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Welcome to our 12th edition of the Rainforest Aboriginal News

We welcome your comments, ideas, articles, photos and artwork and can only make a better newsletter next time with your advice and input. Please give us a call to discuss your story ideas on 07 4052 0526 or you can send your contributions to the Indigenous Partnerships team (see back cover for contact details).

A BIG thank you to all the story writers for this issue and to all those who helped in other ways!

Joelene Gertz
Editor

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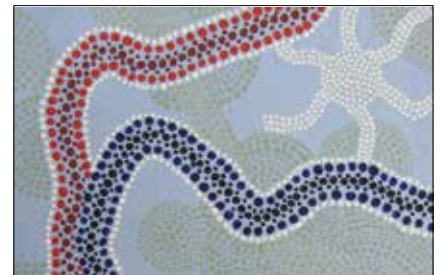
Hot

off the press

In 2008, after receiving a nomination from the Aboriginal Rainforest Council, the Australian Heritage Council started an assessment to identify whether the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area has national significant Indigenous heritage values that should be included on the National Heritage List. This is an aspiration of Rainforest Aboriginal people which was originally proposed in the Wet Tropics Regional Agreement.

The final round of public consultation by the Australian Heritage Council was completed by 23 May 2011. The final decision on listing will be made by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities, Tony Burke.

Artwork courtesy of Katrina Beattie
Front Cover image: Mossman Gorge, Katrina Beattie
Left Image: Golden Bowerbird, Mike Trenerry



A word from the WTMA Chair



I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the Rainforest Aboriginal News. After a long wait the Federal Government and the Queensland Government made their appointment to the Chair of the Wet Tropics on 25th February, 2010. It is an honour to follow Lt Gen. John Grey (Rtd) who was always a very strong advocate for the proper recognition of Aboriginal cultural heritage and a stronger role for Traditional Owners in the management of the World Heritage Area.

My own views are very clear. I wish to keep genuine partnership between Traditional Owners and the Authority in the conservation and protection of Indigenous heritage in the Wet Tropics and I propose to work with all partners to advance this element of the World Heritage Area. Now that the Queensland Government has recognised the significance of co-management and is seeking to achieve this for National Parks in Cape York Peninsula we may see formal progress within the Wet Tropics in the near future.

In my initial meetings with the WTMA Board I was pleased to confirm that all Directors are strongly committed to advancing Indigenous management of the World Heritage Area.

It was disappointing to recognise the limited extent to which the Regional Agreement has succeeded. At the time we all had very high hopes. It is sobering to learn that we still have a long way to go. The failings are by all of us.

However there is a good prospect for future progress and this newsletter provides a

strong focus on the heritage we want better recognised and protected.

In the last edition it was great to see young children celebrating their cultural heritage. When these young people grow up will they be proud of the work we do in the next few years? I am keen to work with everyone to achieve that.

**Associate Professor
Peter Valentine
Chair - Wet Tropics
Management Authority**



WTMA Board Indigenous Directors

A 'Big' Thank You



The WTMA Board and staff would like to thank Allison Halliday and Russell Butler Snr for their dedicated commitment in providing their experienced knowledge and advice to the WTMA Board. Particularly in relation to cultural values and land management on behalf of Rainforest Aboriginal people within the Wet Tropics region. Their term of appointment has recently expired and new Directors will hopefully be up and running soon.

Recent Expressions of Interest Process

Following a process recommended by RAAC and endorsed by Federal and State Environment Ministers, WTMA advertised for Expressions of Interest for two Aboriginal Director positions from late March to 15th April 2010.

The Director positions commit to a three year term on the Wet Tropics Management Board, providing expertise and advice to the Board about Aboriginal cultural values, conservation management and social well being within the Wet Tropics region.

The recommended applicants have been forwarded to the appropriate Ministers to make their final decision on the Aboriginal Directors for the WTMA Board.

Rainforest Aboriginal People's Alliance (RAPA)

by Phil Rist CEO Girringun

A number of Traditional Owners from across the Wet Tropics have for a few years now been discussing, meeting and putting together their ideas on best ways for engaging in the regional level of management decision-making for their traditional lands and waters across the Wet Tropics region. A number of models, structures and roles have been canvassed, especially through two years work of a 'Leadership Group'. The latest being called the 'Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples Alliance' (RAPA).

