

Annual Report

2015 - 2016



Through native title, a glad tomorrow

*Wanyayi ngali yadni Quandamooka
Budjong Djara. Yura nariba bing
wanga, Quandamooka Dege
gingin gorumba.*

Today we walk on Quandamooka
Mother Earth. We acknowledge our creator
spirit, Quandamooka Elders
past and present.

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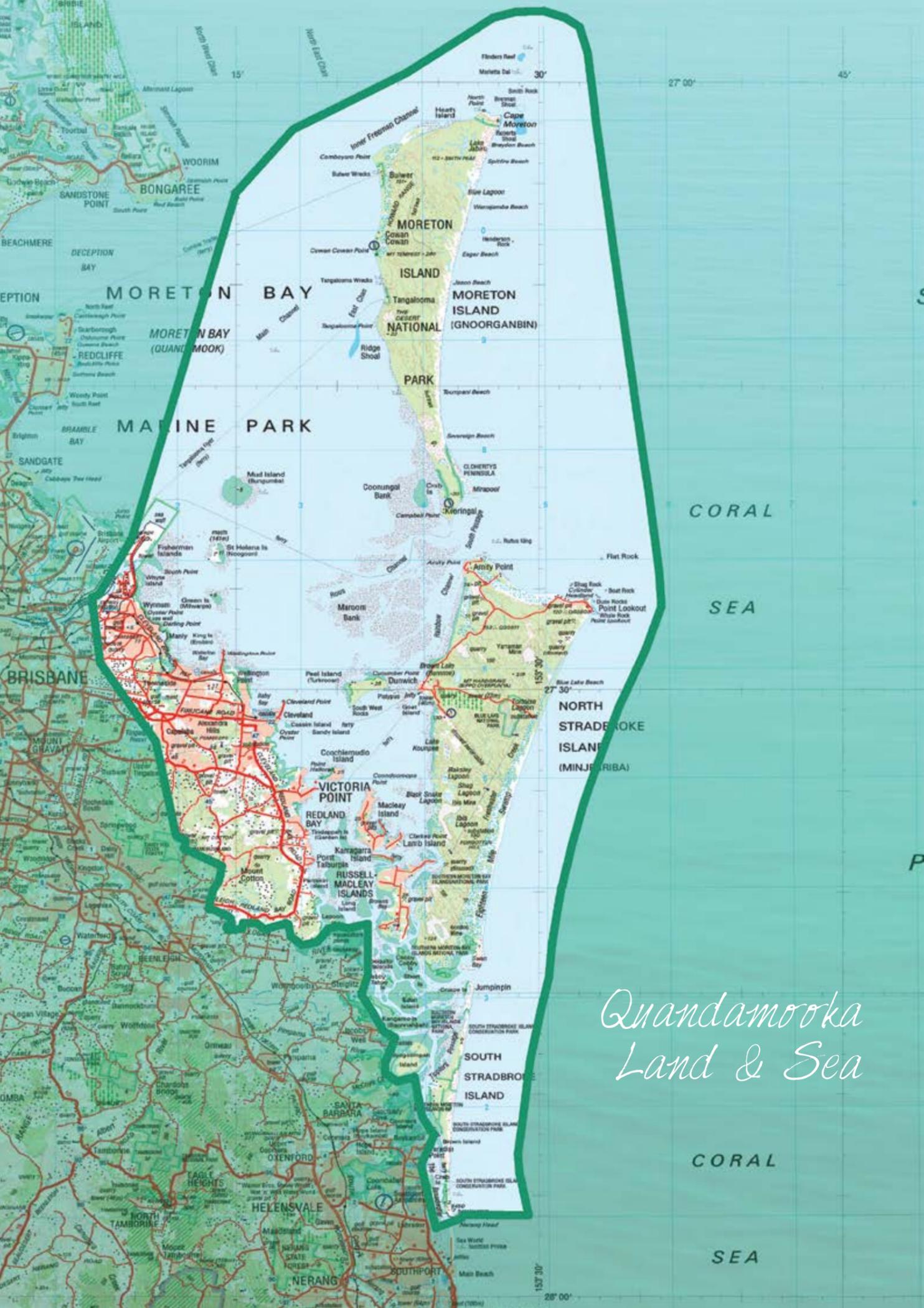
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Mirabal (Turtle). Photo - Joel Bolzenius

