



WUJAL WUJAL
Aboriginal Shire Council

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Weathering the storm(s)

Wujal Wujal is once again recovering from flooding rains two weekends in a row in February/March. The rains caused significant damage to the Bloomfield Road bridge.



Our infrastructure rebuild is ongoing, with time, effort and enthusiasm, as we renew and regenerate across Wujal Wujal. We are excited about the progress of our community capacity building. We are thankful for everyone's contribution to our ongoing healing and recovery.

Our International Women's Day this year was celebrated at the Women's Centre.

Thank you to all the services for their support, especially the Community Justice Group, Gungarde Community Aboriginal Corporation, My Pathway, Apunipima Cape York Health Council and the Queensland Indigenous Legal Service.

Aunty Kathleen Walker, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Coraleen Shipton, Shinane Doughboy and Alice Tayley were recognised for their dedication and commitment to our community.

Congratulations ladies!



Welcome to our new CEO!



Wujal Wujal is pleased to welcome our new CEO, Peter O'May, who started with us in January.

He was CEO of the Napranum Council for two years before he came to us, and the Burnett Council (around Wondai, near Cherbourg) before then.

He says his main focus is on community infrastructure, engagement and capacity building.



Wujal Wujal's After School Program offers activities every day, including basketball and games such as pin bowling.

In February, the after-school programs were very cultural and entertaining for our children as they learned some Fijian culture and 'tamure' (dance) from Leslie.

Everyone had a great time, wearing their sarongs and 'teki teki' flowers.

The session was educational and helped to preserve and share cultures, embracing harmony in our community for Harmony Day.

When our new Community Hall kitchen and gym opened, and our new band equipment arrived, a celebration was held for the whole community.

It was a proud moment for our children to perform their new dances at the opening.

Deputy Mayor Claudia, Seraya and Uncle Hendrick sang, and the famous Wujal Wujal band played – it was a fabulous evening.



North Queensland Cowboys Ambassador Tahlulah Tillett visited our community to offer Cowboys balls and gifts. Thank you Tahlulah, we are looking forward to your return.

Our Nursery team has been very productive and active in their drive to promote sustainability in our community.

We are grateful for partnerships with My Pathway, Community Enterprises and Wujal Wujal Council as we work together on different projects.

Vegetables have been provided to the community families and school children, and programs, and even as door prizes for International Women's Day.

On Thursday 9 April the Nursery crew will host a Community Easter Eggs Hunt and our children will have the chance to grow their own vegetable garden. On the day, there will be stories, music and good food to share. We are expecting more than 200 people to attend this event.



Wujal Wujal's new Community Hall kitchen opening was celebrated with a very popular a Thai curry and rice night! There will be more to come as we make good use of this great resource!



A message from Matt Smith MP

It was great to have the chance to spend some time in Wujal Wujal, sitting down with new CEO Peter O'May, Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy and a number of other councillors in February, federal MP Matt Smith writes ...

It was a chance to discuss everything from the Wujal Wujal Rugby League team to the plans for Degarra.

After our formal meeting, I did what I always do when I'm out in community – sit down and meet with members of the community, young and old.

It was great to have a chance to have a yarn with some of the elders and young people about their vision for the future of Wujal.

Tropical Cyclone Narelle has been a significant event for the Cape – I worked hard engaging with the Minister for Emergency Services, Local Councils and members of the community in the lead up to the event and had



the chance to travel to Coen and Weipa in the aftermath.

It was uplifting to see the Far North Queensland community spirit in action in the cleanup after TC Narelle passed through.

If you've got any specific questions about my federal government responsibilities, please don't hesitate to give my team a call at 07 4051 2220, email us at matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.au or check out my socials at Matt Smith MP on Facebook.



The My Home Awards is the Department of Housing's initiative to empower community and promote community engagement and sustainability. It has been a successful project community has committed to - and it makes a difference.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Expression of Interest Committee for our 2026 Events

- ANZAC Day (25th April)
- After School Program (Mon-Thurs 3pm-6pm)
- School Holiday Program (Mon-Thurs 12 - 6pm)
- Fishing Tournament (25th,26th,27th June)
- NAIDOC (9th July)
- Rugby Tournament & Unity in Diversity Festival (Multicultural) - August/Sept
- Pig Hunting Competition 7th, 8th, & 9th August
- Wujal Wujal Foundation Day (29th October)
- Music Festival - November
- Children's Christmas party - 10th Dec
- Community Christmas Party - 17th Dec

Come and have your say and make it a memorable event for our community.



For more information contact Shinane at the Library or Kesa at the Council office, regarding these upcoming events meetings.



Wujal Wujal Council Workforce Development Training



Community workforce is about building our Bama local people's skills, confidence, and employment opportunities.

Our Wujal Wujal Council focus to sustain, maintain our workforce initiatives - " Local Employment First" - creating jobs within the community-especially for youth, women and under-represented groups.

JOB VACANCIES

Events & Sports: Male staff are needed for after school programs, school holidays and community events.

For more information contact Kesa at communityservices@wujal.qld.gov.au

*** Wujal Wujal Council Office will be closed on Easter Friday, 3 April, and back on Tuesday, 7 April, 2026.***



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