



Wujal Kaban October 2021

For a small community we have a lot happening at the moment. It is awesome to be celebrating so many success stories and to be able to support our local people. This issue is packed full of personal and community achievements and a chance to reflect on what NAIDOC means to all of us. Inside this edition:

Work Opportunities

The following positions are currently vacant and are being recruited to join a small team of dedicated staff.

- Contract Administration Officer Victor Mills
- Finance Administration Officer Lynette Simbil
- Plant Operator Victor Mills
- Animal Management Officer Victor Mills

Applications are invited for the above positions. Contact the named contact officer on 4083 9100 to discuss the position and obtain a copy of the position description. Applications close 5.00pm Tuesday 12 October 2021



- Pfizer Vaccine
- NAIDOC
- Splash Park Opening
- ILUA Land Transfer
- Youth Justice Camp
- CDCC Programming
- Bits and Bob's
- Art Centre Café Opening
- Wujal History

Congratulations Cleon Doughboy

Cleon plays for the Herberton Magpies and was a finalist for the club's fairest and best. We would like to congratulate Cleon on coming away with the silver medal.



Photo courtesy of Atherton Express



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Covid-19 Vaccine Dates

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Mon 18th October 2021
to
Thurs 21st October 2021

Pfizer will be offered to all residents over 12 years old and will be conducted at the **Community Hall**.

If you have not already received your first dose you can still receive it in October or attend the Cooktown Clinic.

If you are a frontline service worker, you are required to get vaccinated. If you are unsure about the vaccine and/or the requirements, please contact a health professional to discuss.



Of the eligible Wujal Wujal population received their first does of Pfizer. Let's see if we can achieve 100%



Vaccines train a person's immune system to recognise and clear out germs (bacteria and viruses) that can cause serious illness. They strengthen your immune system by training it to recognise and fight against specific germs.

NAIDOC

2021



Feature Artist for NAIDOC 2021 - Sonya Creek with her Mili Series

My grandfather Alec Creek is a Kaanju man from Coen and my grandmother is Kuku Nyungkul from Shipton Flat. I have lived in Wujal Wujal for 16 years and have just been making artwork for a few years now at our art centre. I love it because some of my family members encourage me to do artwork. I have artists from both sides of my family.

Meaning of the Mili Series

My painting depicts my totem, the Mili, Stinging Tree (Dendrocnide moroides). My grandmother is from Wujal Wujal where the Stinging Tree is known as Mili and my grandfather is from Coen where it is known as Appun. The stinging tree has leaves which stings when you have contact with it, the leaves have hairs which gets stuck to your skin if touched. The best medicine to use if you get sting is tobacco or you own urine.



Sonya Creek

Sonya's pieces are available to purchase from the Bana Yirriji Art Centre Wujal Wujal along with many other unique pieces from local artists.



Bana Yirriji
ART CENTRE



Wujal Wujal Community NAIDOC Week Celebrations 11th – 14th October 2021

Monday 11th October 2021

9am – 10 am	Smoking Ceremony, NAIDOC Speeches and Flag Raising and corroboree	Town Centre
10am – 11am	Big Brekky with random prizes	Mango Tree
6pm – 8pm	Blue Light Disco (lots of games and prizes)	Hall

Tuesday 12th October 2021

9.30am – 2.15pm	Bloomfield River State School NAIDOC Day Celebrations. All community members are invited. Lots of activities, blow up bouncy slide, corroboree, art competition, lunch provided	Bloomfield River State School
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Wednesday 13th October 2021

9am – 2pm	Cultural Day Arts and craft actives, spear making, basket weaving, Kurrama lunch provided by the Depot staff	Hall
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Thursday 14th October 2021

9.15am for a 9.30am start	NAIDOC March from Clinic to Hall	Primary Health Clinic
10am -2pm	Activities Arts and craft, corroboree/dance battle, baby show, lunch provided	Hall
6pm – 10pm	“Wujal Wujal Formal” NAIDOC Dinner 100 tickets \$30 per head for 2 course meal with entertainment	Bana Yirriji

Thanks to our Sponsors and supporters: Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council, Wujal Wujal Justice Group, My Pathway, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships – Cooktown office, Jabalbina Yajanji Corporation, Bloomfield River State School, Queensland Police Services, PCYC, Council Depot Staff, Wujal Wujal Aged and Community Care, Wujal Wujal Cultural Advisors CDCC, Apunipima, Queensland Health,.



SPLASH PARK



Wujal Wujal has officially got itself a splash park and just in time for summer. The opening day was a huge success with just about every kid from the community coming down to test it out. Wujal Wujal Council and community would like to thank NCP Contractors, Gavin and Tracey, and Kirritech Pool Services for making this happen. The splash park has been running non-stop which is great to see.

Please keep in mind that even though the park is open there is still machinery, workers and cars nearby so please take care.

To keep the park and infrastructure in good order we ask if everyone can do their part to keep the area clean and tidy to avoid any unnecessary closures.



