

# UMPILA NEWSLETTER

NGANA MALNGKANICHI PAMA (CNCRM)  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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## IPA talks on the agenda

**The Umpila Indigenous Protected Area meeting was held in Lockhart River in September this year.**

Chair Johanne Omeeny said it was all about learning what an IPA can do for us.

"Umpila do not currently have IPA," she said.

"This meeting was an opportunity for us contribute to what we wanted in the plan and make sure what was important to you, was included.

"The best thing was we would have an opportunity to start to set up a ranger program, which will help us to get Umpila people gain access to Country."

She said more than 40 people had attended meetings so far.

"We mapped our boundaries, including our Sea Country, and we talked through some governance ideas about what the ranger program will look like and who will manage it."

She said the next step will be to develop a draft plan.

"We need to talk to our partners," she said.

"They include Queensland Parks & Wildlife, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, KULLA Land Trust, National Indigenous Australians Agency, Biosecurity, local government, and others."



# Massey-Nesbit Track cleared



**KULLA-Umpila Rangers Sam Zaro, Freddie Moses, George Brown and Ian Pollard inspected the Massey Nesbit Track on KULLA (McIlwraith Range) National Park (CYPAL) with QPWS and MPDT in early September.**

They worked to clear the track of trees to access Rocky River for the upcoming Umpila On Country Trip. The group discussed maintenance plans with the available budget and priority work. It was hoped further funding would be sourced next financial year to extend the maintenance work along the track.

## On Country partnerships: designing for future with Cape York NRM in 2023



A new partnership combining our traditional knowledge with the scientific knowledge of western land management practices has been formed with Cape York NRM and Umpila.

“Our priorities were to co-design a plan which would result in building Umpila Nations people’s technical skills and capacity,” Umpila chairperson Johanne Omeenyo said. “We did a three-day on Country field trip to connect the dots and start to look more strategically at our planning for fire management (carbon) and protecting the Cape York Palm Cockatoo.”

A report has been produced and will be used to guide future projects and programs.

### Our NMPAC Board of Directors are:

- Leila Clarmont & Vivianne Moses - Nesbit River
- Johanne Omeenyo - Chester River
- Freddie Moses - Rocky River
- Lorraine Warradoo - Massey River

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ngana Malngkanichi Pama (CNCRM)  
Aboriginal Corporation

**10am- 12pm 23 November 2023**

Puuya Centre, Lockhart River

*Light refreshment will be supplied*

**If you have any question or would like to nominate for director position, please contact Johanne Omeenyo, Chairperson.**

### Umpila Indigenous Protected Area Meeting Notice

Time: 9am – 5pm

Date: 28 November 2023

Location: Coen Cultural Centre

Lunch and Refreshments will be provided.

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Welcome to our newsletter, our first for 2023. We'll have more news to come in 2024, so watch this space!

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