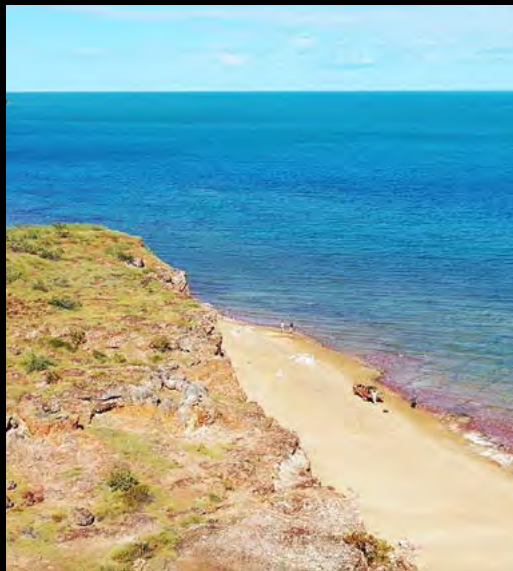




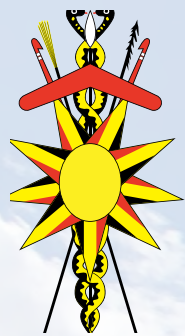
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## CEO's Update

Hard to believe we're already heading into the final quarter of 2021!

We have some wonderful news to share with you all in this edition.

This newsletter is loaded with updates of our busy organisation's activities and features some impressive images coming from our Ranger teams.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to the Waanyi Peoples on their second successful Consent Determination for their #2 Native Title Claim.

The Consent Determination judgement was handed down on 22 September 2021 at the BSC Nijinda Durlga Hall in Burketown by the Honourable Justice Burley through video link due to current Covid-19 restrictions preventing him from attending in person.

The event was celebrated by all that were able to attend on the day. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Applicants Gary Rockland, Terrence George, Lloyd O'Keefe and Ada Walden (unfortunately she could not attend in person due to ill health), the Waanyi Legal Team from Chalk & Behrendt, the Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (WNTAC PBC) and of course

the Waanyi Claimants who gave evidence.

CLCAC, as the Native Title Service Provider of the Lower Gulf Region is pleased to have once again assisted and supported our Language Groups to achieve another great native title outcome.

This determination brings the total number of claims successfully determined in our region to 11.

We are currently waiting on news of the Kurtjar Peoples Native Title Claim which we are confident should be a successful outcome in the next few weeks.

Secondly, a grant application by CLCAC to the State Department of Environment and Science has been successful and finally we are able to proceed to expand our Land & Environment Unit to include a Waanyi Ranger Program.

This success has been a long wait and we are very pleased that we can now work with Waanyi Peoples to manage their country through the CLCAC Ranger Program as we have been doing for the other language groups.

We have already employed a L&E Project Officer who will be working closely with the Waanyi Ranger Coordinator (recruitment

has commenced for this position) to start looking at securing facilities and land for their operational base at Gregory township. We expect recruitment for the ranger positions (3 x vacancies) will be advertised early in the new year. An excellent outcome and we are looking forward to see this program roll out.

Thirdly, CLCAC has also been successful in its funding bid through NIAA to secure 7 year funding for our current ranger programs – Normanton Rangers and Gangalidda & Garawa Rangers. We have also supported and assisted GRAC's entity WILSSED to secure 7 year funding for the Wellesley Islands Rangers. A commitment of funding for the next 7 years will allow the ranger programs to be able plan their activities and projects to achieve outcomes long term for the language groups traditional land and waters.

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to bring challenges to our programming and operations. Limitations to travel to the region have meant the cancellation or postponement of much activity but we have been able to move some of our planned meetings to a virtual format.

Our L&E Unit has still managed to achieve excellent outcomes and you can read more about them in the articles compiled from page 12-25.

It was great to be able to celebrate NAIDOC again this year, especially as most activities and events were cancelled or postponed last year.

Lastly in our Staff updates, we warmly welcome Nahjana Parter to our Corporate Services team in our Cairns Office from 23 August. Nahjana is employed as our trainee Corporate Services Administration Officer.

We also extend a warm welcome to Boyd Simpson in our Land & Environment Unit based in our Cairns Office from 13 September. Boyd is employed as our L&E Projects Officer to assist and support the commencement of our new Waanyi Ranger Program.

Enjoy reading and until our next edition, please stay safe everyone.