Glossary

AGM	Annual General Meeting
CATSI Act	Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DNRM	Department of Natural Resources and Mines
ERF	Expenditure Request Form
ETS	Economic Transition Strategy
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NBD	Naree Budjong Djara
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NTA	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i>
OIWG	Operational Implementation Working Group
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate
QALSMA	Quandamooka Aboriginal Land and Sea Management Agency
QBS	Quandamooka Business Services
QLC	Quandamooka Lands Council
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
QSNTS	Queensland South Native Title Services
QYAC	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
RCC	Redland City Council
RNTBC	Registered Native Title Body Corporate
SEQ	South East Queensland
SIWG	Senior Implementation Working Group



About QYAC

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) is a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) (more technically known as a Registered Native Title Body Corporate [RNTBC]) created in 2011 under the *Native Title Act 1993*. The Native Title Act requires native title groups to create a PBC to manage their recognized Native Title rights and interests. Some of the Quandamooka rights and interests include:

- Implementation of the Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA)
- Joint management of the Naree Budjong Djara (Our Mother Earth) National Park
- Operation and maintenance of the Quandamooka Peoples' Gift Fund
- Ownership and management of Minjerribah Camping
- Right to take and use traditional natural resources
- Right to live and be present on the determination area
- Right to conduct ceremonies and protect and maintain areas of significance

QYAC is registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). The Registrar is an independent statutory office holder who administers the Corporations (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2006* (CATSI Act)). QYAC is required to operate in compliance with the CATSI Act and is regulated by ORIC.

QYAC is also the registered Cultural Heritage Body under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (QLD).

It is responsible for cultural heritage management across the Quandamooka estate.

In addition, QYAC has a number of statutory obligations and key links with the following legislation:

- *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act 2011* (QLD)
- *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (QLD)
- *Recreation Area Management Act 2006* (QLD)

QYAC also has a key role to play in the following local plans and strategies:

- North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy
- Quandamooka Action Plan
- North Stradbroke Island Indigenous Business Development Plan
- Quandamooka Aboriginal Community Plan

There is an important relationship between the *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act 2011* and the plans listed above. The Act paves the way for North Stradbroke Island to move beyond a sand-mining economy to a more diversified and sustainable economy. This strategy, complemented by the plans listed above, is key to help focus the efforts of the Quandamooka Peoples to make this transition in a culturally and economically sustainable way.

Quandamooka Land & Sea



Message from the Chairperson

This year the focus of Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) was again based on delivering on key actions in the QYAC Strategic Plan 2014-2016.

In particular, significant time and energy was spent on continuing to defend Quandamooka people's native title rights that were won after 16 years of Native Title negotiations. In a hung parliament, QYAC worked closely with the Queensland Palaszczuk Government and cross benchers to repeal the Newman legislation that extended mining without Quandamooka consent required under our Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA). This was an historic moment in Queensland Parliament with a deciding vote delivered by Cook MP Billy Gordon.

The repeal also meant that QYAC could withdraw the High Court proceedings against the Queensland Government that had been instigated to declare the Newman legislation invalid and support Quandamooka native title rights and interests.

Parallel to this QYAC was working closely with the Queensland Government on two other election promises to the Quandamooka People. First, QYAC successfully negotiated numerous QYAC led projects as part of the North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy (ETS). This will mean a lot of opportunities being developed in the coming years as mining winds down. Second, QYAC worked with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) to address the future planning for One Mile. The intention is for a healthy, safe community living with the same basic conditions of other suburbs in an environment planned in consultation with residents.

As an organisation, QYAC is rapidly growing to accommodate the changes and requirements needed to manage the native title rights and

interests of native title holders. QYAC saw four national park rangers directly employed within QYAC, commencing the transition to complete management of the park in the future. In addition, QYAC also successfully obtained funding for two Commonwealth funded rangers to work on native title lands off national park area. Linked to this, the QYAC Community Rangers program continued to develop with funding being sought to look at Cert 3 Training in Conservation and Land Management.

QYAC is also reaching the final stages of Land Use Planning process under the ILUA. QYAC Elders in Council met to discuss a Land Allocation Policy for fair and equitable distribution of lands amongst families. These meetings will continue. The Cultural Heritage unit continues to undertake surveys, management plans and monitoring across Quandamooka Country.

Another wonderful achievement was the delivery of the inaugural Quandamooka Festival with over 50 events held between July and September 2015. Celebrating Quandamooka Country, culture and people, the Festival was a partnership between our community organisations and artists with the broader community and government.

