



COFFS HARBOUR & DISTRICT LALC

NEWSLETTER: Issue 9

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FROM THE CEO—Glen Rennie



Dear Members

Well, doesn't Christmas come around fast; the end of another year. This has been an exciting and busy year for the CH&DLALC. We have had a new "Programs Officer" start, welcome to Helen Lambert. Helen has been working with a lot of people in the community whilst at Health and even more of us have enjoyed some of her efforts on events such as NAIDOC at Diggers Beach, she is bringing a lot of skills to the LALC and we fully intend to exploit all of these.

This will be the first year where the LALC has put a Kids Xmas party on, it will be held on the 21 Dec and all kids of all ages are welcome. There will be a water slide, jumping castle and face painting topped off by a BBQ for the Kids and supervisors/parents. Please mark this in the diary as we would love to see a good roll out on the day, there is a glossy flyer further on.

It is unfortunate that our Timmy will be leaving the LALC after over 17yrs, I wish him the best in his endeavours to pursue a new career.

In topping off a very successful year we took out the Grace Roberts Community Organisation of the Year Award for 2017, this was for recognition of the achievements of the LALC towards the Coffs Community. I respectfully acknowledge that a lot of the credit for the winning of this award must go to the Staff and Board for their commitment to the LALC and its works through some testing times of late 2015-early 2016, well done.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all members and community a safe and enjoyable festive season. I look forward to a slow and enjoyable Christmas with my family working on the farm. Remember Santa only visits good little boys and girls!

Merry Christmas

CH&D LALC Meeting Dates:

Next BOD Meeting:

To be advised by mail out

Next Members Meeting:

To be advised by mail out

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STAFF PROFILES

HELEN LAMBERT—PROGRAMS OFFICER

Giinagay, my name is Helen Lambert, I was born in New Zealand and came to the Mid North Coast when I was 17.

I have worked in the community sector for about 28 years, in Kempsey, Port Macquarie and Taree, before moving to beautiful Gumbaynggirr country about 5 years ago, where I worked in the Aboriginal health team in the Closing the Gap program for North Coast Primary Health Network. I have arranged many community events in the region including, NAIDOC celebrations, Close the Gap, Aboriginal Australia day and Reconciliation week, and many health promotion events. I'm also a current member of the Gumbaynggirr Youth Community Drug Action Team

I joined the team at the CH&D LALC about 5 weeks ago, in my new role as programs officer, managing the social housing and Darrunda Wajaarr portfolios.

At this stage I'm still getting familiar with my duties and have appreciated the warm welcome, support and guidance the team has extended to me.

I have a strong interest in cultural heritage and I'm committed to protecting our environment, in the past I volunteered in wildlife rescue with FAWNA.

I look forward to working with the team, board members and community of the CH&D LALC and to meeting more of our members.



JULIE TOMCZYK — DOMESTIC GODDESS

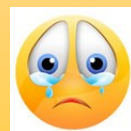


Aunty Julie has worked for the Land Council for 10 years as our domestic goddess (cleaner). Julie comes in every Friday and cleans up the LALC offices, the hall, toilets and kitchen.

Julie has 3 beautiful adult children, Stuart, Sharon, and Katherine, and 5 Grandchildren, Jemma, Dylan, Amanda, Leteesha, and Makayla, and 3 Great Grandchildren, Nigel, Thajhine and Noah. And that's not enough to keep her busy so she comes every week to clean up our mess too.

Julie has lived in Coffs Harbour for 43 years and is a very happy person who just loves to cook as well. Without fail Julie turns up at work with jams, cakes, homemade sausage rolls, and at Christmas time with Christmas puddings for all the staff.

In her spare time Julie loves to crochet, knit, sew, cook and have a good yarn-up. Julie would like to take this opportunity to wish to wish Tim Hoskins all the best in his future directions—he will be sadly missed.



PROGRAMS UPDATE

DARRUNDA-WAJAARR REPAIR TO COUNTRY TEAM

Darrunda wajaarr green team would like to express our thanks for Helen Lambert, our new project manager. We have big plans for the future.

We have finally managed to put the bollards and gated our land at Arrawarra.



