



Bamangka Kaban

"People's Paper"

Healing centre on the way

Walba-Murru (where the Meg crosses at Zig Zag) will be the site a new healing centre for Kuku Yalanji Bama.

"This is a really good example of how grassroots people in Wujal Wujal, Jabalbina and government can work together," CEO Josh Paterson said.

"And with the support of the government champion, Jamie Merrick, we've been able to pull together funding to build a healing centre on that plot of land that we've identified," he said.

"We're going through the quoting and planning stage now, and that's being managed by Principal Ranger Conrad Yeatman.

"He's doing this as an extension of that duty, which is help pulling together design, quotes and the project management.

"The healing centre will be for public use and generally managed through an MOU with the Wujal Wujal Elders group.

"Special thanks to Aunty Kathleen Walker, who's been an advocate for this project and has lobbied for it quite fearlessly.

"It's already a success and we're looking forward to putting that out to tender."



Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation continues to grow across all our program areas, now employing nearly 50 people, the majority of whom are EKY Bama, CEO Josh Paterson writes...

A word from General Manager Josh Paterson

We've seen a significant increase in employees, even from our last Annual General Meeting, late last year, when we were 33.

We have just employed another five under our new Reef Assist Program, taking us to 49 employees, 32 of which are permanent, and 29 of those are Bama (18 Dingkar – men – and 11 Jalbu – women).

I think it shows how quickly we are growing as an organisation and reflects how successful we've been in attracting and expanding our funding bases – the more programs we deliver, along with our core programs such as the rangers, the more we can attract more funding which allows us to employ more people.

In news from our previous newsletter, we are still in the final stages of receiving Wawu Dimbi as a property from the Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation (ILSC).

We think that transfer of that property title will be before Christmas this year, which would be a good outcome.

We have successfully attracted funding for Wawu Dimbi through Reef Assist, for a riparian restoration project which will see us re-plant an area 600 metres by 30 metres wide along the Daintree River.

So that's a really great initiative with a whole new team of 'foresters', as we call them, headed up by Jason Petersen, who has been promoted to take up that leadership role and he's doing a fantastic job.

We've been working with Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) and progressing the Rainforest Restoration Alliance,

and in doing that, we've been able to bring together all of the key stakeholders that are doing good work in the buyback space and in restoration work across the Daintree.

That's been a really good initiative, supported by Wet Tropics Management Authority.

Phoria Elders Camp

We had an open cultural induction day where we brought all of those key stakeholders together onto Wawu Dimbi, combined into an Elders gathering, so they came and told the Jabalbina story to the stakeholders over the day, which worked really well.

It was good to get everyone together and showcase my brilliant team of managers and young Yalanji staff, and also good to hear what our stakeholders were bringing in their partnership with us.

See page 16 for more on that.

Management Agreement

Our Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) staff continue to work closely with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and the Department of Environment & Science (DES) and I think we've made significant progress along the continuum towards joint management of the national parks.

Between now and Christmas this year, we are about to enter into a series of workshops with QPWS and the partnership branch of the DES to progress an implementation

plan for transition to greater Bama participation in the management of our four national parks.

This means additional funding to support the work Principal Ranger Conrad Yeatman and Senior Ranger Kallum Clarke have been doing to workshop and deliver joint management activities in our national parks for the first time.

It's a fantastic progression that has taken a lot of hard work since the hand back in September 2021.

We wanted to make sure we had a program that would really deliver to the point we'll see Yalanji working alongside QPWS rangers in true joint management, which would be fantastic and has been a long time coming.

QPWS continue to work progressively with us, which is always good when you get there, so that's a great area to be reporting on.

Grants

On the horizon, we are looking at more applications to support Junior Rangers, and we've also applied for more Queensland Indigenous Land & Sea Ranger funding.