Back row: L-R Aled Doomadgee (Waanyi PBC Chairperson), Garry Rockland (Applicant - Waanyi Claim #2), Terrence George (Applicant - Waanyi Claim #2), Lloyd O'Keefe (Applicant - Waanyi Claim #2), Patrick Carney (grandson of Ada Walden – Applicant Waanyi Claim #2), Kingston Brown (Waanyi PBC Director), Kevin Murphy (CLCAC PLO).

Front row: L-R Henry Aplin (CLCAC Director, Waanyi PBC Director), Claudette Albert (Waanyi PBC Director and Contact Person), Rose Iles (Waanyi PBC Director), Rhonda Evans nee Jacob (Waanyi PBC Director), Murrandoo Yanner (CLCAC Director).



## A Second Native Title Win For Waanyi People!

On 22 September 2021, the Federal Court of Australia made a decision that native title exists over the area of the Waanyi #2 native title claim. This is the second successful Waanyi People's claim – the first being made in December 2010.

On 17 October 2018, Gary Rockland, Lloyd O'Keefe, Ada Walden and Terence George made that application on behalf of the Waanyi People, for a determination that native title exists over an area of approximately 442 sq km which included Turnoff Lagoon, a part of the Doomadgee DOGIT and the bed, banks and waters of part of the Nicholson River.

The respondents to the Application were the State of Queensland, Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council and Burke Shire Council.

The decision that Native Title exists is notable for the recognition of the non-exclusive native title rights to hunt and gather and to take, share and exchange natural resources without those rights being limited by the words "for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes only".

This is an achievement by the Waanyi and their legal advisers—but it has been disappointing to see that it has taken so long for the Queensland Government to accept this acknowledgement of rights.

The consent determination was conducted by video between Sydney, where the Court and the Waanyi's legal representatives (Chalk and Behrendt) were, and Burketown, where representatives of the Waanyi Claim Group and the Waanyi Registered Native

Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) gathered together with the CLCAC organisers.

Congratulations to all the Waanyi People!



Waanyi Traditional Owners and CLCAC celebrating the win

## Ngumari Waanyi Rangers Coming Soon!

CLCAC is also extremely proud to announce the successful acquisition of State Government Funding through the Department of Environment and Science, Land and Sea Ranger program funding, for the establishment of the Waanyi Ranger program.

This ranger program will provide local employment and development opportunities and allows for further input into the management of land, culture and resources on country.

This funding is especially exciting for CLCAC as it fulfills a long-held ambition of all nine Traditional Owner language groups in the CLCAC region being represented within the CLCAC Land and Environment Unit.

The funding for the Ngumari Waanyi Ranger program will provide wages for four Rangers who will be based at a new ranger station slated for Gregory.

Further development will see the program expand in scope and range across Waanyi traditional lands, including Boodjamulla National Park.

Rangers will work on Country to improve land management through the implementation of weed, pest and fire management programs.

The management of waterways, species and biodiversity will be pursued as the program develops.

We congratulate the Waanyi Traditional Owners on this successful outcome and look forward to the development of this Ranger team.



**NGUMARI  
WAANYI  
RANGERS**





# Native Title Update

## NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH PROJECTS

CLCAC has recently secured funding from the Australian Government to undertake a number of Native Title research projects.

One project concerns settling the boundary between the Kurtijar People and the Gkuthaarn Kukatj People in the Karumba area. CLCAC will engage lawyers for both groups and Dr Richard Martin to carry out the anthropological research. The lawyers will initially be employed to agree on the terms of reference for Dr Martin.

Dr Martin will be reviewing historical and anthropological records and, most importantly, will be talking to the Traditional Owners concerned.

Upon completing his report on this matter, Dr Martin will present the report to each of the group's legal representatives. The report is then expected to be presented to both groups and a settlement reached based on the report.

This work is due to start in early 2022.

Another research project concerns the traditional ownership of a sliver of land on the Norman Riversouth of the junction of the Norman and Carron Rivers in the vicinity of Glenore and Clarina Stations.

Both the Gkuthaarn & Kukatj People and the Tagalaka People claim connection to the area. Dr Martin will be engaged by the Gkuthaarn Kukatj People to research and document their connections to the area.

North Queensland Land Council has already had an anthropological report completed setting out the Tagalaka connections to the contested area.

Dr Martin's report will be presented to the Gkuthaarn Kukatj People to enable the group to provide instructions to their lawyers in respect of settling the matter with the legal representatives of the Tagalaka People.

This work is also due to start in early 2022.

A third project concerns the proposed claim by the Kutijar People over Delta Downs Station.

A claim has not been progressed on Delta Downs to date due to legal technicalities.

The legal ownership arrangements of pastoral stations can affect whether a native title determination will be one where exclusive possession is recognised or one where non- exclusive possession is recognised by the Court.

