



Covid-19 Vaccinations

Wujal Kaban February 2022

The Wujal clinic is now offering adult (over 18 years old) Covid-19 booster shots. You are eligible for the booster jab three months after your second dose. If you are unsure if you are eligible for the booster contact the clinic.

The clinic now has the vaccines for our 5-11 year old's. The vaccine is a reduced volume of the adult Pfizer vaccine, and there is an eight week wait between doses. If you would like to find out more about the children's vaccinations contact the clinic on 4083 9000.

All other vaccinations are still available upon appointment with a children's and booster walk in clinic in February from Tuesday the 1st to Thursday the 3rd from 9am to 4pm.

Queensland Health Covid-19 Information

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remote communities

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who lives in a rural or remote community, you have an increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 as you may:

- have limited access to health and medical care
- live in a multi-generational household or live with multiple people in one household
- have pre-existing health conditions
- be over the age of 50.

Where to get help

- **A&TSI COVID-19 vaccination helpline:** 1800 020 080 (option 5)
- **Make the choice:** a dedicated COVID-19 service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- **National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO):** find your local NACCHO member or affiliate near you
- **A&TSI COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Clinics:** book your vaccination appointment, find a walk-in vaccination location near you and locate a testing clinic.



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



March Flies

Unless you have been one of the really lucky ones you will be getting regularly attacked by the influx of march flies which are taking over community.

These flies like hot damp areas, especially around waterways. They are active during the sunlight hours and tend to stay away from shaded low light areas. Only the female of the species bite using their strong incisors mouth parts. Feeding on blood from humans and animals to get protein to be able to produce eggs.

March flies detect humans and animals by colors, and movements, they are attracted to shiny objects, warmth, sweat, and exhaled carbon dioxide. Dark coloured, particularly blue, are their favourite.

Common remedies for flies and other flying insects outdoors include citronella candles and UV bug zappers. Horse flies are not attracted to trash and animal carcasses, but keeping your yard as free from standing water as much as possible will help keep them to a minimum (and mosquitoes, as well!).

Mapping the Digital Gap

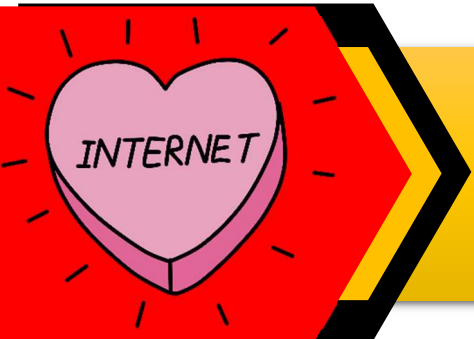
RMIT University will be in community from Monday 28th Feb for week as part of the Mapping the Digital Gap research project. Wujal was fortunate to be one of ten indigenous communities Australia wide to be selected for this research project. The project extends over four years and works in conjunction with Telstra to explore the digital gaps faced by communities.

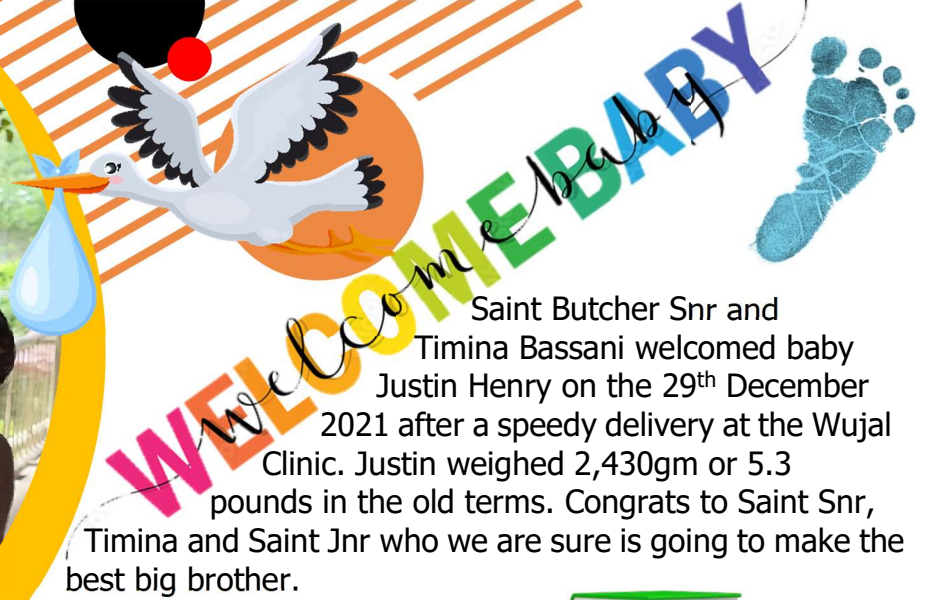
This Project aims to measure the levels of digital inclusion and media use in remote and outer regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities over a four-year period (2021-2024).

