



Wujal Kaban June 2022



Wujal's Early Warning System



The Wujal Wujal Early Warning System

- Is funded by QRA to ensure safety of community in a flood event.
- Takes place of Bairds Creek.
- River height monitoring at Wobadda (China Camp DRNM station) and the River height alarm system off Bloomfield Bridge.
- The Alarm is situated behind the community hall.
- The pre warning alarm is to warn residents who resides in a flood area where they are required to prepare;
- Food supplies
- Medical supplies
- Emergency supplies, (fuel for generator, batteries, stores etc.)
- Evacuation

The system is to give the response team time to ensure that all above is in place and also allows the team sufficient timeframe to make sure that community residents who will be affected is safe and all requirements are in readiness.

The system will trigger an alarm when the water level at the bridge starts to get to the point where the bridge may go under, or a lower level and where the water is rising fast. There is still some work to do to adjust the trigger levels so they suit the needs of the community, but there is some trial and error involved.

Wujal Wujal Community residents are all safe, except for the lower areas adjacent to the boat ramp, southside if the bridge goes under, Thompson creek, Banabilla, china camp etc.

The timing of the system, allows WWASC team to ensure all residents in the areas mentioned above to be safe and remain safe.

WWASC apologies for the location of the alarm system, Council is working with the contractors to ensure that this will not escalate a panic within the community and to make sure that all residents in our shire and also the neighbouring shire is safe from the similar floods which caught everyone by surprise in 2019 and we do not want to be caught out like the southern state where there was fatalities.



Never miss an issue!! If you would like the monthly Wujal Kaban sent directly to your email address come and see Kylie at the IKC or email kylie@wujal.qld.gov.au



May was Family and Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence happens between two people who are, or were, in a close (intimate) relationship. Types of violence includes physical, verbal, emotional/psychological, sexual and financial abuse.

Family violence refers not only to violence between intimate partners but also to violence between family members. This includes elder abuse and teenager violence towards parents. Family violence can be threatening behaviour, or any other form of behaviour that forces or controls a family member and causes that family member to be afraid. This can be many things. Family violence is about the bigger issue of violence within extended families, kinship networks and community relationships, as well as past intergenerational issues.

Emotional/psychological violence – can include a range of controlling behaviours such as taking and controlling a person's money, isolation from family and friends, continual shame and cruel words, threats to harm you, your property, or children. Or threatening to harm themselves!

All forms of violence cause harm to the whole wellbeing of the person. Physical violence is easy to see but emotional/psychological violence will cause just as much pain to the person on the inside.

Always seek help if you think any of the above is happening to you or someone you love.

And remember violence hurts the children too even if they don't see it ☹️

When children see or hear violence around them, they are at risk of: _

- Causing trouble at school
- Becoming bullies
- Having trouble learning new things

When children see or hear violence around them, they want:-

- The violence to stop
- To feel safe
- To be cared for

How can you make your children feel safe:

- Try to keep a routine for school, meal times and bed times
- Try to talk to your children about their day, their friends, how they feel
- Help your children find good family role models – uncles, aunties, cousins
- Speak respectfully to your children and help them to show respect to others
- Use positive and encouraging words with your children. Tell them you love them



Common forms of financial elder abuse are threats or coercion over assets or wills, denying someone access to their own money and/or taking control of someone's finances against their wishes, abusing Powers of Attorney, theft of personal items like jewellery, credit cards, cash, food, and other possessions, The unauthorised use of banking and financial documents, adding a signatory to a bank account. Let's look after our elders with the dignity and respect they deserve.



I can

ICAN (The Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network) was back in Wujal in May to help Bama sort out their money problems. While in town they spoke with people about budgeting, managing debts, super, and funeral insurance, which has become a big problem since the Aboriginal Community Benefit Fund (ACBF, also known as Youpla) went broke.

In partnership with the RACQ, ICAN also put on a pre-purchase inspection workshop at the hall, which showed people what to look out for on a car before they buy it. Everyone who attended found the session informative and useful, and the response was so positive that another workshop could be on the cards! A short video of the workshop can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnvswAe1eSg&t=6s>

ICAN financial counsellors Carmen Hegarty and Zack Wildy will be heading back up to Wujal mid-July and will be bringing Basic Rights Queensland with them. Basic Rights provides legal information and advice about your rights when it comes to Centrelink, so be sure to catch ICAN and Basic Rights in July!

ICAN provides FREE, CONFIDENTIAL and INDEPENDENT financial counselling and financial capability services to people across North Qld. A good place to learn more about our services is from our videos, which you can watch at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtaFL3Ta4ykW8NAIt5XPIrw>

You can also check out our website at <https://ican.org.au/services/> or give us a call for a yarn **on 1800 369 878**.