We have successfully applied for a DES focused reef grant which allows us to dedicate our boat to being on the sea three days a week focusing on all the programs that need to be delivered at sea, such as a sea grass monitoring program we've also applied for, along with a Crown of Thorns and coral bleach mapping.

Those will see us being actively involved in the science of reef protection activities on Yalanji country.



*Left to Right: Board members Maryanne Port Colin Doughboy, Terence Gibson, Michelle Friday-Mooka with CEO Josh Paterson.
Not in the picture: Lizzie Olbah & Lee Yeatman.*

Between our members and our staff we are the largest representative Native Title body on Cape York, Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation chair Michelle Friday-Mooka writes...

I can say with confidence that at least 90% of the corporation's employment are actually Yalanji Bama, so we employ more Yalanji than the Douglas, Wujal Wujal and Cook Shire Councils.

So, it's becoming really a viable thing for EKY mob to work on country, live and work on country, through the work that Jabalbina's doing.

And there's opportunities that will continue to arise, so please keep an eye on socials, websites, and apply if you think you've got the right skills.

We encourage our Yalanji mob to apply for all our positions.

It's been good to identify particular strengths of staff and have a reshuffle around the organisation.

I support all the programs, I think they're all beneficial for Yalanji Bama.

This is my fourth year on the board, and my second year as chair, and our growth is the best thing.

Actually watching Jabalbina grow makes me emotional, as we've grown we've seen our younger Yalanji people step up into more senior management positions within the organisation, and we've watched them support the next generation of younger people through succession planning.

With consistent governance we are functioning well but I do think we need to work on our core governance, which starts with the board and must filter down to our leaders within Yalanji Bama.

Our vision might change a little with each new board member and staff, but it's helped a lot having Josh on board.

He's just as passionate about what we are doing as we are, and

that's the sort of people we want around.

We all move as one, of course as a family we sometimes have our clashes, but that's because we are a passionate bunch of people and we continue to move forward.

I'm mostly looking forward to seeing our cultural centre established and functioning.

Let's get back to the reality of looking after country, looking after people.

I would like better autonomy for Yalanji people, and independence for Yalanji people as a whole, with the support from Jabalbina and the support of the members.

Let's all work together, at the end of the day, we're all there for the same vision.

Michelle

We've also been successful in a few other grants providing us with more assets such as vehicles and logistical grants that support our program delivery.

We have also applied, and this is a great initiative, for a Skilling

Queenslanders for Work program which supports taking on younger unemployed Yalanji people.

That would see 10 people employed with us for six months, fully supported, mentored, and embedded across the whole

portfolio of activities that we run so they can try different areas and gain direct work experience within the range of programs and potential employment we can offer.

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We're hoping to double our ranger funding, for example, so that could place those younger people in the best position to be the best candidates for those jobs.

We never forget we are fundamentally about looking for solutions to the issues that are preventing Bama from moving onto Country.

On top of all we've been doing in the spaces above, we've continued to work with WTMA to develop a proposal that has been put up to the state government for a master planning exercise to establish the most suitable areas for return to Country.

If approved it will support a full assessment of all Yalanji country that's under the pink and yellow, and we will be able to put a program together that fits under the local government planning schemes, the Vegetation Management Act and all of the other restrictive legislation.

We are confident it will be supported, so we're really excited and looking forward to that rolling out.

Thanks

At this point I'd like to particularly mention James Kerr, who has come across from the On Country program to act as my Contract Compliance Manager.

He's taken a strong leadership role in the organisation to support the very function and delivery of all of our contracts, which has taken a lot of pressure off me and allowed me to pursue a high level dialogue and with our key stakeholders without being overwhelmed by the body of contract compliance and contract work.

I'd like to thank the board for their continuing support, guidance and direction, and I'd particularly like to thank our staff and managers who continue to step up, develop and perform at the highest levels.

