



Wujal Wujal Renewed Approach
to Alcohol – Community Safety
Plan Proposal

Background

The purpose of the renewed approach to alcohol through improving community safety and wellbeing is to ensure communities and individuals are safe, thriving and self-empowered to manage and reduce alcohol-related harm and improve wellbeing.

The renewed approach retains carriage limits and is based on a partnership between the Queensland Government and communities to:

- Co-design new CSP and other coordinated initiatives and strategies that reduce demand; target illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew); build community capacity and readiness; and promote a healthy culture and attitude towards alcohol including through legal liquor licensing options
- Explore minor changes to carriage limits on a case-by-case basis, pending community and Government agreement, and provided that a CSP is in place
- Revise AMPs to reflect the outcomes and results of co-design and community engagement.

Wujal Wujal's Renewed Approach to Alcohol

Wujal Wujal's broader agendas including economic development, Closing the Gap as well as Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council's Corporate Plan all include a range of measures and indicators which contribute to the story of our prosperity, health and wellbeing.

As part of the development of the Wujal Wujal Community Safety Action Plan these indicators will be reviewed and local community indicators will be determined to better report the progress related to improve community safety and wellbeing.

Implementation Principles

The CSP implementation processes will be clarified by key agencies in conjunction with the community, the approach will be developed acknowledging that:

- We are committed to working together to move from surviving to thriving.
- We will embrace the humanity of people, and their capacity for excellence.
- Our focus is on health, wellbeing and safety of our most vulnerable people, in particular women and children.
- Individuals, families, community leaders, service providers and governments all have a role to play.
- We will tailor approaches that address citizens' specific priorities and concerns such as addressing sly grog.
- Rebalancing the focus between supply, demand and harm reduction is crucial to success, embedded in a broader holistic approach, which includes a stronger focus on effective treatment services and harm reduction strategies to support people who are addicted to alcohol, or are suffering an illness as a result of alcohol consumption.
- Safe and responsible modifications to community carriage limits which are unpinned by stable harm rates; strong local leadership; community agreement, a demonstrated healthy culture and attitude towards alcohol; and access to effective demand and harm reduction services.

Alcohol Management Plan

Wujal Wujal has had an Alcohol Management Plan since 2004.

The Wujal Wujal restricted area is the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire area including all public and private places. This includes all foreshores to the low watermark, internal waterways and roads.

In 2010, three land lots on the southern side of the Bloomfield Crossing were added to the restricted area. This includes lot 8 on plan RP903515, lot 9 on plan RP903516 and lot 10 on RP903517 and all roads, tracks, proposed roads and foreshores that pass through or bound the shire area.

The following roads and public areas are specified roads and public facilities where a ['bona fide traveler'](#) exemption may be applicable for people travelling through the restricted area:

- Bloomfield Road
- Bloomfield Crossing
- road known as Douglas Street
- Rossville-Bloomfield Road
- the road directly connecting Douglas Street and the Bloomfield Falls (does not include the service road for Douglas Street)
- the car park near the Bloomfield Falls
- the car park at the Wujal Wujal Arts and Cultural Centre.

No alcohol or homebrew and homebrew equipment is allowed in restricted areas.

Renewed Approach to Alcohol Community Consultation Timeline.

On the 21 May 2020 the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (WWASC) held their monthly Council Meeting. At the Meeting, Renewed Approach to Alcohol was on the agenda.

Members of the Wujal Wujal Community Safety Committee met on the on the 4 June 2020. The Renewed Approach to Alcohol was on the agenda, with reference made to the request from Council for the Community Safety Committee to take lead role for the development of the community safety plan.

On the 4 June 2020 the Community Safety Committee agreed to accept responsibility as lead agent for the development of the community safety plan with the Wujal Wujal Justice Group as lead with the community consultations.

