



COFFS HARBOUR & DISTRICT LALC

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

20 Years in the Making—Red Rock Land Claim



After a two decade wait for a decision on the Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council v Minister Administering the Crown Lands Act [2013] NSWLEC 216, Justice Craig has handed down his decision in favour of Coffs Harbour LALC. The claim, originally lodged in 1993 covers a 3.7 km stretch of beach and foredune known as Red Rock Beach (located between Red Rock and Corindi. The case is particularly significant as it represents one of a few successful land claims to include land right up to the mean high water mark.

Of note the land is being transferred to Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council (CH LALC) on condition that an easement for access is created over part of the land to provide public access to and use of the beach for public recreation. This is a fantastic outcome for the CH LALC especially as the judgment may prove useful in future claims where land is said to be needed for public recreation. On behalf of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to CH LALC for this terrific win.

Craig Cromelin NSWALC Chairperson

TRACKER GOES DIGITAL

The NSWALC has decided to phase-out publication of the monthly Tracker magazine. Whilst hugely successful, competing with the internet & social media, as well as cost has led to new directions in communication with LALC members. Please see the Network Message Flyer attached for the full details.

CH&D LALC Meeting Dates:

Next Members Meeting:

Wednesday 25th June 2014—6pm

Next BOD Meeting:

Wednesday 9th April 2014

5:30pm

Wednesday 21st May 2014

10:30am

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CULTURE & HERITAGE REFORM

The Government has developed a proposed model for reforming the Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation in response to the independent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Reform Working Party's recommendations. The Government encourages everyone to consider the proposed model and have your say about how to reform the Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation in NSW.

Public feedback is being sought as part of Phase 3 to improve and refine the proposed approach for reform. To make it easy for anyone to participate, there are consultation sessions and many different ways to submit a response for Government to consider.

The government has extended the consultation process to the 28th March 2014 and it is vital that you have your say. To find out more contact Chris at the Land Council or go to the website and fill out the questionnaire

<http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/achreform>

COFFS HARBOUR WELCOMES ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NEST

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello today launched the Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest in Coffs Harbour and said it would strengthen Aboriginal students' sense of identity, encouraging them to become more engaged in education and stay in school.

The Nests will create partnerships between schools, TAFEs, universities and Aboriginal communities to connect language resources and provide a pathway to learn traditional language from cradle to grave. "Our remaining Aboriginal languages are in danger of dying out if we do not make a long-term investment to train more people to teach languages," Mr Dominello said.

"The Nest will develop more Aboriginal language learners and teachers and aims to build a stronger sense of pride, self-esteem and identity among students. "Proud young people want to go to school, and proud parents want their children to succeed at school. "When we consulted over 1,200 Aboriginal community representatives before the creation of OCHRE, the revitalisation of language and culture was the number one thing people asked us to focus on.

"The NSW Government listened and in partnership with Aboriginal communities we have established five Nests, each representing a network of communities bound together by their connection to an Aboriginal language group. "The Nests have already seen the creation of a K-10 Scope and Sequence – ensuring there is a comprehensive curriculum to develop students' knowledge and build on their expertise year after year," he said.

"Today I joined with Aboriginal Elders, representatives of the Gumbaynggirr speaking community, as well as teachers and students from across 25 local schools to mark the start of the Nest based in Coffs Harbour," Mr Dominello said. Member for Coffs Harbour, Andrew Fraser, welcomed the announcement and said communities including Woolgoolga, Northern Beaches, Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Toormina, Urunga, as well as South Grafton, Bellingen and Dorrigo, form part of the Nest. "I hope the Northern Gumbaynggirr Nest will enable today's students to progress to become tomorrow's teachers – helping us to preserve this critically endangered language and foster strong Aboriginal communities in this region," Mr Fraser said.

Gumbaynggirr man and 2011 Aboriginal Community Worker of the Year, Mark Flanders, said the local community was passionate about preserving its culture and believed the Nest could help consolidate its collective expertise. "The Nest is a vital resource which will enable the training of more local Aboriginal language speakers, strengthening the teaching of Gumbaynggirr language and culture. The Northern Gumbaynggirr Nest is one of five being established across the state as part of OCHRE – Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment – the NSW Government Plan for Aboriginal affairs.