Just as the Gangalidda Garrawa waited until the legal ownership of Konka and Pendine Stations was such that they could get exclusive possession native title recognised, the Kurtijar have not proceeded to advance their native title claim over Delta Downs until this issue is settled.

The research project into the history of the ownership arrangements of Delta Downs and how that aligns with the legal requirements of the Native Title Act 1993 has commenced.

It is a complicated matter but the Kurtijar People will hopefully have a resolution of this matter in the first half of 2022.



Delta Downs from the air





Monitoring waterways and mangroves is a key area of activity Rangers undertake to protect Country.



Funding provides essential vehicles and equipment for the Ranger units.

# CLCAC Secures 7-year Ranger Program Funding

The day to day running of CLCAC’s Land and Environment Ranger program relies heavily on generous funding from various State and Federal Government programs.

Recently another seven years of funding was secured from the National Indigenous Australians Agency’s Indigenous Advancement Strategy program for the continuation of the Gangalidda & Garawa and Normanton Ranger program.

This funding provides security and stability to both of these highly successful Ranger units, financing wages and on-ground operational expenses to deliver land and sea management across a vast area of the Gulf.



Fence maintenance is an ongoing operational expense and is an essential part of the Ranger program to protect key habitats and Cultural areas



The renewed funding means Rangers can continue to undertake important skills training





Rangers undertaking fencing infrastructure repairs at Delta Downs



Ben Kum-Sing treating Calotrope in the coastal dunes along the Gunnamulla coastline.

## Normanton Rangers Update

### DELTA DOWNS FENCE WORK

At the end of August, as part of ongoing planned work at Delta Downs Station (Kurtjar) seven Rangers went out to Dicks Lagoon to conduct maintenance on the exclusion fencing surrounding the lagoon.

Over four days the Rangers worked on the 2.3km of fencing, repairing and replacing any damaged sections as required.

This is one of three lagoons at Delta Downs Station protected by fencing infrastructure all built and maintained by Normanton Rangers. Also included are Leichardt Lagoon and Lotus Horseshoe Lagoon.

These fences are vital to safeguard the habitats and wildlife from feral pigs and cattle, which can cause extensive damage.

Check out more of the Normanton Ranger unit activity in other articles in this newsletter!



Rangers reinforcing the fencing post



Rangers repairing a damaged section



Juwan Fraser surveying the fence

## Gangalidda and Garawa Rangers Update

### WEED MANAGEMENT

The Gangalidda and Garawa Rangers have completed extensive weed management over the past three months, treating over 20,000 individual plants.

A team of six Rangers treated calotrope and rubber vine infestations along three remote beaches (Wambillbayi, Gunnamulla and Beryls) in preparation for the upcoming flatback turtle nesting season treating 10,775 plants, predominantly calotrope (over 7,000 plants).

The Rangers also tackled rubber vine, calotrope, prickly acacia, parkinsonia and mimosa bush infestations within areas surrounding burketown, treating 8,571 individual plants.

There's also more Gangalidda and Garawa Ranger unit activity in other articles in this newsletter.



Nikita Aitkens heading out in the side by side



Zac Sowden and Nikita Aitkens preparing the chemicals.







Top: (L-R) Jai Scholes, William Ian Dampsey and Damien Gabori.  
Bottom row: L- On the way out to turtle monitoring; middle: turtle season has started; R- measuring turtle tracks



Clifford Yarrack, Roy Amini and Justin Chong with TAFE trainer Tony Lee in small engine training

## Wellesley Islands Rangers Update

### TURTLE SEASON KICKING OFF

The beaches in the Wellesley Islands are becoming lined with tracks stringing back and forth between the water and the sand dunes.... it's that time of the year again!

Turtle season is here, and the Wellesley Islands Rangers have kicked off their annual turtle monitoring and research program for what is shaping up to be an exciting year!

The Rangers have already begun turtle track monitoring and gauging the abundance of nesting turtles on three different beaches on Mornington Island. These surveys are undertaken for three consecutive days every fortnight, centred around every new and full moon, from August until December to help refine the known peak period of turtle nesting on Mornington, while monitoring the numbers that come ashore to nest.

Doing these surveys at the same times each year builds a picture over time and show trends in nesting numbers, meaning any changes or declines will be able to be detected.

New funding from the Department of Environment and Science enabled expansion of the Wellesley Islands Rangers turtle program in 2021 and the team is working to design additional scientifically robust surveys to answer key management issues such as: largest threats, most important nesting areas and options to protect these, impacts of global threats including climate change and marine rubbish on turtle habitats.