The Wujal Wujal Kamu Kamu (Alcohol) Survey was open from the 21 September 2020 to the 27 November 2020. The survey questions were;

- 1. What is your age?**
- 2. What is your gender?**
- 3. Is Kamu Kamu a worry in your Community? For Example, drink driving, loud parties, fighting.....**

4. Under the Wujal Wujal Alcohol Management Plan it is illegal to have any Kamu Kamu in Community. Do you think this helps to reduce drinking in Community?
5. Do you think Kamu Kamu makes domestic and family violence worse in Wujal Wujal?
6. What worries do you have about Kamu Kamu?
7. Do you want the current Restricted Carriage limit (No Kamu Kamu in Wujal Wujal allowed) to stay the same?
8. Do you think there should be a trial period of a licensed venue (sports club, canteen) or restricted carriage (e.g. 1 carton of mid strength beer per vehicle)?
9. Which of these ideas do you think would reduce harm from Kamu Kamu?
10. How would you reduce danger to Bama who drink away from community; for example drink driving, walking home drunk, fights at drinking parties?

Wujal Wujal Community Safety Committee

The Wujal Wujal Community Safety Committee advises Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council on Wellbeing and Safety issues in Community. The members of the Community Safety Committee are the leading services contributing to the health, safety and wellbeing of the Community, comprising of;

- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Wujal Wujal Justice Group
- Wujal Wujal Clinic (Qld Health Primary Health Care Centre)
- Queensland Police Service
- Bloomfield Primary school
- ATSIP

The Community Safety Committee members collaborate with a range of visiting services, such as:

- Apunipima's Men's Social & Emotional Wellbeing & AOD teams
- CDCC's RADIO (youth at risk) team & Indigenous Domestic & Family Violence Counselling Service
- Qld Health's ATODS team & Mental Health team
- Life Without Barriers' Strong Mob Program (mental health support)
- Gungarde's Family Wellbeing team
- Child Safety
- Housing
- My Pathway (CDP provider)
- And other services as appropriate

Findings from the Wujal Wujal Kamu Kamu (Alcohol) Survey.

The Wujal Wujal Kamu (Alcohol) Survey was completed by **127** community members over the age of 18.

Findings from the Community Consultations;

- 60% of respondents do not want the current restricted carriage limit to stay the same.
- 84% of respondents (106) would like to see a trial period of a licensed venue (sports club, canteen) or a restricted carriage.
- The Wujal Wujal Community Safety Plan has been developed taking in the feedback that was gained through the community consultations. Please see attached.

Question 1 & 2. Age and Gender

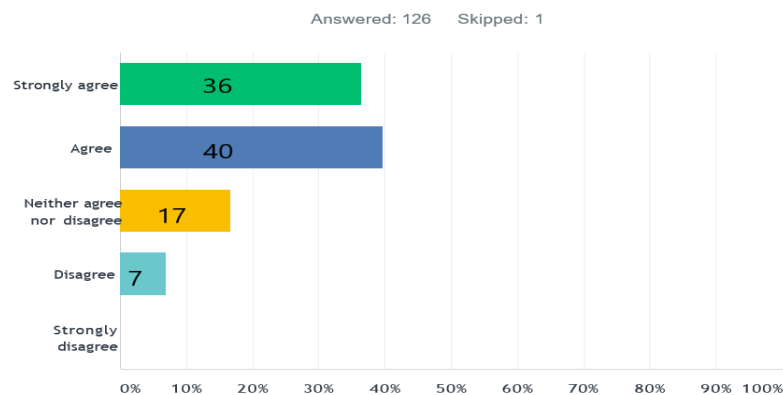
- 60% of the respondents were female
- 40% of the respondents were male

Age ranges and percentages of the survey respondents were;

18 to 24 years of age – 10%	25 to 34 years of age – 18%	35 to 44 years of age – 18%
45 to 54 years of age – 22%	55 to 64 years of age – 20%	65+ years of age – 12%

