



COFFS HARBOUR & DISTRICT LALC

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FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Welcome Back

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not ensuring the publication remains a quarterly newsletter. Some of you may have noticed we did not get out the June 2014 Issue, we sincerely apologise for this oversight. We will seek to ensure this newsletter is published in time for all our members to

benefit from our local news & upcoming events. Whilst I am sure no-one would have missed out on the NAIDOC events, again I apologise if missing out on the June issue caused anyone to miss any of the planned Coffs Harbour NAIDOC events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back Michelle Flanders (AKA Michelle Collins) who was with us briefly, filling in after Carroll moved on, until we were able to recruit Sandra to our admin position. I know you will all join me in welcoming Michelle Back on board.

Michelle plays a vital role in assisting Sandra with administration & with the production & publication of our Land Council Newsletter.



CH&D LALC Meeting Dates:

Next Members Meeting:

AGM 24th September 2014 @ 6pm
3rd December 2014 @ 6pm

Next BOD Meeting:

17th September 2014 @ 5:30pm
29th October 2014 @ 5:50pm
10th December 2014 @ 5:30pm

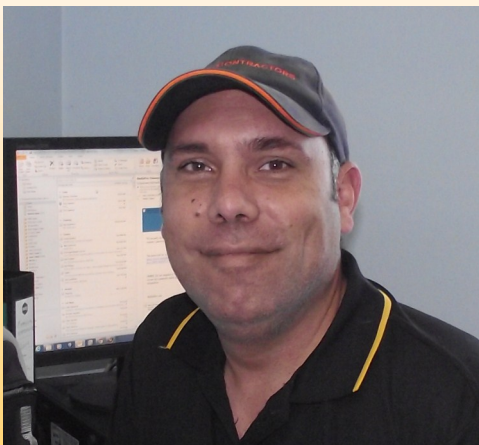
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Finance News with Tim Hoskins

All end of year group certificates have been processed and we were recently audited and passed with flying colours. Our Financial Statements were audited by Northcorp Chartered Accountants. As is known within the Land Council network, funding is extremely limited and therefore the Council has had to measure its funding appropriately. The Land Council has been able to achieve the objectives for the Council by being able to adequately manage the funding that has been provided.

All accounts payable by the Land Council are met in accordance with the due dates. Accounts for payment are prepared by the me and reviewed by the CEO and Program Manager before being presented to the Management Committee for authorisation and signing of payments. Payments are signed by 2 of the 3 Management Committee members and no errors have been encountered using this system. All accounts produced by the Land Council are maximum thirty (30) day accounts. If for any reason an account is outstanding for more than thirty (30) days, the Land Council reproduces invoices to that effect. All in all we do very well in our Finance section.



Property News with Terry Wall



We need to update our contact details for all tenants. People change their phone numbers and do not tell us. If you have a repair that needs doing our repair people, who are given a contact number cannot get in touch and this leads to delays in fixing issues. Please contact Land Council Immediately with updated phone contact numbers to allow repairs to be finished.

Just a reminder to all tenants that there is a rental increase on 21 September 2014. Please arrange for your rental payments to be increased by this date.

A timely reminder for you all as well regarding your Hot Water systems. These systems can leak at any time and you need to be aware and report any leak quickly. Also we have had reports of no hot water. At this time of year the Air temperature affects the hot water systems and you may run out quite quickly. To alleviate this issue you can contact your electricity provider and have your water heater switched over to Off Peak 2 which also heats up in the middle of the day as well as at night.

We will also be arranging our annual Pest control for the houses in September. Please be aware that you will be contacted by the Pest Controller to organise a day to come and do your property. This year we will also be doing a Termite inspection for all properties to ensure there is no issues with invasion of termites.



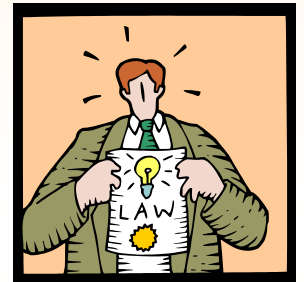
Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Reform

The proposed Government model

As many of you will be aware the NSW Government has been undertaking Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) Reform. Throughout the ACH reform process, there has been an overwhelming call from all stakeholders to improve the process and deliver better outcomes for everyone. The Government says it is committed to implementing a new system that respects and protects ACH for future generations. At the same time it will provide a clear and consistent process for economic and social development.



