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Freehold possible in township area later this year

The Queensland Government has introduced changes to the Queensland Aboriginal Land Act which will allow land within the Community to be available to be freehold for home ownership and businesses purposes Mayor Wayne Butcher says.

“What this means is that any person Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person living in the Community interested in purchasing the house they live in can submit an expression of interest in making the land freehold and purchasing the property,” Cr Butcher said.

“There will be more information to Community members regarding the changes over the next few months.” He said the changes would not apply to any Aboriginal-owned land. “So it’s not on any Prescribed Body Corporate area or any land trust area, it’s only

Council land,” he said. “So, on our township area if there’s an individual or a family interested in purchasing a home, they can apply for freehold; they can apply to Council to freehold that block, and then the process begins.”

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The photograph above was taken at Twin Waters at the Sunshine Coast at the Local Government Association of Queensland’s (LGAQ’s) annual Civic Leaders’ Forum.

Most of the Indigenous Mayors and CEOs from throughout Queensland attended, Mayor Wayne Butcher said. “They had a Finance Summit for one day and that was government talking about shared services, so it was about where they can cut costs. “Asset management was a big part of that and Queensland’s Audit Office has been talking to all

Shires generally about weighing up needs against wants. “What’s important – a swimming pool or a road? That’s a ‘want’ against a ‘need’. “And it was also about looking at the whole life of assets. “What’s the whole cost, over its life, of running a swimming pool or a new sporting complex? “The capital to build something

might be only 25 per cent of the actual cost up front, but the whole life is 100 per cent. “On day two we talked about using the media, talking about different types of tools such as Facebook, newsletters, and other things we can use to get to our target audience. “They were the key messages and it was a useful summit.”



A word from...

Mayor Wayne Butcher

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“There’s a fair few people involved – the Council, Native Title holders, their representatives at Cape York Land Council and the Department – so they will also be part of any discussions,” Cr Butcher said.

He said home ownership also depended on who can afford it.

“It comes down to affordability and whether financial institutions are going to lend out that kind of money as well,” he said.

Natural Resources and Mines Minister Andrew Powell tabled the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land (Providing Freehold) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 in Queensland parliament earlier this month.

DAVID Kempton, Member for Cook and Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs said the legislation was a significant opportunity for all Indigenous Queenslanders that came with a lot of responsibility.

“The initial grant of freehold will be to an indigenous person with interest in the land however there will be no impediment to a subsequent transfer to a non-indigenous person,” he said.

“There may be some risk of subsequent sale to non-community members however this is far outweighed by the huge boost normalisation will bring to economic development and community growth.” Mr Kempton said the legislation would not create freehold but rather provide a mechanism for the community to do adopt it when the timing was right.

It’s been a very sad time in the Community due to the loss of our Elders and family members.

I would like to send my sincere condolence for the loss of our loved ones to close families.

It’s during these sad times that we need to stick together as friends and strengthen our family relationship in our community and move forward with respect for each other.

It’s also on these occasions like this that we need to re-think about our Elders in our Community, and show them the respect that they deserve and learn from them – their knowledge is important and their life experiences not documented enough.

New Houses

The LRASC has six houses (2 x three bedrooms and 4 x four bedrooms) to build in the Community this year, starting in July and finishing in November 2014.

Four houses have tendered out and two will be built by the Council.

The new sub-division will be finished by the end of June 2014, ready for the new houses.

The LRASC will also have seven major housing up-grades and minor renovation program.

Keep Lockhart Beautiful

The LRASC Parks and Garden work team is currently doing a horticulture course which will translate to beautification of the Community park areas.

A new ‘Welcome to Lockhart River’ sign will be erected on the entrance to the Community and landscaping will be part of their training.

We encourage people to clean your house yards and please throw all your rubbish into bins.



Indigenous Minister

Recently I visited Queensland Parliament House in Brisbane and had an opportunity to talk to State Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Hon Glen Elmes MP (DATSIMA).

