfactory resolution has not been met with Telstra.
Education	'Mainstream' education is not working for some of the children in the community.	Council to provide specific details to the Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads to discuss with the Department of Education and Training.
Hospital Board	Lack of Indigenous representation on the local Hospital Board. Council requested a position be given or created for a Woorabinda person.	The Director-General, Department of Transport and Main Roads to raise with the Director-General, Queensland Health.

## Additional AMP points for the Minister's visit to Woorabinda

**Wednesday, 26 August 2015**

It is understood that the new CEO of the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council, Mr Ron Smith is developing an AMP proposal to support the case to relax the current alcohol ban and is keen to progress the proposal as soon as possible.

### Key Messages

- Alcohol (or other substance misuse) should not be seen as an isolated 'issue' to be managed.
- It needs to be addressed as one of the many elements that either hinder or progress community development.
- Recognising that rates of harm remain high and that no community has sought to remove alcohol restrictions, the Government is committed to a harm minimisation approach that encompasses supply restrictions, demand reduction, and harm reduction initiatives.
- However, these harm minimisation efforts must be community-led, co-designed and integrated with other protective strategies that address community needs and priorities in the areas of child safety, domestic violence, mental health and employment.
- It is proposed that the design of a new approach to community safety and well-being be viewed through a community development frame to ensure that alcohol does not continue to be the overriding focus. The objectives of this approach would be to ensure that communities enjoy the same levels of community and individual safety and wellbeing as the rest of Queensland.

### Background

- The Government Champion, Mr Neil Scales, visited the community on 5 March 2015 to discuss a range of issues including the AMP.

Deliberative process

- Planning is currently under way for a Summit to be held in Cairns on 19–20 November 2015 to engage with community leaders and other key stakeholders about a new approach to community safety and well-being including harm minimisation strategies to address substance misuse issues.

# Community Profile Woorabinda

April 2015

## Current Issues

- The department owns an office building in Woorabinda and has recommended to Asset Services that the asset be transferred to Council. Council are supportive of this proposal as it intends to demolish the building to enable other development over a number of surrounding lots.
- The abattoir/butcher shop was closed in the late 1990s as it did not meet health standards. Council and the Pastoral Company has been investigating the development of a larger scale abattoir for export quality meat and the possible establishment of a butcher shop in the community as part of the proposal. A Feasibility Study was undertaken but the project was not considered feasible by the previous government. Council and the Pastoral Company continue to seek support for the project as an economic development opportunity for the community.
- The community recently voted to reintroduce alcohol on a limited basis. The Council Chief Executive Officer is developing an Alcohol Management Plan proposal to support the case to relax the current alcohol ban and address the safety of community residents, especially children and women.
- The Woorabinda State Primary School principal has raised attendance levels to above 80% through ongoing community engagement processes. However, attendance levels fall dramatically at the local independent secondary school.

## Community Profile

Table 1: Woorabinda Labour Force Status by Indigenous Status, 2011

Labour Force Status	Indigenous Persons		Non-Indigenous Persons	
	Number	%	Number	%
Estimated Population (2013)	931	93.5	65	6.5
Employed (c,b)	146	27.8	29	64.4
Unemployed (b)	74	14.1	0	0.0
CDEP participants	20	3.8	0	0.0
Total labour force	240	45.6	29	64.4
Not in labour force	264	50.2	9	20.0
Labour force status not stated	22	4.2	7	15.6
<b>Total (a) (d)</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Unemployment rate (b) (%)	30.8	..	0.0	..
CDEP participants as % of labour force	8.3	..	0.0	..
Participation rate (%)	47.6	..	76.3	..

### Notes:

- (a) Persons aged 15 to 64 years.  
 (b) Excludes Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) participants.  
 (c) Includes employed – away from work.  
 (d) Includes labour force status not stated.

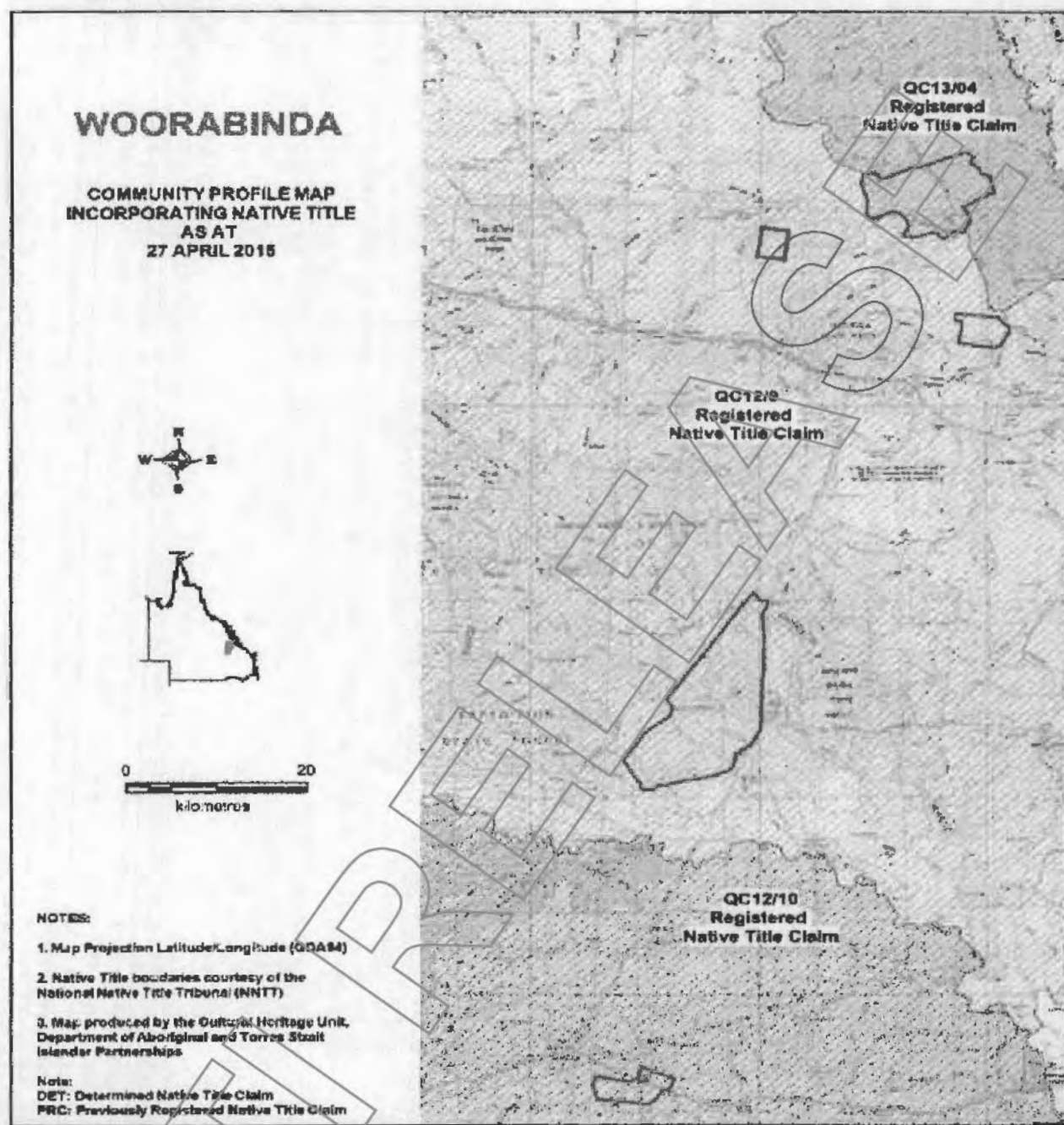
Sources: Government Statistician, 2014, Population estimates by Indigenous status, local government area, age, sex, 2001 to 2013 (2011 Australian Standard Geographical Standard); Queensland Treasury and Trade; ABS, 2011 Census of Population and Housing.



Table 2: Local Leadership

	Name	Phone	Email
Mayor	Terrence Munns	Mobile phone numbers 4925 9800	<a href="mailto:mayor@woorabinda.qld.gov.au">mayor@woorabinda.qld.gov.au</a>
CEO	Ron Smith	4925 9800	<a href="mailto:ceo@woorabinda.qld.gov.au">ceo@woorabinda.qld.gov.au</a>
Traditional Owner leaders	Wadja [Wod ja]: Dianne Evans Gangulu [Gung ga lu]: Steven Kemp Milton Lawton	4913 2222 Woorabinda Primary School	
Other recognised community leaders	Wally Saunders – Elder Rose Thaiday – Elders Campbell Leisha - Elder Anthony Henry – Elder	4935 0236 4935 0228 4935 0142	
Men's Group	Anthony Henry		
Women's Group	Janelle Evans		<a href="mailto:jeevans@redcross.org.au">jeevans@redcross.org.au</a>

## Map of Community



Note: The red areas are properties that form part of the Woorabinda DOGIT including properties at Foley Vale, Zamia Creek, Sorrell Hills and Stoney Creek.

**Table 3: Native Title Tribunal determinations and applications**

Tribunal ID	Federal Court No	Name	Status
QC2012/009	QUD400/2012	Gaangalu Nation	Accepted for Registration
QC2012/010	QUD422/2012	Wadja People	Accepted for Registration
QC2013/004	DUD383/2013	Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People	Accepted for Registration

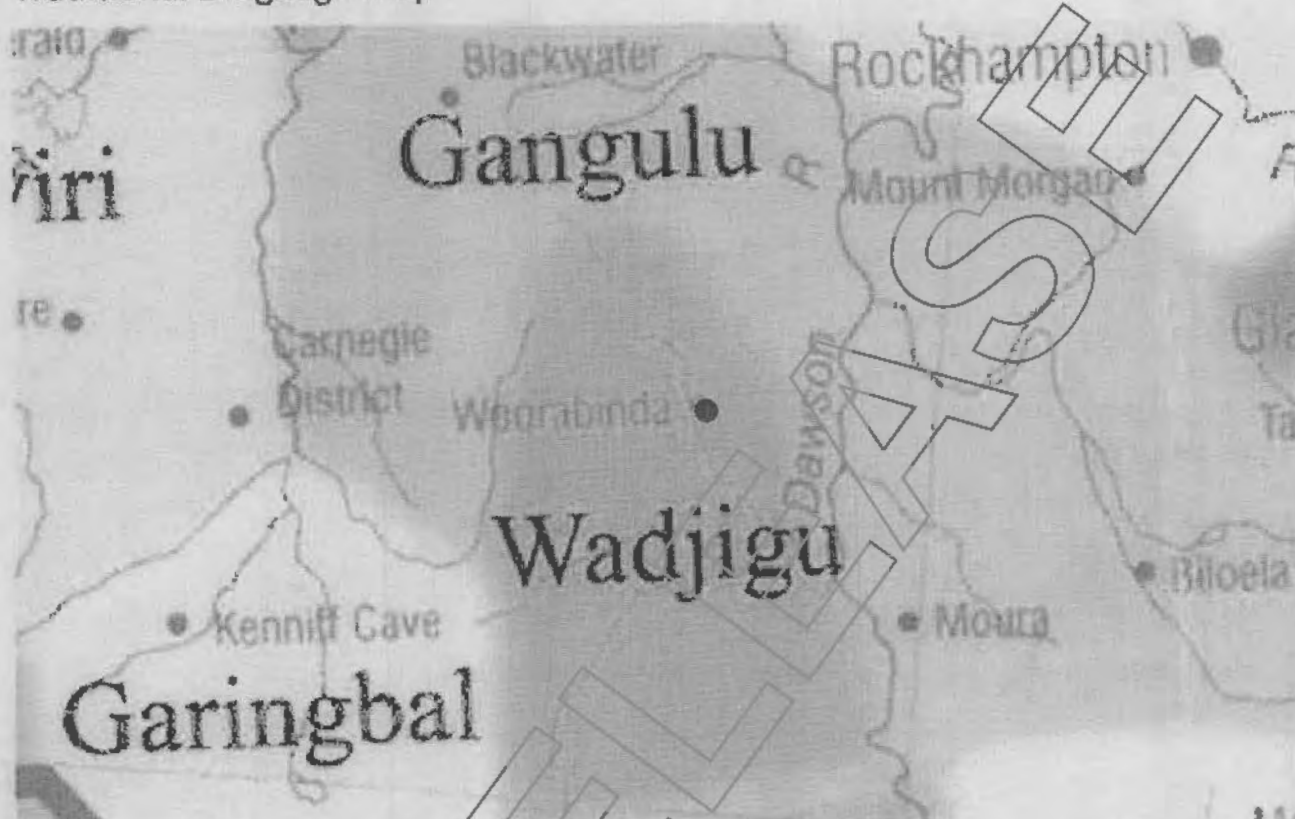
**Table 4: Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA)**

Tribunal ID	Name	Agreement Status
QI2007/008	Enetrade – Kangoulou CQGP Agreement	ILUA Registered
QI2011/026	Woorabinda Rehabilitation Facility ILUA	ILUA Registered



Q12011/029	Woorabinda Social Housing and Home Ownership ILUA	ILUA Registered
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### Traditional Language Map



### Community Services

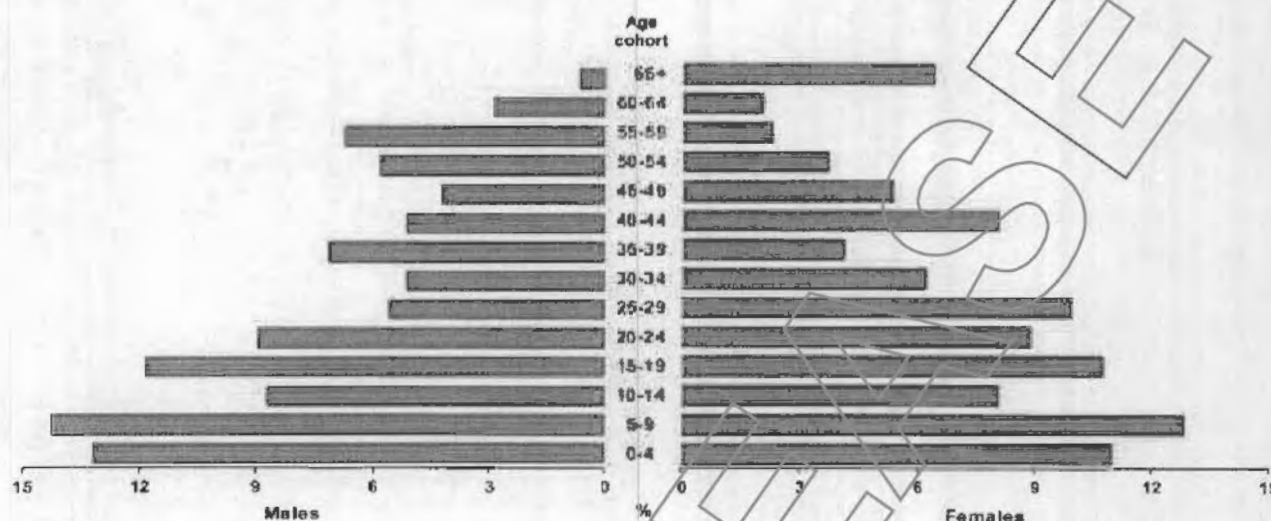
Table 5: Queensland Government Funded Services for Woorabinda 2013/14