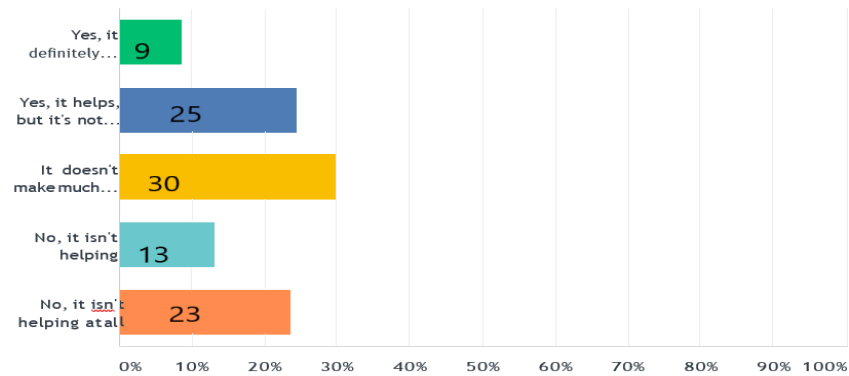
The estimated population of Wujal Wujal from ABS Census Data is **282**. *Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2016, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile - I02.*

Q3 Is Kamu Kamu a worry in your Community? For example drink driving, loud parties, fighting,...



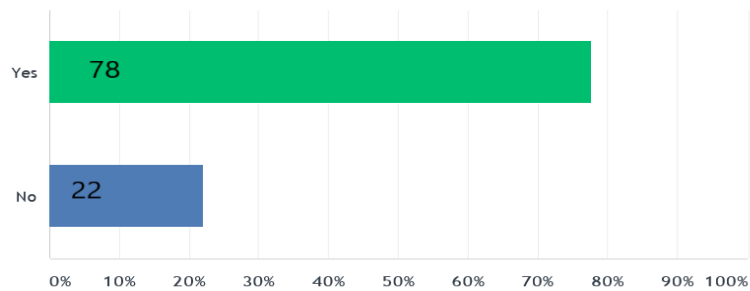
Q4 Under the Wujal Wujal Alcohol Management Plan it is illegal to have any Kamu Kamu in Community. Do you think this helps to reduce drinking in Community?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 1



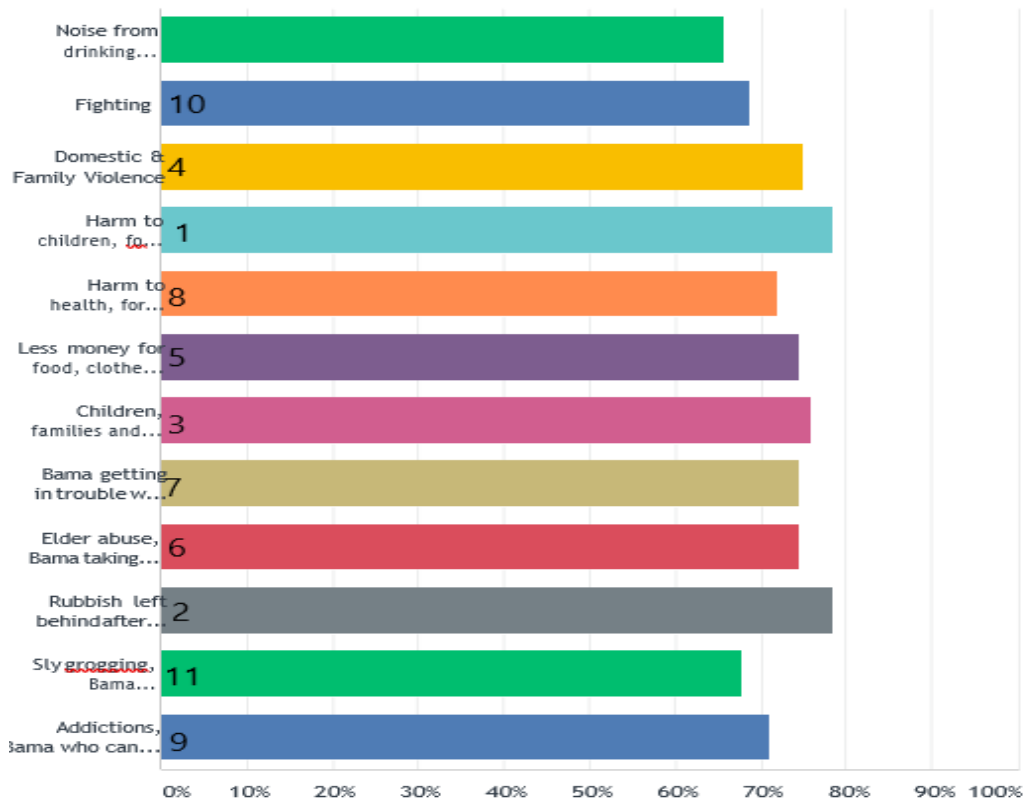
Q5 Do you think Kamu Kamu makes domestic and family violence worse in Wujal Wujal?