We discussed the importance of support for Community driven agendas and ideas.

It's critical for Government to support and assist Community driven agendas; Community must lead and drive our own agendas.

Past imposed policies implemented by Government and regional organisation has failed, due to the lack of Community Ownership.

There is a need for change, old ways a norm practise for delivery from top down has failed dramatically.

As leaders in Indigenous Communities across Queensland it's important to lead change, for the betterment of our people.

A great example is our Community Store which is owned and operated by the Queensland Government (DATSIMA).

Indigenous Councils have been approaching Government for nearly twenty years, with their interest in gaining control over their stores for economic and social gain.

Over those years there have been many reports funded by the Government, evaluating current operations and providing options.

All reports came to the same conclusion (in the end Government still owns and operates the stores).

I personally believe that the six stores concerned (Lockhart, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, Doomadgee, Woorabinda and Palm Island) must be handed over to Community control.

Communities must have the opportunity to economic development and business ownership.



Queensland Premier

During my visit south I also had a great opportunity to talk to the Qld Premier Hon Campbell Newman MP, highlighting important issues that relates to Lockhart Community.

The Premier was very keen to discuss education, school attendance rates and parents and Community involvement.

I flagged with the Premier the importance of internal strategies, designed and delivered by our people in our community.

The Community must own the school and develop strategies in partnership with, principal, teachers, parents, council and justice group towards better outcomes for our children in general – one cannot operate without the other.

We also discussed existing Government resources and investment and how that must incorporate Community driven agendas and tangible and practical partnerships must be established in the Community to reflect our agendas.

How can the Government and Community work together with current resources to gain greater economic, social and environmental outcomes?

The Premier was very interested in the coming to Lockhart River in the near future and has been formally invited by myself to visit.

Wayne Butcher
Mayor, Lockhart River





Engineering Services

Lockhart's new Director of Engineering Services has a long name, an even longer work history in everything from high rise to airport runways, and says he can't wait to get started.



Sangarapillai Rajanayagam – otherwise known as 'Raja' – worked in Singapore (known for its high rise!) and Papua New Guinea before moving to Australia in 1990.

At that time, in south east Queensland, he worked for the Airport, Brisbane, Logan and Redland Shire Councils.

“In a nutshell I'm a provisional engineer with extensive experience, which is over 30 years working in the area of structural buildings, roads and drainage and multi-model transport

infrastructure, including wharfs and jetties and so on,” he said.

“I come from Sri Lanka and I'm a qualified engineer. I selected engineering because I'm interested in mathematics, which I think I inherited that part of the skill from my dad. “So, I like to solve these problems, issues and structural stuff.

“Lockhart is a challenge for me, I've worked in Cape York before.

“For 20 years I worked in the city, and now my two children

are all grown up and they are all over the place.

“My daughter is still in Brisbane; she's a lawyer, qualified lawyer, works for the Independent Union.

“My son is a paediatrician; he's a doctor; he's now in England doing further training, and he's going to bring in new technology to Australia transplanting organs for children.

“When I got this job, I also got grandfather for the first time too so this is a happy time for me.”

New carpenter looking for fishing tips!

I would like to say thank you to everyone I have encountered in my short time in Lockhart, I am really enjoying the job and the people are great.

I can do a wide range of jobs and I am here to help you. Broken doors, locks, holes in walls, windows, anything!

Call 1300 738 616 or see Housing, they will give me a job card and it won't take long for you to see me.

If it looks like it could cause an accident get me there before it happens!

You may see me fishing on Sundays, feel free to tell me where the big ones are and how to catch them.

Take care...Graeme Orchard.



Busy times for housing Regis says

Things are busier this year compared to last, Building Supervisor Regis Edmund says.



“A lot of jobs have been done in the community,” he said.

“Most of the seven vacant houses we had have been completed and we are actually in the next stage of that project now.

“We also have some new building to do as part of the new sub-division and that will be two four-bedroom houses.