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF SERVICES	BUDGET ALLOCATION	PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET
Early Childhood and Schooling	2	6.9	\$2,469,600	15.7
Economic Participation and Development	3	10.3	\$218,000	1.4
Environment	2	6.9	\$16,000	0.1
Governance and Leadership	1	3.4	\$1,520,009	9.6
Health	10	34.5	\$7,887,715	50.0
Healthy Homes	4	13.8	\$717,759	4.5
Land and Culture	0	0.0	0	0.0
Safe Communities	7	24.1	\$2,949,893	18.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$15,778,976</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Social Indicators

### Age profile

**Figure 1: Age-sex population structure of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Woorabinda (S), 2013**



**Notes:** Graph of non-Indigenous population not shown due to small very numbers.

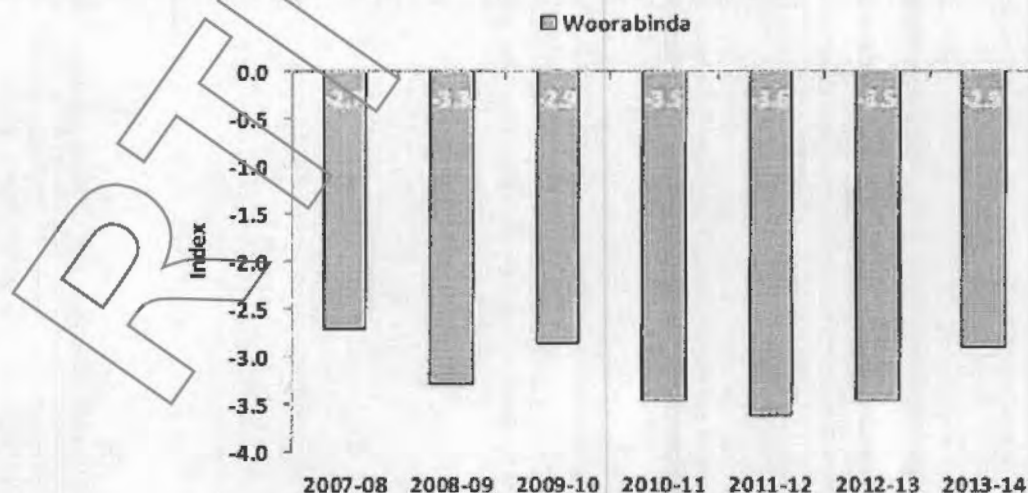
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### Combined community stability status

#### Relative Wellbeing Index

The "Relative Wellbeing Index" is a combination of three measures: Reported offences against the person (per 1,000 people), Hospital admissions for assault-related conditions (per 1,000 people) and Semester 1 attendance rates (per cent) (recast as "in-attendance"). The index is on an arbitrary unit scale and is a relative measure only. All communities are referenced to Queensland where the score for Queensland is always zero in any given year. The scores have been cast such that a more negative score indicates a lower relative wellbeing and a less negative score indicates a higher relative wellbeing.

**Figure 2: Relative Wellbeing Index values for Woorabinda (S) from 2007-08 to 2013-14**



**Notes:** The Relative Wellbeing Index is only available for Queensland's discrete communities (including Coen and Mossman Gorge).

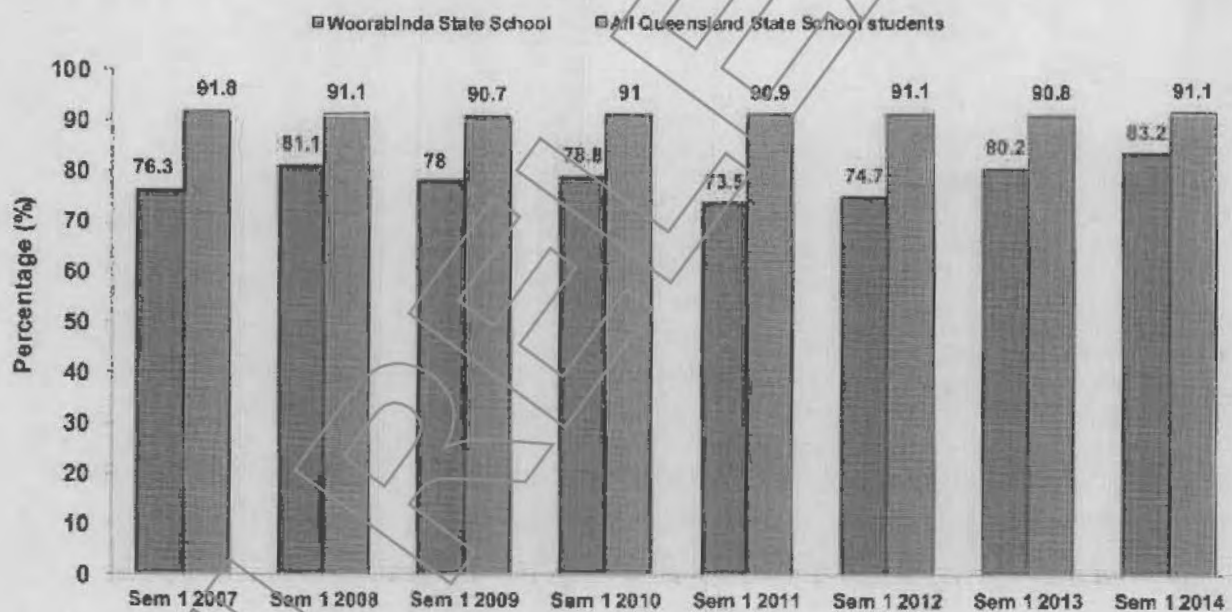
## Education

**Figure 3: Student attendance rate Woorabinda State School (Prep to Year 7) and all Queensland State Schools, Semester 1 2007 to Semester 1 2014**

Student attendance rate	Sem 1 2007	Sem 1 2008	Sem 1 2009	Sem 1 2010	Sem 1 2011	Sem 1 2012	Sem 1 2013	Sem 1 2014
	— % —							
Woorabinda State School	76.3	81.1	78	78.8	73.5	74.7	80.2	83.2
All Queensland State School students	91.8	91.1	90.7	91	90.9	91.1	90.8	91.1
Gap (percentage points)	15.5	10	12.7	12.2	17.3	16.4	10.6	7.9

Source: Department of Education, Training and Employment (unpublished data)

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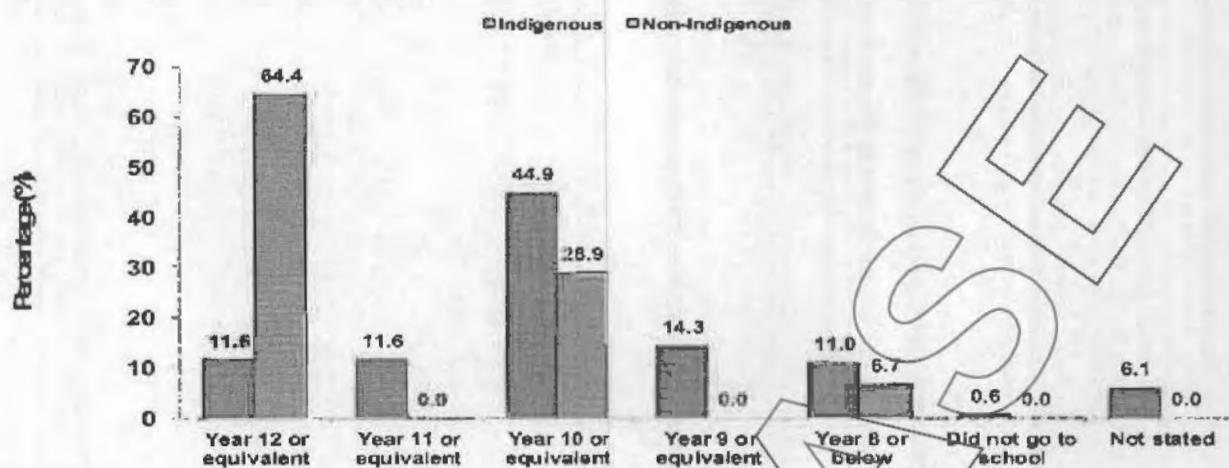
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## Enrolments

During Term 2 2014, 142 students were enrolled at Woorabinda State School for all or part of the term.

## Educational Attainment

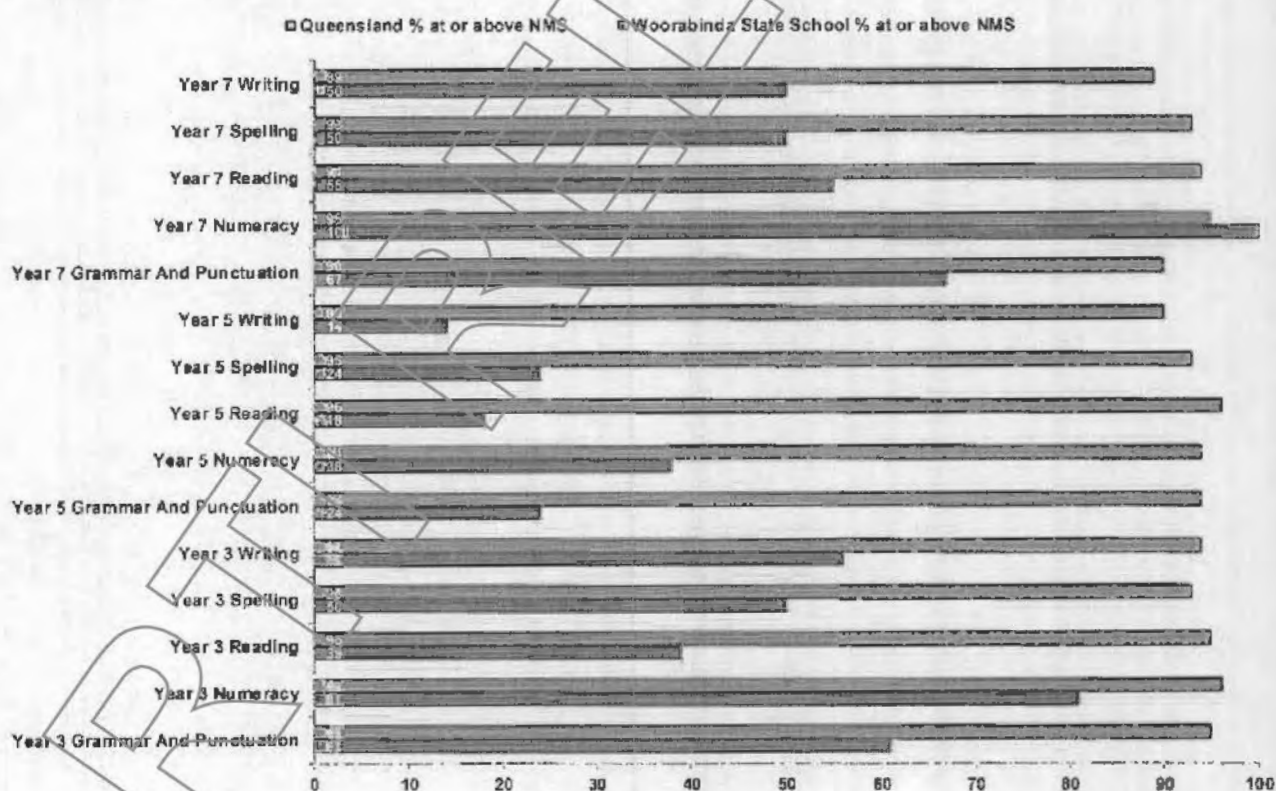
Figure 5: Highest level of schooling completed by Indigenous status, 2011



Source: ABS, 2011 Census of Population and Housing.

## NAPLAN

Figure 6: NAPLAN % at or above the National Minimum Standard (NMS) (a) (b) (c) for Woorabinda State School by Domain and Year Level, 2014



## Notes:

- Percentage of students at or above National Minimum Standard (NMS). The National Minimum Standards represent minimum performance standards in literacy and numeracy for a given year level.
- To maintain privacy of individual student information, where there are fewer than five students tested results are not provided.
- The number of students enrolled for each year in Woorabinda is small. As a result, scores have an associated wide margin of error. Figures should be used with caution.

## Sources:

Queensland Studies Authority, 2014  
 Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) 2014



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<b>Name of organisation</b>	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
<b>Day, date and time of function</b> (start to finish)	Wednesday, 26 August 2015, 12:00pm-12:30pm
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<b>Venue</b> (please be specific)	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Chambers, Woorabinda
<b>Treasurer's role</b>	Speaking
<b>If the Treasurer has a speaking role, is he required to address a particular topic?</b> (if yes, please provide an outline)	Yes, a three minute speaking role to announce a biodiversity offsets partnership between Woorabinda, Cockatoo Coal and BHP Billiton assisted by Earthtrade.
<b>Dress requirement</b> (for example: smart/casual, business suit, black tie)	Smart casual
<b>Person to contact about the function</b> (name, position, phone number)	Lauren Leggate, Communications Manager, DATSIP, Mobile phone numbers
<b>Car parking arrangements</b> (to assist the Treasurer's driver, please provide as much detail as possible)	Woorabinda CEO will arrange for pick up and drop off at the airport.
<b>Who will meet the Treasurer on his arrival?</b> (name, position, phone number)	David Thompson, Program Manager, Rockhampton Office, DATSIP,  Lauren Leggate, Communications Manager, DATSIP, 
<b>Entrance at which the Treasurer should arrive</b>	N/A

<b>SPEECH DETAILS</b> <i>(delete this section if Treasurer has no speaking role)</i>	
<b>Who funded this event and in what proportions?</b>	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council is putting on the announcement and celebration event.
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<b>Will there be a lectern and microphone?</b>	Microphone only
<b>VIP acknowledgements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Traditional Owners</li> <li>2. Councillor Terry Munns, Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council</li> <li>3. Mr Ron Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council</li> <li>4. Mr Brian Wyatt, Mine Manager, Cockatoo Coal</li> <li>5. Mr David Nilon, Chairman, Earthtrade</li> <li>6. Mr Paul Travers, Manager Communities, BHP Billiton.</li> </ol>
<b>People to thank</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members for welcoming the Treasurer to their town.</li> <li>• DATSIP staff, for facilitating the biodiversity offsets opportunity.</li> </ul>
<b>Audience profile and anticipated numbers</b>	100–200 Woorabinda community members.
<b>Media coverage</b>	Being organised through the Treasurer's Office.

# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
 ☐ Industrial Relations  
☐ Employment  
☒ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

<b>Request date:</b>	05 August 2015	<b>DUE to MO: (date/time)</b>	Thursday, 20 August 2015
<b>MO Ref:</b>		<b>Dept Ref:</b>	DATSIP 05983-2015 <i>Ext to 10am 21/8/15</i>
<b>Service Area:</b> (DLO to complete)	Communication Services, CCS (please add Central Qld Region as info officer)		
<b>PLEASE PREPARE:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-brief Required <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting / Event Briefing Note for Information <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing Note for Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trip Brief (tick specific components below)		<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Points <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Media Release <input type="checkbox"/> Run Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Guest / RSVP List <input type="checkbox"/> Function Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Post-meeting acknowledgement letter required	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> Departmental Officer required to attend			
<b>DETAILS OF MEETING / FUNCTION:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 26 August 2015	<b>Time:</b>	11:30am—2:30pm
<b>Requested for:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<b>Organisation / Function:</b>	Trip to Woorabinda for various events		
<b>Venue:</b>	Various (starting at Woorabinda Council Chambers, 112 Munns Dr, Woorabinda)		
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If venue for meeting is at Parliament House, departmental representative must meet for pre-briefing 15 minutes prior to meeting time unless otherwise advised.</li> <li>If speech and/or media release has been requested, please ensure liaison/consultation occurs with Communication Services in your department.</li> </ul>			
<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>			
<b>MO Comments:</b>			
<b>DLO comments:</b> Please prepare a trip brief, including hot issues, events/visits, funding, stakeholder, demographics, community profile and key indicators/NAPLAN information, to support the Treasurer's trip. Protocol form attached. Please liaise with Central Queensland Region. COMMS is liaising with Media Advisor regarding other events, aside from the Woorabinda Biodiversity Offsets Announcement. Thanks, Tiff.			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: <b>Executive Services</b>			
Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment); blue paper (Industrial Relations); or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).			



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<b>Person to contact about the function</b> (name, position, phone number)	Lauren Leggate, Communications Manager, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 5px;">Mobile phone numbers</span>
<b>Car parking arrangements</b> (to assist the Treasurer's driver, please provide as much detail as possible)	Woorabinda CEO will arrange for pick up and drop off at the airport
<b>Who will meet the Treasurer on his arrival?</b> (name, position, phone number)	Manny Heggarty, Regional Director, Central Queensland <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 5px;"></span>
<b>Entrance at which the Treasurer should arrive</b>	N/A

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## MEETING BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Meeting with Mr Leon Epong on Thursday, 1 October 2015 at 10:00am</b>		
Contact Officer	John Coyle, Acting ED, RILIPO, 4057 3860	Reference No.	DATSIP 05609-2015
Approved by	Alan Feely, DDG Economic Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To provide you with information in relation to your meeting with Mr Leon Epong, co-owner of Recruitment Outcomes on Thursday, 1 October 2015.

### ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETINGS

2. The meeting will be held at Level 9, Cairns Corporate Tower, 15 Lake Street, Cairns. Mr David Faulkner, Acting Director, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) will be the departmental representative attending this meeting.

### BACKGROUND

3. The Ministerial Briefing Note Departmental Action Request Form noted that Mr Simon Cotton, Principal, Yarrabah State School and Mr Epong would be attending the meeting. RILIPO has been advised that only Mr Epong will be in attendance at this meeting.
4. Mr Epong is co-owner of Recruitment Outcomes, a Cairns-based 100% Indigenous owned and operated private company that provides employment solutions, including a strong focus on Indigenous-related outcomes. Information about the services provided by Recruitment Outcomes, and some key projects it has delivered, is provided at Attachment 1.

### ISSUES

5. Recruitment Outcomes has been consulting to Gordonvale State High School, providing individual mentoring to Indigenous Year 11 and 12 students to maintain school attendance, improve academic achievement and transitioning beyond school. Their focus with this cohort has been on enrolments, school attendance, incorporating industry visits, sourcing and negotiating work placements and school-based traineeships.
6. Mr Cotton is a strong supporter of Recruitment Outcomes. The Yarrabah State School funded Recruitment Outcomes to oversee the 2015 enrolments for Yarrabah students transitioning to Year 11 at Gordonvale State High School, and to provide specific mentoring support to those students to improve attendance and retention rates.
7. Mr Cotton reports that investing in Recruitment Outcomes' services resulted in 24 confirmed enrolments of former Yarrabah students at Gordonvale State High School, as opposed to three to four in the previous year. Mr Cotton further reports that 19 of those 24 students are on track to receive their Queensland Certificate of Education in 2016.
8. Recruitment Outcomes is seeking support to expand its services into Yarrabah and to provide mentoring to Year 10 students from Term 1 throughout their school year; to improve academic achievement and the number of students transitioning to Years 11 and 12.

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9. The work Recruitment Outcomes is doing with Gordonvale State High School and Yarrabah State School to encourage school attendance and transitions to Year 12 are commended.
10. The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) also supports Indigenous students in Year 12, including at Gordonvale State High School, where the regional office has negotiated with the Principal to undertake school engagement with Year 12 students in Term 4. School engagement with Year 12s is a key component of DATSIP's Youth Employment Program (YEP).
11. The YEP engages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students to establish a transition pathway from school either into further education, training or careers by supporting and facilitating training and employment opportunities; and providing pre and post-employment support.

#### RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

12. Mr Simon Cotton, Principal, Yarrabah State School.

#### ATTACHMENT

- Attachment 1—Recruitment Outcomes

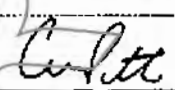
#### RECOMMENDATION

13. It is recommended that you **note** the information contained in this brief for your meeting with Mr Leon Epong, co-owner of Recruitment Outcomes on Thursday, 1 October 2015.

  
 Clare O'Connor

Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 23/9/2015

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# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DÉPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
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<b>Request date:</b>	22 July 2015	<b>DUE to MO: (date/time)</b>	Friday, 25 September 2015
<b>MO Ref:</b>		<b>Dept Ref:</b>	DATSIP 05609-2015
<b>Service Area:</b> (DLO to complete)	Regional Operations (FNQ Region), EP		
<b>PLEASE PREPARE:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Points <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Media Release <input type="checkbox"/> Run Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Guest / RSVP List <input type="checkbox"/> Function Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Post-meeting acknowledgement letter required	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Departmental Officer required to attend			
<b>DETAILS OF MEETING / FUNCTION:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 1 October 2015	<b>Time:</b>	10:00am
<b>Requested for:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Organisation / Function:</b>	Meeting with Simon Cotton and Leon Epong, regarding school based traineeships and employment strategy		
<b>Venue:</b>	Cairns Corporate Tower, 15 Lake Street, Cairns		
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If venue for meeting is at Parliament House, departmental representative must meet for pre-briefing 15 minutes prior to meeting time unless otherwise advised.</li> <li>If speech and/or media release has been requested, please ensure liaison/consultation occurs with Communication Services in your department.</li> </ul>			
<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>			
<b>MO Comments:</b>			
<b>DLO comments:</b> Please prepare a meeting brief to support the Minister's attendance. Invitation attached. Please note that a departmental officer has been requested to attend. <b>Please advise DLO ASAP as to who will be attending (ph 3405 4219).</b> Thanks Tiff.			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: <b>Executive Services</b>			
Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment); blue paper (Industrial Relations); or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).			

**Recruitment Outcomes**

- Recruitment Outcomes is a 100% Indigenous owned and operated private company that provides employment solutions, including a strong focus on Indigenous-related outcomes.
- Established by co-owners Mr Leon Epong and Mr Tony Martens in November 2011, the company's goal is "to provide employers with a hassle free, full comprehensive employee recruitment and retention service".
- Recruitment Outcomes offers the following services:
  - Staff Development and Capacity Building
  - Training and Assessment
  - Workforce Planning and Solutions
  - Development and Implementation of Indigenous Employment Strategies
  - Structured Mentoring and/or Coaching
  - Community Engagement
  - Cultural Awareness
  - School to Work Transition
  - Business Enterprise Development and Support
  - Organisational Governance Development and Support
  - Ex-Offender Re-integration Program
  - Youth Re-engagement Program.
- Mr Epong has 25 years experience working in Employment, Education and Training, particularly within Indigenous Affairs. Mr Martens' family is from Yarrabah and has ties to Lockhart River. Mr Marten has previously worked across the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments for a total of 21 years.
- Recruitment Outcomes was engaged by the Commonwealth Government to implement its School and Beyond Program in Lockhart River. Developed by Recruitment Outcomes, the School and Beyond Program addresses and supports engagement, academic achievements and effective transitioning beyond school. The approach is built on the fundamentals of Case Management with the principles of Persons Centred Approaches.
- GenerationOne is a national movement for all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Its mission is to end the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in one generation through employment.
- A key strategy to assist with this is the GenerationOne Employment Model, Vocational Training and Employment Centres (VTEC). VTEC is a comprehensive Pre-Employment and Training program that empowers Indigenous jobseekers to address their barriers to employment, builds on their strengths, and provides employer directed training that leads to a guaranteed job with an Australian Employment Covenant employer.
- Recruitment Outcomes was contracted by GenerationOne to assess shortlisted provider capabilities to deliver the VTEC model and also promote VTEC through Industry and community engagement processes throughout Queensland.



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- Training Workshops form part of the Commonwealth Governments' Remote School Attendance Strategy. Recruitment Outcomes was engaged to facilitate Training Workshops for both School Attendance Officers and School Attendance Supervisors in the locations of Palm Island, Camooweal, Normanton, Mornington Island, Doomadgee and the Northern Peninsula Area.
- The Wunthulpu Aboriginal Land Trust was awarded a contract by the Queensland Government through the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to upgrade the Coen Cultural Centre. In turn, Recruitment Outcomes was engaged by Wunthulpu Aboriginal Land Trust for business mentoring and supports including to assist with all the necessary food handling certificates, Cook Shire Licences and Visitor Centre submissions and lobbying.



Leon Epong  
Co-owner, Recruitment Outcomes



## BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Date Claimer – Community Futures Summit</b>		
Contact Officer	Robyn Kerr, Community Participation, 3224 7907	Reference No.	DATSIP 05359-2015
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG, Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, DG

### PURPOSE

1. That you **approve** details for a strategic discussion with Mayors concerning a new partnership between community leaders and Government.

### BACKGROUND

2. At a discussion with departmental officers on 24 June 2015, you requested that a Summit be held in November 2015, to discuss a new policy agenda for Queensland's discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (the communities).
3. The Summit would aim to secure formal agreement from community leaders and the Government to work together as partners to implement the new agenda.
4. On 3 August 2015, the Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) wrote to the Mayors of communities advising that later in the year, you would host a gathering of community leaders to discuss community development and well-being including alcohol management (DATSIP 05201-2015 refers).
5. The Director-General also wrote to Community Justice Groups (CJGs) advising them of the gathering of community leaders. The *Liquor Act 1992* specifies that CJGs must also be consulted about alcohol management (part 6A, s173I).
6. Sch3(2)

### ISSUES


7. It is proposed that the Community Futures Summit with Mayors occur on 19 November 2015. Securing this date is important as this is the only time available in November that suits the Treasurer's diary. A venue needs to be secured as soon as possible and early advice to Mayors is important to secure attendance.
8. In the next week, a detailed Briefing Note will be provided seeking your approval of: the invitation list; the program and communication plan; options to address key policy matters that are likely to arise at the gathering; a draft narrative that will form the basis of your discussions with Mayors; and a letter to the Premier outlining the purpose and key objectives of the meeting.
9. A request has been sent via the Departmental Liaison Officer to book 19 November 2015 in your diary for this meeting.
10. Mrs Clare O'Connor, Director-General, DATSIP and Mr Ron Weatherall, Deputy Director-General, Community Participation have both confirmed they are available to attend the Summit on 19 November 2015.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

11. It is recommended that you:

1. **approve** the meeting date of 19 November 2015 and reserve it in your diary to be held in Yarrabah ✓
2. **approve** the following participants:
  - Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs
  - Mayors of the discrete communities
  - The Mayor of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council
  - A community representative from Coen and Mossman Gorge. ✓

*attach  
letters  
(see DTTSP  
07356-2015)*

  
Clare O'Connor  
Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 29/9/2015

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<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Invitation to attend Community Futures Summit</b>		
Contact Officer	Melanie Duesing, Community Participation, 3033 0149	Reference No.	DATS/P 07628-2015
Approval required	Monday 12, October 2015	Reason	To allow adequate time to consider and respond to invitation.
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To seek your **signature** on the attached letters (Attachment 1) to the Mayors of the discrete communities, the Mayors of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Torres Shire Council, leaders from Coen and Mossman Gorge, and Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Attachment 2), inviting them to attend the Community Futures Summit (the Summit) on Thursday, 19 November 2015 in Yarrabah.

### TIMEFRAMES

2. In order to ensure availability to attend the Summit, it is recommended that the attached letters are signed and sent as soon as possible (**Attachments 1 and 2**).

### BACKGROUND

3. A new agenda is needed to address rates of harm which have been trending upward since 2012, and chronic disadvantage across a range of social and economic indicators. The Summit will aim to cement a new partnership with community leaders to improve community and individual safety, and economic participation. The new agenda will couple intelligence about local dynamics with Government effort to design and implement initiatives that both support local aspirations, particularly for economic development and employment participation, and create community stability and safety.
4. Initial engagement with community leaders will occur at the Summit which will provide a forum for a positive conversation about community aspirations, and respond to the issues underpinning the rising rate of harm.

### ISSUES

5. The Summit will provide a forum for Government and community leaders to begin a new partnership by working together to develop the principles that will define this partnership.


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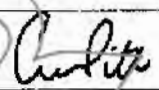
- Attachment 1—Invitation to Mayors
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**RECOMMENDATION**

6. It is recommended that you :

- **sign** the attached letters to the Mayors inviting them to the Community Futures Summit expected to be held on Thursday, 19 November 2015 in Yarrabah (Attachment 1).
- **sign** the attached letter to Senator Scullion formally inviting him to the Community Futures Summit expected to be held on Thursday, 19 November 2015 in Yarrabah (Attachment 2).

  
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**Clare O'Connor**  
**Director-General****Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships** 7/10/2015

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Dear Councillor Walpo *DERECK*

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Dear Mr ~~Creek~~ **DION**

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Dear Senator ~~Scullion~~ *NIGEL*

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On 1 October 2015, I wrote to inform you that I will be hosting a meeting with the Mayors of Queensland's remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to discuss community development. The meeting will aim to cement a new partnership with community leaders to improve community and individual safety, and economic participation.