HOUSING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

with Mr Terry Wall

Changes to water billing system.

A recent change to Coffs Harbour Council water accounts has come about at the land council.

In the past tenants had to pay their own water direct to Coffs Harbour Council. This resulted in penalties if you were late and often led to high charges to tenants that did not pay on time. Under our new system the Land Council will pay the account and send you an invoice for payment.

As a tenant you have the responsibility to pay for all your water use. The land council expects all water to be paid for within 30 days of issuing the invoice. Failure to pay the invoice will result in action being taken against the tenant for orders to pay. This is the same as if you do not pay your rent.

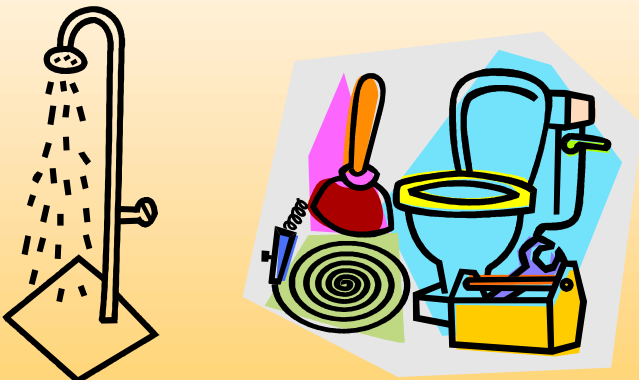
To overcome a large sum of money having to be found all at once you are able to arrange a weekly or fortnightly payment to ensure you are ahead with you water. Tenants that pay an amount to Coffs Harbour Council can keep doing so if they wish but if an account is issued to the land council it will need to be paid to us.

Any questions can be directed to me and I will assist you if needed.



A few tips to save money.

A dripping toilet or a running toilet can cost you more than \$100 per month in water charges. If you have a running toilet notify the land council immediately as you are the one that has to pay the bill. We will arrange a repair to stop your leak.



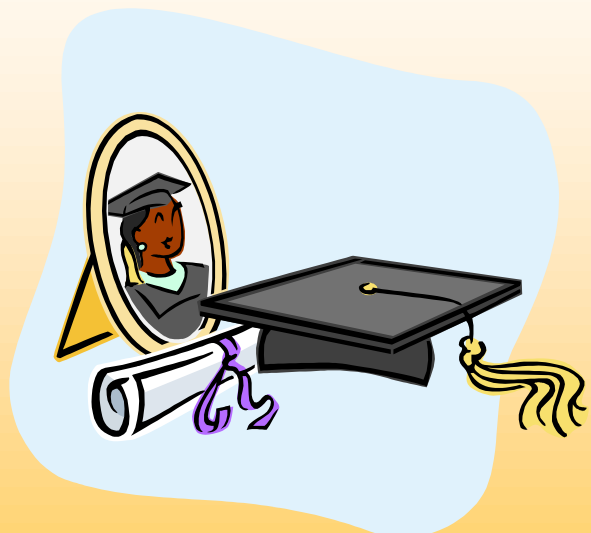
FINANCE NEWS—With Tim Hoskins

Towards the end of 2013 there were a number of amendments made to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, one of them being that the Land Council can now appoint the auditor which they can select from a list of auditors accepted based on the LALC Audit Tender Submissions. These auditors were selected from public tender calls of 2012 & 2013. NSWALC can no longer simply appoint an auditor to audit our financials. We now simply select an auditor from the approved list of auditors



NSWALC BOD GOVERNANCE TRAINING

The last two members of our Board required to undertake Governance training have now completed this training. Feleisha Laurie & Aunty Robyn Duroux undertook training in February & found it very helpful in fulfilling their roles on our Governing Board. Congratulations to them both on their successful training.