This process and discussion has been in the working for quite sometime amongst the Wet Tropics traditional owner groups. In December 2010 the Wet Tropics Management Authority and Terrain NRM assisted representatives of Rainforest Aboriginal organisations to agree on the best way for establishing the Aboriginal Rainforest People's Alliance.

Representatives attended from Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation, Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation, Central Wet Tropics Institute (membership of Mamu, Ngadjon, Djabugay, Yirrganydji, Tablelands Yidinji, Dulabed Malanbarra Yidinji, Dulgubarra Yidinji, Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji and Wanyurr Majay Yidinji), Jirrbal Aboriginal Corporation and Tableland Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation (Wulgurukaba and Gunggandji were also invited).

It was agreed to establish RAPA as an incorporated peak Indigenous body for land and sea management in the Wet Tropics based on a skills-based Board with membership including sub-regional and local level Aboriginal C&NRM organisations.

The framework tools that were used in facilitating the discussion

were from concepts and ideas discussed at the Rainforest Aboriginal People's Wet Tropics Cultural and Natural Resource Management Summit held on 5th - 6th July 2010 at James Cook University.

The Girringun Aboriginal Corporation is now hosting the process of realising these ambitions. WTMA and Terrain NRM are working in partnership to provide practical support. This includes the funds for engaging a part-time coordinator and in-kind logistical assistance with associated workshops and community meetings as required. It is intended by Girringun to continue the work to date under the guidance of the long term Leadership Group. Workshops to formally establish RAPA will be facilitated by Girringun in May/June. The coordinator will also source operational funding for the longer term functioning of the RAPA.

Rainforest Aboriginal Advisory Committee



On 1st March 2011, the Rainforest Aboriginal Advisory Committee (RAAC) gathered together for their last meeting as an official committee attached to the Wet Tropics Management Authority Board.

The Committee made a recommendation to the WTMA Board, to dissolve the RAAC. Dissolving RAAC enables Traditional Owners to focus work on forming the RAPA.

WTMA would like to thank the RAAC delegates for their commitment to representing Aboriginal cultural values within the World Heritage Area over the past 6 years.

Eastern Kuku Yalanji ILUA update

by Joann Schmider

WTMA and Jabalbina have now facilitated the formation of a cross-government working forum, led by the Department of Local Government and Planning and including the Cook Shire and Cairns Regional Councils, to consider practical ways of integrating the rights and interests of Indigenous landowners with development and environmental conservation regulation.

WTMA is a formal partner in implementing the Eastern Kuku Yalanji native title ILUAs over 230000ha, a ¼ of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (WTWHA), between Mossman and Cooktown:

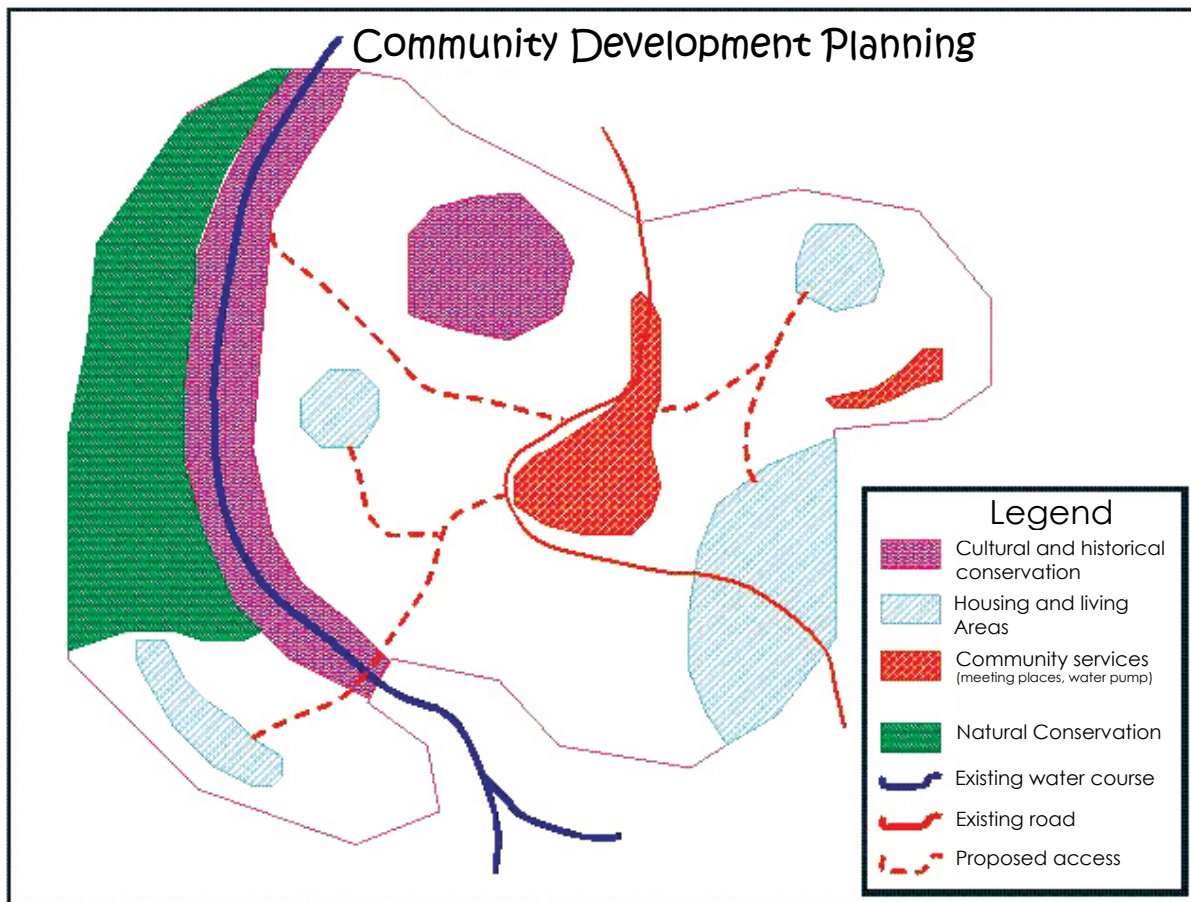
- 72% being National Park (Green Zone), half existing

and just under half newly declared;

- 21% as Aboriginal land transferred under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (ALA Freehold), declared as Nature Refuge under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* with a Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) under the *Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998* (WT Plan) (Yellow Zone);
- 7% as ALA Freehold, with a CMA under the WT Plan (Pink Zone);
- Almost 1% being Cultural, Environmental and/or Recreational Reserves; and
- A small area of ordinary freehold.

A WTMA - Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation team has been engaging the community and preparing Community Development Plans (CDPs) and Activity Guidelines (AGs) for the Pink Zone – Robyn Ballequiah, Joann Schmider, Rowan Shee, Bill Carrodus and Nigel Hedgcock.

The CDPs/AGs will provide for where and how Yalanji people are able to return to and use and manage these traditional lands for their socio-cultural and economic benefit, thereby improving well being and contributing to closing the gap. Most of these lands agreed for return under secure tenure are within the WTWHA and will also require development consistent with local government planning



Impacts on Threatened Species

Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi, a Category Five cyclone, crossed the coast near Mission Beach between midnight and 1am on Wednesday 3rd February 2011.

The recovery process for the communities in the path of the cyclone, and for the plants and animals of the Wet Tropics, will be long and slow. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by the cyclone – we wish you the best with your recovery.

“ Approximately 10% of prime Cassowary and 100% of Mahogany Glider habitat has been affected.”

The effect of the cyclone was felt over a huge area from Cooktown down to the Whitsundays and a long way inland. The northern part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area escaped relatively lightly. However, the area from Innisfail to Ingham took the full force of the very destructive winds and there has been significant damage to vegetation in the Mission Beach, Tully, and Cardwell regions.