“We are going to utilise most of our work resources to get that done along with the Council’s carpenter and two subcontractors.

We do have a plan in place to utilise a lot of local resources.

“The deadline for building these houses is sometime next year, we’ll know more about that in the weeks to come.”

He said there was other ongoing work as well.

“Apart from the Council work, there is a lot

of maintenance work which is actually up to date now compared to towards this time last year, and a lot has been completed, which is a bonus for the Council,” he said.

“There are other projects Council is keen to put into place this year or in the new financial year.

“We’ll be looking to budget for lights going in down at the Pier, and fixing the radio station, the Kid’s Club and Playgroup.

“There will be funding available next year so we can move on to these projects and look after the Council building and the workshop area.

“Hopefully in future the carpenter will have a proper shed to work from with power because what we have now for him is very limited.

“I would like to say thanks to the people I work with, and everyone who is involved as well as the people of Lockhart themselves to be so cooperative to let us get on with the works we’re doing.

People understand we have to come into their house to do those renovations and they have found alternative ways to live.

“Hopefully, we’ll have more houses available for them next year, so we don’t have the same problem we’ve been having this year.”

Jobs creating work for tradies...and Council income...

Housing officer Jasmine Accoom has worked through some big changes over the past six months or so.

“I have been using the Web Portal for at least six or seven months now,” she said.

“It’s really good for keeping track of jobs I’ve generated for

our tradies, and now we are making lots of income for the Council.

“So it is working really good, there have been heaps of jobs coming in for maintenance, most of them in securing their property.

“I’ve noticed the community is calling 1300 738 616

themselves, which is good.

“You can call that number from the blue phone next to the sewing room.

“I’m hope to do some more training in BAS, which is Buildings and Assets.”





Incorporating Resources, Skills and Knowledge of the group

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners past and present on whose land we walk, work and live

With the help of new worker Warren 'Wazza' Canendo, a 12-month plan should see the farm up and running again soon My Pathways Lockhart Regional Manager Mali Ingram says.

“Wazza has been working with the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) participants for the past couple of months with a steady crew, sometimes of as many as 20 people,” he said. “A 12 month plan has been written for the farm with the input of the community RJCP participants around what they want to see grown and how it is utilised for training and capacity building.

“The photos relate to the intensive clean up that was needed after the wet season with multiple truck

loads of rubbish taken to the dump. The vision was to see fruit and veg being harvested by the end of the year with hopes of a partnership created between local store to have produce brought and then sold to community reducing freight costs. “A big part of the RJCP contract is giving communities ownership over how activities and training is run and conducted in community.

“Part of that also includes a group of community members working at the Men’s Shelter who have



given the facility a cultural name of ‘Tumpa Ultalucka Nartchi’. Tumpa means food, Ultalucka means Healthy or Strong and Nartchi means place.”





Corporate Services

Recently employees based in the Cairns Office attended Civica courses to refresh their expertise in General Ledger, Assets Register, Payroll, Creditors, and Job Costing modules Finance & Administration Manager Stanley Mugwiria writes...



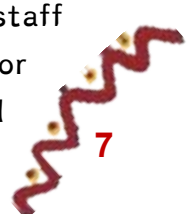
Further training will be available in the near future but any training need identified before then, should be reported to their supervisor.

Once again, the Corporate Services team is gearing up for the forthcoming end of year audit. The first visit is scheduled for the second week of July and final visit in October 2014. The internal audit has been progressing well with final visit due this month. All will be done well and done well. Budget 2014/15 preparation is underway, and submissions of the wish lists will be open from 15 May 2014. The initial compilation of the first draft should be available for comments by close of June and final version for discussion and approval in July 2014. This will provide an opportunity to revise all the strategic documents including Long term financial forecasting, 10-year Assets Management plan and Corporate Plan. Welcome Tobias Dagan (pictured), the Stores Manager. We are all

looking forward to work with you in our hard working team. Congratulations Greta Accoom, for your superb performance at the Centrelink, your new responsibility area. Join us and stay with us in serving Lockhart River Community with pride and agility. Continue listening to the Community members with your attentive ears, and resolving all the Centrelink related matters that comes your way. Deanka Omeeny is new to Cairns Office! Not really, Deanka is just back to Cairns Office in a new role of Finance and Administration Officer (Purchasing, Payables, Payroll etc). She commenced her long awaited services on 28 April