Planning and method development is underway for more intensive and detailed (and exciting!) surveys scheduled to occur later this year.

### NEW FUNDING - NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We are extremely proud to announce the expansion of the Wellesley Islands Ranger program, made possible through new funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency's Indigenous Advancement Strategy program.

This seven-year funding provides security and stability to the current Ranger unit, increasing the program's capacity through acquisition of significant new assets and equipment, and provides the support required to employ three additional full-time Rangers.

Securing this significant funding provides exciting advancements for the Wellesley Islands Rangers long-term, and ensures the team can continue to develop and deliver meaningful land and sea Country management across all areas of the Wellesley Islands.

The Wellesley Islands Ranger team has recruited and is delighted to welcome three new Rangers onboard, one from each of the language groups represented in the IPA; Damien Gabori from Kaiadilt, William Ian Dampsey from Lardil and Jai Scholes from Yangkaal.

### TRAILER AND OUTBOARD MOTOR SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING

What do you do if your engine doesn't start when you're 50km from town, either out bush or at sea on a boat?

For any remote work, having a basic mechanical understanding of vehicle and outboard motors is essential for the team to get out of trouble and fix issues, especially when they are out in the middle of nowhere.

In August, the Wellesley Islands Rangers undertook a 5-day course on engine and trailer maintenance and repairs, delivered onsite at the Ranger base by Queensland TAFE.

Rangers learned basic mechanics on their box trailer, vessel trailer and two 150hp four stroke Suzuki outboard motors (aboard the new vessel) so they can carry out routine maintenance to ensure these valuable assets stay in top condition and Rangers can catch issues early before they become big problems.

Everyone found it very useful to learn about how electric brake line systems operate, how to change wheel bearings on the trailers and how the electrical wiring system works in the vessel.

As part of the training, Rangers did a service maintenance on the outboard motors, replacing engine oil, checking fuel, oil filters and electrical systems.

The team now has a strong working knowledge of regular servicing and maintenance requirements, as well as troubleshooting and fault finding as required.



Clifford Yarrack receiving training instruction from Dylan Haber from INLOC



Roy Amini, Justin Chong and Tommy Wilson being trained in outboard maintenance.





Wellesley Islands Rangers in the field prepping a shot

## What a Picture's Worth...

As part of CLCAC's commitment to upskilling Rangers, Phil Warring from Philipvids journeyed out to the Gulf this quarter to deliver photography training to the Ranger teams, spending time with both the Wellesley Islands and Normanton Ranger units.

Building on last year's video training, this training was conducted over two days and covered equipment care and maintenance as well as photography techniques.

The training started with an equipment audit where Phil and the Rangers reorganised and labelled all the camera gear, effectively ensuring the teams would be able to grab a kit and go.

"But", Phil said, "I tried to not get too bogged down in the tech of equipment and focus more on the tech of image capture, because after all, the best camera you have is the one you have on you."

The mornings were about photographic theory and exploring techniques for setting up a shot, working with light, composition/subject, thinking about who the shot is for and what it might be trying to achieve.

In the afternoons, Phil and the Rangers headed out to practice what they had learnt.

The Rangers were all very engaged in the various challenges Phil gave them, directing each other and collaborating to get the best shot. The macro photography challenge, in particular, produced some incredible images.

Phil believes the main learning point is to see things from a different

perspective, slowing down and putting a bit of thought in it to make a better image capture.

"It really is so much more than just point and shoot. Each photo, if shot and composed right, should tell a story. These Rangers have the opportunity to see things that 99% of the population don't get to see, and there are so many incredible stories they might be sharing."

The training days ended back at base, putting images up on the big screen to review what they'd captured, discuss what worked and think about techniques for improvement.

Wellesley Islands Ranger Clifford Yarrack embraced the opportunity for further training. "I really enjoyed playing with the camera and getting used to it. The technical rules are the same as for video and it's good to learn different techniques with shutter speed and exposure"

He is especially interested in working with video and talked of a planned series filming Elders telling about the old days and speaking in language.

"We need to record that with video because language sounds different when you pronounce it. You can't really read it - you have to hear it"

This is an important cultural project especially for documenting and sharing with the younger generation in a format that resonates for them and also demonstrates the many benefits of our Rangers gaining these skills.

Phil will be visiting the Burketown Ranger unit soon.