Underpinning all this activity was an active QYAC Board and hardworking staff who continue to rise to the challenges presented to them. I thank them all for their commitment to setting the foundations for our children's children. The next financial year will again bring new challenges, as we head into an exciting new era for the island.

Valerie Cooms - Chairperson

QYAC Board of Directors

The QYAC Board of Directors is made up of an elected member of each Apical Ancestor's family. The Board met 7 times this financial year to discuss matters relating to native title and to direct the actions of the Prescribed Body Corporate, QYAC.



Nyaree Mewett
Juno (Gonzales)



Paul Martin
Tilly (mother of Tommy Dalton, Richard Dalton and Henry Lea)



Leigh Gross
Liza Jungaboi (mother of Rose Martin nee Bain)



Dean Parkin
Nellie/Lilly Kidgeree



Jeanette Burns
King Billy Toompani



Donald Costelloe
Mary Indoole Compignie



Dwayne Little
Tommy Nuggin (Gendarieba)



Karen Rylance
Sidney Rolands (Kingal/Winyeeaba)



Leigh McPhaill
Kindarra



Valerie Cooms
Elizabeth Ruska



Gula (Koala). Photo - Helen Groombridge

QYAC Activities for 2015 - 2016



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Bummiera, Minjerribah.

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1 Strengthen the QYAC organisation

QYAC has had to continually adapt to meet the growing needs of the organisation. This meant an internal change to its structure to ensure that the organisation is positioned to deal with the internal and external challenges and influences.

1.1 Design a new organisational structure

Last financial year the organisation obtained Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) Status to enable philanthropic partnerships, taxation and salary sacrifice for QYAC staff. QYAC continues to adjust and explore variations of these internal systems to become more resilient, efficient and effective.

In 2015-2016 the Board continued the following sub committees to assist in its decision making:

- Finance Audit and Risk
- Investment
- Land and Sea Management
- Arts, Culture and Events
- School Site Subcommittee

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) leads the organization's operations. QYAC has the following internal business units in place:

- Corporate Services
- Quandamooka Aboriginal Land and Sea Management Agency (QALSMA)
- Native Title and Cultural Heritage

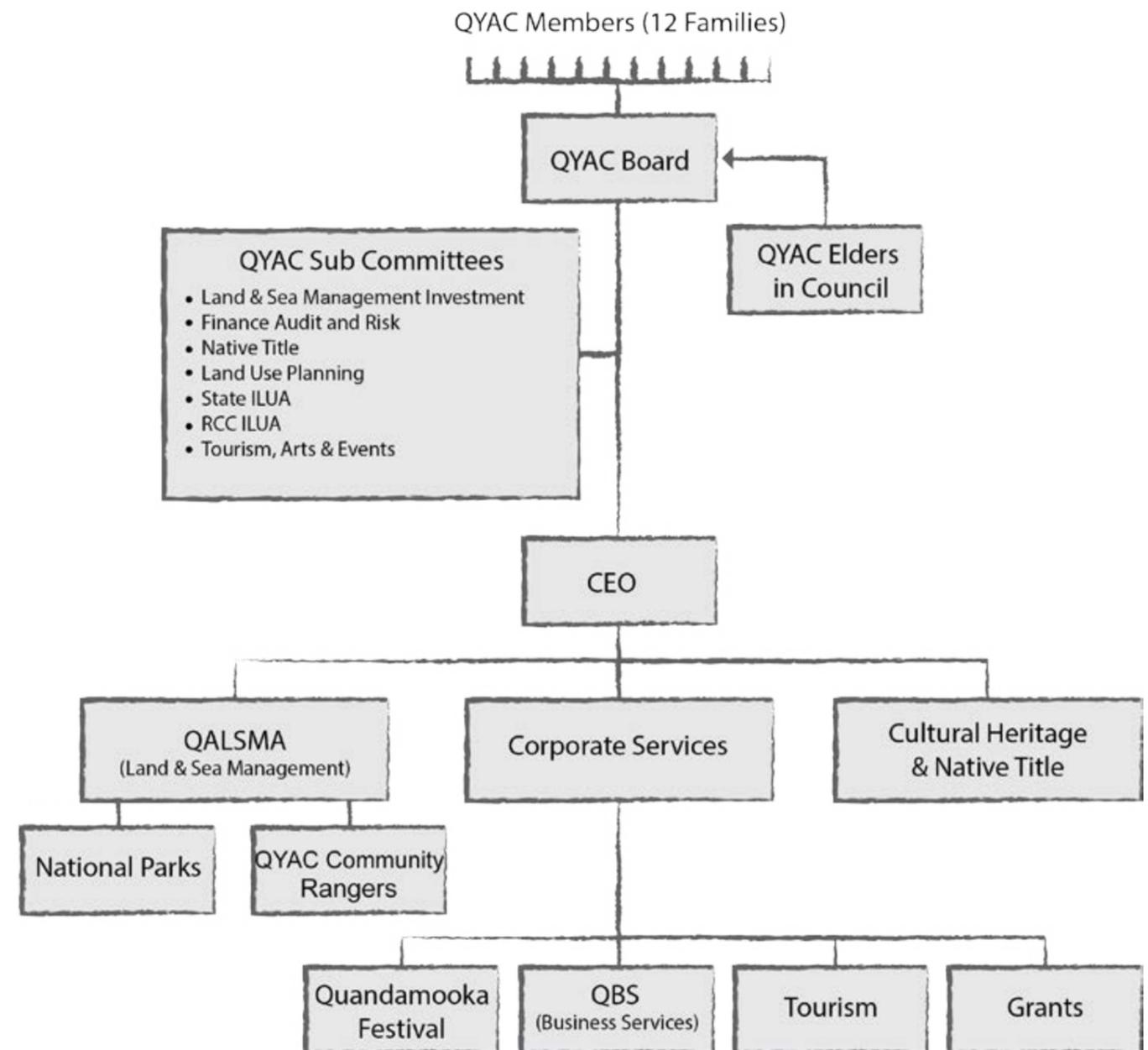
Corporate services is the internal business unit responsible for the day to day administration of QYAC including support to the Board, human resources, marketing and communications, grant management, finances, legal, publicity and governance obligations. In addition, Quandamooka Business Services (QBS), the internal unit of QYAC that provides services to the broader community, was absorbed from a stand alone unit into Corporate Services. QYAC continues to maintain a register of consultants that it utilises to assist in delivery of projects that range from land revegetation to construction of hard infrastructure.