2014 though she is still spending long hours settling down in her new premises too. This will be an opportunity for her to upskill in so many accounting areas whilst completing her training at TAFE. Unfortunately, during the same period, Matthew Redman (Store Manager) left the Council employment at his own accord for more challenging opportunities elsewhere. Special credit to him for the hard work he did to get Council Store to where it is, with support from the Purchasing Office and Engineering Services. He served best at his best. Thank you Mr Redman we will miss your team spirit forever and this is a wide gap to fill.

My promise to you is that, Corporate Services team will always tirelessly deliver professional services to you all. Many thanks to all members of the Council, staff and community for your support and understanding.





Community Development Team

Bingo is back on track with new materials ordered up from down south, and Lockhart's own markets are held on the last Friday of every month, depending on when paydays fall, Community Development Team manager Dottie Hobson says.

Dottie supports several women who make mince, rice and curries for on the day, where you'll also find things like clothes for kids. Profits from what they sell go towards buying more materials. The team said if people want to set up their own stall they only have to pay \$10 and then they get to keep their own profit. Everyone is welcome to come and help on Thursday 'making days' where different groups have been making things such as earrings and tie-dying table clothes.

"Things are going well," Dottie says.



Above: Dottie Hobson, at the Lockhart markets



Below: Kid's Club cooks every Monday - pictured is Margie and Emily showing how to cook wet scones



New Library coordinator Larissa Cornwell (pictured above with Denise Fruit) has been working with State Libraries Queensland Project officer for Lockhart James Collins.

James was up in late March to train Larissa into her new position which she started in mid-March. Larissa likes to work with computers so is very pleased to have her new job which includes helping people in the community do their internet banking and shopping. She says come on in and borrow some books from the library.

"We have some great new books from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, especially Kids Books," she said. Larissa can now check them out for you with her magic scanner. The Com Dev team said they were looking forward to working with her on some creative activities.



New youth workers strong on culture and new activities

Three new youth workers have replaced Ray, who has left the community, and Greita, who has gone to Cairns to have her baby.

Beno Macumboy is into sport, culture and computers.

He started with the Council in December and has already got a few boys together for touch footy every week and getting them into the gym as well.

He was a key to resuming culture on Fridays at the school.

Beno is working with Haylene Macumboy who is successfully encouraging softball, discos and chillout nights.

Haylene has been a long time volunteer working with youth and is thrilled to have her new role, which started in February. She would like to see girls doing hairdressing and creative activities.

Beno and Haylene have also been helping out Apunipima's Gerrald Lasserre with trips out to the beach and Bomb site to take photos

Also on board with youth is Ray Rockeby who is well-known for his work in recording songs for

CDs and making video clips.

Ray has helped with the various HipHop projects that have come through and started as a youth worker for the Council in March. He is keen on culture and would like to get regular dance groups going with Islander dancing as well as shake-a-leg.

He is currently looking for youth interested in collecting seeds to make the kulap shakers and has helped to organise pool comps, beach trips and discos.



Top Row L-R: new youth workers Beno Macumboy, Haylene Macumboy and Ray Rockeby.

Above & Left: Kids ready to disco





Families Together well supported

Family Together mums do cultural activities hosted by Playgroup every Tuesday morning.

Fr Brian Claudie leads them in music and song while youth workers Benadict Macumboy, Haylene Macumboy and Ray Rockeby help out along with Stanley Short and Simon Butcher.

The days are hosted by playgroup workers, Moira, Bettina and Cassie.

On alternate weeks they do dancing and making juji (grass skirts).