Josh

SAY HI... TO KELLIE

Name: Kellerina Schrieber (Fischer)
Mob: Gunggandji & Kuku Yalanji
Position: Front of House/ Board & Governance Coordinator
Love about your job: Helping Bama, being on country and keeping JYAC governance strong
Role Model: Grandad Peter Fischer & Grandma Polly Baird
Work Clown: Charlie Ross-Kelly, Alexis Port & Ali Gibson
Celebrity Crush: Jason Momoa
Fav NRL team: Canberra Raiders
What you cant live without: Family
Favourite Bama Mayi: Ngawia (Turtle)



SAY HI... TO ALEX

Name: Alex Friday
Mob: Nyungkul & Olkola (Father) KabiKabi & WakkaWakka (Mother)
Position: On Country Manager
Love about your job: Helping young people find their identity and to be proud of who they are and where they come from. Seeing the smiles on their face when they are in a safe environment and having fun
Role Model: Grandfather George Friday Snr
Work Clown: Ray Jackson (Austin)
Celebrity Crush: Kehlani & Paige Hurd
Fav NRL team: Canterbury Bulldogs
What you cant live without: The Ocean, friends & Family
Favourite Bama Mayi: Kurrma (Kup Murri)



Jabaibina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation

Taking the lead...



Unlocking their leadership potential and developing their personal and professional skills was part of a two-year program Senior Ranger [Indigenous Management Agreement] Kallum Clarke and Indigenous Protected Area Manager Allira Alvoen have been working on with Cape York Institute Head of Leadership James Fa'Aoso.

An Indigenous Rangers Leadership Workshop, held on Wakka Wakka Country in the Bunya Mountains for three days late last year, was the culmination of two years of working closely with James, who helps support Indigenous rangers develop their confidence, step out of their comfort zones and to step up.

"I thought it was a deadly trip," Kallum said.

"It was an amazing opportunity to network with other Bama organisations and rangers and develop skills that will help me in my personal and professional life."

Allira said the workshop was "amazing".

"I was blown away by the type of discussions that we were able to have with one another which were focused on our personal and

professional development," she said.

"The skills I developed from this workshop have been a light bulb moment for me – now I'm using these skills at home and at work."

Thanks to Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Program (QILSRP) and James Fa'Aoso for their support over the years with the development of our emerging Yalanji Leaders.

Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation is the Registered Native Title Body Holder (RNTBC), Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC), Land Trust and Cultural Heritage Body for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji People.

Fire and pest activities have been a focus for Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) Principal Ranger Conrad Yeatman and Senior Ranger Kallum Clarke over this year.

“We’ve planned a number of fires this year, from Daintree all the way up to Black Mountain, and there will be a couple of different weed activities, specifically miconia in the southern end here and gamba grass in the northern,” Kallum (*pictured*) said.

He said they had partnered with other Queensland Parks and Wildlife supported groups from Cape York to host fire training at Rinyirru National Park.

“Last year QPWS hosted fire level-one training, which is crew member training, and fire level-two training, which is the crew leader training,” he said.

“Three rangers from Jabalbina – myself, Alister Gibson and Jason Petersen – attended the crew leader training, which went for a week with eight participants all up, from a range of different groups.

“There was a wildfire in the region as we were doing the training, so that was a good opportunity to monitor.

“We don’t really fire fight in the Cape, we kind of watch a fire and make sure it doesn’t go anywhere.

“There was also some crew member training in Cooktown, and we supported two Traditional Owners from Wujal to attend with Ranger Jason.”

He said Mount Poverty, adjoining Ngalba Bulal National Park, was a significant management opportunity for Jabalbina, and a focus of their work this year.

“There’s a lot of old trails that Poverty was used for to kind of access a lot of the back country, like Bulban and Buru, and over the back country to Springvale and Kings Plains,” Kallum said.

“So it’s a good area just to have access to, and if we can build something there to stage rangers or activities, then a lot more can be done to look after all of that country.”

He said they had also done some work to protect Low Isles.