Alex, Anthony, Aj, & Lincoln

Big thanks to Anthony Dungay and Lincoln for their time in helping AJ and Alex with post hole digging on site and installing the National Parks standard gate. This is to ensure that vehicle access now will stop on site, so we can let our land regenerate back to a pristine estuary.

Our Land Council and Rural Fire service will have the keys for any future access to site.



Alex, Lisa, Aj & Alita

The prescribed burn that was organised at the end of September was great success also the green team with the help of RSF used their new fire skills and were in charge of the fire light up. The team raked around our scar tree to ensure the fire was kept well away.



Alita and Lisa have been working on a Jaliigirr funding at Dolmans Point. They also have had great success at regeneration of this area, this area is high in cultural values and is great to restore. The aims of the Coffs Jaliigirr Project are to restore, manage and improve the environment for aquatic systems, bird, animal and plant life and our communities. The project values indigenous culture, knowledge and land stewardship, and have permission to use 'Jaliigirr' meaning tree in the local Aboriginal Gumbaynggirr language.

The project concentrates on landscape restoration and rehabilitation methods to improve linkages and restore habitats.

The partners of this project are Coffs Harbour Local Government area are Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare and Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council and Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. We are working with members of the Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance who are establishing similar projects from the sea to the tablelands.



PROGRAM UPDATE CONT....

CULTURE & HERITAGE PROGRAM

Our cultural heritage team have been busy working on sites within our LALC boundary. This includes site work on the Coffs Bypass, a housing development at Woolgoolga, site surveys at Mardells Road Bucca, Gordon Street Woolgoolga, Hogbin Drive, Sawtell Road, the Tarkeeth State Forest, and a housing development at Sandy Beach. The team have also been busy with artefact reburials along the Pacific Highway (Nambucca to Urunga), at Karangi Dam, at Sandy Beach, and at the Moonee Beach Caravan Park. The team have been working hard on two Cultural Heritage Reports for the Bonville and Boambee Valley CHCC Planning Proposals for rezoning and residential developments.



Mark Flanders & Ian Brown hard at work

Earlier this year towards the end of July our Cultural Heritage Officer organised the repatriation and reburial of Gumbaynggirr ancestral remains. It was a very moving ceremony and all the Elders involved had a great day and participated in the ceremony to welcome home their ancestors.

**The Elders at
Bongil Bongil
National Park
July 2016**



SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Another big year is over and we have enjoyed working with each and every one of our Tenants and Members. We would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

As you may know we will be closing for Christmas and New Years and therefore Tenants will be receiving a letting in the next week notifying them of what we expect of them over the time that we are closed and will include Emergency Contacts DURING THE Christmas closure period as well.

Other things that we are doing under the Housing Portfolio is monthly Wongala Estate Tenants Meetings. These meetings give the tenants on the estate an opportunity to provide vital input about the public areas and how they would like to see them utilised.

Lastly Michelle Flanders and myself are doing really well in their Cert IV Social Housing Course. We have completed more than half the course with just two more blocks to go. The new Program Officer (Helen Lambert) is starting to get her teeth into the Social Housing portfolio and is settling in nicely.



The Cert IV Social Housing students with CEO & TAFE teacher

**THAT'S IT FROM US! MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY
NEW YEAR YOU MOB!**

PROGRAM UPDATES Cont..... STAFF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

JALIIGIRR NURSERY—CORINDI

Our native tree nursery is now fully operational. Sales are steady but we are looking to increase sales by supplementing the native plants with a cash crop that will provide us with a more sustainable income.

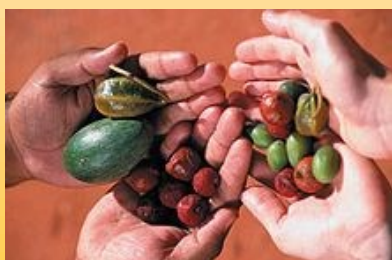
We now have 4 trainees undertaking TAFE Cert II in Horticulture and a volunteer that attends one day a week.



Jendaya, Kodie, Tony & Tina—Horticulture

Along with the Nursery Manager we now have 5 employees & one volunteer working hard to grow local native plants to sell for revegetation projects and bush tucker gardens.

In fact we have had a few schools engage with our nursery for the supply & establishment of bush tucker plants for their bush tucker gardens.