MEANWHILE every second Thursday Family Together mums go to the Art centre for creative activities with Cultural Retention Officer Elise Fenn.



Below: Tanya Koko, Leandra Warradoo & Lorraine Rokeby - new Kuunchi Kakana (Family Together) workers under the Puuya Foundation - more next issue!





The number of people appearing in Court dropped over the Christmas period, and that always makes Justice Group coordinator Willy Clark very happy.

“Everything seems right,” he said. “The court rate has dropped down a lot, which I’m happy about. I think it’s the wet season, the road’s closed, but I urge people not to travel.

“And young teenagers on their quad bikes and all the rest of it, they need to be careful and listen – respect – their elders when they’re told to do something, and

keep off the roads.

“If there’s an accident there won’t be anyone to blame but themselves, not the police, not anybody else.”

He said he was looking forward to seeing both the Men’s and Women’s group getting up and running.

“We want to see 100% attendance at the school and that takes everyone’s

involvement,” he said. “I’d like to see more activities from community groups, programs every week – fishing competitions, sports down at the beach, prizes. I’d like to see a Family Day every Saturday down at the beach because it was beautiful down there. It’s always good to see families and children down at the beach.”

Men’s Group plan to build on strengths

Lockhart’s Men’s Group has a new coordinator, former-Mayor Rodney Accoom.

Mr Accoom said he has big plans for the group, including designing and carving a new sign for the building and some canoe building.

“If I can get some tools, I’ve got ideas,” he said. “Everyone comes past here, people from the outside, and there’s a small sign that says ‘Men’s Centre’. So if we can get some men together to come up with a design, they can do the carving and there will be a big sign.

“I also want to get some older men involved with the young

fellows, some of them make canoes on the side.

“And do so carving, making spears, taking the group out bush, yarn about bush tucker around campfires.”

Deputy Mayor Cr Norman Bally has changed office space and is now based at the Men’s Shelter – that means the Centre can now be open most days from 9–5.

He said it’s a great opportunity for him to keep an eye on the premises.

“And make sure everything works within my portfolio under the Men’s Group too,” he said.

He said the Health Action Group was also working from the Shelter.

“We are renting out an office space with them so they can deliver men’s



health issues at the centre,” he said.

“And we have a thing with My Pathway, they’re doing leather workshops up at the Men’s Shelter too.

“We’re also planning a wood working workshop, just over the fence, so a lot of our young fellows can go up there if they want to make tables or chairs or fix their car up, do panel beating.

“That’s really been supported by the Government now.”





Language project benefits from pics & Elders' input

Lockhart River's Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records (MILR) project is in its final year.

Over the past three years Reverend David Thompson and Clair Hill, working with Lucy Hobson, Elizabeth Giblet, Suzie Pascoe, Dorothy Short and others, have produced many books, language learning CD's and a phone dictionary app. The final project is a book and ebook that celebrates the language, culture and beauty of Lockhart River with beautiful photos and sound and video of people speaking in language

and Lockhart Creole. Tony Bainbridge who had been Electrician in Lockhart for the past couple of years has now gone back to live in Cairns, but he is keeping connected by contributing his Lockhart photos to the project.

He has many beautiful photos of Laura Festival 2013 and some gorgeous dawn shots on Quintel Beach, just to name a few. As many people know, Susanne Stannard, Deputy principal of the school is also a keen



photographer and has taken some stunning photos of Lockhart landscapes and wildlife that she is contributing to the book. In the book Dorothy and Queenie talk about the photos in language, which brought back memories of how things were done in the old days, especially at Old Site. The book will include language, Lockhart Creole and English, and an iPad app will be put together with video and sound of the ladies words.



Pictured: Top: One of Tony Bainbridge's pics of the Laura Dance Festival; Above: Library coordinator Larissa Cornwell taking video of Dorothy Short and Elizabeth Giblet for the MILR language photo book, being worked on by Rev David Thompson and Cate Adams; & Left: Some local wildlife photographed by Susanne Stannard.