Phil working with Normanton Rangers Juwan and Kealan



Top row: Roy Amini and Clifford Yarrack in the field  
Top L- Roy Amini lining up bird life shots; R- Tommy Wilson and Jessica Koleck waiting for the perfect shot;  
Bottom row: L- Phil as instructor and subject for Normanton Rangers, R- Phil and Tommy competing shots







## Migratory Shorebird Stakeholder Meeting

CLCAC recently hosted a Migratory Shorebirds Stakeholder Meeting for The Lower Gulf of Carpentaria. Originally planned as an accompanying event to the Wernadinga Flyway Designation ceremony, COVID-19 pandemic restrictions meant the ceremony has been postponed to next year pending travel restrictions and COVID-19 risks, however the stakeholder meeting went ahead albeit in a virtual format.

Video conferencing has of course become the new norm in the COVID era but it was still exciting to see people from all over the nation video linking for the event - from Brisbane, Victoria, WA, the Gulf and Cairns region.

Participants and presenters included Queensland Wader Study Group, Bird Life Australia, Jaensch Ornithology and Conservation, University of QLD, Griffith University, the Queensland Government and Australian Government.

The agenda was to strategically plan future migratory shorebird monitoring and protection in the Lower Gulf of Carpentaria.

All three Lower Gulf Ranger units were in attendance, with Coordinators from each delivering presentations detailing the migratory shorebird work the Ranger teams have been undertaking over the past ten years and contributing to discussions around the future of migratory shorebird management.

All manner of fascinating information and insights were shared from updates in drone technology to rapidly monitor and count bird populations, to analysing historic and current data, to stories from the field.

There is another stakeholder meeting being planned before the end of the year.



The Eastern Curlew featured quite prominently in the discussions.

## Remote Response - Vital Ongoing Training

**If you were the first to arrive at a remote accident scene would you know what to do?**

To ensure qualifications and skills remain current, it is crucial that all CLCAC and Wellesley Islands Rangers undertake Remote Area First Aid training every three years.

Delivered by INLOC, this hands-on 3-day training course helps to prepare the teams to handle a range of emergencies that might arise in the field.

The course covers the mainstays of normal first aid training, including CPR and how to treat victims of a variety of injuries and ailments, particularly those that would result from vehicle accidents, but also all types of fractures and dislocations, sprains and strains, cuts and open wounds, stings and venomous bites (including snake bites).

However, in remote or isolated places where medical assistance may be delayed for some time, all our Rangers need to learn how to effectively communicate with emergency services to relay vital information, as well as provide treatments specific to remote conditions, such as hypothermia or hyperthermia, head, neck or spinal injuries, tourniquet and dressings for life-threatening bleeding and managing shock.

Rangers need to know how to effectively undertake triage to determine if the patient requires immediate evacuation or can just be stabilised until professional medical assistance arrives.

The INLOC training moved from one location to the next rolling out the training to each Ranger unit.

The delivery was made interesting by using interactive real-life scenarios to teach the participants how to respond to different situations. A customised scenario presented was dealing with gunshot wounds. Other training scenarios involved developing contingencies like using and modifying what's at hand to make a stretcher or stabilise a neck injury.

For the Wellesley Islands Rangers team, one of the favourites from this course was when the 'victim' played by the CLCAC L&E Projects Officer Jessica Koleck, was 'cutting firewood with a chainsaw and was bitten by a snake, then cut open her leg with the saw when scared'. The screaming and the blood (i.e. tomato sauce) really made the Rangers feel the pressure of a real life situation!

The Rangers also received guidance on how to use a defibrillation unit to help restart a patient's heart.

All Ranger units have emergency kits which include these devices, and the Rangers now have access to them both at the base and while in the field.

Given the nature of Ranger work and the areas the teams regularly work in, this training is important to ensure the team and broader community's safety while working remotely, giving them confidence to be prepared for the unexpected.





Gangalidda and Garawa Rangers L-R: Milmarja Yanner, Maali Yanner and Michael Watson giving a presentation to students



Top: Mornington community heading out for the beach cleanup  
 Images below: Top left: Jessica Koleck and Tommy Wilson with the "Our Island Our Home" shirts; Top right: the "Our Island Our Home" shirts  
 Bottom left: Roy Amini weighing the discarded plastic collected; Bottom right: Clifford and Justin demonstrating to young Mornington residents how the team sorts and processes the collected plastic

# "Healing Country" - NAIDOC in the Lower Gulf

This year's NAIDOC week theme 'Healing Country' was embraced by our Rangers on Mornington Island and in Burketown this quarter.

In July, in conjunction with the Mornington Shire Council and Mission Australia, the Wellesley Islands Rangers team hosted an afternoon of activities at Old Village in Gununa, on Mornington Island.