FIRST AID AND CPR COURSE

In October the North Coast Primary Health Network partnered with CH&D LALC to deliver accredited First Aid and CPR training to staff and community members. The course, held over one day, had 20 attendees with everyone passing with flying colours.



Newly trained First-aiders

DV-ALERT TRAINING

Earlier this year Michelle Flanders & Lachlan Skinner, along with other community members, attended a Domestic Violence workshop held at Wongala Estate. This course was very eye-opening & confronting—the statistics paint a grim picture but are very relevant to our social housing program.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING Cont.....

SOCIAL HOUSING CERTIFICATE IV

Lachlan Skinner & Michelle Flanders are now half way through the Cert IV in Social Housing a course being run in-house at Wongala Estate. We have Aboriginal community members from Tingha and Nambucca LALCs attending the course here in Coffs Harbour and we are all finding it enjoyable and informative.

Spare a thought for us over the Christmas break as we have 8 assessments to complete prior to our next block of study in February 2017. That’s right—no rest for the studious Lachlan Skinner & Michelle Flanders.



Fire Stick Farming in Practice



Certificate IV Social Housing students and staff

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FIRE STICK FARMERS

The Darrunda-wajaarr team have also been busy with staff development and training having recently completed bush fire accredited training. This has enabled them to use local knowledge to Care for and repair Country using traditional knowledge on Fire Stick Farming . The team have now completed several burn offs including Coffs Airport Women’s site and our land at Arrawarra.

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CERT II CONSERVATION & LAND MANAGEMENT

As part of this Certificate staff from Darrunda-wajaarr, maintenance, and the nursery are undertaking units of training in Work,Health & Safety, chainsaw operation, 4WD & Quad bike training, machinery operation & maintenance, tractor operation, & workplace communication. This training is being conducted in-house at Wongala Estate and at our Corindi native tree nursery .



FINANCE & FAREWELL: TOMOTHY HOSKINS 17 YEARS AT LALC

TIM HOSKINS BIDS US A FOND FAREWELL

Tim started with our Land Council in around June of 1999 initially on CDEP as a maintenance officer.

Within 18 months he had clawed his way inside and was working as our administration assistant in the office with his great big beaming smile he was the face of LALC.

Timmy then stepped up another notch and moved into the role of finance officer, in about the mid to late 2000's.

Tim has loved working with all the staff over the past 17 years and suggested that this would probably have been the best part of the job.

"The staff are so friendly and down to earth and it's just a relaxing atmosphere to be working in."

Tim said that our trip to Angourie Rainforest Resort up at Yamba for staff development and the development of our Community Land and Business Plan workshop was awesome.

"In all my time working for the land council we never did anything like that."

Tim has loved working here but he's feeling the need for change after such a long time doing the same thing day after day.

Tim is now going to spend a couple of months relaxing and getting himself mentally and physically rejuvenated—sounds like a good starting point.

Taking on the committed responsibility of caring for his nephew Eden fulltime will also take a large portion of his time.

I'm really looking forward to being a parent. A little daunting, but very rewarding for someone at 45 years old who has never had any children of my own.

Oh yeah and the finances at the Land council are all good



GOOD BYE TIMMY WE WILL ALL MISS YOUR BRIGHT & BUBBLY NATURE & THAT AWESOMELY ADDICTIVE LAUGH.

BEST WISHES FROM ALL THE LALC STAFF & BOARD & THE MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT YOU HAVE HELPED

UPCOMING EVENTS

LALC Children's Christmas Party

Your Land Council is putting on a Christmas Party for the children in our community