Sewing circle a cut in front



Ray Namok, pictured above with Employment & Training Coordinator Noleen Clark, was very proud of his 'Working Safely at Heights' certificate and wanted to be in the newsletter to encourage others to go and get theirs!

My Pathways ladies have been doing sewing, trainer Frances has been in community on a rotational basis and on this particular visit, the ComDev Making Ladies joined with RJCP participants, Dottie, Family Together mums. Lorraine Rockeby is pictured selling bags, pillowcases and kids skirts made at MyPathways. Lorraine was an RJCP participant at the time but she has moved on to work for the Puuya Foundation as a PaCE worker for the Early Years.

The next project is a collaboration with Kids Club and Family Together where they supply material for RJCP participants to make dress ups for Family Together 0-4 year old kids and Kids Club 5-12 year old kids, we plan to have a big fashion parade when they are finished.

Busy school year for students and staff

150 students from pre-prep to year 12 are enrolled at Lockhart State School this year!

New principal, Siobhan Jackson has come to us from around Tully, near Cairns, after John Mc Sweeney headed north to the Torres Straits.

Yolanda Coutts went to Bamaga so Susanne Stannard is our new deputy.

Neil Duffy has joined Beverley Butcher and Talani Coutts in the office.

Four new teachers are Jessika Wimbus, who has year 3/4A; David Kachel who has year 5, Michelle Nolan is in secondary and Jo Bucknell is teaching the gorgeous preps!

New teacher aides include Francesca Omeenyo, Ayesha Manantan, Brooke Hobson, Deanne Macumboy, Sarita O'Brien, Lillian Temple and Tanya Pascoe.

When the new Student Attendance officers start in mid-April Lockhart School will have more than 40 staff.

Family as First Teachers also has new medical staff, Kahloney Butcher and Alyssah Convent. Improving literacy and numeracy are the main aims in the primary years as well as science and

history with a focus on local history and culture.

Students have enjoyed Friday afternoon culture- dancing with Father Brian, Benno Macumboy and Ray Ray Rokeby.

Next term culture will include Quintell Beach trips with Queenie and Suzie for stories, bush tucker and craft.

Primary school leaders this year are Jamila Piva and Nguumpi Rocky with vice captains Justine Omeenyo and Zali Hobson.

The leaders are doing an excellent job taking parade every morning beginning with Welcome to Country, acknowledgement of all the clan groups and the sacredness of the land on which we meet.

After the Easter break there will be two full time teachers in secondary. Add to that My Pathway's Paul Piva's assistance with the seniors, and the Term 2 program is looking engaging and informative.

Gerald Lasserre from Apunipima is also conducting a 'photo voice on country' project.

Transition team's Krystal Dean and Louise Dow are doing a

great job organising boarding placements for over 17 year 6 and 7 students leaving for junior secondary in 2015.

The School is also offering a comprehensive junior secondary program in 2015 for students who return to Lockhart.

Parents are reminded that there is a healthy Breakfast Club every morning run by Ron and Hiromi from 8am.

Parents can make lunch at My Pathways from 10am.

All community members are welcome to join the school for a BBQ at 5pm on Tuesday 29th April to meet with their children's teachers and meet the new School Attendance Officers.

On Wednesday 4th June George Otero will be visiting the school from New Mexico.

George is an international education consultant and a leader in Relational Learning and strengthening family and community engagement.

Lockhart State School will hold a community kup murri on the Wednesday evening.

On Thursday George will host a workshop for staff, parents and community and there will be a BBQ dinner to share learning.

We look forward to lots of parents participating.





Firstly, how lucky are we that our Patron, **Quentin Bryce** (the former **Governor-General of Australia**) has agreed to continue as **Puuya Foundation Patron**.

We congratulate her on being named a 'Dame'. Welcome home to Queensland Quentin.

The Puuya Foundation has three new staff in Lockhart River working in Early Years services. Early years services are coming together well working in collaboration to deliver some great programs to Mums and Bubs – Families Together, Playgroup Queensland and Families as First Teachers.