The Government has commenced the third phase of the ACH reform process for reforming Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation in NSW, by releasing its proposed model for reform, which will be the basis of the current round of public consultation.



Key principles of the proposed ACH Government model

- Respect for Aboriginal culture, to recognise Aboriginal people's responsibility and authority over their own cultural heritage and their right to expect protection for significant cultural values.
- Legislative balance, to recognise the different needs and interests of groups within the whole community and to deliver social, economic and environmental outcomes in the best interests of all people in NSW.
- Government efficiency, to reduce red tape, duplication and unnecessary state intervention in local issues.
- Best practice principles to raise the benchmark of performance and deliver a diverse range of ACH benefits.



Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Reform Cont....

Key features of the proposed ACH Government model

- Stand alone legislation, all Aboriginal cultural heritage provisions in the current *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* will be removed and a new Act for Aboriginal cultural heritage created.
- New definitions and objectives to increase what is protected.
- Aboriginal cultural authority, the new process will require proponents to consult with a Local ACH Committee which is comprised of Aboriginal people who hold the cultural authority to make decisions about heritage management.
- Local decision making, local ACH committees will be created that work with Aboriginal people to identify the key ACH values and priorities for their area. The local ACH committees will create ACH Maps and Plans of Management to inform ACH conservation priorities, planning decisions and negotiations for development approvals.
- Early consultation and involvement, the local ACH committees must consult with Aboriginal people during the development of the ACH maps and Plans of Management.
- Support from OEH's Heritage Division and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC).
- Tools and processes to support conservation and strategic planning processes.
- Flexible regulatory processes, streamlining the process to ensure the regulatory response to the nature and scale of development is fair and equitable.
- Managing unexpected ACH finds, clear and timely processes that effectively manage ACH values for projects that encounter unexpected finds.
- Compliance enforcement, clear offences, penalties, defences and exemptions that are enforceable. Includes mandatory timeframes, mediation and appeal processes.



NAIDOC WEEK AWARDS

The Land Council is very proud to announce that our very own Takisha Bale from our Durrunda-wajaarr Repair to Country Green Team took out the this year's NAIDOC award in the Junior Education section. Please join us in congratulating Takisha and wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.



Takisha Bale

Durrunda-wajaarr Green Team News

The Green Team have also been busy with projects right across the Land Council area, from Wenona Headland in the South to Red Rock in the North and out as far as Nana Glen. There was also a small job baiting rats on Muttonbird Island for NPWS.

They are recognised by all the main funding bodies, such as National Parks and Local Land Services as being professional and effective in their endeavours. This is a great achievement for a small team.

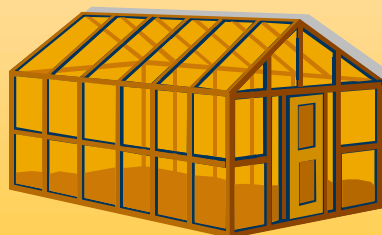
Green Team News Cont.....

Lisa White & the team were recently awarded with a certificate of appreciation for their regeneration works & Caring for Country, we should all applaud them.



They have also been involved in a project assessing all our vacant land and what can be done with it. We now have a Management Plan in place for all our vacant land that allows us to attain funding and makes it a lot easier to do works. The Green Team will be busy finishing off all the Jaliigirr Project over the next few months.

We have also been moving forward with our Nursery. Delays have been incurred with government requirements around our bore which has now been drilled and an application is being put forward for a licence to allow us to go to next stage. Once this is complete we can start developing the nursery to an operational level. Once up and running the Nursery will employ more people from the community.



Resident Profile

This edition we have started to do resident profiles for our Wongala Estate residents. We will start with one of the lovely & well known Grandmothers of the Estate: **Aunty Tresna Carriage**

Aunty Tresna moved to Coffs Harbour nearly 60 years ago when she was just



14 years old. Aunty Tresna lived down at park beach for some time before getting married & moving in to Kurrajong Street. The house there was too small for Uncle Ron on dialysis so in 1991 they moved to Wongala Estate. Uncle Ron has since passed on but Aunty Tresna still graces our little estate with her friendly smile, something she's been doing now for 23 years.