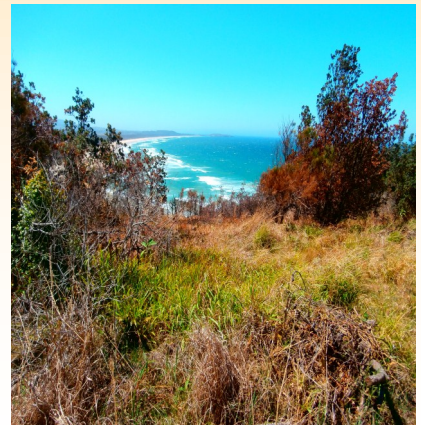


DARRUNDA WAJAARR: Bush Regen news

The Land Councils Bush regeneration team “Darrunda Wajaarr” are now moving ahead with training all starting their Cert iii in Natural Resource Management. The trainees are now contracted by National Parks to do works on a number of sites from Sapphire to Raleigh.

In addition they have almost completed a study of all our lands to develop a management plan for the future. This management plan will enable the Land Council to apply for funding to maintain the bush in a pristine way. It will also enable the land council to plan best use options for the land into the future.

These contracts in addition to the Jaliigirr project in its 2nd year will see the team busy for the next few months.



NEWS ON THE NURSERY & FARM

VENTURES

Things are progressing slowly but still moving forward. The Land Council has an agreement with TAFE to utilise their hothouse for propagation and initial growing of seedlings and cuttings. The land has been cleared and is ready for some planting of screening trees around the boundary of the property.

A bore license has been applied for and we are just waiting for that to be endorsed so we can plant and move forward with our nursery. Without water we really can't do much at all.





FIRST AID TRAINING AT WONGALA

Medicare Local will be running a one day First Aid workshop to be held at Wongala Estate in Coffs Harbour—Lunch will be provided

Are you interested in learning First Aid so you can use your skills to help people in our community? Our community needs people aged from 16 years on, to be trained to respond to minor injuries and/or to provide help until the ambulance or health professionals arrive.

You could be one of these people.

Call the Administration office to register for the training Phone 66528740

(Registrations close on the 11th march 2014)

Course Code: HLTA311A, Course Title: Apply First Aid (this includes Course Code: HLTCPR211A, Course Title: Perform CPR)

When: Wednesday 19th March 2014

Where: The Grace Roberts Hall on Wongala Estate, Arthur Street Coffs Harbour

Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm

COMPUTER TRAINING FOR SENIORS AT WONGALA:

Want to learn skills to help you use a computer for the first time or just get extra skills ? Then come along to one of the workshops to be run by Coffs Coast Community College at the Grace Roberts Hall on Wongala Estate.

When: Tuesday 18th March

Time: 10.00 am—12.00 am

Topics: Internet and Email and computer basics.

Time: 12.30 - 2.30 pm

Topics: Ebay and shopping online.

Internet banking. Keeping safe online.



To book a place in the workshop call 66528740 or drop in to the Land Council Office to register.

A light lunch will be provided.

Registrations close on Thursday 13th March 2014



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

20th March—National Close the Gap Day

On Thursday 20 March 2014, thousands of Australians will take action to improve Indigenous health. The Land Council in partnership with North Coast Medicare Local—Closing the Gap Team, MNCLHD Aboriginal Health team, Ken McIntosh from Aboriginal Affairs & Troy Robinson from SCU will be holding a Close The Gap Day event at the CHEC. Everyone is welcome to share in morning tea & hear stories from Aboriginal Trainees & apprentices with the theme being Education is the Key. Please see the enclosed flyer for details of the event—we look forward to seeing you there.

21 March - Harmony Day - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

This date coincides with United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and began to be commemorated in 1999 as a day to encourage tolerance and understanding between Australians of all races and cultural backgrounds.

25 April - Anzac Day

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people risked their lives for their home countries and the land now called Australia. They are the forgotten heroes of our people and on this day we should pause to remember them.

26 May 2014—National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May, since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the continent's indigenous population. The annual National Sorry Day commemorations remind and raise awareness among politicians, policy makers, and the wider public about the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact on the children that were taken, but also on their families and communities.