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Councillor	Kenny	Bone	Mayor	Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	CHERBOURG	QLD	4605	<a href="mailto:mayor@cherbourg.qld.gov.au">mayor@cherbourg.qld.gov.au</a>
Mr	Dion	Creek	Chairperson	Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation	112 Regent Street	COEN	QLD	4871	<a href="mailto:dion.creek@kalan.org.au">dion.creek@kalan.org.au</a>
Councillor	Frederick	O'Keefe	Mayor	Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	DOOMADGEE	QLD	4830	<a href="mailto:mayor@doomadgee.qld.gov.au">mayor@doomadgee.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Greg	McLean	Mayor	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	HOPE VALE	QLD	4895	<a href="mailto:greg.mclean@hopevale.qld.gov.au">greg.mclean@hopevale.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Robert	Holness	Mayor	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	KOWANYAMA	QLD	4892	<a href="mailto:robert.holness@kowanyama.qld.gov.au">robert.holness@kowanyama.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Wayne	Butcher	Mayor	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	LOCKHART RIVER	QLD	4892	<a href="mailto:mayor@lockhart.qld.gov.au">mayor@lockhart.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Peter	Guivarra	Mayor	Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	PO Box 213	WEIPA	QLD	4874	<a href="mailto:mapoon.mayor@mapoon.qld.gov.au">mapoon.mayor@mapoon.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Bradley	Wilson	Mayor	Mornington Shire Council	C/- Post Office	MORNINGTON ISLAND	QLD	4871	<a href="mailto:mayor@mornington.qld.gov.au">mayor@mornington.qld.gov.au</a>
Ms	Karen	Gibson	Chair	Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Inc.	PO Box 171	MOSSMAN	QLD	4873	<a href="mailto:chairperson@yalanji.com.au">chairperson@yalanji.com.au</a>
Councillor	Philemon	Mene	Mayor	Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	PO Box 538	WEIPA	QLD	4874	<a href="mailto:mayor@napranum.qld.gov.au">mayor@napranum.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Bernard	Charlie	Mayor	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	PO Box 200	BAMAGA	QLD	4876	<a href="mailto:mayor@nparc.qld.gov.au">mayor@nparc.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Alfred	Lacey	Mayor	Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	PALM ISLAND	QLD	4816	<a href="mailto:alf.lacey@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au">alf.lacey@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Richard	Tarpencha	Mayor	Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	PORMPURAAW	QLD	4892	<a href="mailto:mayor@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au">mayor@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Napau Pedro	Stephen	Mayor	Torres Shire Council	PO Box 171	THURSDAY ISLAND	QLD	4875	<a href="mailto:mayor@torres.qld.gov.au">mayor@torres.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Fred	Gela	Mayor	Torres Strait Island Regional Council	PO Box 7336	CAIRNS	QLD	4870	<a href="mailto:Fred.Gela@tsirc.qld.gov.au">Fred.Gela@tsirc.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Terry	Munns	Mayor	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	WOORABINDA	QLD	4713	<a href="mailto:mayor@woorabinda.qld.gov.au">mayor@woorabinda.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Clifford	Harrigan	Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	WUJAL WUJAL	QLD	4895	<a href="mailto:mayor@wujalwujalcouncil.qld.gov.au">mayor@wujalwujalcouncil.qld.gov.au</a>
Councillor	Errol	Neal	Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	C/- Post Office	YARRABAH	QLD	4871	<a href="mailto:mayor@yarrabah.qld.gov.au">mayor@yarrabah.qld.gov.au</a>

## EVENT BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Yarrabah Band Festival and Pre-show Function</b>		
<b>DATE OF EVENT</b>	<b>Saturday, 14 November 2015</b>  <b>Pre-Show Function: 3:00pm—4:30pm</b> <b>Yarrabah Art and Cultural Precinct, Back Beach Road</b>  <b>Yarrabah Band Festival: 5:00pm—8:00pm</b> <b>Bishop Malcolm Park</b>		
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Angela Shorten, RILIPO, 4039 8577	<b>Reference No.</b>	DATSIF 08416-2015
<b>Approved by</b>	Alan Feely, DDG Economic Participation	<b>Approved by</b>	Claire O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. Information to support your attendance at the Yarrabah Band Festival and Pre-show Function on Saturday, 14 November 2015.

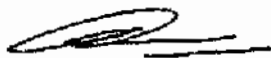
### BACKGROUND

2. Councillor Errol Neal, Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council has invited you to attend and speak at the third annual Yarrabah Band Festival, which is expected to attract up to 2,000 people.
3. You are also invited to attend a Pre-Show Function and meet and greet with special guest and multi-instrumentalist, Mr James Morrison at the Yarrabah Art and Cultural Precinct.
4. The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts, was invited to attend the event, but has sent her apologies.
5. The Yarrabah Band Festival is a drug and alcohol free event. Food and local artwork will be available for purchase.
6. The Yarrabah Band Festival has been assisted by the Commonwealth Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.
7. The Yarrabah Artist in Residence Program is supported by the Frazer Family Foundation and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and the Department of Education and Training, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government through the Australia Council for the Arts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

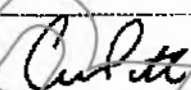
8. It is recommended that you **note** the following information to support your attendance at the Pre-show Function and Yarrabah Band Festival on Saturday, 14 November 2015:

- Attachment 1—Run Sheet
- Attachment 2—Guest/RSVP List
- Attachment 3—Protocol Form
- Attachment 4—Speaking Points
- Attachment 5—Media Release



**Clare O'Connor**  
Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 9/11/2015

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noted
<b>Comments</b>		
		
<b>HON. CURTIS PITT MP</b> <b>Treasurer</b> <b>Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations</b> <b>Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
16 / 11 / 2015		

**YARRABAH BAND FESTIVAL PRE SHOW FUNCTION**

**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
**Time:** 3.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Venue:** Yarrabah Art and Cultural Precinct, Back Beach Road  
**Pax:** 60 Approx.

**Contact:**

- Ashley Symonds, Development Coordinator – Mobile phone [redacted] or [Ashley@gmf.org.au](mailto:Ashley@gmf.org.au)
- Erica Hart, Program Director – [redacted] or [Erica@gmf.org.au](mailto:Erica@gmf.org.au)
- Tara Hobbs, Producer – [redacted] or [Tara@gmf.org.au](mailto:Tara@gmf.org.au)

**Technical:**

- QMF, through Cairns supplier Final Touch
- Catering: PCYC
- Hire equipment: PCYC
- Alcohol licence: confirmed

**Schedule:**

1.00pm QMF to arrive and setup  
 2.50pm Guests begin to arrive  
 3.00pm Light refreshments served  
 3.15pm Athol Young MC to welcome everyone and introduce King Jabaan  
 3.17pm King Jabaan official welcome  
 3.19pm Athol Young to introduce Mayor Errol Neal  
 3.20pm Mayor Errol Neal speaks  
 3.23pm Athol Young to thank partners and introduce James Morrison  
 3.26pm James Morrison speaks  
 3.29pm Athol concludes + invites guests to enjoy the Museum, Art Gallery and Boardwalk  
 3.30pm Guests mingle and are welcome to enjoy the Museum, Art Gallery and Boardwalk  
 4.00pm James Morrison departs function for sound check at Bishop Malcolm Park  
 4.30pm Function concludes and guests depart  
 5.00pm Yarrabah Band Festival commences – Bishop Malcolm Park, Gribble Street  
 8.00pm Yarrabah Band Festival concludes

**Special Guests**

- Hon. Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- King Jabaan, Vincent Schrieber
- Cr Errol Neal – Mayor of Yarrabah and fellow councillors
- Elders of Yarrabah
- Kirsten Herring, Deputy Director General, Arts Queensland
- Mr James Morrison – Former Artistic Director of QMF
- Mr Athol Young, Chairman of QMF
- Mr Nigel Lavender – Executive Director of QMF

**Notes**

- Guest will be greeted at the door, name on guest list and name tag given
- Staff and volunteers will assist with parking and guiding guest to the boardwalk



TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	POSITION	ORGANISATION	RSVP
Ms	Kirsten	Herring		Arts Queensland	1
Ms	Janina	Harding	Artistic Director	CIAF	1
Mr	Tim	Sanders		Field Theory Media	2
Mr	Scott	Hutchinson		Hutchinson Builders	1
Mr	Thomas	Jungnitsch		Hutchinson Builders	2
Mr	Niels	Ogle		Hutchinson Builders	3
Mr	Mark	Kucks		Hutchinson Builders	4
Mr	Peter	King		Hutchinson Builders	4
Mr	Nigel	Lavender	Executive Director	QMF	1
Ms	Erica	Hart	Program Director	QMF	1
Ms	Giuliana	Bonel	Marketing & Communications Director	QMF	1
Ms	Ashley	Symonds	Development Coordinator	QMF	1
Ms	Tara	Hobbs	Producer	QMF	1
Mr	Simon	Buchanan	Development Director	QMF	1
Ms	Peta	Winters	Office Manager	QMF	1
Mr	Athol	Young	Chair	QMF Board	1
Mr	Curtis	Pitt	Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	Queensland Parliament	5
Ms	Caitlin	Horgan		Seymour White	2
Ms	Cathrena	McRae		The Learning Workshop	1
Mr	Condy	Canuto	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit	The University of Queensland	1
Prof	Margaret	Barrett	Professor and Head of School, School of Music	The University of Queensland	1
Mr	Errol	Neal	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	1
Ms	Vicki	Jones	Community Services Manager	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	1
Ms	Jemma	Lichtenfeld	Finance Manager	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	2
Ms	Michelle	Dunk	Human Resources Manager	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	2
	Glennis	Murgha		Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	2
	Sascha	Murgha		Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	2
Mr	Jason	Evert	Deputy Principal	Yarrabah State School	1
Mr	Vincent	Schrieber	King of Yarrabah	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	1

Ms	James	Morrison	Former Artistic Director	QMF	
Third party personal information					1
					1
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					1
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To confirm the attendance of The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP at your function, could you please kindly complete the following form and return it no later than **two weeks prior** to the function date. The office will also require **final** versions of the following:

- ☐ Running sheet
- ☐ Guest list
- ☐ Seating arrangements for Assistant Minister's table
- ☐ Background information
- ☐ List of acknowledgments

Should you have any queries, please contact **Hayley Lockyer**, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer on **3719-7215**.

Please return this completed form to [Hayley.lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Hayley.lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

<b>Name of organisation</b>	Queensland Music Festival
<b>Day, date and time of function</b> (start to finish)	Saturday, 14 November 2015 Function 3:00pm–4:30pm Event 5:00pm–8:00pm
<b>Arrival time</b> (due to Treasurer's schedule, please advise latest possible arrival time)	3:00pm
<b>Departure time</b> (due to Treasurer's schedule, please advise earliest possible departure time)	8:00pm
<b>Venue</b> (please be specific)	Function – Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct (please see maps attached)  Event/concert – Bishop Malcolm Park, Gribble Street, Yarrabah.
<b>Treasurer's role</b>	Representing the Queensland Government and the Arts Minister. QMF is core-funded by Arts Queensland.
<b>If the Treasurer has a speaking role, is he required to address a particular topic?</b> (if yes, please provide an outline)	Yarrabah Band Festival is a free concert celebrating the musical talent of the Shire, who will share the stage with artists of national and international reputation. Prior to the concert, two weeks of intensive skills development workshop have been held in the local schools. The concert will also feature the Yarrabah Brass Band, which was re-formed in 2013 and has a special place in Yarrabah's musical history.
<b>Dress requirement</b> (for example: smart/casual, business suit, black tie)	Smart casual
<b>Person to contact about the function</b> (name, position, phone number)	Ashley Symonds, Development Coordinator Ph 3010 6630, <small>Mobile phone numbers</small> Ashley@qmf.org.au
<b>Car parking arrangements</b> (to assist the Treasurer's driver, please provide as much detail as possible)	Car parking is available along the driveway at the entrance to Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct.  Parking permit will be issued at the function for the Treasurer to display in vehicle for VIP parking at the concert

<b>Who will meet the Treasurer on his arrival?</b> <i>(name, position, phone number)</i>	Nigel Lavender, Executive Director Athol Young, Chairman of QMF Board <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; float: right; margin-top: -20px;">Mobile phone numbers</div>
<b>Entrance at which the Treasurer should arrive</b>	Driveway to Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct via Back Beach Rd  QMF Feather banner will be place at entrance of drive-way
<b>SPEECH DETAILS</b> <i>(delete this section if Treasurer has no speaking role)</i>	
<b>Who funded this event and in what proportions?</b>	Arts Queensland – QMF is an initiative of the Queensland Government  Presenting Partner: Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council  Major Partners: Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, Bryan Foundation  Gold Partners: Seymour Whyte Constructions, Australia Council for the Arts  Silver Partner: Hutchinson Builders  Bronze Partners: APRA AMCOS, Gindaja Healing and Treatment Corporation  Media Partner: Bumma Bipperra Media  This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.  The Yarrabah Artist in Residence program is supported by the Frazer Family Foundation; and Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and the Department of Education and Training, in partnership with the Australian Government, through the Australia Council for the Arts.
<b>Length of speech</b> <i>(should be no longer than 15 minutes)</i>	3 mins
<b>Will the speech be delivered outdoors?</b>	Concert is outdoors, the stage will be covered.
<b>Will the audience be seated?</b>	Seating in VIP area. Audience partially seated, partially on blankets.
<b>Will there be a lectern and microphone?</b>	Microphone, no lectern.

<b>VIP acknowledgements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King Jabaan</li> <li>• Cr Errol Neal, Mayor of Yarrabah</li> <li>• Kirsten Herring, Deputy Director General, Arts Queensland</li> <li>• Athol Young, Chair of Queensland Music Festival</li> <li>• James Morrison AM</li> <li>• Nigel Lavender, Executive Director of Queensland Music Festival</li> </ul>
<b>People to thank</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queensland Music Festival and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council for providing this spectacular event to the community.</li> <li>• Yarrabah Elders past and present</li> </ul>
<b>Audience profile and anticipated numbers</b>	Estimated audience of 2000
<b>Media coverage</b>	<p>Queensland Weekender                      Bumma Bippa Media 98.7FM Cairns – who will doing a live outside broadcast.                      Koori Mail</p> <p>QMF will also be doing video documentation. Our photographer will also be attending for QMF documentation purposes.</p>



**Queensland  
Government**

**Speech notes**

**For**

**The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**

**Treasurer**

**Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations**

**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**

**Partnerships**

**Third Yarrabah Band Festival**

**Subject**

**Bishop Malcolm Park, Yarrabah**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**5pm-8pm**

## **TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Gunggandji [Guhn-gan-ji] Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and Elders past and present on whose land this event is taking place.

I sincerely thank them as the First Australians for their careful custodianship, over countless generations and generations to come, of the lands, winds and waters that we all now share.

## **OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Mayor Errol Neal, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mr Athol Young, Chair of Queensland Music Festival
- Ladies and gentlemen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- It is a pleasure to be in Yarrabah with you all this evening to celebrate the third Yarrabah Band Festival and its theme of "all things roots, reggae, bold and brassy".
- The Yarrabah Band Festival is an initiative of Queensland Music Festival which encourages statewide participation through a shared love of music and uses arts to help communities come together.
- The Queensland Government supports Queensland Music Festival through Arts Queensland and I applaud the Festival's positive impact on community engagement, making the joy of music accessible on such a vast scale.