There is opportunity for two paid co-researcher positions for the week (one male and one female). Researchers will conduct 20-25 minute surveys with community members over the age of 18 and survey participants will receive a small gift (e.g. a \$20 store voucher)



According to the Australia's Digital Divide 2002 research 78.4% of indigenous people living remote never had access to internet compared to 51.7% of non-remote indigenous people.





Saint Butcher Snr and Timina Bassani welcomed baby Justin Henry on the 29th December 2021 after a speedy delivery at the Wujal Clinic. Justin weighed 2,430gm or 5.3 pounds in the old terms. Congrats to Saint Snr, Timina and Saint Jnr who we are sure is going to make the best big brother.



School is returning for all students on the 7th February. The bus will be at the mango tree at the normal time of 8am. **The Queensland Government has released their back to school plan with key features being:**

- Mask wearing for all high school students and staff in line with the existing mandate
- Masks available and strongly encouraged for students in Years 3 to 6
- A range of ventilation measures including air purifiers as required

Temporary measures for the first four weeks of term include:

- RATs available in school for students and staff who develop symptoms while on site
- Priority access to RATs for students and staff at Queensland Health clinics
- RATs provided to staff entering remote communities
- Suspension of school camps, excursions, assemblies, and large gatherings
- Limiting of visitors on school sites, with exceptions
- for parents and carers of students experiencing vulnerability, and all students attending Early Childhood Development Programs, Kindergarten, Prep or Year 1



Britta from the school will be under the mango tree Thursday 3rd of February in the morning for parents to purchase school uniforms. At the moment BRSS shirts are available for \$30 each and shorts will be available later in the term. If you could please pay by cash, it would be appreciated.

RAAT Test Availability



The Wujal Clinic has limited stock of Rapid Antigen Tests that are available to the community. At present the clinic can only administer these tests to people displaying symptoms of Covid. This means if you have fever, cough, shortness of breath or are a close contact (live with a confirmed case) you can get tested. The clinic are unable to administer tests to people who have been somewhere where a confirmed case was present e.g the shop or the pub etc. If you would like to get a test the Ayton IGA are hoping to receive a small amount of stock by the end of the week but limits may apply. Alternatively, chemists may have some available but stocks are hard to come by at present and suppliers are doing their best to keep up with demand.

Aged Care farewells two staff members and welcomes two on board

Community Care Staff and Clients would like to say a huge thankyou and a very sad farewell to two of our staff members - Sonya Doughboy and Adalene Williams during December 2021.

We have been privileged to work alongside such wonderful ladies, who have shared their knowledge, fun and laughter with clients and staff during their time here.



Community Care would also like to thank the new staff who have started 2022 here with us...Dion Williams and Florince Williams. Both are well known in the community and by our clients and will prove to be great assets.



Deputy Mayor Vincent Tayley's focus for the next four years is an improved infrastructure for the benefit of the whole community, capitalisation of tourism opportunities combined with sustainability and building a strong, robust resilient community that thrives with employment a genuine focus.