QALSMA is the internal business unit that looks after all Land and Sea matters including Joint Management with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS) of the Naree Budjong Djara National Park and Cultural Heritage.

The Native Title and Cultural Heritage unit focuses on the following:

- Native Title Claims
- Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) implementation with the State and Redland City Council
- Section 24 Native Title responses
- Cultural Heritage surveys, monitoring, management plans, keeping place and inquiries

QYAC Organisation Chart



Finance Audit and Risk Committee

In 2014 QYAC established a Finance Audit and Risk Committee to provide advice to the QYAC Board on financial and investment matters. During the 2015-2016 financial year the Finance Audit and Risk Committee met 3 times. At these meetings the Committee considered a number of financial and audit related matters including budgetary considerations. The Committee considered and recommended improvements to QYAC's internal control systems with a view to improving operational efficiencies. The Committee advised the CEO on the structuring of accounts for taxation and accountability purposes. The Committee also considered improvements which led to new operational systems as QYAC looks to more efficient methods for data entry, salary sacrifice, insurance coverage, financial management and automated timesheet recording.

1.2 Create an Operational Plan

The CEO continues to develop an Operational Plan each year that is based on achieving the actions outlined in the QYAC Strategic Plan 2014-2016. An operational budget was developed for 2015-2016 and approved by the Directors. A mid-year review of the budget was conducted.

1.3 Establish a quarterly strategic reporting process

The CEO develops reports for each Board meeting on progress against the operational plan. This enables the Board to also see regular updates of staff and contractors, finances, QBS projects, grants, cultural heritage, ILUA and native title matters. A Board Drop Box for meetings allows Directors access to these reports and other key documents in a timely fashion.

1.4 Establish a system to filter incoming requests

QYAC maintains registers for the following systems:

- Correspondence
- Membership
- Land inquiries
- 4WD permits
- S24 Native Title Notifications
- Research requests

QYAC's Facebook, website, community engagement, information updates and sessions following AGMs are all aimed at strengthening the organisation and engaging Quandamooka people. While the duty of confidentiality under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) forbids sharing Directors minutes, summaries of what QYAC is doing was provided to all Directors regularly throughout the year.