We announced at the last learning circle there was a philanthropist who kindly donated a building for early years to the Puuya Foundation. We are trying to secure additional funds to build and fit-out an early years building.



Former Puuya chairperson Johnson Chippendale proposed a diabetic footwear project as a big need in the community. We have been working with Apunipima and the clinic to make this happen. In May 2014 the project will be launched.

Have you been to the clinic lately? You might be eligible for a pair of sandals. Thanks to Sunrise Rotary and Office of Liquor and Gaming for their sponsorship.

Puuya Foundation is continuing to support the 'Strong Heart Food Gang – Healthy Pizza Project', supported by a community grant from the

Commonwealth Bank. Our high school students are busy putting into practice the skills they learned through training and is providing students opportunities to gain qualifications to improve their literacy and numeracy skills and opportunities for employment.

"These secondary students have been catering for Education Learning Circle meetings and doing a great job," Puuya Foundation Dottie Hobson said.

Partners include the school, My Pathways, Council and the Puuya Foundation.



At the Education Learning Circle held in February there was great support from the community, new faces and a real drive towards appreciating that by working together we can achieve lots.

The Education Learning Circles have been possible through a grant from the Foundation

for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) which has enabled us to continue to address education, early years learning, parenting and school attendance etc.



Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) Training took place in February with participants from early years services and the Lockhart River State School. TAFE, Sunshine Coast, and Department of Education, Training and Employment were our partners for the training happen which was greatly appreciated by all. One hundred per cent of participants said they got great value from participating.



Tim Fairfax Family Foundation have generously agreed to continue supporting the Foundation for the next few years which is wonderful news. They have been advocating on our behalf in support of the community and will visit Lockhart 5-6 August.

Back in February you might have seen our good friend Brett in the community who was here collecting stories about the impact of the Puuya Foundation in the community.

Thank you to all who were

interviewed and we hope to share some stories soon.

Thanks to CBB Not-for-Profit in supporting this initiative.

The chance to showcase Lockhart River art and support the Puuya Foundation, the community and small business has come to us via the Southern Downs Clothing Company, in South-East Queensland.

The company is a clothing manufacturer that makes sports, corporate and industrial uniforms and accessories. They are interested in creating an alliance with us to generate products which will generate funds through small and special orders.



For more information on the Puuya Foundation talk to our Chair, Dottie Hobson or Directors Veronica Piva & Wayne Butcher or CEO denisehagan@puuyafoundation.com.au





Cyclone delays video launch



The launch of a hip hop video featuring young people from the community was delayed because of Cyclone Ita and rescheduled for mid-May.

Young people from Lockhart River attended a series of Indigenous Hip Hop Projects' workshops to explore culture, community and health themes in January this year. They then wrote and performed their track 'Lockhart River Love' for the crew's cameras. Advanced Health Worker in Tobacco and Healthy Lifestyles Gerrald Lasserre said the community enjoyed every minute of the production process and was looking forward to seeing the finished product.

"The project would not have happened without the tremendous support of Indigenous Hip Hop Projects and the Lockhart River community," Mr Lasserre said. "The video captures young people's singing and dancing

talents as well as their messages on smoking, exercise, the importance of culture and their affection for Lockhart River.

"Everyone is extremely excited about seeing the video."

Celebrations in May will take place over three days (16th-18th) and include a Welcome to Country, Traditional Indigenous Games, cultural activities and a disco.

Apunipima's Health Promotion and Tackling Smoking Healthy Lifestyles teams worked in partnership with Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Indigenous Program Development Unit to bring Indigenous Hip Hop Projects to Lockhart River.

Apunipima would like to thank Indigenous Hip Hop Projects, PCYC, Lockhart

River Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor Wayne Butcher, CEO Peter Opio, Council staff, Traditional Owners, Reverend Brian Claudie, Kid's Club staff, community volunteers, elders, parents and Skytrans Social Investment Community Development for making the project such as success.