- I would like to thank Mayor Errol Neal of Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and Mr Athol Young, Chair of Queensland Music Festival, for their kind invite to be part of tonight's event.
- It has been wonderful to see the revival of the Yarrabah Brass Band and such consistent and enthusiastic support from the community since they reclaimed the stage in 2013.
- I congratulate Queensland Music Festival, Gindja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation, Greg Fourmile and the broader Yarrabah community on this great achievement.
- I would also like to acknowledge people here tonight from the wider Queensland community, who have come to Yarrabah to support local talent and guest performers, as well as Queensland Music Festival itself.
- This event continues to put Yarrabah centre stage—showcasing the town and its talents in an evening of music and melody.
- I'm happy to say that the Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland and the Department of Education and Training, in partnership with the Australian Government, through the Australia Council for the Arts, is supporting the Artist in Residence program with Yarrabah State School; a valuable inclusion to this year's program.

- I would like to also acknowledge the important contribution of the Frazer Family Foundation to this program.
- Judging from the stellar line-up of local and visiting artists we are all in for an amazing evening.
  - Elverina Johnson, who I must commend for uncovering the stories of Indigenous Brass Bands throughout Australia, including researching and curating an exhibition on the Yarrabah Brass Band Story for the Queensland Performing Arts Centre in Brisbane.
  - Djun Djun Jarra
  - David Hudson
  - Blue King Brown
  - Shellie Morris
  - Chris Tamwoy
  - the St Augustine's College Big Band
  - the Yarrabah Brass Band
  - Will Kepa
  - Steve Russell
  - Ben Hakalitz
  - And the brilliant James Morrison, whose continuing support of Queensland Music Festival's Indigenous programs is appreciated by a great many people.
- Queensland Music Festival makes a specialty of matching professional artists alongside local talent for innovative and collaborative musical experiences, so it's great to see such a diverse line-up of talent performing on the same stage here tonight.
- This festival really is a musical celebration of Yarrabah—of your sights and sounds, as we take in this fabulous program of music by the sea.

- Amazing talent. Amazing people. Fantastic venue.

## CONCLUSION

- I'd like to thank you again for asking me here tonight. It is truly an honour to be with you, watching Yarrabah's musical talent take to the stage with musical talent from around Australia.
- Music has the ability to transcend boundaries, creating shared experiences for audiences and performers which can linger in the memory for years and leave a legacy for future generations.
- I commend the hard work undertaken by all of the participants of the third Yarrabah Band Festival, and I am certain tonight's event is one that we will all remember with much joy.
- On that note, I won't tie up the stage any longer. Have a terrific night everyone.

**<ENDS>**

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For release from xx

## Strike up the bands as Queensland Music Festival comes to Yarrabah

There will be a celebration of the sights and sounds of Yarrabah as the third Yarrabah Band Festival comes to town and takes to the stage on Saturday, 14 November.

An initiative of Queensland Music Festival, which encourages statewide participation through a shared love of music and uses arts to help communities come together, the Yarrabah Band Festival will be celebrating *'all things roots, reggae, bold and brassy'* with locals and visitors sharing in an amazing evening of music by the sea.

Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt said the festival had become a much-loved community event, attracting locals and visitors from far and wide to Yarrabah to be part of, and experience, Queensland Music Festival.

"Now in its third year, the Yarrabah Band Festival puts Yarrabah centre stage—showcasing the town and its talents in an evening of music and melody," Mr Pitt said.

"With an expected audience of up to 2000 people, this year's program delivers another incredible line-up of artists—from the Yarrabah Brass Band and local artists Elverina Johnson and Djun Djun Jara, to Melbourne urban outfit Blue King Brown, Indigenous singer/songwriter Shellie Morris and Torres Strait guitarist Chris Tamwoy.

"And of course, the brilliant James Morrison will be there, and whose continued support of Queensland Music Festival's Indigenous programs is appreciated by many.

"Once again Queensland Music Festival has matched professional artists alongside local talent for innovative and collaborative musical experiences, for the audience to enjoy on the evening and for them to remember long after the music has stopped."

The Yarrabah Band Festival is a free event taking place in Bishop Malcolm Park, Yarrabah on Saturday, 14 November from 5pm–8pm.

For more information and a full list of performers go to Queensland Music Festival's website [www.qmf.org.au/whats-on/yarrabah-band-festival/](http://www.qmf.org.au/whats-on/yarrabah-band-festival/)

[ENDS] XXX November 2015

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# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

# URGENT

## Queensland Government

- ☐ Treasury
 ☐ Industrial Relations  
☐ Employment  
☒ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

<b>Request date:</b>	29 October 2015	<b>DUE to MO: (date/time)</b>	Monday, 9 November 2015
<b>MO Ref:</b>	N/A	<b>Dept Ref:</b>	DATSIP 08416-2015
<b>Service Area:</b> (DLO to complete)	Far North Queensland Region, Regional Operations, EP		
<b>PLEASE PREPARE:</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speaking Points <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft Media Release <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Run Sheet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guest / RSVP List <input type="checkbox"/> Function Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Post-meeting acknowledgement letter required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-brief Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting / Event Briefing Note for Information <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing Note for Information <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Brief (tick specific components below) <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Event/s or Visits <input type="checkbox"/> Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders <input type="checkbox"/> Demographics <input type="checkbox"/> Community Profile <input type="checkbox"/> Key indicators/NAPLAN <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Departmental Officer required to attend			
<b>DETAILS OF MEETING / FUNCTION:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 14 November 2015	<b>Time:</b>	3:00pm
<b>Requested for:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<b>Organisation / Function:</b>	Speak at Yarrabah Band Festival		
<b>Venue:</b>	Yarrabah Art & Cultural Precinct, Back Beach Road		
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>			
▪ If venue for meeting is at Parliament House, departmental representative must meet for pre-briefing 15 minutes prior to meeting time unless otherwise advised. ▪ If speech and/or media release has been requested, please ensure liaison/consultation occurs with Communication Services in your department.			
<b>ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>			
<b>MO Comments:</b>			
<b>DLO comments:</b> Please prepare an Event Brief, Speaking Points, Media Release, Run Sheet and Guest List to support the Minister's attendance. PLEASE ADD COMMUNICATION SERVICES AS INFO OFFICER. Thanks, Tiff.			
If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact: <b>Executive Services</b>			
Please print on yellow paper (Treasury and Employment), blue paper (Industrial Relations), or green paper (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships).			





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The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP,  
PO Box 314  
Gordonvale QLD 4865



**QMF.ORG.AU**

October 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear Mr Pitt,

**YARRABAH BAND FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

Since 2013 Queensland Music Festival has presented an annual event in the Indigenous community of Yarrabah. Mayor Errol Neal, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, and Athol Young, Chair of Queensland Music Festival, would like to invite you to attend the Third Yarrabah Band Festival, with an opportunity to speak. We expect attendance of 1,500--2,000 people and the performances will run from 5-8pm.

This year the Yarrabah Band Festival celebrates all things roots, reggae, bold and brassy, with an evening of music by the sea featuring the Yarrabah Brass Band, Blue King Brown, Shellie Morris, Chris Tamwoy, local artists Elverina Johnson, Djun Djun Jara, with special guest James Morrison. The program this year is enhanced by the Artist in Residence program with Yarrabah State School you kindly promoted with an MR on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please join us for a pre-show function and a meet and greet with James Morrison at the Yarrabah Art and Cultural Precinct. There will be an opportunity to explore the Yarrabah Museum, Art Gallery, and wander through the beautiful rainforest.

**Saturday 14 November**

Pre-show Function 3.00pm to 4.30pm  
Yarrabah Art and Cultural Precinct, Back Beach Road  
Light refreshments will be served

We will also be inviting the Premier, Anastasia Palaszczuk MP.

Thank you for your kind attention.

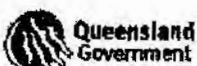
Yours sincerely,

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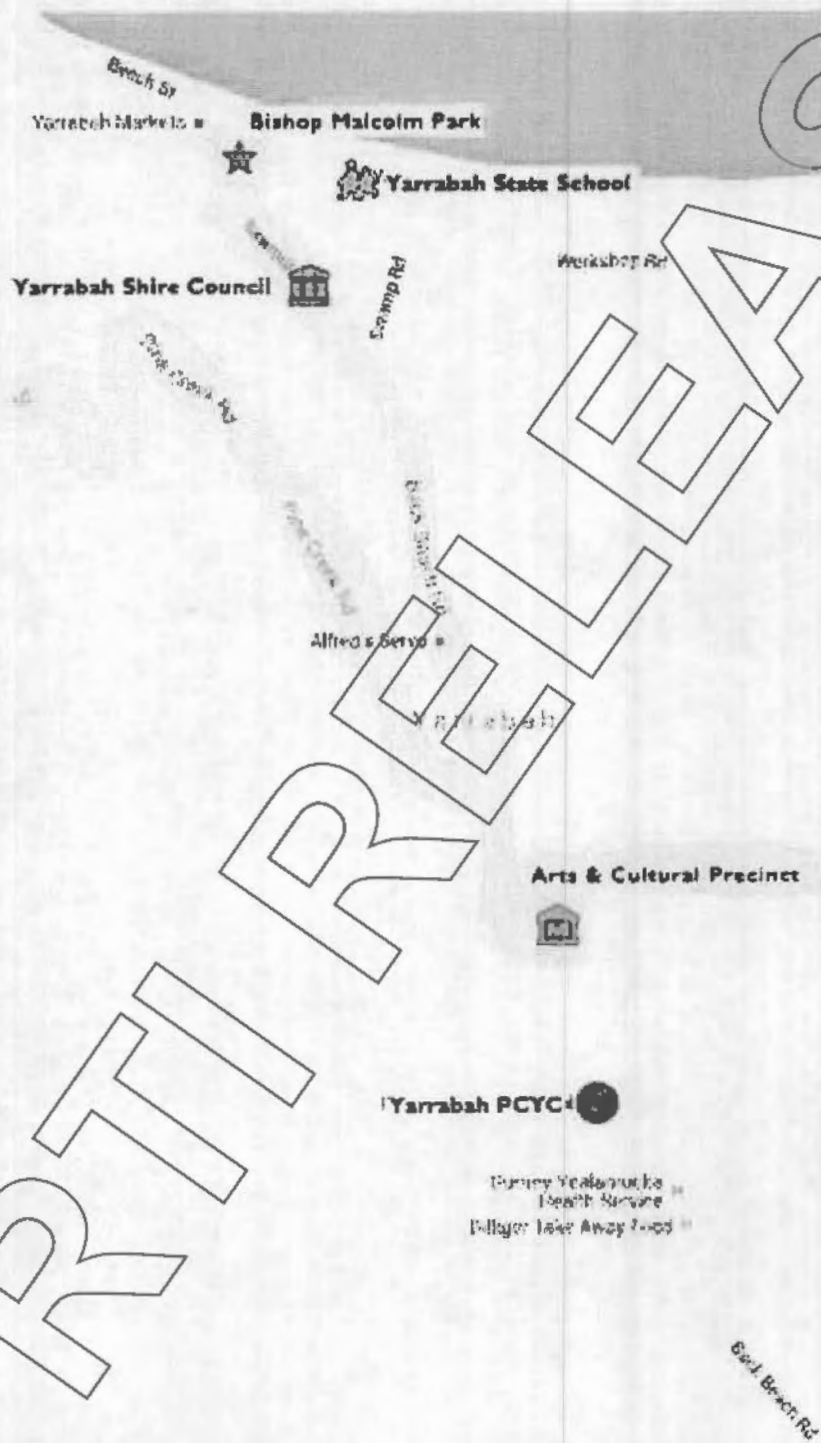
Yarrabah is an Aboriginal community which lies south east, about a 60km drive, of Cairns. However the township is only about 10km east of Cairns. The first Yarrabah Community Aboriginal Council was established in 1965 and in 1986 the Yarrabah Community Council became self-governing after receiving a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT). The Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji – Gunggandji Peoples are recognised as the Traditional Owners of the southern area of the DOGIT and various parcels around Yarrabah.



**Function** - Yarrabah Art and Cultural Precinct, Back Beach Road

**Show** - Bishop Malcolm Park, Gribble Street

The function venue (Art and Cultural Precinct) is 2.5km (5minute drive) from the event venue (Bishop Malcolm Park).



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## EVENT BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Official Opening of the Yarrabah Indigenous Knowledge Centre – Yarrabah</b>		
<b>DATE OF EVENT</b>	<b>Thursday, 19 November 2015 12:30pm to 2:00pm Indigenous Knowledge Centre – 1 Noble Drive, Yarrabah</b>		
Contact Officer	Marika Seden, Principal Engagement and Planning Officer (Yarrabah), RILIPO, 4039 8685	Reference No.	DATSIP 08959-2015
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Community Participation	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. Information to support your Official Opening of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre in Yarrabah on Thursday, 19 November 2015.

### ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT

2. The following departmental officers will be attending the event:
  - Ms Clare O'Connor, Director-General.
  - Ms Ainslie Barron, Acting Executive Director, Community Participation.
  - Mrs Marika Seden, Principal Engagement and Planning Officer, RILIPO.

### BACKGROUND

3. Working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Shire Councils, the State Library of Queensland has established 25 Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs) across Queensland.
4. The \$1.9 million Yarrabah IKC was fully funded by the Bligh Labor Government in 2012 through the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
5. The IKC replaces the former Library, which was more than 30 years old and suffered damage during Cyclones Larry and Yasi.
6. Metrobuild Construction Pty Ltd was awarded the construction contract, which ran for approximately 32 weeks. A local indigenous foreperson, apprentice, and labourers were employed for the duration.
7. IKCs are owned, managed and staffed by local Aboriginal Councils or the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.
8. The State Library of Queensland facilitates the establishment of these centres, and provides ongoing support through staff training and delivery of programs to sustain knowledge transfer.
9. The IKC will support the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council to:
  - empower the community through access to new technologies and improved literacy and learning opportunities

- provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members with access to free Internet, skills training and resources for the long-term benefit of their communities
- embrace local knowledge, culture and heritage
- share experiences from a rich and dynamic Indigenous world.

IKCs act as community hubs and centres for cultural activities and learning.

10. The Yarrabah IKC will provide the community with a range of valuable tools to read, write, create and communicate, through access to free Internet, computers, books, educational resources, theatre and films.

## ISSUES

11. You will be speaking at this event. Draft Speaking Points are at Attachment 2.
12. A draft Media Release has also been prepared and is at Attachment 3.

