

Coffs Harbour & District

Local Aboriginal Land Council

The Members Newsletter

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Giinagay Members.

I would firstly like to introduce myself, my name is Fileisha Laurie, I am a proud Gumbaynggirr Women born and raised in Coffs Harbour.

I feel privileged to move into the Chairperson

role in November 2017. I am really looking forward to this role in the organisation. I would like to take this time to also acknowledge the work of Yvette Pacey for the last 10-11 years as our Chairperson. Within the first few weeks as Chairperson of the LALC I was lucky enough to attend the 19 years in the making Native Title Determination of Wononah Headland. There is more detail about this story later on in the newsletter.

I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the team at Coffs Harbour and District LALC and want to give a special mention to CHDLALC Housing Department for achieving the status of becoming an Official Social Housing Provider once again. A lot of work went into gaining this status back and we really do appreciate it as an organisation.

I would also like to acknowledge the time that we had Mr Greg Douglas as our Acting Chief Executive Officer. I think I can speak on behalf of everyone from The Board to Staff and Members when we say it has been amazing to have you work in our organisation and thank you for everything that you have done to lead our staff to a much better position. In saying that the seat is currently empty and looking for an individual with Experience to come on board with CHDLALC to be our Acting CEO. Should you be interested in this role at the LALC please contact Rowan Lisson from NSW Aboriginal Land Council on 02 6659 1200 or myself on 0435 744 853.

Look forward to another great year in the world of Coffs Harbour LALC.

Fileisha Laurie
Chairperson

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Chairperson of CHDLALC Board



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Upcoming Meetings

Next Board Meeting:

To be Advised

Next Members Meeting:

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Good News Section

December 2017 – Kevin Kropinyeri LIVE in Coffs Harbour for Christmas Special

After the Hype of the Koori Comedy Night at The Coffs Harbour Golf Club, many great comedian heard about our very deadly mob and what a deadly crowd we have here.



Lockie Skinner receives a call from other well know Comedian, Kevin Kropinyeri and is very interested in coming to Coffs and doing a Show.

On Wednesday 13th December, Kevin landed in Coffs Harbour to put on a show to a sold out Coffs

Hotel Main Room Audience.

Since the Show, Lockie has built a strong friendship with many of the comedians and will see a lot more shows like it but also been given the opportunity to design Kevin Kropinyeri newest Shirt.



Photo: NSWALC Christmas Party + Kevin Kropinyeri and Lockie Skinner

December 2017 – Native Title Granted

What a journey this has been. What a huge and significant achievement we have accomplished both the Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council and Gumbaynggirr Claimant group. As a collective we have been able to fulfil

Aunty Margaret's wish to protect the land for future generations.

The reasons behind our celebrations would not have been possible if it wasn't

for Aunty Margaret's vision and the hard work and dedication from all parties including those who have sadly passed away and those who have moved on through employment, Coffs

Harbour and District LALC would like to express my sincere

gratitude to those individuals.

CH&DLALC acknowledge that the hard work is not over, but that we will continue to strive and ensure that each and every objective is achieved and exceeds all expectations.



No Doubt that all parties will face challenges along the way, but when it happens we will

continue as a united team and focus on the common goals including enjoyment the ability to exercise our native title rights, protecting the land and ceasing each and every opportunity as they arise; there is nothing that could prevent us from keeping our connection to country alive and strong.

The Coffs Harbour and District Local Aboriginal Land Council are looking forward to the future of this, and look forward to working with each and every person involved.

March 2018 – Lockie Skinner hosts Harmony Festival 2018

The sights, sounds and smells of so many cultures were there for all to see at the Coffs Harbour Harmony Festival.

A healthy sized crowd was on hand at the North Coast Regional Botanic Garden for this year's event, the 12th time the annual event has been held in Coffs Harbour.

For the last 2 years our Lockie Skinner has been the voice of this incredible event!



March 2018 – The Official Opening of Nyanggan Gapi Cafe

As you may or may not know, Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation has been doing a deadly job showcasing Gumbayngirr Culture with the Giingan Gumbayngirr Cultural Experience at Sealy Lookout over the past 12 months.