Fire and pests focus for Rangers



“A joint venture by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Marine Parks, and Jabalbina was about doing works on Low Isles,” he said.

“The sea was starting to erode away the beach, so they reinforced the beach with sandbags to stop the erosion of the areas surrounding the grave sites on the island.

“The Department had some funding so we organised three Traditional Owners from Yalanji country – Isaac Solomon, Chenoa Ryan and Will Smith – to go out there and assist them with that work.”



Jabalbina Ranger Jason Petersen has claimed the title of Reef Assist Coordinator for a project replanting the riparian zone – the first 50 metres from the creek bank – to help slow down or stop sediment run-off at Wawu Dimbi.

He said the more sediment they can stop from getting into the rivers, the healthier the reef will be.

He said funding from the Reef Assist program meant employment for a crew of four EKY Bama - Damien McLean, there is Brett Leo, Jennifer Burchill, and Amelia Ryan.

“We have a lot of knowledge between us,” he said.

“The program is for two years and we have three full-time and two

part-time positions.

“It’s such a cool project.

“It’s all cattle grazing property out there, so it’s all been cleared and poisoned, but our end goal is to re-vegetate all the way up to the mountains, so there’s a corridor for animals to come down from up top to the rivers.

“Wawu Dimbi is a special place to us, it has a lot of history.

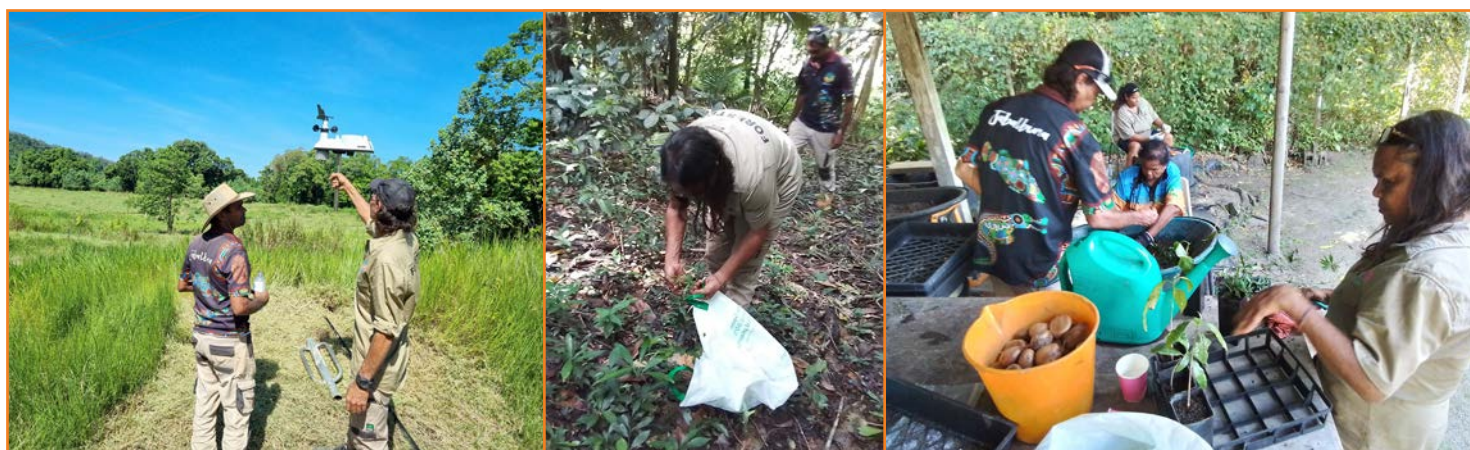
“We’ll be planting a lot of mayi

(food), so when Bama go down they can help themselves while they go fishing, it’s going to be there for everyone.”

He said community planting days were on their agenda.

“When we get the ground ready and come and give us a hand to have a plant,” he said.

“We’d like to invite as many people as we can, so they can have their connection to it.”