## RECOMMENDATION

13. It is recommended that you **note** the following information to support your attendance at the Official opening of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre in Yarrabah on Thursday, 19 November 2015:
- Attachment 1—Run Sheet
  - Attachment 2—Speaking Points
  - Attachment 3—Draft Media Release

*Original endorsed by DG as per the attached 11/12/2015*

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 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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- ## ISSUES

- ## RECOMMENDATION

- Clare O'Connor**

**Director-General**

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 11/1/2015

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### Comments

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### Treasurer

**Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations**

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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**RUN SHEET****Official Opening of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre**

**Thursday, 19 November 2015**  
**12:30pm to 2:00pm**

<b>Event:</b>	Official Opening of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre – Yarrabah
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 19 November 2015
<b>Time:</b>	12:30pm to 2:00pm (includes lunch)
<b>Location:</b>	1 Noble Drive Yarrabah
<b>Acknowledgements:</b>	The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP – Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Councillor Errol Neal – Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Sonia Cooper – Acting CEO and State Librarian, State Library of Queensland Ms Cynthia Rowan – Executive Manager, Indigenous Library Services
<b>Key Speakers:</b>	The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP – Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Sonia Cooper – Acting CEO and State Librarian, State Library of Queensland Councillor Errol Neal – Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
<b>Master of Ceremonies:</b>	Mr Gilmore Johnson
<b>Format:</b>	Standing room with seating for Elders.
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<b>Official Opening Indigenous Knowledge Centre – from 12:30pm to 1:00pm</b>	
12:30pm – 12:31pm	Master of Ceremonies (MC), Mr Gilmore Johnson moves to lectern to provide initial welcome
12:31pm – 12:32pm	MC welcomes guests and introduces Father Vincent Sands to share in Opening prayer
12:32pm – 12:34pm	Opening prayer (allow 2 minutes)
12:34pm – 12:35pm	MC introduces Evelyn Noble (Snr) to conduct Welcome to Country
12:35pm – 12:38pm	Welcome to Country (allow 3 minutes)
12:38pm – 12:39pm	MC thanks Evelyn Noble (Snr)
	MC introduces the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
12:39pm – 12:42pm	Minister moves onstage; speaks (allow 3 minutes)

12:42pm – 12:43pm	MC thanks the Minister; Minister leaves the stage
	MC introduces Ms Sonia Cooper, Acting CEO and State Librarian, State Library of Queensland
12:43pm – 12:46pm	Ms Sonia Cooper moves onstage; speaks (allow 3 minutes)
12:46pm – 12:47pm	MC thanks Ms Cooper; Ms Cooper leaves the stage
	MC introduces the Mayor to deliver key address
12:47pm – 12:50pm	Mayor Neal moves onstage; speaks (allow 3 minutes)
12:50pm – 12:51pm	MC thanks Mayor Neal; Mayor Neal leaves the stage
	MC introduces (delivers short bio about dancers) and welcomes Dancers to take stage
12:51pm – 12:56pm	Dance performance by primary school students (allow 5 minutes)
12:56pm – 12:57pm	MC thanks the dancers; performers leave the stage
	MC welcomes the Minister to officially unveil the plaque and officially open the Centre
12:57pm – 12:59pm	Minister to officially unveil the plaque (allow 2 minutes)
12:59pm – 1:00pm	MC thanks the Minister; MC welcomes Evelyn Noble (Snr), Gunggandji Elder to cut the ribbon
1:00pm – 1:03pm	Evelyn Noble (Snr) officially cuts the ribbon, with the Minister and Mayor Neal (allow 3 minutes, which includes a photo op for Media)
1:03pm – 1:04pm	MC thanks Evelyn Noble (Snr), Minister Pitt, Mayor Neal, dignitaries and guests
1:04pm – 1:05pm	MC encourages function guests and Summit delegates to gather for lunch in the grounds of the IKC
1:05pm	<b>Formal function concludes</b>
1:05pm – 2:00pm	<b>Summit lunch</b>





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**Speech notes**

**For**

**The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**

**Treasurer**

**Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations**

**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**

**Partnerships**

**Official Opening of the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre**

**Thursday, 19 November 2015**

**12:30pm to 2:00pm**



## **TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Gunggandji [PRON: Guhn-gan-ji] Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and Elders past and present on whose land this event is taking place.
- I sincerely thank them as the First Australians for their careful custodianship, over countless generations and generations to come, of the lands, winds and waters that we all now share.

## **OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Councillor Errol Neal, Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Sonia Cooper, Chief Executive Officer and State Librarian
- Cynthia Rowan, Executive Manager, Indigenous Library Services
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- I am so pleased to be able to officially open the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre. This is a day that I, along with many others in the Yarrabah community, have been looking forward to for a long time.

## BODY

- This brand new Indigenous Knowledge Centre represents a commitment to life-long learning for generations now, and those to come, here in Yarrabah.
- It is also a significant commitment by the Government that committed \$1.9 million, or 100 per cent of funding under the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program, to replace the old library that was damaged by Cyclones Larry and Yasi.
- This Centre is a space to read, write, create and communicate. It's a place for all ages; it's a place to discover new books and films.
- It's a place to connect with communities across the globe, sharing stories about life in Yarrabah, about cultural and family connections, sharing knowledge and learning.
- Within the walls of this fantastic space, all community members – parents and kids, aunties and uncles and grandparents – will have access to vital resources, to important tools that can help strengthen this vibrant community.

- The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, who will manage and staff this great new facility, is making a strong commitment to empowering the local community through new technologies, literacy and learning. I thank them for their ongoing commitment and support of the Centre.
- I also thank the State Library of Queensland. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Centre that the Library has facilitated, and their ongoing support, through staff training, refreshing collections and delivering programs, sustains the transfer of knowledge and will help to ensure the ongoing success of this Centre.

## **CONCLUSION**

- And finally, I would like to thank you, too. To everyone in the Yarrabah community who has worked so hard to make this Centre a reality – we all have a lot to celebrate.
- And so, it is with enormous pride and pleasure, I declare the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre officially open.

**<ENDS>**

## Indigenous Knowledge Centre brings new opportunities to Yarrabah

The Yarrabah community has a brand new space to read, write, create and communicate with the opening of the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre, opened by Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Curtis Pitt, today.

"Yarrabah has been keen to have an Indigenous Knowledge Centre for some time, so it's great to see this wonderful facility open for the community," Minister Pitt said.

"The new IKC will open up great opportunities for all age-groups, providing access to the internet, computers, books, education resources, theatre and films. It will also be a hub for community activities, cultural activities and learning.

"Having access to these vital resources will empower individuals and provide important tools to help strengthen the community," he said.

"I've been supporting the opening of an IKC in Yarrabah for many years, so I'm excited and proud to see how it has all come together in this fantastic new facility."

Minister for Science and Innovation Leeanne Enoch said the IKC would provide the Yarrabah community with access to the latest technology, literacy and learning opportunities.

"This centre will provide local residents with the tools to explore opportunities and to share rich and dynamic community experiences, ensuring local stories and culture remain alive for future generations," she said.

"It is a place for the people of Yarrabah to connect with their own community and the world beyond."

The Knowledge Centre will be staffed and managed by the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council. The new centre will enable the council to empower the community through new technologies, literacy and learning.

"With access to a range of digital and physical resources, the community will have up-to-date tools to support local knowledge, culture and heritage" Minister Pitt said. "They'll also be able to share their voices and experiences, sharing the richness of their strong and vibrant culture across generations."

The newest Indigenous Knowledge Centre brings the total number of IKCs across Queensland to 25. The State Library of Queensland funds and facilitates the centres, providing ongoing support through staff training, refreshing collections, and delivering programs to sustain the transfer of knowledge.

Action	Name	Title	Phone	Date
Drafted	Maree Kimberley	Communication Officer	34048110	09/11/2015
Unapproved	Sian Breen	Manager, Communication Services	3235 4533	17/11/2015
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Approved	Ron Weatherall	Deputy Director-General, Community Participation	3235 9495	12/11/2015
Unapproved	Clare O'Connor	Director-General	3405 3059	

Draft Media Release

For immediate release,

Acting State Librarian, Sonia Cooper, said the State Library is proud to support the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council establish their knowledge centre.

"These wonderful centres support the Queensland Government's commitment to improving the effectiveness and availability of services, programs and information for all people and their communities.

"Through important initiatives like the IKCs, the State Library seeks to empower communities by providing access to new technologies, literacy and learning, and sharing experiences from the local Indigenous history, language and culture."

For more information on the network of Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland, including locations and opening hours, visit <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about-us/indigenous-knowledge-centres>.

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Media contact:

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## EVENT BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Gunggandji Rangers Graduation Day</b>		
<b>DATE OF EVENT</b>	<b>Friday, 19 February 2016 at 12:00pm–2:30pm</b>		
Contact Officer	Trevor Crawford, Manager, FNQ Region, 4232 4206	Reference No.	DATSIP 00730-2016
Approved by	Ron Weatherall, DDG Policy	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To provide you with information to support your attendance at the Gunggandji Rangers Graduation Day on Friday, 19 February 2016. The launch will be held at the James Noble Sports Complex, Back Beach Road, Yarrabah and is scheduled from 12:00pm–2:30pm.

### ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT

2. The following people will be in attendance at this event.
  - The Honourable Warren Entsch MP, Member for Leichhardt
  - Mr Tim North representing Reef Magic
  - Mr Anthony Satrick, Chief Executive Officer representing the Gunggandji Prescribed Body Corporate
  - Mr David Crea, Senior Advisor, Environment Department Indigenous Recognition Divisions, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
3. Mr Allen Cunneen, Acting Deputy Director General, Infrastructure and Coordination and Ms Noeleen Selke, Regional Director, Far North Queensland Region, will be the departmental representatives attending this event.

### BACKGROUND

4. The Yarrabah Gunggandji Peoples Native Title was determined in December 2011.
5. In 2015, the State and Commonwealth Governments supported the registered Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) Gunggandji Aboriginal Corporation to commence the Gunggandji Land and Sea Ranger Management Program.
6. The Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation is the host organisation for the Gunggandji Land and Sea Ranger Management Program.
7. The Graduation Ceremony is a celebration of the first group of Rangers to complete a Certificate III in Conservation Land Management. This group of Rangers has successfully completed the 24 month course in conjunction with Cairns TAFE within nine months.
8. The Ranger Program will provide opportunities for Traditional Owners in partnership with the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council to develop sustainable outcomes in caring for country that produce business and higher educational pathways to employment.



9. The Gunggandji Rangers will manage the natural and cultural values of Gunggandji country surrounding the Yarrabah community to undertake fire, weed and feral animal management.
10. The Gunggandji Rangers will also conserve marine and threatened species in partnership with neighbouring Indigenous land managers and management authorities.
11. The Graduating Rangers are:
  - Ms April Thomas
  - Mr Paul Sexton
  - Mr Harrison Smith
  - Mr Justin Neal.
12. In addition, Yarrabah's first school based trainee, Mr Jimmito Harris, has graduated from the program and has begun his Certificate III in Conservation Land Management with full-time employment within the organisation. He will be mentoring the next school based trainee who is commencing in March 2016.
13. Stakeholders who may be involved in the delivery of the Gunggandji Land and Sea Ranger Program include:
  - Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
  - Yarrabah State Secondary Campus
  - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
  - Wet Tropics Management Authority
  - Reef Magic
  - Terrain Natural Resource Management
  - James Cook University
  - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
  - Cairns TAFE.
14. The Ranger Program will focus on the management and maintenance of Gunggandji Land and Sea Country providing the foundations to develop business and community enterprise and activities which will support work skills, employment connections, and jobs in Land and Sea management and the wider regional tourism and marine industries.

## ISSUES

15. Community relationships
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16. The requested Guest List will be provided directly to the Minister's Office once the department has received it.


## RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

17. Ms Kathy Hare from QB Consulting has provided the background information and supporting documentation.


**RECOMMENDATION**

18. It is recommended that you **note** the following information to support your attendance at the Gunggandji Rangers Graduation Day on Friday, 19 February 2016:

- Attachment 1—Protocol Form
- Attachment 2—Speaking Points
- Attachment 3—Run Sheet
- Attachment 4—Guest List
- Attachment 5—Draft Media Release
- Attachment 6—Draft Gunggandji Land and Sea Country Plan
- Attachment 7—Draft Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC Strategic Business Plan 2014–2017
- Attachment 8—Ms April Thomas Biography
- Attachment 9—Mr Paul Sexton Biography
- Attachment 10—Mr Harrison Smith Biography
- Attachment 11—Mr Justine Neal Biography
- Attachment 12—Mr Jimmito Harris Biography

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships 17/2/2016

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HON. CURTIS PITT MP Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport		
19/02/2016		

To confirm the attendance of The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP at your function, could you please kindly complete the following form and return it no later than **two weeks prior** to the function date. The office will also require **final** versions of the following:

- ☐ Running sheet
- ☐ Guest list
- ☐ Seating arrangements for Assistant Minister's table
- ☐ Background information
- ☐ List of acknowledgments

Should you have any queries, please contact **Hayley Lockyer**, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer on **3719-7215**. Please return this completed form to [Hayley.lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Hayley.lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

<b>Name of organisation</b>	Gunggandji RNTCB Aboriginal Corporation
<b>Day, date and time of function</b> (start to finish)	Friday, 19 February 2016 12:00pm–2:30pm
<b>Arrival time</b> (due to Treasurer's schedule, please advise latest possible arrival time)	12:00pm
<b>Departure time</b> (due to Treasurer's schedule, please advise earliest possible departure time)	2:30pm
<b>Venue</b> (please be specific)	Yarrabah PCYC Complex, Back Beach Road, Yarrabah Qld 4871
<b>Treasurer's role</b>	Guest Speaker
<b>If the Treasurer has a speaking role, is he required to address a particular topic?</b> (if yes, please provide an outline)	Reflection on our Junior Ranger Education Program and the transition pathway to employment. The strategy, which has been successful through this organisation in developing relationships between the education providers and the cultural land managers (Gunggandji).
<b>Dress requirement</b> (for example: smart/casual, business suit, black tie)	Smart Casual
<b>Person to contact about the function</b> (name, position, phone number)	Mr Anthony Satrick <a href="mailto:anthony.satrick@gpbcac.org">anthony.satrick@gpbcac.org</a> Mobile: <input type="text"/>
<b>Car parking arrangements</b> (to assist the Treasurer's driver, please provide as much detail as possible)	Car park available – front of PCYC Complex
<b>Who will meet the Treasurer on his arrival?</b> (name, position, phone number)	Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors.
<b>Entrance at which the Treasurer should arrive</b>	Open Complex

<b>SPEECH DETAILS</b> <i>(delete this section if Treasurer has no speaking role)</i>	
<b>Who funded this event and in what proportions?</b>	<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> —Indigenous Advancement Strategy – \$2.17 million over five years (2013–14 to 2017–18); the last four years provides an average of \$500,000 per annum.  <b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b> - \$70,000 (approx.)
<b>Length of speech</b> <i>(should be no longer than 15 minutes)</i>	10 minutes
<b>Will the speech be delivered outdoors?</b>	Yes
<b>Will the audience be seated?</b>	Yes
<b>Will there be a lectern and microphone?</b>	Yes
<b>VIP acknowledgements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honourable Warren Entsch MP, Member for Leichardt</li> <li>• Councillor Errol Neal, Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council</li> <li>• Traditional Owners</li> <li>• Elders</li> <li>• Board of Directors and Members</li> <li>• Distinguished Guests</li> </ul>
<b>People to thank</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gunggandji RNTCB Aboriginal Corporation</li> <li>• Reef Magic</li> <li>• The Community</li> </ul>
<b>Audience profile and anticipated numbers</b>	Commonwealth and State Members, Traditional Owners, Community Members.
<b>Media coverage</b>	Yes



**Queensland  
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**Speech notes**

**For**

**The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**

**Treasurer**

**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

**Minister for Sport**

**Gunggandji Rangers Graduation Day**

**Friday, 19 February 2016**



## **TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Gunggandji (PRON: Gun-gan-ji) people who are Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which this event is taking place.