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Q6 What worries do you have about Kamu Kamu?

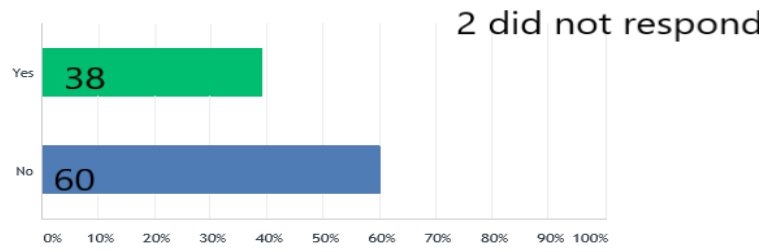
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Noise from drinking parties	65.60% 82
Fighting	68.80% 86
Domestic & Family Violence	75.20% 94
Harm to children, for example not attending school, seeing fighting	78.40% 98
Harm to health, for example binge drinking, injuries from fights, chronic diseases like diabetes, liver and heart disease	72.00% 90
Less money for food, clothes, rent, children	74.40% 93
Children, families and Elders hearing/seeing drunks and public nuisance	76.00% 95
Bama getting in trouble with Police	74.40% 93
Elder abuse, Bama taking money from old people for grog	74.40% 93
Rubbish left behind after grog parties at the beach and the riverside	78.40% 98
Sly <u>grogging</u> , Bama profiteering from selling illegal <u>Kamu Kamu</u>	68.00% 85
Addictions, Bama who can't go without <u>Kamu Kamu</u>	71.20% 89

Q7 Do you want the current Restricted Carriage limit (No Kamu Kamu in Wujal Wujal allowed) to stay the same?

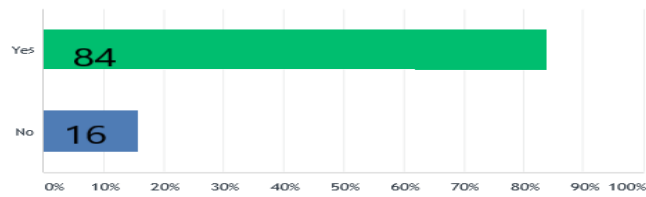
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.20%	49
No	60.80%	76
TOTAL		125

Q8 Do you think there should be a trial period of a licenced venue (sportsclub, canteen) or restricted carriage (e.g. 1 carton of mid strength beer per vehicle)?