Recently moving their Coffee Van off sight for a more permanent structure to replace it.

It's a decked out café shipping container run by new Café Manager Anthony Craig! It is exciting time for the Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation (BMNAC)

Team as the official launch/opening was on Friday 9th March 2018.

We highly encourage all to head up to Sealy Lookout and see the great work that the mob do up there.

The Café at Sealy Lookout open from Wednesday – Sunday between 8:30am to 2:00pm.

The next Giingan Gumbayngirr Cultural Experience at Sealy Lookout is Saturday 12th May 2018



March 2018 – Aboriginal Comedy Allstars takeover Coffs Harbour

After shows were announced in Tamworth and Kempsey, Lockie contacted his new besties Kevin

Kropinyeri and Andy Saunders to bring the Aboriginal

Comedy Allstars to Coffs Harbour for another HUGE Night of Comedy! Joined by Legend Sean Choolburra and Newbie Steph Tisdell leaving us all in stitches after a good laugh on 23rd March at the CEX Club. Some of our CH&DLALC Staff and Board attended and nothing but positive feedback about the night!



Programs Updates

Housing



From CHDLALC Housing we would like to welcome you all to the year 2018! So Housing Update, “where do we start?”

As most tenants would be aware we have been carrying out an “Asset Management Inspection” on all properties to develop a 15 year plan on each property which will prioritise repairs, maintenance and renovations, provide budgets and costings.

In the Asset Management Inspection the Property Manager, Sharon Towns was joined by Lachlan Skinner to inspect the life expectancy and condition of everything from Carpets, Window, Frames, Powerpoints and Doors to name a few.

After the Inspections, Sharon would come back to the office to input it all into a report.

A lot of Tenant are wondering when repairs will begin. At this stage CHDLALC are focusing on the urgent repairs and will soon notify you with further works to be carried out.

CHDLALC also like to remind all that you must respect the peace and privacy of your neighbouring properties.

Also a friendly reminder all members and tenants that it's coming into winter soon and it's the season for household fires. Please see the attached Home Fire Safety Check List and Evacuation Plan to ensure that you and your loved ones are safe in the unlikely event of a fire. In saying that it's important to be safe than sorry later.

CHDLALC encourage all tenants that have concerns with their Smoke Alarms to contact us immediately.

More good news came to surface in mid-march that we have been rewarded with a Community Housing Provider status and transfer of title for 8 AHO properties which we have managed in the past. With this achievement it looks even more positive for the future of Housing in CHDLALC

There is a lot of talk around the community about empty CHDLALC houses. The LALC advises that these houses are currently under repairs and maintenance and Sharon will be in contact with the next eligible applicant on the Housing Waiting List when these houses are ready for tenancy.

If you believe you are on the Housing Waiting List we encourage you to always ensure your info is up to date. Failure to keep this information up to date could affect you from being contacted by the Property Manager.



Other than that CHDLALC are all systems go here in the Property Department, and looking forward to another year with all our Tenants, Members and wider Community.

Should you have any further questions regarding these points we would be more than happy to answer them. Please feel free to contact the office.

Culture & Heritage

Welcome to 2018 and it is autumn already – the year is going so quickly hey.

Our team has been busy with site work from our southern LALC boundary up to our northern LALC boundary and everywhere else in between. Site work has recently picked up with the Coffs Harbour By-pass work beginning on the 12th March – with one month's solid work for our site officers.



As you are aware, the cultural landscape mapping of the whole Coffs Harbour Local Government Area (LGA) has now taken place. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC), Ian Fox & Associates, and our LALC jointly engaged in this exciting project, which has culminated in the development of Cultural Landscape maps for the whole LGA. These maps will be utilised by the LALC to inform CHCC prior to making any development application decisions.

The Cultural Landscape Mapping project is now completed and we are looking forward to negotiating the appropriate use of the maps with the CHCC prior to their official release. CHDLALC was a meeting with all the stakeholders on Monday 12th March to finalise the project.