I also acknowledge the Elders who are here today along with those who have passed before us and sincerely thank them as the First Australians for their careful custodianship, over countless generations and for generations to come, of the lands, winds and waters that we all now share.

## **OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- The Honorable Warren Entsch, Member for Leichardt
- Councillor Errol Neal, Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Ms Ailsa Lively
- Mr Mandingalbay Yidinji (PRON: Mun-ding-gil-bi Yee-din-gee)
- Mr Dale Mundraby
- Traditional Owners
- Elders and distinguished guests
- Ladies and gentlemen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

It gives me great pleasure to be able to attend this special event and welcome everyone here for the Gunggandji Land and Sea Rangers Graduation Day here at Yarrabah.

It is wonderful to see so many representatives from the Community, Council and local businesses here on this important occasion.

I might also mention that it's great to see the media here supporting this important launch event.

## **BODY**

As many of you know, Gunggandji country contains a great diversity of environments including rainforest, coastal plains, freshwater wetlands, beaches, mangroves, coral reefs, islands and the waters off the Coral Sea.

In 2012, the Gunggandji Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation consulted with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a Land and Sea Country Plan for the Gunggandji country.

With the support of State and Commonwealth funding, the Gunggandji Land and Sea Rangers Program was developed which has culminated in today's Graduation Ceremony.

The Queensland Government is dedicated to supporting the independence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with employment opportunities to manage their traditional country.

The Gunggandji Ranger Program will be integral to caring for country. The value of Traditional Owners caring for their country is fundamental from an environmental, cultural, and economic perspective.





Combined with their strong relationship with the land, the Gunggandji people will share their knowledge to educate the broader community to maintain the cultural identity of the area.

I am confident with the recognition of these graduates that we will have quality management and wildlife protection at the forefront of their activities.

## **CONCLUSION**

Congratulations go to Reef Magic Cruises and the Gunggandji PBC who have been instrumental in providing an education pathway for the graduates to participate in the program.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the graduates today for their commitment and vision to manage and preserve Gunggandji country, and wish them every success for the future.

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**Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC**

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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE**  
**GUNGANDJI LAND & SEA RANGERS**  
**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**WHEN: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH 2016**

**TIME: 12PM — 2:30PM**

**WHERE: REV. JAMES NOBLE SPORTS COMPLEX**  
**BACK BEACH ROAD, YARRABAH**

**CATERED LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE CEREMONY**



**"HEALTHY LAND AND SEA COUNTRY.**  
**STRONG GUNGANDJI CULTURE.**  
**HAND WITH PRIDE TO THE NEXT GENERATION.**  
**AND FAR INTO THE FUTURE"**



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## **GUNGANDJI RANGERS GRADUATION CEREMONY**

### **AGENDA**

**12PM - WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

**12:10PM - TRADITIONAL DANCE**

**12:30PM - CEO ADDRESS**

**12:40PM - SPEECHES AND ADDRESSES**

**12:50-1:15PM - GUEST SPEAKER OPPORTUNITIES**

**1:15PM-1:30PM - GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**LUNCH & CLOSE**



Department of Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

**Yarrabah Gunggandji Rangers Graduation Ceremony**

**Friday, 19 February 2016**

**Invitee List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
The Honourable Warren Entsch MP	Member for Leichhardt
Mr Errol Neal Ms Janelle Menzies	Mayor, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Ms Ailsa Lively Ms Gwen Schrieber	Yarrabah Elders (Note: Ms Lively is the first Indigenous person to purchase a Social Housing dwelling in Queensland.)
Mr David Crea	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Mr Jimmy Richards	Ranger Coordinator
Mr Vince Mundraby	Djunbunji Ranger Program
Mr Gavin Singleton	Irukanji Ranger Program
Ms Noeleen Selke Ms Marika Seden	Regional Director, Far North Queensland Region, DATSIP Principal Engagement and Planning Officer, RILIPO, DATSIP
Mr Boyd Lenne	Cairns Campus TAFE
Mr Paul Cochrane Mr Gordon Johnston Mr Brian Singleton Mr Russel Reichardt	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Ms M'lis Flynn, Ms Rebecca Lagerroth	Wet Tropics Management Authority
Mr Chris Billett Mr Pat Kirby Mr Bruce Lawson	Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing - Marine Parks
Ms Marie Taylor Mr Tim North	Reef Magic
Ms Joanne Bryant	Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Department of Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

**Yarrabah Gunggandji Rangers Graduation Ceremony**

**Friday, 19 February 2016**

**Invitee List**

**Local Leadership Information**

Group	Name
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Mayor: Councillor Errol Neal CEO: Ms Janelle Menzies
Traditional Owner leaders	<b>Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji</b> [PRON: Goon gan gee-mun ding gal bay Yi di gee]  <b>Peoples PBC Aboriginal Corporation (GMYPPBC)</b> Ms Ailsa Lively Mr Vince Mundraby Mr Dewayne Mundraby Mr Allan Oliver  <b>Gunggandji</b> [PRON: Goon gan gee] <b>PBC Aboriginal Corporation (GPBC)</b> Mr Anthony Satrick
Community Justice Group	Coordinator: Ms Lerissa Kynuna

## Gunggandji Rangers bring traditional expertise to caring for country

The graduation of the first Gunggandji Land and Sea Rangers in Yarrabah today is the realisation of an opportunity for local Indigenous to participate economically while caring for their country said Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt.

"Gunggandji country contains a great diversity of environments including rainforest, coastal plains, freshwater wetlands, beaches, mangroves, coral reefs, islands and the waters off the Coral Sea," Mr Pitt said.

"The value of traditional owners caring for their country is fundamental from an environmental, cultural and economic perspective."

Today's graduation is also a personal achievement for the four new Rangers: April Thomas, Paul Sexton, Harrison Smith and Justin Neal. Each completed their Certificate III in Conservation Land Management in only nine months.

The program, delivered in conjunction with Cairns TAFE, normally takes 24 months.

A fifth Ranger, Jimmito Harris, has completed his school-based traineeship and is embarking on the Certificate III course. He will also mentor the next school-based trainee through the program.

The Gunggandji Rangers will manage the natural and cultural values of Gunggandji country surrounding the Yarrabah community to undertake fire, weed and feral animal management.

At the same time, they will contribute to the conservation of marine and threatened species in partnership with neighbouring indigenous land managers and management authorities.

Speaking at the graduation, Mr Pitt said, "Combined with their strong relationship with the land, the Gunggandji people will share their knowledge to educate the broader community to maintain the cultural identity of the area."

Reef Magic Tours and Gunggandji Aboriginal Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) were instrumental in delivering the Land and Sea Rangers program in partnership with the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments.

Mr Pitt was enthusiastic about the opportunity the Gunggandji Rangers program offered the community.

"The value of traditional owners caring for their country is fundamental from an environmental, cultural and economic perspective," he said.

"Creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to participate economically while involving them in the care of their own country is a terrific win for everyone."

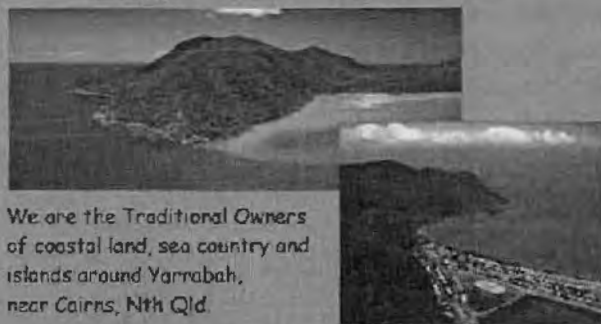
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Drafted	Sam Morrison	Communications Officer	3405 3047	15/02/2016
Approved	Lauren Leggate	Manager, Communications		15/02/2016
Approved	Noeleen Selke	Regional Director, Far North Queensland		15/02/2016
Unapproved	Allen Cunneen	A/Deputy Director-General, Infrastructure and Coordination		15/02/2016
Unapproved	Clare O'Connor	Director-General		/02/2016



# Draft GUNGGANDJI LAND AND SEA COUNTRY PLAN

## Gunggandji Country & People



We are the Traditional Owners of coastal land, sea country and islands around Yarrabah, near Cairns, Nth Qld.

## Cultural Values

Sites, stories & landscapes

Cultural practices



Gunggandji language  
Traditional knowledge  
Traditional management

## Natural Values

- ~ Wet Tropics World Heritage
- ~ Great Barrier Reef World Heritage
- ~ Important plants:  
Vine forests, mangroves & seagrass
- ~ Important animals:  
Cassowaries and other vulnerable species
- ~ Marine resources:  
Dugong & Turtles



## Vision for Country

We commit ourselves to:

- ~ Care for our country
- ~ Strengthen & pass on our culture
- ~ Benefit from managing country
- ~ Sustainably use our resources
- ~ Collaborate with Yarrabah community
- ~ Collaborate with neighbours
- ~ Collaborate with partners
- ~ Share our country with visitors

## Native Title

Gunggandji People's native title area includes:

- ~ Yarrabah township & northern part of DOGIT
- ~ 7,508ha Exclusive Native Title to:
  - Foreshores of Mission Bay, Cape Grafton, Turtle Bay, Wide Bay, Oombunghi Beach and part of Malbon Thompson Forest Reserve
- ~ Right to possess, occupy, use & enjoy to exclusion of others
- ~ ILUAs protect rights of residents and others
- ~ 789ha of Non-exclusive Native Title with rights to Access and take natural resources, fish and hunt



## Planning & Partnerships

Consultations and collaboration with:

- ~ Traditional Owners
- ~ Yarrabah Elders and Community
- ~ Hunters
- ~ Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- ~ Qld Parks and Wildlife Service
- ~ Fisheries Queensland
- ~ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)
- ~ Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)
- ~ Terrain NRM
- ~ Australian Government
- ~ Others who visit & use our country



## Priority Actions

Gunggandji Ranger Service:

- ~ Funding and Administration
- ~ Employment & Training
- ~ Partnerships

Dugong & Turtle management:

- ~ Consider negotiating a TUMRA
- ~ Provide information about sustainable hunting
- ~ Involve elders and hunters

Information gathering:

- ~ Published and unpublished data
- ~ Information from elders
- ~ Cultural heritage surveys
- ~ Information management system

Managing country

- ~ Pest, weed & fire management
  - ~ Controlling development
  - ~ Patrols on land and sea
- Supporting Culture
- ~ Language maintenance
  - ~ Involving youth and Elders

Protected Area management

- ~ Co-management with partners
- ~ Consider Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) to join up country

## Our History

Ownership & sustainable use of country since time immemorial

- 1893: Anglican mission established on Gunggandji country
- ~ Many other Aboriginal groups moved to Yarrabah Mission
- ~ Mission life was harsh and restrictive
- 1960s: Qld Government took control
- 1986: Deed of Grant in Trust and Community Council
- 2005: Aboriginal Shire established
- 2011: Gunggandji Native Title recognised
- 2012: Gunggandji Land and Sea Country Plan prepared

## Threats To Country

Unsustainable hunting / Pest animals and plants / Uncontrolled development  
Loss of cultural knowledge, practices and language  
Lack of resources for managing country / Climate Change



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# A Message from the Chairperson of the Board of Directors

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# Our History; Our Vision; Our Mission

## Our History

Gunggandji People have been the Traditional Owners of our coastal lands and waters since time immemorial. Our ancestors sustainably used and managed the resources of our land and sea country and they witnessed great changes over thousands of years. Our traditional stories tell of the rising of the sea and the flooding of large areas of coastal grasslands that now lie under the Coral Sea. Our ancestors witnessed the formation of Green Island, Rocky Island and Fitzroy Island as the sea rose higher.

We adapted our lives, our technologies and the way we managed resources as the environment changed around us. But the land under the sea is still part of Gunggandji country and we still care for sacred sites and Dreaming tracks that are now covered by the Coral Sea.

We continued to adapt as European invasion and settlement gradually impacted on our country, on our resources and our people. We witnessed Captain Cook sail his ship Endeavour into Mission Bay in 1770 and we documented his visit and later visits by other European mariners in our rock paintings.

Our first contact with Europeans was with beche-de-mer (sea slug) fishermen who established fishing camps on Fitzroy and Green Island in the 1850s to 1870s. Some of our people worked and traded with these fishermen, but sometimes we were exploited and treated badly by them. We also suffered raids from the Queensland Native Police who were clearing country for European settlement, but we were largely protected from the worst of the frontier violence by the natural barriers of the Murray Prior Range that separated our country from the growing township of Cairns.

Anglican missionary John Gribble established a mission at the present location of Yarrabah in 1892 with the support of Gunggandji elder Menmury, who was later made 'King' of the Mission as the leader of an Aboriginal Council that enforced mission rules. John Gribble died soon after establishing the mission and was replaced by his son Ernest who continued to encourage Aboriginal people from the surrounding region to join the mission. Over the next 120 years Gunggandji people adapted to the arrival of Aboriginal people from many parts of Queensland, as well as South Sea Islanders and Torres Strait Islanders who continue to live on our country and share our resources.

Fitzroy Island was part of the Anglican Aboriginal mission established at Yarrabah and was used to grow bananas, pawpaw, potatoes and cassava, but was subsequently excised from the mission and is now a national park.

The mission administration was replaced by Queensland Government administration in the 1960s, which in turn was replaced by an elected Community Council in the 1980s with the establishment of the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) over the former reserve lands. In 2005 the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council was established and then in December 2011 the determination of native title finally brought recognition that this land and by implication the adjacent marine areas together comprise Gunggandji country. We have negotiated agreements that protect the rights of other Yarrabah residents to live on our country and we are committed to work with them to sustainably use and manage the resources of our country.

## Gunggandji Country and Native Title

Gunggandji Country includes the coastal land and waters immediately to the east of Cairns, incorporating False Cape, Mission Bay and Rocky Island, the township of Yarrabah, Cape Grafton, Green Island, Fitzroy Island, the beaches, coastal waters and hinterland south of Yarrabah and parts of the Murray Prior Range to the west.

Gunggandji country contains a great diversity of environments including the rainforest clad slopes of the Murray Prior Range, grassy coastal plains, freshwater wetland, beaches, mangroves, salt pans, rocky headlands, coral reefs, continental islands and the coastal waters of the Coral Sea.