Wednesday 21st December

11am to 1pm

Wongala Estate

See attached flyer for all the details



Christmas

Sunday 25th December



New Year

Saturday 31st December is New Years Eve

Party safely to bring in the New Year



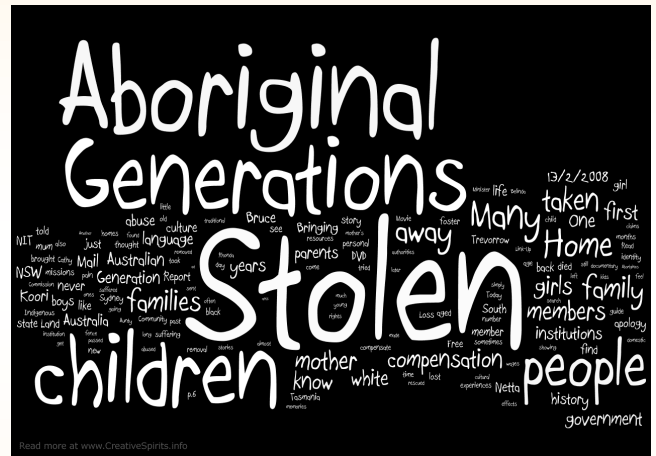
Salt Water Fresh Water Festival

Thursday 26th January



National Apology Day

13th February 2017

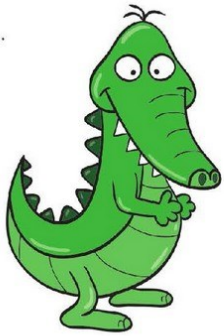


National Close the Gap Day

Thursday 17th March 2017



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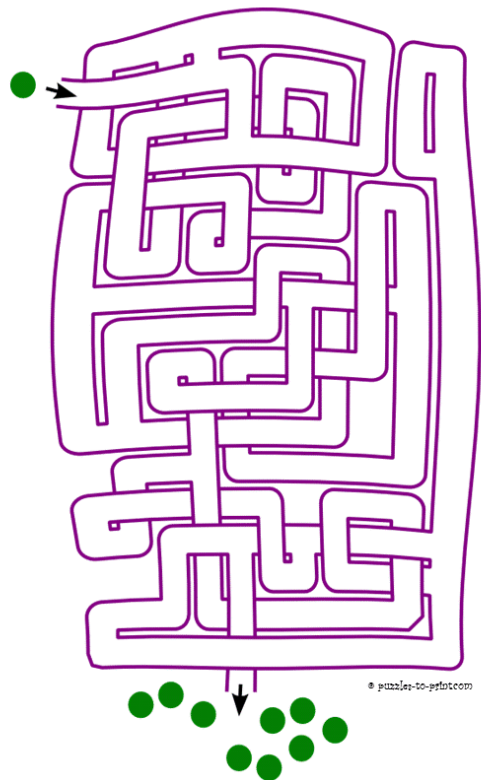
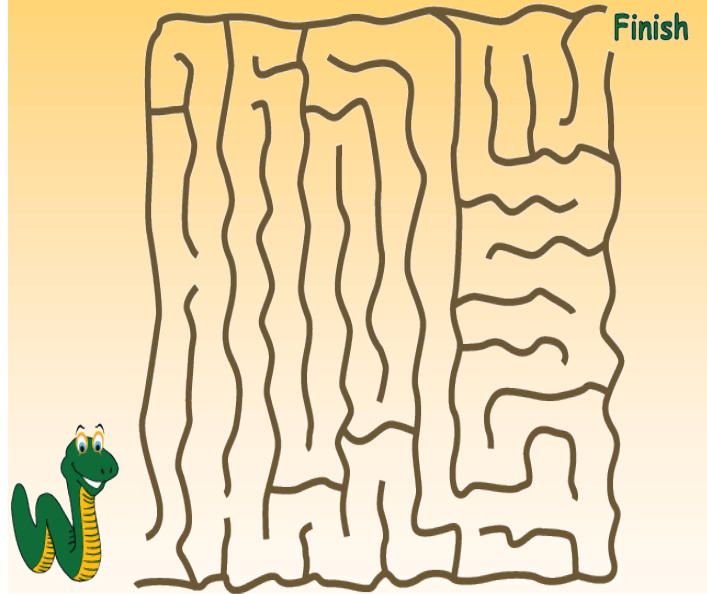


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| COBRA | SKINK |
| CROCODILE | TORTOISE |
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| IGUANA | VIPER |
| KOMODO DRAGON | |



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Find the shortest path through the maze for the green marble to join the others on the bottom.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Wongala Estate Residents Mail over the Christmas Closure period

We are about to install letterboxes for tenants on Wongala Estate so there won't be any disruption to tenants receiving mail whilst the Office is closed.

LALC Office Christmas Closure

The Land Council Office will be closed from 12 noon Friday 23rd December and will re-open on Monday 9th January 2017

The Board of Directors, the CEO, and the Staff of the Land Council would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