Another important issue the team has been working on is the NSW Government's Culture and Heritage Law reform. Michelle Flanders and Aunty Sue Hoskins recently attended the NSWALC Regional Forum where we looked at the Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2018. We also recently ran another workshop in late January 2018 for LALC members, this workshop was well attended and included a diverse range of LALC members and interested community members.

Green Team (Darrunda Wajaarr)



Darrunda Wajaarr has recently had the team vehicle upgraded with support from the board and CEO, installing a new tray fitted with tool boxes which will assist in providing more capacity to not only deliver on current projects and contracts but enable growth and further opportunities in the field.

Darrunda Wajaarr are currently working on several projects:

- CHCC Environmental Levy
- Cultural burning and bush regeneration on Garby country
- Jaliigirr Landscape Connections in the Great Eastern Ranges, Bucca
- Jaliigirr Terrestrial Ecosystems Project and several others.

Further projects are in the works which the team are excited about.



Jaliigirr Nursery

Nursery has been busy with a few good orders coming in.

The highlight has been Coffs Harbour City Council ordering about a 1000 plants for the Jetty foreshore project.

It will be a good feeling to know when the landscaping is finished at the Jetty that many of the plants have come from Coffs Harbour and District LALC nursery.

The Team are in the process of tendering for two large contracts, competition is strong and it will be a much needed outcome if we succeed.



Bellingen Autumn plant fair was held recently, the team had a great day. Plant sales were down a bit from spring fair but feedback about our plants was inspiring. Contacts were made to do some onsite plant recommendations for landscaping jobs, which could lead to good sales.

If you are landscaping your yard and would like to use local native plants give us a call 6649 1083.



Community Notices

From the Coffs Harbour LALC:

The CH&DLALC is looking at more cost effective ways to deliver information to the members. If you have an email account, can you please provide details to the office as soon as possible and future correspondence will be sent to you electronically.



We now are on FACEBOOK!!

As we all know Social Media is the quickest and easiest way to stay in contact with our members, tenants and community. CHDLALC has a Facebook page.

Please follow us on this page and we will keep you up to date with all the LALC has to offer but also lets us share information with you more quickly and in the space of your own comfort as you flick through your news feed. To LIKE us on Facebook all you have to search is "Coffs Harbour LALC" and hit the like button.

REAP Food Rescue Service providing to CHDLALC

OzHarvest is Australia's leading food rescue organisation, collecting quality excess food from commercial outlets and delivering it directly to more than 1000 charities supporting people in need across the country.



Founded in 2004, OzHarvest now operates nationally, rescuing over 100 tonnes of food each week from over 3,000 food donors including supermarkets, hotels, airports, wholesalers, farmers, corporate events, catering companies, shopping centres, delis, cafes, restaurants, film and TV shoots and boardrooms.



Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council is one of the few in the Coffs Harbour area. We would really love for all members, tenants and wider community to drop into the office and get some of the food displayed in the reception area. In addition we would like to thank REAP Coffs Harbour for supplying these goods to use for our community.

EAPA Assistance through CHDLALC

EAPA Assistance is a NSW Government initiative to assist people with Electricity Accounts.

Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council offers this assistance with Electricity Bills. The Conditions are as follows:



- Copy of the Current Bill is provided which has your Account Number, NMI Number, Name and Account Address on the bill.
- Assistance cannot be greater than 50% of the current charge on the Electricity bill.
- Assistance if NO more than \$600 a year.
- EAPA Shopping does not work anymore. You cannot see more than 1 service for assistance on the same bill.
- EAPA Assistance is now applied for online. It can take up to 3-7 working days.

CHANGES to Bulky Goods Collection via Coffs Harbour City Council.

Council has recently changed their systems when it comes to Council Kerbside Pick Ups.

The Coffs Harbour City Council are now offering the following two ways to help remove those no longer wanted goods.



1. Two Pickups you will need to organise with the provider. Call 1800 265 495 to organise a date and time. After that you will be required to put the unwanted goods on Kerb and ready for collection on this date. This Service is \$44 per pickup and will need to be paid for on the pickup day.
2. Two FREE Vouchers for you to take a trailer load of unwanted goods to the tip. To access these vouchers please call 1800 265 495.