Kicking off with discussions on how plastic affects our marine animals, the Rangers demonstrated how they survey for levels of microplastic along beaches, showing how while nearly invisible at first, after sifting, sorting and measuring the sand, the amount of microplastics to be found is surprising.

The Rangers also explained the new Containers for Change program they are implementing on the island. Kids were able to try their hand at sorting marine debris into the collection bins, testing them on what types of rubbish can and can't go into the bins.

With giant garden bags in hand, it was then a race to see who could collect the most rubbish from the beach between Barracuda Story Place to Cemetery Beach.

At the weighing station Rangers set up, a team of 5 young boys took the win when their collection bag weighed in at an impressive 147kg. Each boy won a pair of WILSSED sunnies for their efforts.

In total over 1000kg was removed from the beach in only one hour! Everyone's efforts were rewarded with a BBQ, free Clean Up Mornington T shirt and eight lucky participants received gift vouchers for the local Butcher Shop and Gununamanda Store.

In August, the Gangalidda and Garawa Rangers delivered belated NAIDOC celebrations at the Burketown State School.

The Ranger team supported this year's theme 'Healing Country', explaining to the students how the land management they deliver on Country (weed and pest management, biodiversity surveys and fire management) all contribute to caring for and healing country.

The Rangers also discussed connection to Country and ran interactive workshops such as, spear making and throwing, bird survey techniques and cultural crafts, which the students enthusiastically participated in.

A special bush tucker lunch gave the students the opportunity to enjoy locally caught and prepared traditional meals.



Lurick Sowden showing the students how to make spears the traditional way using fire







The Wellesley Islands Ranger unit connecting online for their first ever Ranger unit planning meeting



Murrandoo Yanner (Jnr) showcasing the newly developed CLCAC Land and Environment Database

## Ranger Unit Planning Meetings

After a successful Land & Environment regional team meeting in late July, Ranger Coordinators and Project Support Officers worked to organise and hold the first ever Ranger-level meetings in August for all three Ranger units.

This initiative is designed to increase Ranger involvement in planning and understanding of workplan commitments and priorities, while facilitating the flow of information to all Rangers.

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic travel risk, meetings had to be conducted via video link with Cairns-based staff instead of face-to-face.

The teams covered topics across a whole slew of day-to-day Ranger activities, including planning for the next six months, reporting obligations, data management, training priorities, threatened species projects, HR and workplace health and safety, general equipment maintenance, budgeting, and updates and feedback on ongoing projects such as Wetlands not Wastelands, NAQS Biosecurity, school programs, and fire and weed management (amongst many other things!).

These meetings are not just a from the top-down approach for managers to communicate vital information to Rangers, but provide an opportunity to involve them in the planning processes and give their feedback.

Based on positive feedback and success of the initial trial, the teams are planning to host these meetings bi-annually across three days, much like the established Land & Environment regional team meetings.

Rangers gave constructive and valuable input on how to improve the meeting agendas and activities for next time, showing interest in learning more about the behind-the-scenes work that happens at management, logistical and administrative level.

The teams are looking forward to the next meeting in March 2022 when they can (hopefully!) meet in person.



Land and Environment regional team meeting earlier in the year

## Gulf Catchments Pest Taskforce Meeting

On 7 and 8 September the annual Gulf Catchments Pest Taskforce meeting took place in Karumba, attended by CLCAC's Hayden Tyrrell (Normanton Ranger Coordinator), Desmond Armstrong (Gangalidda and Garawa Ranger Coordinator), Murrandoo Yanner Jnr (Gandalidda and Garawa Head Ranger), Mark Hogno (L&E Projects Coordinator) and Kevin Anderson (NRM Support Officer) and WILSSED's Thomas Wilson (Ranger Coordinator).

This task force meeting was also attended by local governments from around NW Queensland, Biosecurity QLD, Southern Gulf Catchments and Northern Gulf Catchments NRM Groups.

As part of their contributions to this event all our Ranger teams delivered presentations on key aspects of CLCAC and Wellesley Islands Rangers pest and weed management programs on Country, such as treatment of Prickly Acacia at Delta Downs, CLCAC's Data Management, Disaster Relief Feral Pig Control, and Mornington Island Weed Control Programs.

Murrandoo showcased the newly developed CLCAC Land and Environment Database, which holds environmental data collected by the Rangers, including pest and weed management records.

He demonstrated how data is collected and the methods used by the Rangers to rapidly display this data using visual analytics, GIS and spreadsheet programs.

The presentations were all well received with positive feedback given.



Tommy Wilson addressed the field trip outside Carpentaria Freight Barge Terminal discussing weed transporation and potential canetoad issues





Gulf Catchments Pest Taskforce in the field



## Staff Updates

WELCOME TO THE CLCAC TEAM!