27 May - 3 June - National Reconciliation Week

The week began as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation (1993) and was organised by the Faith Communities for Reconciliation and has now grown into the National Reconciliation Week. The week starts off on the 27 of May, which was chosen because it is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and ends with 'Mabo Day' on the 3rd of June. On the 27th of May 2000 national leaders gathered for the 'Corroboree 2000: Sharing our Future' ceremony at the Sydney Opera House—marking the end of the ten year 'Process of Reconciliation' which had begun with the establishing of the Council for Reconciliation in 1990, and marking the release of the Council's Australian Declaration Towards Reconciliation and Roadmap for Reconciliation. On the next day over 250 000 people joined the Walk for Reconciliation across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and many others joined in on walks and events in other cities. Each year since, the week has featured activities across the country.

3 June - Mabo Day

This day commemorates the anniversary of the 1992 High Court decision in the case brought by Eddie Mabo and others which recognised the existence in Australia of native title rights. On the 10th anniversary of this day in 2002 there were many calls for the day to become a public holiday, an official National Mabo Day.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Fruity Baked Apples

Ingredients

4 large apples, washed
8 almonds (or 2 tablespoons slivered almonds)
4 dried apricots
8 prunes
4 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon brown sugar

Utensils

Apple corer
Oven-proof dish
Chopping board and knife
Measuring spoon

Method

1. Turn oven to 180°C. Remove apple cores with an apple corer or knife.
2. Make a shallow horizontal cut in the skin around the apple.
3. Chop nuts, apricots and prunes.
4. Fill each hole with the chopped almonds, apricots and prunes.
5. Place apples in an oven-proof dish.
6. Pour water over the apples and sprinkle with sugar.
7. Bake on MIDDLE oven shelf 30 – 50 minutes or until apple is tender.
8. Serve warm.

HOT TIP Add some yogurt or ricotta whip if you like.



Beetroot & Potato Salad

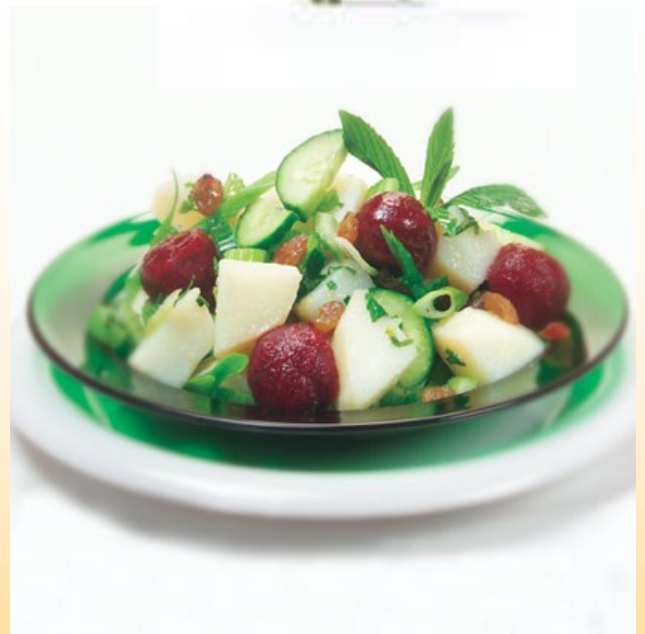
10 minutes preparation + 45-60 minutes cooking
19 serves of vegies in this recipe

5 medium potatoes, scrubbed, cut into chunks
4 medium beetroot
4 spring onions, sliced
2 sticks celery, sliced
1 Lebanese cucumber, sliced
½ cup plump raisins or sultanas

