



# COFFS HARBOUR & DISTRICT LALC

## NEWSLETTER: Issue 8

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### FROM THE CEO—Glen Rennie



Dear Members

As you would be aware I have been acting in a probationary role as the CEO since starting in February, I can now inform that I passed my probationary review and look forward to being involved in the future of the CH&DLALC.

I thank all Members and Tenants who have been impacted by the LALC transitioning to electronic banking, this process is nearly complete with just a few people needing to change their depositing to the new electronic accounts. Staff will contact those few shortly and assist them in transitioning to the new bank accounts, all members have been very accommodating and deserve credit for the time they were required to expend for the transition. Again thank you.

Very shortly members will receive notice for the next Members Meeting, this meeting will be to cover the normal items as well as address a matter which arose from the ALRA amendments last year. Members will need to be involved in the review of the Community Land and Business Plan and the processes that will enable the LALC to approve the plan. It is intended to have the next Members meeting part of the process that needs to be undertaken. The best part of this process is that it provides an opportunity for members to input their ideas and influence the future of the CH&DLALC.

Please come along to the next meetings and ensure you are involved in the approval process of the Community Land and Business Plan. As last time given it was such a success we will be having a barbeque, so bring your appetite.

#### **CH&D LALC Meeting Dates:**

**Next Members Meeting:**

**A DATE TO BE SET FOR JULY 2016**

**Next BOD Meeting:**

**THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 2016**

**WONGALA HALL 6:00PM**

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## STAFF PROFILES

### LACHLAN SKINNER—PROPERTY ASSISTANT

Giinagay (Hello)! My name is Lachlan Skinner, I'm a proud Gumbaynggirr man born and raised here in our beautiful Country, Garlambirla (Coffs harbour). I am Motivated, ambitious and passionate about providing opportunities for my mob. I am currently working for my community as the Property Assistant for the Coffs harbour & District Local Aboriginal land council (CH&D LALC) where I manage 54 houses from as far north as Corindi/Red Rock and down south to Urunga.



**LACHLAN SKINNERR**

I also play a huge part in my community by being on Community committees such as: CHASE, Coffs Cultural Reference Group, and the Gumbaynggirr Cultural Committee for Opal Cove. What I really enjoy is working for my community and as the Property Assistant I am doing just that. I get to provide support and assistance to community members who find it difficult to find affordable housing. I also get to meet people in our community that I may not otherwise have met through my work at the Land Council. I absolutely love working at the Land Council.

### ALITA CARBERRY—BUSH REGENERATOR

#### DURRUNDA-WAJAARR GREEN TEAM

Alita has been with the CH&D LALC Durrunda-wajaarr Green Team since April 2014. Alita is a single mum raising a beautiful 13year old daughter Alinta and she is an inspiration to her extended family. Alita has completed Cert III in Conservation & Land Management with us and is now undertaking Cert IV . Alita has also completed lots of training in things like: Chemcert, Wild Dog Baiting & Trapping, Certificate in Fire Fighting and has learnt skills through our nursery in plant propagation.

Alita has been with us now for over two years & utterly loves working on Country for her community. Alita is a mentor to the young women in our community and works well with other trainees. Alita has a strong interest in Caring for Country, her Aboriginal culture, & she loves to spend time sharing stories about her work with young Aboriginal women.

Alita is a proud Gumbaynggirr woman & she is the perfect role model for young Gumbaynggirr women wanting to get involved with land & culture.



**ALITA CARBERRY**

## PROGRAMS UPDATE

### THE NURSERY

#### Darrunda Wajaar Jaliigirr Barragin (Our Native Tree nursery)

We recently received the last lot of tables for the nursery greenhouses and we are powering along with propagation. We have had the water tanks delivered and are now busy installing the irrigation to the greenhouse and hot houses. We had Ian Brown come out to do a site survey whilst the digging was taking place to ensure if any artefacts were uncovered they would be dealt with in accordance to protection under *NPW Act 1974*. Ian also provided a Cultural Heritage Induction to Tony Gleeson (Nursery Worker) so that Tony could monitor any further earth works at the nursery.



**Tony Gleeson ripping the ground for the irrigation whilst Ian Brown looks on**

### HOUSING PROGRAM

We have just completed our 6 Monthly House Inspections with our next lot happening around October – November this year. If tenants have missed any issues please don't hesitate to contact Lachlan at the office.

Also our trusty Property Assistant, Lachlan Skinner, and Deadly Receptionist, Michelle Flanders, commenced their in-house Cert IV in Social Housing in May this year which is very exciting. Both will complete studies early next year.



#### Lachlan & Michelle studying hard

Besides that we do ask that Tenants and Applicants on our Waiting List please ensure contact details are up to date.