If you are worried that you have lost money to ACBF/Youpla, you can call the liquidators (SV Partners) on 07 3310 2005, email them via youpla@svp.com.au, or give ICAN a call on the number above.



Scammers may call you out of the blue asking for personal details or offering investment opportunities. If someone asks for personal details on the phone, hang up and call them back using details from their official website. If you're pressured into sharing personal information or investing your money, it's probably an investment scam.

(Source: Moneysmart.gov.au)



SMALL SCHOOL SPORTS DAY BACK AT WUJAL



Wujal Wujal is again hosting the Small Schools Sports Day. Four schools are taking part Bloomfield River, Lakeland, Rossville and Laura State Schools.

Come down to the sports oval on Thursday June 16, starting at 9:30am to support our kids who have been training hard to take out this year's small school sports title.

End of Term 2 is rapidly approaching with parent/teacher interviews happening at the mango tree from 3pm on June 23. Parents and caregivers of kids are strongly encouraged to attend to discuss how their children are tracking at school.

The last day of Term 2 is Friday June 24.

April

Azalea Yougie

Azalea displays a wonderful attitude towards all aspects of school. She puts effort, care and thought into all activities she does, observations she makes and interactions she has. She has great resilience and does not give up. Azalea is a caring and thoughtful classmate who willingly goes out of her way to help others in need. She enjoys helping keep our space clean and organised. Azalea has amazing patience and understanding for her peers and happily works and plays with others whether she is in the classroom or the playground. Azalea is appreciated in our deadly P/1/2 class for her curious mind, wonderful sense of humour and kind heart.



Small Schools
SPORTS DAY

Thursday June 16
9.30 at the Wujal Wujal Oval



Naplan Years 3-5	5 May 10am-12pm	Small school sports day	16 June Wujal Oval
Big Breakfast	19 May	Parent/Teacher interviews	23 June Council Chambers
Seniors Camp	Week 6 23-26 May	Last day of term	24 June



ADVENTURE



2022

SENIORS CAMP

BLOOMFIELD RIVER
STATE SCHOOL



Child Car Seat Laws

Types of child restraints

The type of child restraint you install will depend mainly on the child's age, but you may need to consider the child's size as well.

Babies up to 6 months old

Babies up to 6 months of age must be in an approved rear-facing restraint that is properly fastened and adjusted. We recommend babies stay in a rear-facing restraint for as long as their size allows.

Babies and children—6 months to 4 years

Babies and children from 6 months and up to 4 years must be in an approved child restraint that is properly adjusted and fastened. The child restraint may be rear-facing or forward-facing with a built-in harness. However, we recommend babies and children stay in a rear-facing restraint for as long as their size allows.

Children—4 to 7 years

Children aged 4 years and up to 7 years may be in an approved child restraint that is forward-facing with a built-in harness that is properly adjusted and fastened. They may also be in an approved booster seat secured with an adult lap-sash seatbelt or a fastened and adjusted H-Harness. However, research has indicated that the booster seat with a H-Harness option provides a lower level of safety in some types of crashes.

Booster cushions

A booster cushion is a booster seat without the back and side wings. A child aged 4 years and up to 7 years may use an Australian standard approved booster cushion secured with an adult lap-sash seatbelt or a fastened and adjusted H-Harness.

Booster cushions are legal to use providing they complied with the Australian standard AS/NZS 1754 at the time of manufacture. The booster cushion should have a sticker showing approval and a date stamp for when it was manufactured. We recommend child booster cushions be less than 10 years old.

Children 7 years and over

Children who are 7 years and over may sit in a standard seat with an adult seatbelt, or an approved booster seat/cushion secured with an adult lap-sash seatbelt or an H-Harness. Or, they may be in an approved child restraint that is forward-facing with a built-in harness that is properly adjusted and fastened.



Fines for not complying with child safety restraint laws for ages six months to seven years of age are \$413 per offence. No matter how small the trip always make sure that your children are properly restrained – it could save their life.





Bits and Bobs



Will be closed until further notice from either 12 or 19 June 2022. Please check the Facebook page for further information visit facebook.com/hideawaylicensedcafeandrestaurant Dine in reservations or take-aways can still be made by calling 0498 750 748 Opening days and hours are as follows:

Friday 3/6/22 and Saturday 4/6/22	8:00am for baked goods and drink
Friday 9/6/22 – Sunday 11/6/22	
Friday 17/6/22 – Sunday 19/6/22 - TBC	12:00 – 2:00pm for lunch
	2:00 – 5:00pm Closed
	5:00 – 8:00pm Dinner

Sunday 5/6/22	8:00 – 10:00am only
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SWEET HONEY – MAYI WUNBA CAFE

Conveniently located at the Bana Yirriji Art Centre, Sweet Honey – Mayi Wunba Café is open Monday to Thursday during the day from 8am – 2 pm and in the evening for dinner from 5pm – 7pm. Come in and enjoy the café menu including meals of the day, burgers, fish and chips, seafood baskets, fresh sandwiches and rolls made to order, drinks and tea and coffee.