Mahogany Glider Photo: WTMA

In response, QPWS has established a managed feeding programme for cassowaries, drawing on the lessons from Cyclone Larry. Feeding stations and nest boxes are also being installed for mahogany gliders.

The level of public concern shown for the World Heritage values of the rainforest, and in particular for threatened species, has been amazing.

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Be CASS-O-WARY post-cyclone

Our sympathies to everyone who has been affected by Cyclone Yasi - we wish you the best with your recovery. The level of concern shown for the well-being of cassowaries has been amazing, and there are many ways in which you can help:

The Road to Extinction!

GO SLOW and drive with care
After Cyclone Larry cassowaries were disorientated and seen moving along roads and tracks more than usual in search of food, and at unusual times of day (not only dawn & dusk). At least 17 birds were hit by cars in the following year. Please drive with care and **BE CASS-O-WARY!**

A fed bird is a dead bird

DON'T FEED cassowaries
This encourages them to remain in urban areas where they are more vulnerable to vehicles and dog attacks. If they get used to being fed, individuals may become aggressive, and it is difficult to convince cassowaries to stay away from people once they associate humans with food. Too often a **fed bird is a dead bird.**

Keep your dog at home

MIND THE DOG!
Cassowaries and dogs are a lethal combination. Both adults and chicks are vulnerable. At least 6 cassowaries are known to have been killed by dogs in the year following Cyclone Larry. Please keep your dog secure at home and on a leash when walking, and encourage your neighbours to do the same, particularly if they have pig dogs. With fences down, many dogs are running loose. If you've lost or found a dog call CCRC on (07) 4030 2222.

REPORT cassowary sightings
Report general sightings by email to QPWS: cassowary_sighting@derm.qld.gov.au
Report sick, injured, or orphaned birds by phone to QPWS 24hr hotline: **1300 130 372**
You can also share your cassowary sightings with locals via the Mission Beach Cassowaries group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=120942903263

VOLUNTEER
QPWS will need volunteers to help cut-up fruit for the managed cassowary feeding programme at Innisfail QPWS and Garner's Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Facility. Please register your interest with QPWS Atherton: phone (07) 4091 1844 or email cassowary_sighting@derm.qld.gov.au

DONATE
Several conservation groups are raising funds for the cassowary feeding programme and longer-term cassowary habitat conservation and restoration. You can donate online at:
Bob Irwin Wildlife Fund: www.bobirwinwildlife.com/
C4: www.givenow.com.au/cassowaryconservation
Rainforest Rescue: www.rainforestrescue.org.au/ourprojects/save-a-rainforest-mission-beach.html
Save the Cassowary: www.savethecassowary.org.au/

EDUCATE
Visitors and recovery crews about cassowaries and what makes the Wet Tropics so special. You can find information and Rainforest Explorer resources at www.wettropics.gov.au
Learn more about how to help wildlife post-cyclone:
<http://www.wettropics.gov.au/res/downloads/cyclone/HelpingWildlifePostCyclone.pdf>

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Yasi the Blow

by John Andy Chairperson - Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

Yasi the Blow or Topical Cyclone Yasi to some, brought damage and sorrow to our communities in the Girringun region. I believe that if the focus of the Yasi tragedy is getting our lives back together and to rebuild our community, remember the community and environment is often said to bring "Happy People and Country and Happy Environment".

Girringun has employed 60 people in the community of Cardwell, who have been employed to work with the recovery teams that have been established in the Girringun region. This incentive has given the young people a form of normality back to their lives, and has put some pride back into their lives in helping others within their community.

The Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, Camu Community Cooperative Service and the Local RSL, have also provided food, clothing and general support to the community of Cardwell and surrounding areas.



The Bruce Highway blocked after a tidal surge hit the town of Cardwell following Cyclone Yasi crossing the coast. Photographer: Lyndon Mechielsen

The recovery teams in the Girringun region have been established through the following organisations: The Salvation Army; State of Emergency Services; Red Cross; 'Chapel Sea' and the Cassowary Coast Regional Council. Cyclone Yasi has generated support from people outside of the community of Cardwell.

The recovery teams have had assistance from rangers as far as Mareeba, Burketown, Cooktown

and Mossman to assist the Girringun Rangers in the big clean up.