A new sea country grant means two new positions to support our eight hardworking Queensland Indigenous Land & Sea Rangers across our bubu Manager Rickie Burchill says.

"In Ayton we have team leader Charlie working with Nikita, Alistair and Vincent, the southern crew are down to Nigel and Gerard, who are both away studying, and then there's Kim," he said.

"We will eventually be looking for more rangers, especially women.

"There will be two new positions for a boat skipper and sea ranger."

He said they had enjoyed a busy year so far.

"We've done a heap of terrain work, like weed spraying," he said.

"We're doing the ground preparation work for the Shipton Flats power line erosion control work, which involves spraying and will happen in June.

"And business as usual means ongoing maintenance of our cultural cemeteries,



which is weekly work, along with monitoring our homesteads at Dawnvale and Zig Zag.

"We've been fixing fences at Trevathan, and helping out there where we can, and some gamba grass spraying – just over 5,000 hectares – with the Douglas and Cook Shires and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

"We've also done some four-wheel-drive and first aid training, and we joined two camps for our On Country program, doing some smoking ceremonies and welcomes."

Jabalbina Rangers and their Sea Ranger vessel played a role in getting a band of regular North Queensland volunteers from Tangaroa Blue over to Kaya Biji (Snapper Island) for a ReefClean beach clean-up late last year. Although the winds and tides limited their access to a few beaches, they still managed to collect 41kg of marine debris including drink bottles, lots of broken plastic and styrofoam remnants.



Jabalbina EKY Rangers held a cultural family day at Newell Beach Park late in 2022 - it was described by those who attended as “an awesome day”.



Rangers Nigel Minniecon and Gerard Kulka are both on track to graduating from Marine Parks-funded Divemaster/Coxswains internships, building great experience with additional opportunities in reef restoration and research included.

They have both nearly completed their Divemaster requirements, and were expected to complete their Coxswain Grade One course at TAFE in August.

Nigel has completed 32.5 eight hour days of logged sea time and Gerald, who contracted COVID during his internship, just over 26 days in a total of 62 dives, ten of which were noted as scientific diving.

Both have worked on several large and auxiliary vessels with the focus towards line handling, deck duties, safe operations and understanding crew responsibilities and has completed his seafarers medical.

In December last year the rangers helped in a partnership formed with Port Douglas Wavelength and PHD students from James Cook University to plant 35 hard corals between Long Bommie and Rayban reefs.



Rangers Gerard Kulka, Jason Petersen and Kallum Clarke have completed the final part of their Compliance Training with the Department Environment and Science (DES).

Their two days in the field were along popular tourism camping and parking sites within the Daintree National Park, hot on the heels of a full-on five days of theory building their skills and knowledge.

They are qualified to enforce compliance under the *Nature Conservation Act (NCA)*.

"The course was very interesting and worth it," Kallum said.

"We learned some of the common things that people breach in the NCA when they're on national parks, and also how to interpret permits and make sure tourism operators or people with permits were adherent to the laws.

"We learnt a lot and I'm looking forward to using these skills in the field to protect our national parks."



More than 100 female Indigenous Rangers connected and learned together at the Queensland Indigenous Women's Rangers Network Forum in Cairns last month. Rangers Kim, Nikki & Chenoa attended and said it was inspiring, empowering and a great opportunity to connect.

Pic thanks to QIWRN.



It was a good week in Darwin at a biosecurity round table event in May, which offered an opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions and make recommendations to the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries team, Ranger Jason Petersen says.

“We asked for more activities to be completed with our new vessel so more sea country work, and we also asked for more training for our rangers in order for us to help detect any threats to our country,” he said.

“Another thing that we mentioned was room for TO involvement having funding to bring out our elders when we do these activities.

“It was good to be able to get our voice heard about what will actually help us do our job on the ground.

“There were a lot of other ranger groups - at least 13 or more - who all got to tell their story.

“It was amazing to see the work they are doing to help protect their country.”