The café will be closed from 6-10th June and Kathi apologises for any inconvenience but will be back on board from June 13.

Catering menu's available and all catering orders must give at least one week's advance notice.

Call Kathi on 0499 429 441 or come down to the café for a quote.



A Business Opportunity exists at the Bloomfield Beach Camp for the lease of the restaurant facility and studio apartment. Be your own boss. For more information please contact Kat and Yogi on 4060 8207

Come along to play,
learn & socialise!
Morning Tea provided



ON NOW

Wujal Wujal Playgroup

10:00am—12:00pm


Wednesdays

*Come along & join us
under the IKC building*



For further details, phone the Playgroup Team on 4082 1400

ALL PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WELCOME




WUJAL WUJAL BALJI PROGRAM

**CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE,
CULTURE AND WELLBEING,
RESULTING IN STRONG
FAMILIES.**

Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm
Meet @ the Lower IKC Building

TEXT KIM YOUR IDEAS ON 0458 770 101




ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Learn how to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults who are developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves.

FREE ATSI MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING FOR ALL COMMUNITY

**14TH AND 15TH JUNE IN THE
TRAINING ROOM**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WITH MY PATHWAY**



RFDS Mental Health & Wellbeing Team

Yarning in private with an RFDS Mental Health Clinician can help you understand every day stress.

Our RFDS team are specially trained to help people think about difficult problems, and yarn about how they can improve their wellbeing.

We help with:

- > feeling depressed, anxious, angry or worried,
- > how to stand up and be strong with the people around you,
- > grief, loss and trauma,
- > bad memories,
- > family fighting,
- > thoughts you don't like or understand, and
- > other problems you might have.

Contact us today (07) 4040 0444 or
email MHAdmin@rfdsgld.com.au



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A bit of us: We've moved up from Brisbane, after raising our two kids, Kim (21) and Josh (18). We have spent a lot of our lives in rural/regional areas, including Cambodia. We love being a part of the communities we engage in. Whilst here in Wujal, Gus will be Chaplain at the Bloomfield State School (and is keen to put his practical skills to work on the other days!) and I'll be working here at council, doing my best to help make Wujal Wujal a great, financially sustainable place. Thank you so much to all that have welcomed us.

Five Minutes With..... Jo Gowans

NAME AND AGE	JO GOWANS VERY YOUNG 😊 47
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING TO DO IN WUJAL?	Hiking up the different tracks – still exploring
WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE – PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL?	Being married to my awesome hubby (Gus) for 26 years and having my kids adulting in Brissy whilst we are here in Wujal. They are proving they can cook and clean like I have never seen before...so proud!
WHAT KIND OF CHALLENGES IS YOUR COMMUNITY FACING THESE DAYS?	I have only been here two weeks, but can see that having a council that hears the needs of the people is incredibly important. We can't fix everything immediately, but together we can do something.
IF YOU WERE FEATURED IN THE LOCAL NEWS, WHAT WOULD IT MOST LIKELY BE FOR?	Probably THAT person that didn't see the croc coming 😊
WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER AND WHY?	Road Runner – just love that he's always one step ahead of the villains.
WHO IS YOUR NRL TEAM?	I'd like to stay in Wujal a while, so will say the Broncos
IF YOU WON LOTTO WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO/BUY?	Flights for our family to come and visit us here in Wujal!

PICTURES OF WUJAL HISTORY

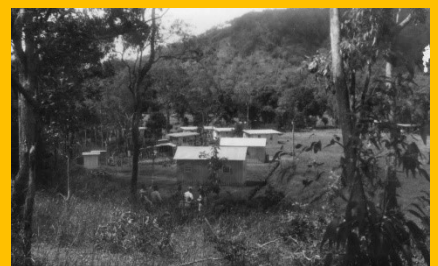
Wujal Wujal, Bloomfield River



Pineapple plantation where the Council Office now sits.






Early housing in Wujal



June Community Calendar

JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 ATSI Mental Health First Aid - Training Room 	15 	16 Small School Sports Day in Wujal Wujal	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Parent teacher interviews @ Council Chambers	24 Last day of Term 2	25	26
27	28 	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	NOTES: Royal Flying Doctors Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team every fortnight Tuesday. Come speak with Steve and Jess.				