Name: Nahjana Parter

Position Title: Corporate Services Administration Officer Trainee

CLCAC start date: 23/08/2021

What do you enjoy most about your role?  
Being a part of a happy team

Hobby: Fishing

Favourite food: Seafood

Favourite music: RNB/ Country Music

Favourite sport: Rugby, basketball and touch footy



Name: Boyd Simpson

Position Title: Land & Environment Projects Officer - Waanyi

CLCAC start date: 13/09/21

What do you enjoy most about your role?  
Working with rangers and learning more about Country, culture and the biodiversity of the Gulf region

Hobby: Hiking, camping and fishing

Favourite food: Sausages, mashed potatoes and gravy, fried noodles

Favourite music: Rock, Pop, Blues

Favourite sport: I enjoy watching athletics and AFL, and like to go for a jog when I can





Tour guide Brenton Yanner showing some of the catch from a fishing tour.

## PBC Capacity and Economic Development

This quarter it's been financial auditing and reporting time again for PBCs. Whilst this may not sound like an exciting job, the preparation of audited financial reports is a very important part of keeping PBCs healthy, accountable and attractive to funding bodies in order to receive grants in the future.

The reporting requirements for PBCs are determined by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act).

A fact sheet outlining ORIC's reporting requirements for small, medium and large corporations is included in this issue's fact sheet on p28.

Audited financial reports will be presented to all members at each PBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM). If you are a member of a PBC, the AGM is your chance to ask any questions you want to know about your corporation's financial statements and participate in the future of your PBC.

This quarter, CLCAC has also continued to roll out several important corporate capacity building and economic development activities with the Gangalidda and Garawa Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (GGNTAC) and Gulf Region Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC) PBCs.

Consultants from Plan C will be joining GRAC and GGNTAC in October for third and final workshops this year to finalise the development of a 10 year Strategic Plan and 5 year Economic Development plan for both PBCs. The plans will pave the path for future successes in all aspects of the PBCs' operations.

## Peak Season Roundout

### CLCAC CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YAGURLI TOURS

As the season begins to slow down, Indigenous tourism enterprise Yagurli Tours is finding a moment to take a breath.

2021 saw an early start to peak season. Huge sales in caravans and 4WDs in the last year brought about a pent up demand as many holidaymakers headed north in place of planned international travel, and earlier than usual, likely in anticipation of imminent further lockdowns.

It almost goes without saying that the COVID pandemic has had a massive impact on the market, some expected and others a little more surprising. Southern lockdowns brought many cancellations, however the NT border closure meant tourists heading that way parked in Burketown instead, taking in local tours.

The Tag Along tours, a cultural guided offering which traces the first interaction of non-Indigenous and Indigenous contact and interprets local geography and geology, has seen the biggest uptake.

The pilot program for commercial hot air ballooning over the Gulf has proven to be very successful with promising commercial viability. Yagurli is looking forward to offering these tours again next season.

A new smaller boat is on the horizon which will give greater flexibility, allowing for smaller tours able to access areas currently unavailable, as well as meaning easier changeover for other tours.

All in all, it's been a busy and successful season!



What a haul!



# Corporation size and reporting

Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act), corporations are classified as large, medium or small.

## Corporation size

The size classifications are necessary to match legal obligations—such as different annual reporting requirements—to the correct activity levels of corporations.

**Find the size...** You can type in the name (or partial name) of a corporation in the 'Find a corporation' tool on [oric.gov.au](http://oric.gov.au) to find its registered size.

The size of a corporation is worked out by looking at a corporation's income, assets and its number of employees in a single financial year.

**A small corporation** will have at least TWO of the following in a financial year:

- consolidated gross operating income of less than \$100,000
- consolidated gross assets valued at less than \$100,000
- fewer than five employees.

**A medium corporation** will have at least TWO of the following in a financial year:

- consolidated gross operating income between \$100,000 and \$5 million
- consolidated gross assets between \$100,000 and \$2.5 million
- between five and 24 employees.

**A large corporation** will have at least TWO of the following in a financial year:

- consolidated gross operating income of \$5 million or more
- consolidated gross assets valued at \$2.5 million or more
- more than 24 employees.

## Reporting to the Registrar

All corporations must lodge reports with the Registrar every year within six months of the end of the corporation's financial year. Most corporations end their financial year at 30 June which means their reports are due between 1 July and 31 December.

Reports required for each corporation vary according to its registered size and income.