TOP: The room. BELOW: Dawn Harrigan, Aaron Anau (Cairns-based DAF Community Liaison Officer) & Ranger Jason Petersen.

Making a difference

On Country

On Country Program Manager Alex Friday says it's been a challenge for him to move from Cultural Mentor into his new position, but he's taken it on "with both hands".

"For the upcoming year I hope to continue the success of the program from the previous year and manager," he said.

"This year is going to be bigger and better with the On Country team taking on NAIDOC Week, Cultural Healing and Overnight Camps, Cultural Workshops, AOD sessions and many more events and activities.

"I hope to do the organisation and my people proud with my efforts to come."

The On Country Program works with four Cultural Mentors – Victoria Lees, David Duncan, Ray Austin and Liam Cashmere – each of whom run activities with their respective charges.

Victoria said this year the girls had worked with Simone Stacey on a music therapy program called 'No Shame in My Game' where they created a song using their own story line.



"We also did an overnight camp up here on Yalanji bubu with Kija Creations' Julie Williams and Bush Tukka Woman Samantha Martin," she said.

"The theme of the camp was nutrition for the body, mind and spirit. "We explored where jalun and bubu meet in the mangroves of Cooya beach and got ourselves a feed of crab and periwinkles and had kangaroo burgers on the beach.

"Aunty Andrea and Ranger Anthea welcomed us to country on Cow Bay beach under the moonlight.

"The following morning, after a

big breakfast Samantha shared with us the importance that diet has on your health, and we had a Wayapa workshop with Julie.

"Wayapa is a series of movements and meditations based in Indigenous wisdom that helps connect us to self, spirit and bubu.

"We finished off our camp yarning and weaving, feeling tired, nourished and with sand in our hair."

David said he was working with high risk young people on 72-hour plans with success.

"The plans are put in place for high risk youth to engage with Jabalbina's On Country Camp Mentors to awaken their cultural and spiritual awareness," he said.

"This is done through exposing them to cultural protocols and customs of both the Djabugay and Kuku Yalanji people, which are explained to them at Kuranda





Pamagirri Rainforest Station and on Kuku Yalanji country at Wawu Dimbi.

“They are shown how to acknowledge country upon arrival and the meaning/purpose of showing respect to country before they are led into cultural conversations around family history, cultural identity, and community connections to challenge their offending behaviours.

“They stay overnight with staff and discuss pro-social alternatives such as earning, learning and engaging with sports clubs as opposed to recidivist offending.”

He said their activities in the Daintree Rainforest included swimming, sightseeing, boomerang, spear and didgeridoo workshops, cooking and life skills.

He said overall their work covered

family history, cultural identity, family and community, land and water, cultural expression and cultural values and beliefs.

Ray said understanding cultural protocols and process helped young people find the answers they needed.

“Guiding and teaching young person to learn about their culture and cultural beliefs helps them reconnect to through culture through a different lens and start to know their identity,” he said.

“Showing them how to make artifacts such as clap sticks, music, boomerangs and spears which are used for hunting and gathering food whilst on camp, and dancing helped them in their learning.”

He said learning how to make fire from scratch with fire sticks was always a highlight, as was learning how to cook.

“They always enjoy being away from the mainstream,” he said.

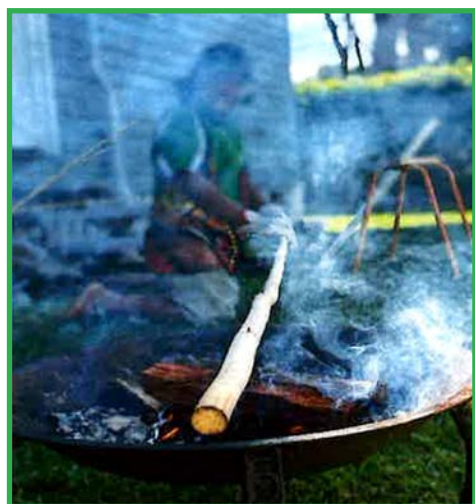
Liam said he was thrilled to report on his successes with young people in the program who had attended their cultural workshops “with enthusiasm”.