- **Supervision of children is required at all times**
- Ensure that no sand or grass goes onto the park as this could block up the filtration system.
- No standing on the benches or BBQ's.
- Take all rubbish and scraps with you. Clean up after yourself.
- No wet towels on the BBQ's.
- Clean the BBQ after use.
- Don't move or alter any of the fence panels.
- Only Authorised people to enter the filtration shed.
- Don't throw any items in the bucket.
- No balls on the splash pad for children's safety.
- No food or drink inside the park
- If children are not toilet trained swim nappies are required.
- Enjoy yourself, have fun and cool down.



The Splash Park is open daily 9am – 6pm



WUJAL SPLASH PARK OPENING 21/09/2021





ILUA LAND TRANSFER

Key Points

- Native title had already been established over the land, but the traditional custodians wanted more involvement
- Eastern Kuku Yalanji people will jointly manage the country with the Queensland government and say it will lead to cultural learning and employment opportunities
- About 20 per cent of the 160,213ha handed back comes in addition to the land already under native title

What the ILUA Transfer means to bama

The ILUA transfer celebrates the return of the Daintree, Ngalbulal, Hope Islands and Kalkajaka National Parks (Cape Your Peninsula Aboriginal Land) back to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people. This land is the spiritual land of which our ancestors were the caretakers and our history began many hundreds of years ago. This land provided our people with food, medicine, stories and sacred areas to conduct men's and women's business. This land sustained and enriched our people and the stories and knowledge have been passed down from generation to generation to create and celebrate our unique culture. Every bama is spiritually connected to this bubu.

By accepting the return of this land we will be able to keep our connection to country, manage our land and continue to build our cultural story which we can pass on to our kids, their kids and so on.

I would personally like to thank and congratulate every individual that has been involved in the process to get us to this point and create history for our people. It gives me a great sense of pride to know that our clans culture is strong, and we can work together to achieve great outcomes that will enrich the lives of our people and the generations to follow.

Bradley Creek
Mayor



An ILUA is a voluntary agreement between native title parties and other people or bodies about the use and management of areas of land and/or waters.



Rivermount Christian College

A group of 18 students from Rivermount Christian College, Gold Coast made their way to Wujal to participate in a two week on country program to show city kids how we do it in community. The camp was a massive success and the Wujal Youth Justice Program would like to thank all community members who assisted over the two weeks and extend their appreciation to the staff that dedicated their time to look after all the students.

It was a great to spend time with members of the three clan groups on country and joining in on all the activities such as the Ocean Safari reef trip, horse riding, yarning circle, touch football, fishing, hiking, swimming. Kurrma, corroboree and much much more.

The group learnt about the local Kuku Yalanji culture and traditions and by the end of the fortnight the city kids were well adapted to Wujal life and didn't want to leave. The aim of the program is to get our kids out on country and show the city kids what community life is like.

Next year it is our turn to visit Rivermount Christian College on the Gold Coast and experience what life is like in the big smoke.

The Wujal Youth Justice Program will again host the Rivermount Christian College in 2023 to show a new group of kids just how great we have it up here and share our culture and community with them.

The Wujal Youth Justice Program would like to thank all the Wujal kids who attended and thank them for all the effort and participation they provided over the two weeks.



Youth Justice Camp

Rivermount Christian College has a total of 1004 students and runs an Indigenous Awareness Program as part of its curriculum. The program explores cultures, spirituality, histories and recognition of the contributions Indigenous Australians have made to contemporary Australia.





ALL PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WELCOME

WUJAL WUJAL BALJI PROGRAM

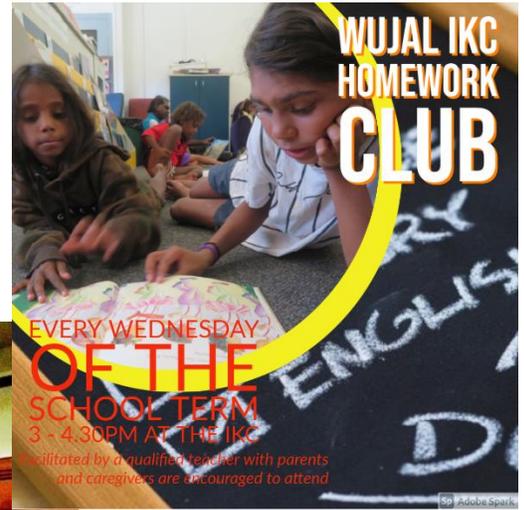
CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE,
CULTURE AND WELLBEING,
RESULTING IN STRONG
FAMILIES.

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

TEXT KIM YOUR IDEAS ON 0458 770 101



Bits and Bobs



Wujal Mayor Bradley Creek, Director of Works and Services Victor Mills, Douglas Shire Mayor Michael Kerr, Wujal CEO Steve Wilton and Douglas Acting CEO Juanita Warner held a meeting in September to discuss the MOU for the change of boundary for both shires.