Size and income of corporation	Reports required
<b>Small corporations</b> with a consolidated gross operating income of <b>less than \$100,000</b> .	1. General report only
<b>Small corporations</b> with a consolidated gross operating income of <b>\$100,000 or more and less than \$5 million</b> .	1. General report 2. Financial report 3. Audit report
<b>Medium corporations</b> with a consolidated gross operating income of <b>less than \$5 million</b> .	OR 2. Financial report based on reports to government funders (if eligible)* <i>see over</i>
<b>Large corporations or any size corporation</b> with a consolidated gross operating income of <b>\$5 million or more</b> .	1. General report 2. Financial report 3. Audit report 4. Directors' report

### Definitions

**Consolidated gross assets** = the total value of things owned by the corporation and any entities it controls.

**Consolidated gross operating income** = the total value of the money made by the corporation and any entities it controls.

## General report

A general report contains:

- the names and addresses of members and directors
- the name and address of the corporation's contact person (for small or medium corporations) or the secretary (for large corporations)
- the corporation's document access address (for small or medium corporations) or registered office address (for large corporations)
- the corporation's total income for the financial year
- the value of the corporation's assets at the end of the financial year
- the number of employees of the corporation at the end of the financial year
- the corporation's ABN (if it has one)
- whether the corporation is a deductible gift recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*
- whether any of the directors, the contact person or secretary of the corporation is also an employee.

## Financial report

A financial report contains:

- financial statements for the financial year
- notes to the financial statements (as required by the accounting standards). CATSI Act corporations that prepare general purpose financial reports may adopt tier 2—reduced disclosure requirements where they meet the criteria set out in AASB 1053. For more information see the *Corporation reporting guide* available at [oric.gov.au](http://oric.gov.au)
- a directors' declaration.

The financial report must give a true and fair view of the corporation's finances and performance. It should also be audited and an audit report obtained.

## Directors' report

A directors' report contains:

- a detailed overview of the corporation's business performance during the financial year
- the factors underlying the corporation's results and financial position.

If you would like further information on what must be included in a directors' report please contact ORIC.

### Exemptions

In some circumstances the Registrar may exempt a corporation from lodging any report or extend the period for lodging reports if the corporation applies for an exemption in good time and is able to give good reasons why it needs the exemption or extension.

Apply for an exemption at [online.oric.gov.au](http://online.oric.gov.au) or download a form from [oric.gov.au](http://oric.gov.au).  
Call or email the Registrar's office if you need help.

## \*Calling small and medium corporations that receive public funding

Some questions:

- ☒ Is your corporation a **small corporation** with gross income **between \$100,000 and \$5 million** or a **medium corporation** with gross income **less than \$5 million**?
- ☒ Is at least **90 per cent** of your corporation's income **government funding** (this includes funding from Commonwealth, state and territory governments)?
- ☒ Does your corporation have to lodge annual reports with funders as a condition of this funding?
- ☒ Is your corporation not required to provide consolidated financial statements?

If you can answer **YES** to these four questions, your corporation may provide a financial report to the Registrar in the following way:

- a copy of the reports given to the funding bodies, together with any relevant auditor's report
- an income and expenditure statement and a balance sheet disclosing any income, expenditure, assets and liabilities that have not been included in the funding reports
- a directors' declaration that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the corporation will be able to pay its debts when they become due and payable.

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NOTE: This fact sheet is not a substitute for legal advice. It is intended as a quick overview of the topic. For more detail see the CATSI Act or consult a lawyer.





# What’s on?

## Coming soon...

4 October	Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
15 October	Anniversary of the ‘Crocodile Case’
2 November	Burketown Public Holiday
24 November	Wellesley Island Plane Crash Memorial Day
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day
31 December	New Years Eve

Want to stay up to date with all the news from CLCAC and our Ranger teams? Find us on socials!  
We are now featuring a lot more video content to showcase CLCAC activities and initiatives.

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Wellesley Islands Rangers - <https://www.facebook.com/Wellesley-Islands-Rangers-169423313641451>

# CLCAC Member’s Contact Details Update and Electronic Nomination Form

It is important that CLCAC can contact our Members and Traditional Owners of the Southern Gulf of Carpentaria region to keep you informed of what is happening in and around your community, and notify you of important meetings.

If you have changed your postal address or contact numbers or would like to nominate an email address for receipt of notices please complete the attached form and post to:  
CLCAC’s Contact Person, Apryl Ford, PO Box 71, Burketown Qld 4830 or request a form by email: [aford@clcac.com.au](mailto:aford@clcac.com.au).



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Personal Details	
Name: _____	
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Address: (postal) _____	
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I prefer to receive notices via (please tick selection)

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