“Our weekly one-on-one mentoring sessions have been consistent,” he said.

“Our youth have grown in confidence and displayed a strong knowledge of the culture they have learned from their Elders – they have respectfully taken it all in.

“One person in particular has positively demonstrated this and become a role model, successfully sharing his strong cultural awareness with other young people and seeing himself growing into the role of Cultural Mentor himself, as a proud citizen.

“He wanted to encourage his family and friends to educate themselves to be ‘culture-strong’ and lead an honest and productive life.”



IPA Management plan up for consultation

A draft Eastern Kuku Yalanji Indigenous Protected Area Management Plan is ready to be released for further consultation, Indigenous Protected Area Manager Allira Alvoen says.

“The IPA Working Group met late last year and went through the IPA Consultation Report feedback from community,” she said.

“We also ran through some final content to be added and looked at merged values, threats, and strategies.

“A summary of the plan, which is a very large document, has been put together with key information about our values, threats and strategies as identified by EKY.

“Once the community has an opportunity to give feedback, the plan will be presented to the clan governance committees for final endorsement.”

She said the first round of Clan Governance meetings for 2023 were held in March after several were rescheduled to ensure cultural protocols were followed with consultation with families.

“Jalunji had a good turnout at their meeting, held in late March at the Wujal Library,” she said.

“Traditional Owners led the conversation and mapped out a series of cultural activities that they wanted to see happening on their country including camps, Yirmbal story mapping/site visits and

recordings. “Jalunjiwarra requested the next meeting be held on bubu rather than in a building.”

She said a Nyungkul clan governance meeting, held the next day in Mossman, had the support of all of the Jabalbina teams with a large gathering of Nyungkulwarra present.

“This meeting was packed with lot of content, including a review of their clan governance committee, discussions around cultural activities and a presentation from Cape York Land Council regarding movement of the Cape York One Claim Native Title process and details as to when EKY would be consulted,” Allira said.

“Nyungkulwarra said it was great to see everyone together but also wanted their next meeting to be held on Nyungkul bubu.

“We will work with the committee to make this happen.”

Earlier in the month, for the Northern Yalanji meeting, Wujalwarra and Dikarrbawarra meetings were an opportunity for Traditional Owners and Elders to discuss cultural business and potential economic development opportunities.

“Elders also advised that Jabalbina tap into existing community programs and opportunities to support community run and led activities in Wujal,” she said.

“We hope to visit cultural sites with Elders soon to ensure we best manage these areas.

“We acknowledge everyone’s input and efforts at these meetings.

“Clan meetings are Traditional Owner driven with Jabalbina supporting in the logistics of the meetings, assisting in transportation of people to and from the meetings and facilitation of the meetings.

“We provide support in planning cultural activities, giving updates on projects and giving information on upcoming works.

“These meetings need to be driven by our Elders.

“They are our leaders and our strength.

“They are an opportunity to empower our old people and for us younger ones to support and learn from them.”

She said Buru, Julay and Kubirriwarra were yet to meet at the time of printing.



The VOLT feasibility study has been running for two years and seeks to provide viable renewable energy through hydrogenated power that comes from the Bloomfield River. “This means Wujal Wujal would be a self-sustaining community that would create its own power and revenue,” IPA Manager Allira Alvoen says. “The feasibility study is an opportunity to seek alternative approaches and measures that have Traditional Owner led input to ensure environmental and cultural aspects are managed and protected. Consultation with the community has been a vital part of this project especially for VOLT Advisory and its staff members, who have sought Traditional Owner and community input to ensure a respectful and inclusive process has been followed. Elder’s have asked for more attendance from the community, especially younger people. We need to make sure everyone is aware of the project and future developments. The Elder’s say young people will be left to maintain this in the future and they need to be a part of this process.”