CURRENT STATUS OF CONFIRMED CASES

2,159,490 Total cases

3,716 Total deaths

385,779 Active cases

367

CURRENT CASES INTENSIVE CARE UNITS (ICU)

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
3	182	3	41	25	1	111	1	

4,790

CURRENT CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
62	2,663	121	745	289	20	889	1	

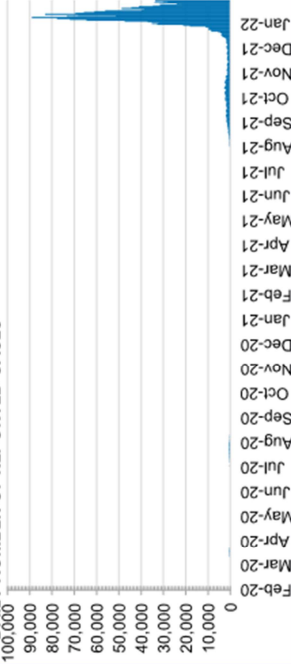
60,946,987

3.5% POSITIVE

TOTAL TESTS CONDUCTED

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD
850,637	27,711,928	658,850	6,483,868	
POSITIVE	3.2%	3.2%	2.3%	4.6%
	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
3,592,093	523,712	18,887,486	2,238,413	
POSITIVE	2.9%	2.7%	4.3%	0.1%

DAILY NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES

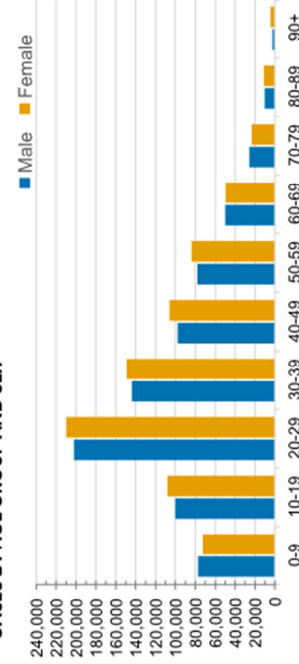


CASES IN AGED CARE SERVICES

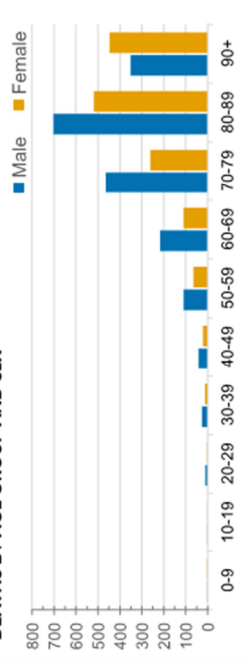
Confirmed Cases	Australia	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Residential Care Recipients	13,998 (1,356)	82 (8)	5,396 (328)	19 (90)	2,038 (90)	1,028 (70)	130 (2)	5,305 (858)	0
In Home Care Recipients	205 (13)	0	45 (3)	0	15	1	5 (2)	138 (7)	1 (1)

Cases in care recipients (deaths)

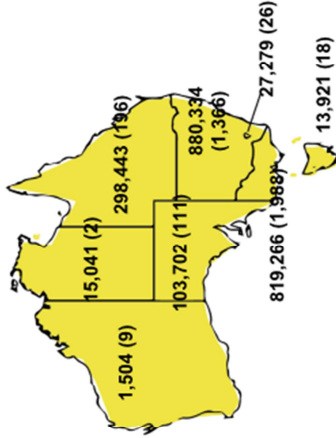
CASES BY AGE GROUP AND SEX



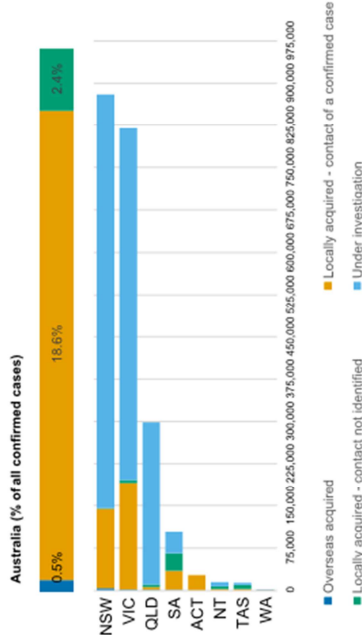
DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX



CASES (DEATHS) BY STATE AND TERRITORIES

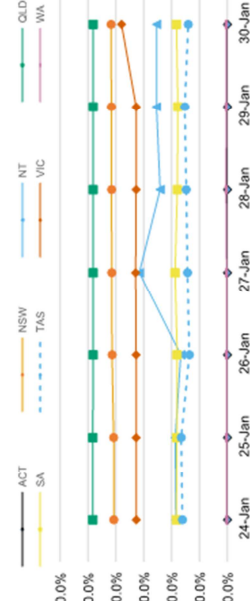


CASES BY SOURCE OF INFECTION



PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE MEASURE

Proportion of total cases under investigation





Bits and

Bobs

Chomper has arrived and is now living in the splash park to supervise all the kids. The realistic looking crocodile is made of fibre glass and he is ready to play. We again ask that all children are supervised whilst playing in and around the splash park grounds to prevent unnecessary damage to property.



centrelink

The Centrelink hours are Monday to Thursday 9 – 11.30am. These hours are dictated by the agreement that Council has with Services Australia and these hours are unable to be extended. Covid rules apply when entering the Centrelink office and it is a requirement to wear a face mask while in the Centrelink office and the agent has a right to refuse service to anyone not following the rules. Also, only one customer and the service agent are able to be in the office at any one time. We thank the community for their understanding and cooperation.



The Post Office is open Monday to Friday 8.30am -12pm. Covid restrictions apply to one customer at a time and all customers must wear a facemask. Mail is delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Bana Yirriji Art Centre welcomes Cassie Roatz

The Bana Yirriji Art Centre would like to welcome Cassie to the team. Cassie has been working casually with the art centre but is now a permanent full-time team member. Cassie brings a great artistic eye and passion for art, as well as an art degree which she can put to good use.



Centrelink is the Australian Government's agency that delivers a range of Commonwealth services to the community. Centrelink's purpose is to help people become self-sufficient and to support those in need. Centrelink has a range of payment types that can assist individuals



Ray on the far left with Rodney Denman and Charlie Walker back int 2008 working as an Essential Service Operator on the water reticulation project.

Ray now runs the Council service station which he really loves. He is the first to work every morning even beating the bosses.

Photo Christine Howes



PICTURES OF WUJAL HISTORY

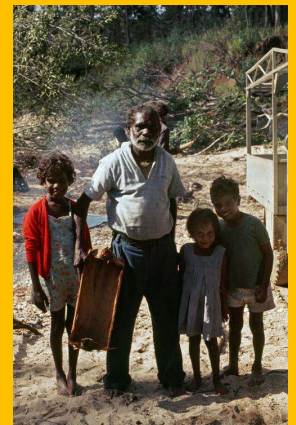
Home from hunting trip at Watermelon Creek and Burungu. Harry Turner, Youngman Yougie, Barbara Tuner, Ronnie Walker, Mary Wallace, Bob Yerry and lots of kids 1977



Jawun and Lilly Yougie at the Banana Creek land clearing hearings Wujal



Youngerman Yougie and with Irene Walker, Stephanie Tayley and Trevor Yougie



Five Minutes With..... Ray Sycamore

NAME AND AGE	Ray Sycamore 54 years old
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING TO DO IN WUJAL?	Chatting with the locals and wandering around the beautiful community
WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE – PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL?	Receiving water certificate. I was the first certified indigenous water operator in Australia.
WHAT KIND OF CHALLENGES IS YOUR COMMUNITY FACING THESE DAYS?	The Covid-19 pandemic, housing issues, employment opportunities and alcohol usage.
IF YOU WERE FEATURED IN THE LOCAL NEWS, WHAT WOULD IT MOST LIKELY BE FOR?	Hopefully it would be for making a difference in some area.
WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER AND WHY?	I have too many to choose from. Love cartoons
WHO IS YOUR NRL TEAM?	Bulldogs
IF YOU WON LOTTO WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO/BUY?	I'd bank most of it but I would by a new fridge or TV.



February Community Calendar

2022

FEBRUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Walkin Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic (Primary Health Clinic) 9am-4pm					
		Ging Ging Playgroup (10am- 12pm)	School uniforms for sale under mango tree			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
School returns						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8					

RMIT - Mapping the Digital Gap Research Project Team in Community (University of Melbourne)

NOTES:

All dates subject to change at short notice due to Covid-19 impacts.