You are entitled to both of these services. Thus meaning you can use the 2 Free Vouchers and on top able to access the \$44 Pick Ups.

For more information on these services please remember to call Handy Bin Waste Services on 1800 265 495.

FREE Haircuts!

As of the 12th March, The Coffs Harbour Neighbourhood Centre are holding a no booking just rock up FREE Hair Cuts to anyone and everyone! On a fortnightly basis! Next day's include 9th April, 23rd April, 7th May, 21st May and 4th June! C

Please see the flyer for details.

#loveisinthehair
Free haircuts and coffee fortnightly on
Mondays 12.30pm - 2.30pm starting 12th
March
No bookings needed
Pop into Coffs Harbour Neighbourhood
Centre or Pete's Place
22 Earl Street

Grace Roberts Hall Activity:



Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan - 2 Path Strong

Goori Learning Centres

The past few months have been busy at BMNAC with the appointment of the new Education Officer Ashleigh Moore. Ash will be co-ordinating our Goori Learning Centre's (GLC's) and has started the year with some exciting activities for our students. Over the past few weeks, our students have been cooking, playing sports games, making slime and doing our other usual activities including Gumbaynggirr Language, homework and reading- reading is one of our biggest focuses at our GLC's, as we believe that being able to read opens the doors to many opportunities for our kids at school- if you can read you have the ability to learn anything.

Ash has also led the development for our "Nyanggan Tutoring Service" that we are now offering to local schools. The tutoring service aims to develop strong relationships with school so that we can assist with any further needs our students require and to ensure that we are all on the same page to achieve great outcomes for our kids. If you have and questions, or would like to volunteer at the GLC's, please contact Ash at literacy@bmnac.org.au





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Language Classes

Morning Language Classes are back in full swing and getting great turn outs every week, it really is growing.

From the Language Classes we have had 10 people that now also meet on Tuesday Afternoons to work together to become fluent Gumbaynggirr Speakers and Teachers. Shout out to a fellow staff member that is in this group, Aj Perkins, who is doing a deadly job as a part of this group.

If you wish to get involved in this be sure to come to Wongala Estate on Thursday Mornings from 7:30am till 9am.

The Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Interagency Meetings

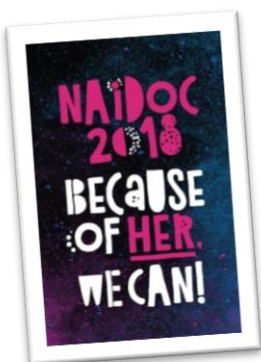
The Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Interagency (CHAI) have found a home location. The Grace Roberts Community Hall is now the home of the Monthly CHAI Meetings. On average 20-30 services come together every last Tuesday of the month in a meeting of information sharing and networking.

Should you like to get in contact in regards to Meetings or get on the Distribution list for interagency information please email coffsharbourchai@gmail.com



Upcoming Events:

NAIDOC 2018: *Because of her, we can!*



NAIDOC Week 2018 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

Under the theme - Because of her, we can! - NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July.

Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Social Event are now meeting with Local Aboriginal Organisation to map out another DEADLY year of NAIDOC. STAY TUNED for more info.

Should you or your organisation be interested in putting together a NAIDOC Event in Coffs on NAIDOC Week please email Lockieskinner27@gmail.com.

INTEREST NEEDED FOR NEW NAIDOC EVENT!

It is exciting times for NAIDOC 2018 and CHASE has received word from Organiser Fileisha Laurie and Heather Duncan there maybe a 3 on 3 Basketball Competition that is looking to happening on 14th – 15th July.

We are still in the very early stages of planning this event however should anyone like to express their interest for this event or support the event with funding or in kind support, we would love to hear from you

Please feel free to send an email to fileisha.laurie@outlook.com



Jarjums Page

For a chance to WIN some DEADLY Prizes through the Coffs Harbour & District LALC, please complete the follow Activity and submit by 31st May 2018.



Colouring in Competition



Name: Age

Contact