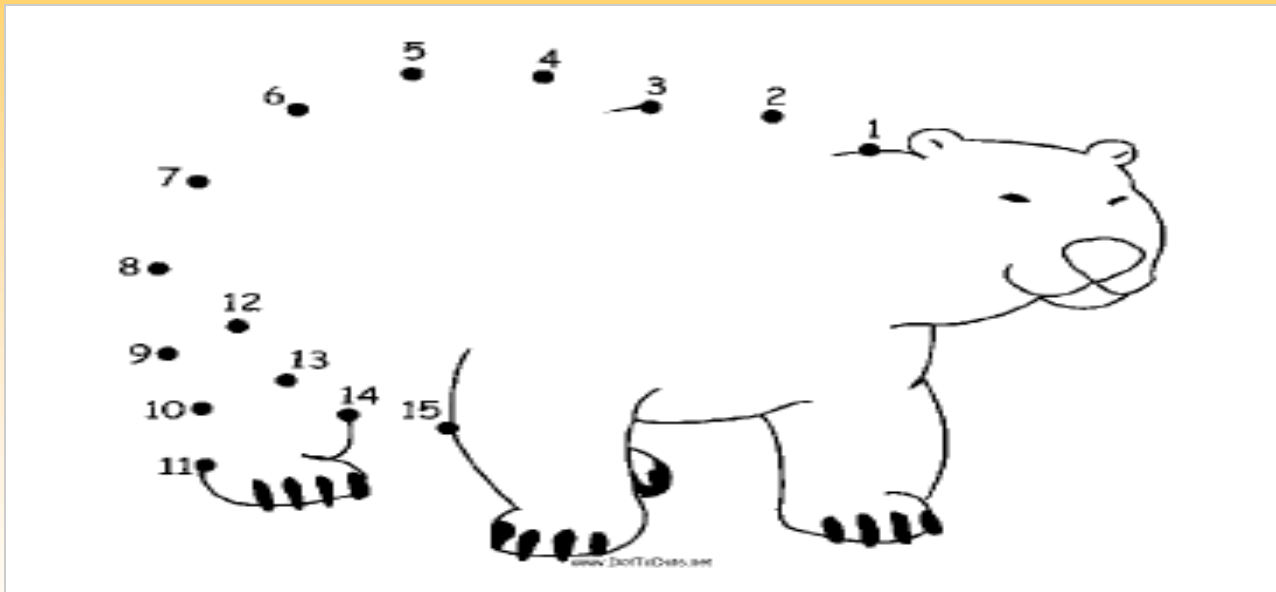
Dressing

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon orange juice
3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (parsley, mint, coriander and/or basil)

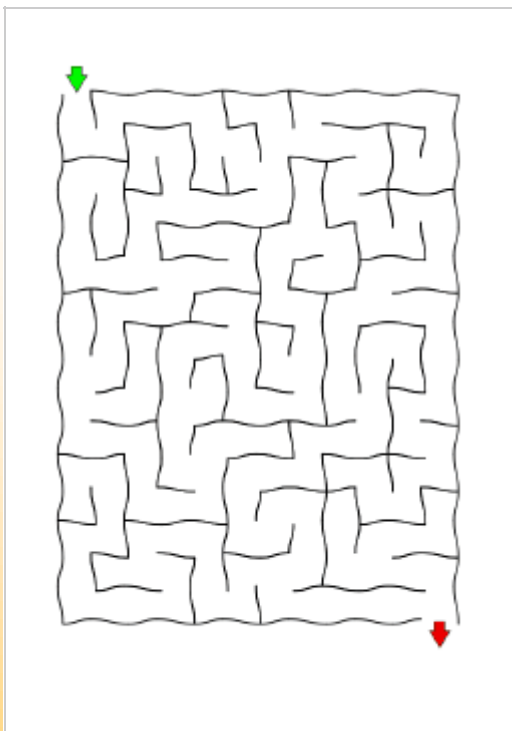
Steam potatoes for 15-20 minutes until tender. Boil unpeeled beetroot for 30-40 minutes until tender. Cool, peel and cut into wedges. Mix all salad ingredients in a serving bowl. Combine dressing ingredients in a screw-top jar and shake well. Toss through salad and serve immediately.



JARJUM'S PAGE



Join the Dots to reveal the animal in the picture above



Can you find your way through the maze?



Colour in the Rooster