## Developing the Plan

In 2011 Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation received funding from GBRMPA's Reef rescue land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program to develop a Land and Sea Country Plan. In 2012 the corporation developed the plan for Gunggandji country, including the following stages:

- Consultations with Gunggandji People;
- Consultations with Yarrabah residents, including hunters and Elders;
- Consultations with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Consultations with government agencies with an interest in Gunggandji land and sea country, including:
  - Qld Parks and Wildlife Service
  - Fisheries Queensland
  - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)
  - Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)
  - Commonwealth Dept of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC)
  - Cairns Regional Council
  - Terrain NRM
- Consultations with commercial fishers, recreational fishers and conservation interests through the GBRMPA Cairns Local Management Advisory Committee;
- Research on documented natural and cultural values, possible threats to those values and current management arrangements; and
- Development of a draft Gunggandji Land and Sea Country Plan.

## Our Values

### Accountability

We will show leadership and a positive attitude and be disciplined within all areas of work.

### Commitment

We are committed to developing our people and quality of service

### Quality of Work

We believe in providing the highest quality of work that will meet the expectations of our clients, community and peers.

## Our Key Result Areas

“Key Result Areas” or KRAs refer to general areas of outputs or outcomes, which are actual to the organisations future development. Key Result Area in simple terms may be defined as the primary responsibilities of an individual, the core area for which each person is accountable.

### The Importance of Key Result Areas include:

- setting goals and objectives;
- prioritising activities, and therefore improving time/work management;
- making value-added decisions;
- clarifying roles of the organisation and/or individuals;
- focusing on results rather than activities;
- aligning roles to the organisation's Strategic Business Plan; and
- communicating their role's purposes to others.

### The Key Result Areas for Gunggandji for 2014 – 2017 include:

1. Core Services and Risk Management
2. Partnerships
3. Human Resource Management
4. Corporate Governance



## 2. Partnerships

The Land and Sea Country Plan identified key partners and associated activities and responsibilities within those relationships.

Specific Objectives	Lead Agent	Timelines
Convene meetings of the Gunggandji Land and Sea Country Advisory Group.	L&SCF	Quarterly
Develop a partnership management plan to maintain ongoing contact with partners.	CEO	30 June 2015
Develop ILUA monitoring plan to support Partners in their implementation of negotiated ILUA.	CEO / Board	30 December 2015
Develop collaborative strategies to source funding opportunities.	CEO	30 June 2015
Develop strategies with partners to share resources.	L&SCF	1 December 2014
Continue to develop partnerships with James Cook University (JCU), Tafe facilities and local schools	CEO / L&SCF	30 June 2015
Engage with management partners to be involved in monitoring and minimising the impacts of climate change, and to develop adaptive solutions where necessary.	CEO	Ongoing

L&SCF - Land and Sea Country Facilitator  
CLO - Community Liaison Officer

## 4. Corporate Governance

All Board's under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act ('CATSI Act') must have strong governance structures in place to manage risks to the organisation and individual Board Members.

Specific Objectives	Lead Agent	Timelines
Design and implement CEO Performance Planning and Review Process including key objectives and behaviours.	Board	1 October / 30 June Annually
Develop and implement Governance Policy Manual.	CLO	31 July 2014
Develop Delegations of Authority document.	CLO	31 July 2014
Develop Board Induction program to ensure understanding of legislative obligations.	CEO	Mid December 2014
Development and design of CEO Position Description	Chairperson	1 October 2014
Performance and Review of Board	CEO	1 October 2014
Design and Development of agree annual Budget	Treasurer	31 July 2014
Review and Design of updated rules	Board	1 October 2014
Development of decision making model to support best practice decision making about new developments.	CEO	30 June 2015
Development of processes and agreements to monitor and manage the impacts of new and existing developments.	CEO	30 June 2015

L&SCF - Land and Sea Country Facilitator  
CLO - Community Liaison Officer



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# Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

Pages 685 through 687 redacted for the following reasons:

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Third party personal information

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# MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION REQUEST FORM

### Queensland Government

☐ Treasury
 ☐ Sport  
☒ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Request date:	10 February 2016	DUE to MO: (date/time)	Wednesday 17 February 2016
MO Ref:	913	Dept Ref:	DATSIP 00730-2016
Service Area:	FNQ Region, Regional Operations, EP		

#### PLEASE PREPARE:

- ☐ Pre-brief Required  
☒ Meeting / Event Briefing Note for Information  
☐ Briefing Note for Information  
☐ Trip Brief (tick specific components below)
- ☐ Hot Issues   ☐ Event/s or Visits   ☐ Funding  
☐ Stakeholders   ☐ Demographics   ☐ Community Profile  
☐ Key Indicators/NAPLAN
- ☒ Other   Protocol, run sheet, guest list
- ☒ Departmental Officer required to attend
- ☒ Speaking Points  
☒ Draft Media Release  
☐ Biography and photographs of attendees

#### DETAILS OF MEETING / FUNCTION:

Date:	Friday 19 February 2016	Time:	12:00pm
Requested for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Department to Contact:	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Protocol Form sent to Organisation by TO	
Organisation Contact			
Organisation / Function:	Speak at Yarrabah Gunggandji Rangers Graduation day		
Venue:	Rev James Noble Complex, Yarrabah		

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- If venue for meeting is at Parliament House, departmental representative must meet for pre-briefing 15 minutes prior to meeting time unless otherwise advised.
- If speech and/or media release has been requested, please ensure liaison/consultation occurs with Communication Services in your department.

#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

##### MO Comments:

**DLO comments:** Please prepare an event brief, protocol form, run sheet, guest list, speaking points and draft media release. A copy of the invitation is attached. Please note that the Minister's Office requested that the department liaise with the event organiser to populate the protocol form. Please add Comms as info officer. Thanks, Tiff.

If you require any further assistance regarding this request please contact:

**FW: Invitation - Yarrabah Gunggandji Graduation Day- 19 February 2016**

Kristy.McMahon@ministerial.qld.gov.au

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Hi Hayley,

I have logged this invitation into Sharepoint.

The reference is 913.

Kind regards,

**Kristy McMahon**

Administration Officer

**Office of the Hon. Curtis Pitt MP**

Treasurer

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Minister for Sport

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Mr Curtis Pitt

Please be advised that you are invited to celebrate the Yarrabah Gunggandji Rangers Graduation day on the 19 February 2016 commencing at 12:00pm @ Rev James Noble Complex.

The Gunggandji Rangers have graduated in Cert 3 Conservation & Land Management which was completed in 9 months.

Attached is the invite and agenda of proceedings of this special day and we would appreciate if you would like to take this opportunity to be a guest speaker if you are available.

We look forward to our ongoing partnership managing land sea country and we thank you for your support in assisting in transforming our community.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us immediately.

Appreciation,

Anthony Satrick  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
GUNGANDJI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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## EVENT BRIEFING NOTE

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b>		
<b>FOR</b>	<b>Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Opening of the Yarrabah Drop in Hub</b>		
<b>DATE OF EVENT</b>	<b>Thursday, 3 March 2016 – 10:30am to 12:45pm</b>		
Contact Officer	Angela Shorten, RILIPO, 4039 8577	Reference No	DATSIP 00075-2016
Approved by	Allen Cunneen, Acting DDG Infrastructure and Coordination	Approved by	Clare O'Connor, Director-General

### PURPOSE

1. To provide you with information to support your attendance and speaking role at the Opening of the Yarrabah Drop in Hub (the Hub), Yarrabah on Thursday, 3 March 2016 from 10:30am to 12:45pm.

### ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT

2. The event will be held at the Old Council Chambers, behind the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Noble Street, Yarrabah.
3. Mr Allen Cunneen, Acting Deputy Director-General, Infrastructure and Coordination, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP), will attend the opening of the Hub representing Ms Clare O'Connor, Director-General, DATSIP.

### BACKGROUND

4. The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (the Council) developed this facility as a Council-driven community service to address night-time youth crime and break-ins. It will be run by volunteers from 9:00pm to 3:00am, seven days per week.
5. The Council has arranged the Hub as a place for youth who have nowhere else to go to talk with an Elder. A light snack will also be provided.
6. Council has funded its development, using an existing building. To date, no Queensland or Commonwealth Government funding has been provided for the development of the Hub.
7. Council has requested donations for furniture, board games and similar items for the Hub.
8. No Guest List has been supplied on the advice from Council. Attendees will include Council members and the local community.
9. All avenues have been exhausted by the department to locate any Biographies.

### ISSUES

10. The department is not aware of any issues that may be raised at this event.

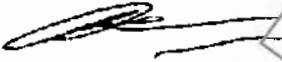
### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. DATSIP will donate \$1,000 to the Council to assist with the fitout of the Hub.


**RECOMMENDATION**

12. It is recommended that you **note** the following information to support your attendance at the Yarrabah Drop in Hub on Thursday, 3 March 2016 from 10.30am to 12.45pm:

- Attachment 1—Protocol Form
- Attachment 2—Speaking Points
- Attachment 3—Draft Media Release
- Attachment 4—Run Sheet
- Attachment 5—Photographs of Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Councillors

  
 Clare O'Connor  
 Director-General

Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships / 1.3/2016

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noted
<b>Comments</b>		
		
<b>HON. CURTIS PITT MP</b> Treasurer Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Sport		
03/03/2016		

To confirm the attendance of The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP at your function, could you please kindly complete the following form and return it no later than **two weeks prior** to the function date. The office will also require **final** versions of the following:

- ☐ Running sheet
- ☐ Guest list
- ☐ Seating arrangements for Assistant Minister's table
- ☐ Background information
- ☐ List of acknowledgments

Should you have any queries, please contact Hayley Lockyer, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer on 3719-7215.

Please return this completed form to [Hayley.lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Hayley.lockyer@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

<b>Name of organisation</b>	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
<b>Day, date and time of function</b> (start to finish)	Thursday, 3 March 2016 10:30am to 12:45pm
<b>Arrival time</b> (due to Treasurer's schedule, please advise latest possible arrival time)	10:25am
<b>Departure time</b> (due to Treasurer's schedule, please advise earliest possible departure time)	12:45pm
<b>Venue</b> (please be specific)	Old Council Chambers, behind the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Noble Street, Yarrabah.
<b>Treasurer's role</b>	To deliver a speech and officially open the Drop in Hub.
<b>If the Treasurer has a speaking role, is he required to address a particular topic?</b>	The Opening of the Drop in Hub and how this will be a positive outcome for the community.
<b>Dress requirement</b>	Smart/Casual
<b>Person to contact about the function</b>	Ms Janelle Menzies, Chief Executive Officer Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Ph: 4056 9120 / Mobile: <input type="text" value="Mobile phone numbers"/>
<b>Car parking arrangements</b>	Noble Street, in front of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre.
<b>Who will meet the Treasurer on his arrival?</b>	Councillor Errol Neal Mayor Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Mobile: <input type="text"/>
<b>Entrance at which the Treasurer should arrive</b>	Mayor Neal will direct on the day.

**SPEECH DETAILS** *(delete this section if Treasurer has no speaking role)*

<b>Who funded this event and in what proportions?</b>	The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.
<b>Length of speech</b> <i>(should be no longer than 15 minutes)</i>	Less than five minutes.
<b>Will the speech be delivered outdoors?</b>	Yes.
<b>Will the audience be seated?</b>	Some older people may be seated however it will primarily be a standing event.
<b>Will there be a lectern and microphone?</b>	To be advised.
<b>VIP acknowledgements</b>	The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Errol Neal</li> <li>• Councillor Mark Wilson, Deputy Mayor</li> <li>• Ms Janelle Menzies, Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>• Councillor Henry Miller</li> <li>• Councillor Malcolm Canendo</li> <li>• Councillor Bevan Walsh</li> </ul>
<b>People to thank</b>	The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council for organising the event and inviting the Minister to participate.
<b>Audience profile and anticipated numbers</b>	Approximately 50 people consisting of local community members.
<b>Media coverage</b>	A Media Release has been prepared. Ms Christine Howes, Koori Mail Newspaper may be present at the opening (to be advised).



**Queensland  
Government**

**Speech notes**

**For**

**The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**

**Treasurer**

**Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships**

**Minister for Sport**

**Opening of the Yarrabah Drop in Hub**

**Thursday, 3 March 2016**



## **TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Gunngandji [PRON: GOON-GAN-JEE] Traditional Owners, and Custodians of the land on which this event is taking place and Elders past and present.

## **OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- I would also like to acknowledge the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mayor Errol Neal
- Ladies & gentlemen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

I would like to welcome everyone to today's opening of the Yarrabah Drop in Hub.

## **BODY**

This is a great addition to the community of Yarrabah.

For young and old, and all ages between, the idea of having a spot in the town where anyone can pop in, relax with a cuppa and have a chat is a great concept.

While I am sure everyone will enjoy this place, it is especially important for the youth of Yarrabah.

It will be a welcoming, open space where they can relax, maybe over a Milo or a board game and be with friends.



It will also provide a chance for young people to meet up with the older generation and discuss issues that are important to them now, or in the future.

## **CONCLUSION**

Thank you very much for attending this great event and joining me in wishing all the best for the success of the Hub.

Congratulations to the Council for their efforts in making this Drop in Hub a reality.

It is now my pleasure to officially declare that the Yarrabah Drop in Hub is open.

**<ENDS>**





For release:

## Drop-in centre to become hub of Yarrabah community

A new drop-in community centre in Yarrabah will give locals a welcoming space to interact with each other and their Elders, says Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt.

Speaking at the opening of the Yarrabah Drop-in Hub, Mr Pitt emphasised the importance of the hub to young people in the community.

"While I am sure everyone will enjoy this place, it is especially important for the youth of Yarrabah," Mr Pitt said.

"It'll be a welcoming, open space where they can chill, maybe over a Milo or a board game and be with friends.

"It will also provide a chance for young people to meet up with the older generation and discuss things – things that are important, whether these be things happening now or things that happened long ago."

Volunteer police and Elders will staff the Yarrabah Drop in Hub from the evening until early morning, seven days a week, as part of the local Council's efforts to address youth crime at night.

"Giving these young people a safe, inviting place to go in the evenings gives them another way to stay out of trouble and keep their lives on track," Mr Pitt said.

"Congratulations to the Council for their efforts in making this Drop-in Hub a reality."

Yarrabah Council is seeking donations to outfit the Hub with furniture, games and the like. The Queensland Government has donated \$1000 to assist with the fit out of the Hub.

If you would like to donate to the Yarrabah Drop in Hub, please contact Ms Janelle Menzies, CEO Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, on 4056 9120 / Mobile phone numbers

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# RUN SHEET

## OPENING OF THE YARRABAH DROP IN HUB

Thursday, 3 March 2016

10:30am	<p>Opening Prayer Welcome to Country Welcome from Mayor</p> <p>Minister Pitt to officially open the Drop In Hub with an <b>Elder (TBC)</b></p>	<p>Old Council Chambers, behind the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Noble Street, Yarrabah</p>
11:00am	Dancers and entertainment	
12:00pm	Sit down spit roast Lunch	Indigenous Knowledge Centre
12:45pm	Minister Pitt departs Yarrabah	



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