COOKTOWN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE INVITES YOU TO

WUJAL WUJAL FAMILY FIESTA FUN DAY

KIDS CORNER, NOVELTY EVENTS, FREE LUCKY DOOR PRIZES, LUNCH, SNACKS & SNO-CONES BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY - ALL ARE WELCOME

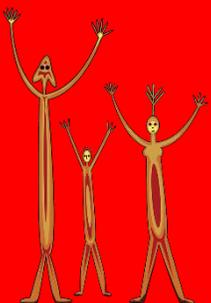
NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE
10am to 2pm 8th December 2021
Wujal Wujal Community Hall
A FUN DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY ON THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Gingging PLAYGROUP ON NOW

10:00am—12:00pm
Wednesdays

Come along & join us under the IKC building

Playgroup provides an opportunity for children to play and learn. Assists in language development and communication. Provides a space for children to participate in and enjoy new activities. Provides a stimulated environment where children can acquire new skills and learn.



Art Centre Café

Open for Business



WILD HONEY - "MAIJI NUNBA"

BURGERS

- Hamburger - \$8.00
- Fishburger - \$9.00
- Bacon & Egg burger - \$8.00
- Steak burger - \$10.00 N/A
- The Wujal burger - \$15.00
- lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, cheese, onions, bacon, egg, beef patty with special sauce
- Savoury Mince Rolls N/A \$7.00
- Hotdogs - \$6.00
- 80° extra ch...
- Bacon & ...

FISH - Battered or Crumbed \$9.00

CHIPS - Large: \$10.00
Small: \$5.00
 with gravy \$1.00 extra

HOT DINNERS

- large - \$14.00
- small - \$10.00

CHEESECAKES - \$7 per slice

CAKES - \$7 per slice

TRIFLE - \$7 per slice

CONES + JAM & CREAM - \$10.00

... - \$6

WILD HONEY - "MAIJI NUNBA"

Fresh sandwiches + rolls made to order \$9.80

Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Salads, Egg on white, multigrain

DRINKS - \$3.00

- Coke, SunKist, Lemonade, Paseto, Coke (no sugar)
- Water - \$2.50
- Juices - \$2.50

COFFEE + TEA

- Small \$4
- Medium \$5
- Large \$6

N/A only teas \$6.50

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Catherine Gibson has now opened the Wujal Art Centre Café and is making delicious home style food from hamburgers, fresh sandwiches and hot food to coffee, milkshakes and cold drinks. Come in and support a local. Cathy is open Monday to Saturday and would love to see you down there.



Nearly 19 Million Australians drink coffee, that's 75% of the entire population! Of those, 28% have three or more cups of coffee daily. Aussies as a nation consume 37 million kilograms of coffee a year.

A blast from the past 🌀

Helen and Graeme Teece wrote to Hershbergers and they were very excited to hear of life in Wujal Wujal.

They wrote:

Hank is 98 and I am 86, so we don't do a lot beyond reading and keeping our recliners occupied. Our daughter Carol and her husband John Berthelette live with us in our basement. They were in Central African Republic but are home now because of covid. They still work remotely; skype and zoom are terrific, but they have trouble quite a bit with poor internet connections in CAR. Carol is a translation consultant and is working with the translation committees in CAR, but it is often slow and frustrating because of poor connections. John and Carol planted a garden and we've been enjoying the fresh produce. She has canned quite a few quarts of tomatoes and has frozen green beans and green peppers and chard. So at least I can help with that with the cutting up and anything that needs doing while sitting down. Hank still does some fixup things, works on the tires on our car and anything he can do sitting down. He doesn't drive any more, but I still do so I am his chauffeur. I don't think you knew any of our kids. Besides Carol, we have two sons. Danny lives with his family in Florida; Steve lives about 7 miles from us, so we see him a lot.

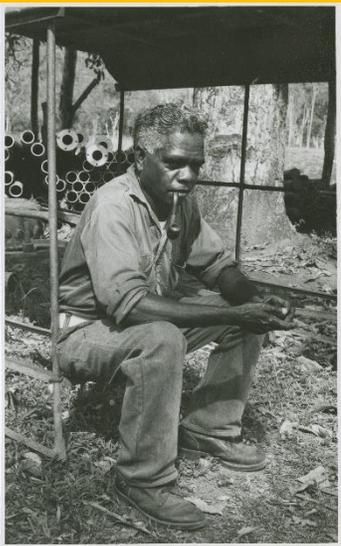
Please tell the bama there that we think of them often and pray for them.

PICTURES OF WUJAL HISTORY

Toby Bloomfield 11/9/1972



Paddy Nunn, Council Chairman
18/11/1974



Top of page Ruth and Carol
teaching girls in Bloomfield.
Top left Hank and Ruth.
Middle from left to right
Danny and his wife Tabby,
Ruth, Hank and Steve.
Bottom Carol and John



October Community Calendar

October 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
40	Sep 26, 2021	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
41	3	4 Public Holiday	5 School returns Kindy returns	6 PAMA Futures Community Meetings	7	8	9
42	10	11 Wujal NAIDOC Celebrations	12 Council positions close 5pm	13 Homework Club	14	15	16
43	17	18 Pfizer Vaccination Days - Hall	19	20 Homework Club	21 Boat License Training	22	23
44	24	25	26 Homework Club	27 Homework Club	28	29 Wujal Foundation Day - Pub	30
45	31	Nov 1	2 Homework Club	3 Homework Club	4	5	6