Lastly, NAIDOC is just weeks away and Lachlan has informed us that it will be another DEADLY year here in Coffs Harbour.

## PROGRAM UPDATE CONT....

### CULTURE & HERITAGE

Our Cultural Heritage Team have been working very hard undertaking site monitoring on the Karangi to Red Hill water main duplication project with CHCC.



#### Luana Ferguson monitoring earthworks at Karangi

The team have also been working with Jacqui Collins (Archaeologist) at the Lorikeet Holiday Park after artefacts were located within the park where they are proposing to extend the camping sites. We have also had the Site Officers out at Corindi Quarry, the Coffs Harbour Gun Club, a proposed subdivision at McIntosh Crescent Woolgoolga, Lyons Road Sawtell, Red Rock Caravan Park, Syd Burke Park at Pine Creek and at Cox's Lane Corindi. As well as all the above work we have had a member of the public return artefacts that he had collected during the sixties from our Moonee midden site and from the Sawtell area. We are very pleased to have had them returned to their rightful place.



### GREEN TEAM

Some end of financial year achievements for our Green Team: Jaliigirr project is almost finished with just one zoned area to be planted out with native trees. The Local Land Service (LLS) from Victoria wants to share knowledge and skills with Darrunda-Wajaarr Green team as they were so impressed with the work we have been doing.

LLS—National Park sites will be completed by the end of June. On Monday 30th we held a Cultural Knowledge & Sharing event which was covered by NBN news. To see the coverage of the event go to

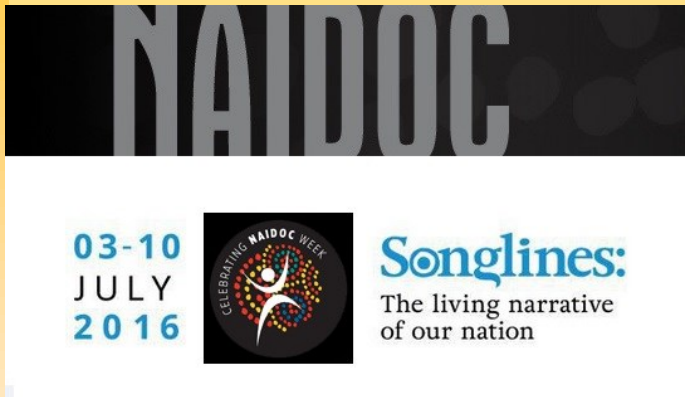
<http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2016/05/30/aboriginal-cultural-day-at-arrawarra-headland/>

Uncle Milton Duroux performed the Welcome to Country, we had the local Gumbaynggirr Dance group, we placed our hand prints on the totem poles at Sealy look out & returned to the Land Council Office for a BBQ of Kangaroo which we laid on for the participating green teams. We also had a talk on wild dogs tracking by Mark Robinson from LLS and a presentation, Firesticks, by Ritchie on traditional fire burning which was itself amazing. The LLS funding parties said it was the best event they had ever been to. Team supervisor Lisa is proud of the entire teams efforts for the year.



Nathaniel, Alita, Aj, Lisa, & Alex

## IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS



**3-10 July** —This year there will be a week of events that community members can attend and as usual there will be a full list of events in the Advocate Newspaper the week prior to NAIDOC week. Here are some of the events happening throughout the week.

**Sunday 3rd July**—Football Match

**Monday 4th July**—Flag raising & NAIDOC Week Awards 10am to 2pm

**Tuesday 5th July**—Galambila Aboriginal Health Service Family Fun Day 10am—2pm & afterwards the Song lines NAIDOC Concert doors open @ 6pm with BBQ sizzle (Gold coin donation at the door)

**Wednesday 6th July**—Who Ya Gunna Call 10am onwards.

**Thursday 7th July**—Planting the Seed at Diggers Beach 10am onwards. There will be entertainment, Bush Tucker tours, tree planting and lots of yummy food for the mob and we hope to see you all there.

**Friday 8th July**—Golf Day & then the NAIDOC After Party 8pm The Coast Hotel

**Saturday 9th July**—to be announced

**Sunday 10th July**—to be announced.

**July 12**—The Australian Aboriginal Flag was designed by artist Harold Thomas and first flown at Victoria Square in Adelaide, South Australia, on National Aborigines Day, 12 July 1971.



**August 4**—National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day



**August 9**—International Day of Indigenous peoples. Every year, 9 August is commemorated as the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The day is celebrated with special events around the world, including at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This year's theme puts a spotlight on the issue of indigenous peoples' access to health care services, as improving indigenous peoples' health remains a critical challenge for indigenous peoples.



# JARJUMS PAGE

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## Vegetable Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1. Cauliflower 2. Tomato 3. Carrot 4. Pepper 5. Onion  
Down: 1. Cucumber 2. Potato 3. Eggplant 4. Beet