The word Yasi is a Fijian word which means Sandalwood, Pastor John Andy expresses to the people within the Girringun region the following quote, 'Let us turn Yasi' into what it means 'sweet smelling odour' of opportunity for our people.



Three days after cyclone Yasi hit, Chris Muriata welds the chainsaw with Clinton Murray at the ready. Photo by Fiona Croft

The Struggle for Mona Mona Reserve

By Andy Duffin Chairperson - Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation

It has taken Mona Mona descendants 47 years of campaigning to the Queensland Government to gain ownership of Mona Mona.

In 2007 a community meeting was called with all government stakeholders and a representative from the Director General's office informed the residents of Mona Mona that we were there illegally and needed to get permission from the Director General, Ms Linda Apelt to live at Mona. From a decision of this meeting the Action Group was formed. National and international support was gained for the campaign to gain ownership of Mona Mona.

In order for the descendants to be granted trustees of Mona Mona a legal entity was required. On 2nd June 2009 Mona Mona Bulmba Aboriginal Corporation (MMBAC) was incorporated with the Board made up of all the Action Group members, Andy Duffin (current Chairperson), Glenis Grogan, Rhonda Brim, Judi Enoch, Walter Brim, Delvene Richards, Rosemary Moggs, Michele Collins and Rhonda Duffin.

On the 12th December 2010 after three years of hard slogging the decisions for a 30 year lease was granted to Mona Mona. This was an historical occasion that was celebrated by all at a ceremony at the Centenary Park in Kuranda. Within the lease it states that we are not to live permanently at Mona Mona but use it for Cultural, Historical, Heritage, Environmental and Aboriginal purposes, but there will be no forced removals.

Because the lease does not allow us to meet our social priorities, i.e. housing, education, health and social and emotional well being, the MMBAC are still pursuing Aboriginal Freehold. This will be our final fight in securing Mona Mona for our future generations.



Above: Andy Duffin and others celebrating the lease agreement.

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Above: Mona Mona in the early 1900's Courtesy Cairns Historical Society



Above: Signing the historic lease agreement

Native Title determinations

Since our last publication, three more Consent Determinations have been made by the Federal Court for Traditional Owners of the Wet Tropics region. Congratulations to the claimants and other community members who put in the hard yards to make these happen.

Girramay people received their consent determination on 10 December 2009 for their Traditional Country in the Cardwell to Murray Upper area.

Dulabed and Malanbarra Yidinji people received their combined Consent Determination for the Goldsborough Valley Region on 17 December 2009.

Jirrbal people received their consent determination on 08 October 2010 for the area Near Lake Koombaloo up to Herberton.



The Australian World Heritage Indigenous Network (AWHIN) is a national network of Indigenous Traditional Owners of World Heritage properties.

Nationally we have 17 World Heritage properties of which 12 have Traditional Owners involved in the management of that property. Hank Horton and I represent the AWHIN at the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee (AWHAC) level. In 2010 the representatives met in Broken Hill for the annual conference.

The conference was originally planned to be held at Lake Mungo World Heritage Area, but the area was unreachable due to flooding. Troy Wyles-Whelan and I attended as representatives of the Wet Tropics, along with



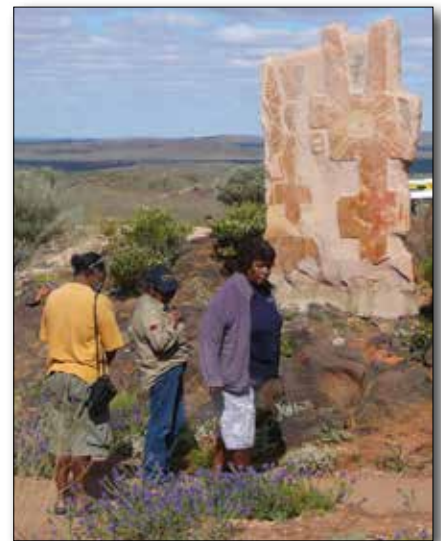
Left: Judge Dowsett convened the federal Court on 08 October 2010 to formally recognise the Jirrbal people's native title rights.