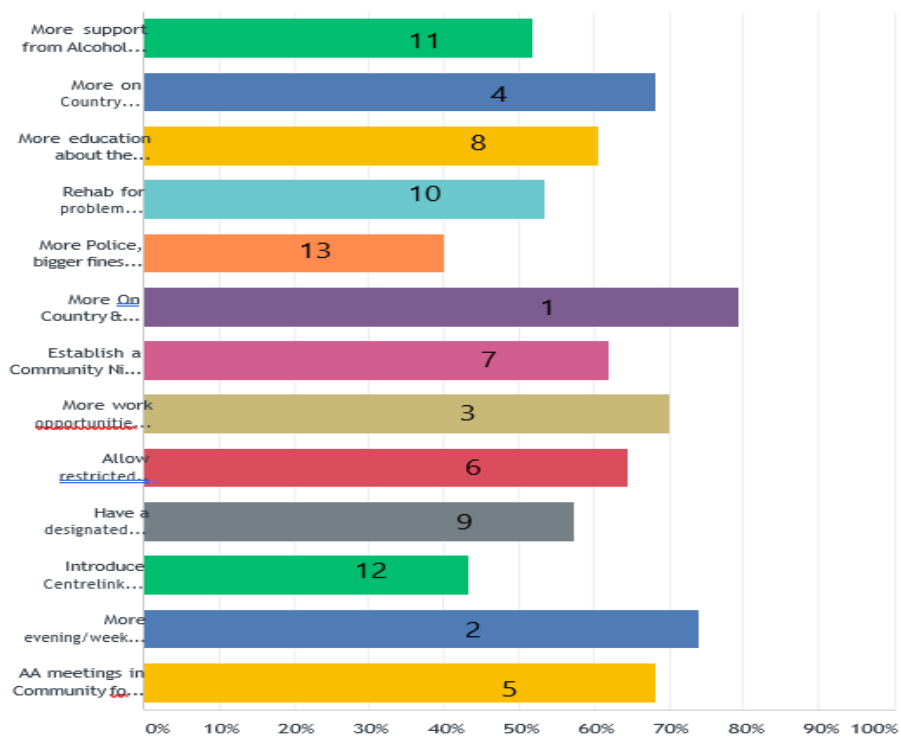
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.13%	106
No		
TOTAL		126

Q9 Which of these ideas do you think would reduce harm from Kamu Kamu?

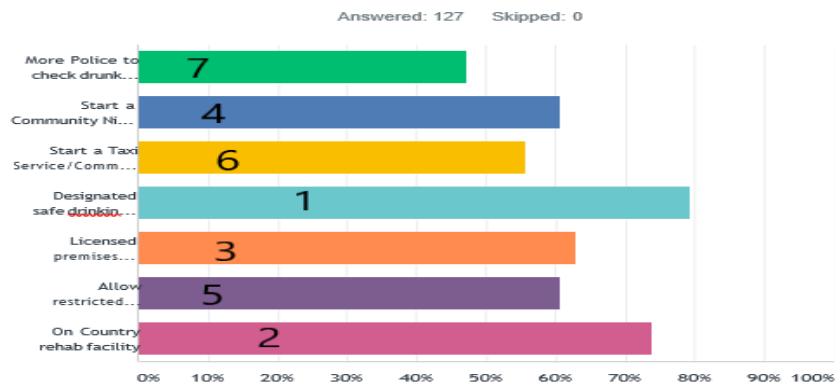
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More support from Alcohol & Other Drugs (AOD) Services	51.97% 66
More on Country activities to get Bama away from drinking	68.50% 87
More education about the effects of <u>Kamu Kamu</u> & promoting responsible drinking	60.63% 77
Rehab for problem drinkers	53.54% 68
More Police, bigger fines and or community service for possession of alcohol and public nuisance charges	40.16% 51
More <u>On</u> Country & weekend activities like men & women's group, sports, hunting & fishing trips, etc.	79.53% 101
Establish a Community Night Patrol	62.20% 79
More work opportunities to reduce unemployment/welfare dependency	70.08% 89
Allow restricted carriage, so Bama can drink <u>kamu kamu</u> responsibly in their own bayan	64.57% 82
Have a designated licensed drinking area, for example a canteen or sports club	57.48% 73
Introduce Centrelink Basics Card so there is always some money set aside for food, rent, etc.	43.31% 55
More evening/weekend alcohol free entertainment, like sports, live music & dances, competitions, etc.	74.02% 94
AA meetings in Community for Bama who want to give up <u>Kamu Kamu</u> .	68.50% 87