Men's day trip to Snapper Island

A dingkar-dingkar (men's) day trip out on Kaya-Biji (Snapper Island) was held late last year, with 10 Traditional Owners spending time on country to discuss men's business LORE including hunting protocols, seasonal calendars, bubu and Jalun management, identifying traditional resources, Yirmbal places and stories, language and traditional dingkar-dingkar dances.

Facilitated and led by Traditional Owner Andrew Solomon, it was a first step in bringing our Yalanji dingkar-dingkar together to identify surrounding issues within our community.



Mens camp at Zig Zag

Late last year a dingkar-dingkar (men's) camp took place on Dikarrba bubu, at the Zig Zag homestead for 20 people with welcome support from Apunipima and Wujal Wujal Elders Justice Group.

Discussions during the camp were around community and mental health issues that have a direct impact on dingkar-dingkar, and the need strong men to see to the continuation of Lore and Culture for the next generations.

"As men we once sat together like this in traditional times for the sake of our cultural existence and to uphold the reciprocal relationship between Bama, Bubu and Jalun," Cultural Coordinator Kieran Ryan said.

"Collectively as a people, we must support and encourage such a vital component to our society."



Nyungkul mapping meeting

A Nyungkul mapping workshop to assist Traditional Owners to identify and discuss Nyungkul bubu (land) boundary areas was held as a result of the Nyungkul clan governance meeting in March.

"We had a good turn of Elders and Traditional Owners discussing different areas and locations," Allira said.

"This captured a draft map which we intend to bring back to the Nyungkul clan governance meeting for review, feedback and future workshop dates."



NITV program Bamay

NITV approached Jabalbina to shoot footage of Eastern Kuku Yalanji bubu for a show called 'Bamay', a series showcasing Australia's most diverse and stunning landscapes.

The word Bamay, means 'land' in the Bundjalung language from northern New South Wales.

Footage of Traditional Owners, Andrew Solomon, Alfred Diamond and Richard Burchill on bubu was shot on bubu with Cultural Coordinator Kieran Ryan's support.

They worked in various locations between Rex Lookout and Cape Kimberley.

We hope to see the episode son SBS on Demand sometime soon!



Phoria Elders camp making connections

Cultural mentors Harold Tayley (Mooks), Roy Gibson and Richard Burchill, along with Betty Olbar, Pam Salt and Lenice Schonenberger led a cultural awareness training camp known as the Phoria Elders Camp in May this year.

Participants were from various organisations Jabalbina have worked in partnership with, or worked alongside, including PHORIA, WTMA, QPWS, Douglas Shire Council, Indigenous Land Sea Corporation, Queensland Trust for Nature, Rainforest Rescue, Rainforest 4, Climate Force and Mossman Botanical Gardens.

“Attendees were taken through some very emotionally touching pieces of history from the mentors,” Jabalbina Tourism Cultural Assistant Manager Saisha Schonenberger said.

“They were also given a bit more

insight into Jabalbina and it’s core business as well as the various range of projects we manage.

“Each of Jabalbina’s project Managers gave brief presentations on their projects and what they were made up of.”

She said some Elders then stayed overnight and others were picked up in the morning to have a day out on Country as part of the T2S – Transition 2 Success youth intervention program.

“This was a great way for the youth to do some activities on Country with the Elders,” Saisha said.

“Some activities were fishing with

the old ladies in Daintree and then learning how to make damper back at Wawu Dimbi, whilst the Elder men had the opportunity to jump on the Jabalbina boat and go for a ride up the Daintree river.

“The night ended with a Kurrma (kup murri) around the fire.

“We had great feedback from everyone who was there and they all said they were grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend.

“The Elders especially really enjoyed their time on Country and were keen for Jabalbina to organise another camp soon.”