Below: Agnes Munro, Arthur Royee, MP Curtis Pitt, Rita Royee, Frankie Royee and Eileen Knight at the Combined Dulabed and Malanbarra Consent Determination celebration.



AWHIN

by Allison Halliday



AWHIN delegates were shown through the Living Desert and Sculptures at Broken Hill by Traditional Owners.

Katrina Beattie from WTMA. AWHIN representatives were given the opportunity to attend the 3rd National Indigenous Land and Sea Conference held in the following days also at Broken Hill, which we enjoyed immensely.

Highlights from the conferences included seeing artefacts from Lake Mungo and visiting some of the local sites accompanied by the Traditional Owners including the Living Desert Sculptures. It was great to be able to talk face to face with Traditional Owners from the other World Heritage Areas, but disappointing that not all properties were represented. We hope to have better participation at the 2011 conference currently proposed to be held in the Fraser Island World Heritage Area later this year.

The AWHIN network was able to provide some good recommendations to the AWHAC to assist Traditional Owners improve their participation in the management of World Heritage Areas.

CSIRO Indigenous-driven Ethnobotany Workshop

by Rosemary Hill

In November 2010 the Australian Tropical Herbarium in partnership with DERM, CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences and James Cook University's Cairns Institute, held an Indigenous ethnobotany workshop with Traditional Owners from the Wet Tropics region and various areas from Cape York, at the Cairns Campus of James Cook University.

The Facilitators of the Workshop, Gerry Turpin & Warren Canendo, gathered representatives of the Indigenous community together to consider whether a tropical Indigenous ethnobotany centre would be a good way of supporting Indigenous peoples' knowledge about the cultural use of plants. The workshop provided an opportunity for Traditional Owners to present their ideas and to discuss whether coordinating cultural knowledge protocols about plants with Western scientific knowledge is desirable and if so how it should be done.

Traditional Owners at the workshop identified that Indigenous ethnobotany should be:

- Indigenous-driven and based on respect for Indigenous knowledge, law and culture.
- Based on Indigenous governance and protocols.
- A leader in the protection of Indigenous intellectual property and recognition of Indigenous knowledge-holders.
- Linked to sustainable economic development, education and training.

- Started by pilot partnership projects initiated by Traditional Owners.
- Supported by an effective communication strategy.

A report detailing the workshop activities and outcomes has been drafted (Standley and Hill 2011) and will be publicly available by late May 2011. Gerry and Warren together with workshop participants will use this to inform their Traditional Owner communities about the ethnobotany centre idea and to seek wider institutional support and long-term commitment to the development and establishment of an Indigenous-driven ethnobotany in the tropics.

The workshop organisers would like to thank the Traditional Owners, Australian Tropical Herbarium (ATH), Queensland Herbarium (BRI), Marine and Tropical Science Research Facility, CSIRO's Building Resilient Australian Biodiversity Assets Theme, James Cook University's Cairns Institute and the Tropical Landscapes Joint Venture (TLJV) for their invaluable financial and in-kind support to this initiative.

Standley P, Hill R, eds (2011) Exploring the potential for Indigenous-driven ethnobotany. Report of the Tropical Indigenous Ethnobotany Centre Partnership Workshop on the cultural use of plants. Cairns, November 19th 2010. Cairns: CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences, Australian Tropical Herbarium and James Cook University's Cairns Institute, Cairns

Caring for Our Country

by Deb Pople

Climate change is a major threat to the Wet Tropics, particularly for temperature-sensitive species only found in cool mountain areas. Climate scientists at JCU predict an increase of just +1°C would decrease the habitat for many temperature-sensitive rainforest animals (like Daintree and Herbert River ringtail possums, Golden bowerbirds and Northern barred frogs) by over 50%. An increase of +2°C would reduce the suitable area to just a few of the highest mountains. As temperatures increase, animals will be forced to retreat up the mountains, but lack of vegetation corridors across the cleared landscape may make this difficult.