#	OTHER IDEAS (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	basics card for problem drinkers that have children but don't have money from week to week	11/4/2020 2:51 PM
2	5yrs jail for drinking in dry zone	11/3/2020 10:05 AM
3	Education about drinking	10/28/2020 11:04 AM
4	drink your own kamu responsibly in your own home	10/21/2020 12:00 PM
5	if restricted carriage allowed only to drink in their own home, not anywhere else people need to use the AOD services that come to community	9/29/2020 1:51 PM
6	more promotion for responsible drinking. maybe a reward for responsible drinking by organisation promoting responsible drinking. people don't finish their time at rehab, prior intervention needed more community service somewhere people can drink outside community (designated drinking area), but within the boundry with toilets and bins	9/23/2020 12:11 PM
7	be able to freely have a drink at home responsibly	9/23/2020 10:47 AM
8	limited drink at home in community allowed	9/23/2020 9:58 AM
9	more rehab facilities to keep people from getting into trouble with police.	9/23/2020 9:17 AM
10	Bring support services into community	9/23/2020 8:51 AM
11	more work for punishment like cleaning up yard, supervisor to make sure the do the job well.	9/23/2020 8:39 AM
12	Have laboring work for punishment for offenders like before. This worked well before. Put cameras in community to monitor sly grog through the late hours at entrances and on streets in community.	9/21/2020 11:09 AM
13	stop sly grog so workers go work.	9/21/2020 10:03 AM
14	stop sly grog so workers go work.	9/21/2020 10:03 AM
15	council community events only can be licensed	9/21/2020 9:48 AM
16	Night patrols to monitor children	9/21/2020 9:31 AM

4 Q10 How would you reduce danger to Bama who drink away from Community; for example drink driving, walking home drunk, fights at drinking parties



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More Police to check drunk drivers and grog parties	47.24% 60
Start a Community Night Patrol	60.63% 77
Start a Taxi Service/Community transport to take drunks home	55.91% 71
Designated safe drinking places outside the Community where Bama can drink alcohol legally and stay safely overnight	79.53% 101
Licensed premises serving food and alcohol in (or close to) Community	62.99% 80
Allow restricted carriage, for example 1 carton of mid strength alcohol per person	60.63% 77
On Country rehab facility	74.02% 94

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1	somewhere where there is phone service for emergencies.	10/21/2020 11:10 AM
2	Education	10/16/2020 9:49 AM
3	Education	10/8/2020 12:26 PM
4	<u>Other</u> name rather than rehab!	9/23/2020 3:01 PM
5	license premises close to community not within. limit drinks per person and food with drinks.	9/23/2020 2:20 PM
6	community night patrol, taxi service/community transport and designated safe drinking place outside community where bama can drink alcohol and stay safe could be all together to reduce danger to bama drinking outside community.	9/23/2020 12:11 PM
7	venue close to community.	9/23/2020 11:05 AM
8	allow bottled wine to have with dinner at home. responsible drinking in home.	9/23/2020 10:47 AM
9	allow any low alcohol drinks in community. no spirits. limit wine	9/23/2020 9:58 AM
10	restricted carriage per vehicle not per person. on country rehab maybe zig zag to separate families to get one to cool down	9/23/2020 9:41 AM
11	a safe place close to community for our mob to drink like the rock and gravel storage pit near granite creek.	9/23/2020 9:17 AM
12	venue close to community like south side, food served with drinks	9/23/2020 8:39 AM
13	licensed premises near community not in the community	9/22/2020 11:54 AM
14	Licensed premises long way from community	9/21/2020 10:31 AM
15	Night patrol take drunks home	9/21/2020 10:19 AM
16	It is <u>parents</u> fault for drinking and gambling, neglecting children. Leaving children with family to go drinking.	9/21/2020 10:03 AM
17	It is <u>parents</u> fault for drinking and gambling, neglecting children. Leaving children with family to go drinking.	9/21/2020 10:03 AM