Board Member Profile

We will also be featuring our Board members in the newsletter so that our members can get to know their representatives better. In this edition we will start with our Chairperson:

Ms Yvette Pacey



Originally from Kempsey Yvette has been a member of the Local Aboriginal Land Council for 23 years & has been the Land Council Chair of the Board of Directors since 2008.

Yvette is a team manager for Centrelink here in Coffs Harbour and has been for over 10 Years. If your out & about be sure to say hi to the Chairperson of your Board.



Upcoming Community Events & Dates to Remember

North Coast Cancer Institute Info Evening

On **Thursday 4th September** the NCCI will be holding another community information evening & tour of the treatment facilities. Light refreshments will be provided as well as guest speakers. For further info or to book a place please phone Carol Hart on 6656 5086.

Coffs Coast Cultural Cohesion

Friday 5th September (6-8pm) @ Pacific Bay Resort Featuring Kristian Benton on Yidaki (Didg). Phone 0435313006 for further details.

Spring into Rhythm & Roots

A FREE public event on **Saturday September 6 from 4-6pm** @ the Coffs City Centre Square (The Mall). Bring a chair or rug to sit on or get up & boogie to the rhythms.

Rally Australia

Thursday 11th—14th September. Various locations & general admission from \$35

Opera by the Ocean

12th—14th September at the Jetty Foreshores. Bring a chair or a rug to sit on.

Bellingen Music Festival

19th—21st Sept. at Hyde Park Bellingen go to: www.bellingenmusicfestival.com.au for further information and cost.



International Buskers & Comedy Festival

Preview **Sunday 21st September**. Main show from **Tues. 23—Sun 28th September**.

20th Annual Deadly Awards

Tuesday 30th September @ the Sydney Opera House. Tickets available on line through the Sydney Opera House website.

CoastOut Festival

24—26th October Park Beach Reserve. For further details visit www.coastout.com.au

Safe Work Australia Week

27 October-2 November 2013

National Safe Work Australia Week raises awareness of workplace safety issues around Australia. It encourages all working Australians to get involved in and concentrate on safety in their workplace to reduce death, injury and disease.

We Care Day

Celebrating an inclusive Coffs Coast on **Saturday 1st November 9am to 3pm @ the Jetty Foreshores**. People of all abilities, ages & cultures celebrating an inclusive community.

Grace Roberts Awards

The annual Grace Roberts Awards are held in the **first week of November**. For further details or to make a nomination contact Lloyd Lynwood on 66484850.

Jarjum's Page



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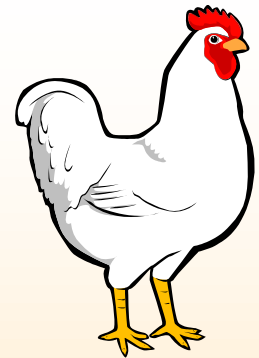
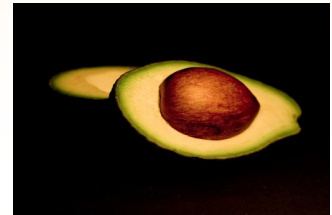
Colour me In

Jarjum's No Cook Chicken Fruit Salad

Use whatever fresh fruits are available. Takes 20 minutes to prepare & serves 4 people. Double ingredients to feed 8 people.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup low fat raspberry or strawberry yoghurt
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons of honey
- 4 cups of shredded lettuce
- 4 skinless & shredded pre-cooked chicken breast strips
- 1 cup of blueberries
- 1 sliced mango
- 1 sliced avocado



Preparation:

Combine yoghurt, mayonnaise & honey (whisk to blend) chill in the fridge. When ready to serve, place the lettuce on a serving platter top with chicken breast and fruit, drizzle with chilled salad dressing.



Enjoy your easy to prepare and healthy chicken and fruit salad with a large glass of fresh fruit juice yum yum.