So when the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Business Plan 2010-2011 identified 'Mobilising landholders to improve landscape connectivity in the Wet Tropics'



Stakeholders discussing the project design on country

as a priority for funding, WTMA used climate modelling from JCU to predict which high-altitude areas would be the best places to restore connections. In collaboration with other partners, a proposal was developed to reconnect native vegetation on private land to Herberton Range and Malaan National Parks. The budget for the project is \$600,000 over 3 years (to June 2013). Activities will include:

- Revegetation of cleared land to re-connect a 1,000 hectare patch of rainforest on private land to the World Heritage Area (Kenny Road, Mount Hypipamee)
- Restoration of remnant vegetation and regrowth including fencing and weed control (East Evelyn Gap)
- Developing management agreements with landholders
- Opportunities for training and work placements for Traditional Owners
- Designing and trialling micro-habitats (e.g. log piles) within restored landscapes for small temperature-sensitive species
- Trialling natural revegetation under different conditions

Project partners & supporters include:
 WTMA, Tablelands Regional Council, TREAT, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Traditional Owners, Dr Luke Shoo (JCU/UQ), Dr Carla Catterall (Griffiths University), TKMG, Malanda Landcare, QPWS.

Tourism Alliance

by Katrina Beattie

The North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Tourism Alliance (NQASTA) was established in October 2009. Made up of Indigenous businesses from North Queensland, including the Torres Strait, the Alliance will establish local hubs and contact officers to ensure appropriate support is readily available for individual business.

The Alliance's main objectives are to:

- Increase market recognition of Indigenous Tourism in North Queensland through strategic branding initiatives at a state and regional level.
- Provide a united voice for North Queensland Indigenous tourism operators working with the tourism industry and providing input into government policy.
- Provide leadership and peer support in building Indigenous tourism capacity through business mentoring, networking and facilitating local and regional training and employment opportunities.

- Use Indigenous tourism to educate and promote an understanding of 'country' to the industry, visitors and local communities.

WTMA is working in partnership with the NQASTA in order to promote and interpret North Queensland as an Indigenous cultural destination to local, interstate and international visitors.

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- **Marita Budden, Virtual Gallery (07) 4095 5550.**
- **Rachael Hodges, Yalanji Dreamtime Tours (07) 4098 2595.**
- **Jim Akee, Townsville Cultural Centre (07) 4772 7679.**



Rainforest Aboriginal Culture Cassowary Award Winners



Congratulations to the 2009 winners; Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime Tours (pictured left) and the 2010 winner; Vince Mundraby.

Contact us if you want to nominate someone for a 2011 Cassowary Award.

WTMA Indigenous Partnerships Team



Indigenous Partnerships Team from left Project Officer Joelene Gertz, Team Leader Nigel Hedgcock and Project Officer Katrina Beattie.

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Can we help?

If you want help with the management of your traditional country in the Wet Tropics – give us a call, we can help you by:

- keeping you up to date on relevant World Heritage Area issues and activities.
- providing you with resource support such as useful government contacts, funding applications, maps, and scientific and technical advice.
- providing you with advice about your concerns and inquires regarding your community's goals and aspirations in the World Heritage Area.
- assisting you with community settlement and environmental management planning in the World Heritage Area.

Staff profile:

Joelene Gertz

Hi everyone,
My name is Joelene Gertz, I am originally from the Atherton Tablelands from the Malanda area. I am a direct descendant to the Ngadjon people, from the Noongyanbudda clan. I commenced work with WTMA in December 2010, in the position of Project Officer. I will be acting in this position until October 2011.

My role as Project Officer within the Indigenous Partnerships Team entails me to provide support and advice to Wet Tropics Traditional Owners in relation to their connection to and rights in Country, and the protection and management of Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples Natural and Cultural Heritage within the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

This is the first time I have worked within the Wet Tropics region doing project management. I am looking forward to the different experiences during my journey here with the WTMA.

I and fellow Project Officer Katrina Beattie will be working with specific Traditional Owner groups in the Wet Tropics region. I am very happy that I have the pleasure of working with Atherton Tableland Rainforest People and Traditional Owner groups around the Cairns and Yarrabah region. Looking forward to meeting up with you all.

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