"We'd also like to thank Lockhart River State School which has conducted follow up events with the children, My Pathways and the Men's Shelter which will be involved in the launch," Mr Lasserre said.

The Lockhart and Aurukun videos follow on from Coen Central Remix and Boom Boom Boom in Old Mapoon which were produced by Apunipima and Indigenous Hip Hop Projects in 2012.



Flu shots due now – Health Service

This years FLU season has started and it's set to be a bad one.

Already people are getting proper sick over in Aurukun and Weipa.

The FLU makes you have a fever, sore bones and muscles, sore throat and in bed for weeks. The best way to stop the FLU is

by getting the FLU vaccine.

Kids don't usually get the FLU vaccine so the best way to stop your kids and grandkids getting the FLU is to have the needle.

Come down to the clinic and ask for your FLU needle today.

So by now many of you would have met our new nurse Vikki (Yuka).

Vikki has come over from Napranum with her husband Jayson and their son Tim.

You may have heard Jayson and Tim playing some music with their guitars around town.

Next time you're in the clinic come and say hi to Yuka.



From now until June we will be having a deadly nurse, Erika (above), in town every week.

Erika will be trying to complete all the adult health and chronic disease checks.

We are trying to make sure that every adult has a complete check up for their health at least once a year.

This is a great thing to do to make sure you are as healthy as you can be!!

**Don't forget your
FLU shots!**

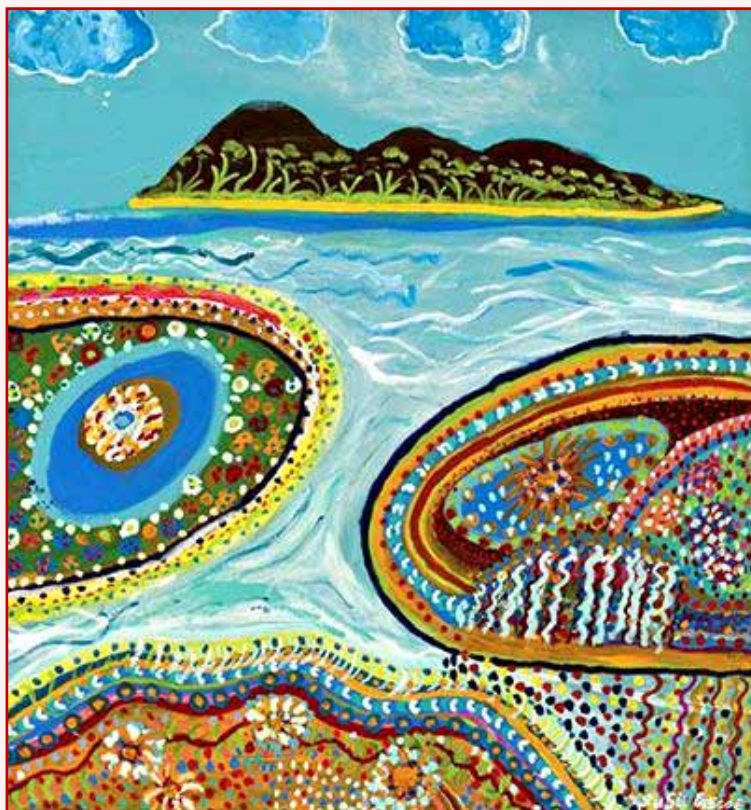




Lockhart River Art Centre

The Art Centre and Artists have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to the busy dry season. Congratulations to all who came and learned about linocut printing.

Left and below left: Late June – Kawadji-Wimpa Dancers – Wilin Dance on Country and at the community hall with choreographers/ teachers Jacob Boehme and Maria Randall



Above: 27–29 May – Pottery Workshops with Jenuarrie

Top Right: Thursday 29 May – Lino Cut exhibition and Movie at the Art Centre

Right: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 24 – 27 July – Lockhart River Artworks for sale.

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