Native Title Notifications

As a direct result of native title, permits now come to QYAC for comment and some circumstances consent. During the financial year, QYAC responded to a total of 118 Future Act notifications under the section 24 of the *Native Title Act 1993* and 38 permit applications in accordance with the State of Queensland ILUA. These were as follows:

Type of Permit	Number of Permit Assessed
Marine Park s24 Research	37
Marine Park s24 Tourism	60
Marine Park s24 Private Ventures	17
Marine Park s24 Education	4
Fisheries s24 General Fisheries	2
Fisheries s24 General Fisheries Charter Permit	1
Fisheries s24 General Fisheries Brood stock	1
Commercial Activity Permit Tourism	9
Permit to take, use, keep and interfere Research purposes only	12
Organisation and Event Permit	11
Procedural Activity Permit Education	6

QYAC has advocated strongly for permit applicants to meet with QYAC and involve QYAC in their activities. QYAC also provides protocols for operating on Quandamooka Country. Where it appears that there will be a detrimental impact to culture or the environment QYAC objects to the permit.

QYAC has implemented a Research Committee which acts as a mechanism for researches to present projects, ideas and ways to collaborate.

1.5 Establish agreed 'Spending Rules'

QYAC has responsibility under various forms of legislation. Importantly the *Native Title Act 1993* and the CATSI Act frames how QYAC conducts its business. QYAC's Finance Audit and Risk as well as Investment Committees have continued to examine budgets and financial processes.

The QYAC CEO spends QYAC money in accordance with the approved budget. Variations to that are sought by way of Board approval where required. All payments are done by an Expenditure Request Form (ERF) process that are approved by the CEO. Approved ERFs are loaded by the finance officer into the payment system and they are then approved by the CEO for processing.

1.6 Develop the governance capability of the Board

QYAC ensures all Directors are inducted into the organisation and trained on a regular basis or within a year of being elected. Each new Director is provided with a copy of Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) Compliance Information, native title information, and QYAC Governance Policies and Procedures to guide them in their role with the organisation. The new Directors elected in November 2015 were provided with training about the legal obligations of the organisation.

1.7 Operate separate bank accounts for budgets with different spending rules

QYAC continues to operate a number of accounts for identified purposes. It has a general operating account with National Australia Bank. It also has a number of other accounts for various money allocations.

Royalty payments received under the State of Queensland ILUA are held in trust for the Quandamooka People and continue to be held in a separate account. The Port of Brisbane ILUA monies are also held in a separate account.

1.8 Design and implement internal QYAC policies

The following key policy documents provide the framework for QYAC:

- Staff Orientation Manual
- QYAC Policies
- Governance Policies and Procedures

These policies are updated where required by the Board. QYAC continues to subscribe to HR Advance for instant access to policies and templates that comply with Australian standards. Each new staff member is provided with the Staff Orientation Manual.

1.9 Establish strategic partnerships

QYAC continues to develop partnerships with key stakeholders. This year QYAC worked closely with Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS), the Commonwealth Indigenous Affairs Minister, the Queensland Government, Redlands City Council (RCC), Brisbane City Council (BCC), SEQ Catchments, Minjerribah Camping (Straddie Camping), Tourism Queensland, Brisbane Marketing, as well as various contractors during the reporting period.

QYAC also hosted the Human Rights Commission Indigenous Banking Roundtable. This enabled QYAC to directly engage with financial institutions who we will need to work with in the future.

With tourism presenting itself as a key industry for the island, QYAC continued to position the Quandamooka People for future opportunities. This included:

Continuing membership of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, Wynnum Manly Chamber of Commerce (WMCC), Straddie Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the Brisbane Living Heritage Network.

QYAC continue to use its Register of Consultants to work with culturally competent contractors. The register is updated bi-annually and includes contractors with experience in accounting, building, legal, environmental science, the arts, information technology, tourism, planning, policy, native tile and cultural heritage.

1.10 Create a Succession Plan

Through its Community Rangers program QYAC is contributing toward developing emerging Quandamooka leaders. QYAC is exploring opportunities for course work for young people to develop their knowledge of native title lands. QYAC also obtained funds to train the Community Rangers in Certificate 3 Conservation and Land Management.

1.11 Develop QYAC's business skills

QYAC's Investment Committee continued to utilise an independent Chair and Economist, an Accountant/ Financial advisor as well as Directors who devise processes, consider proposals and make recommendations to the Board for its consideration. QYAC continues to bring external experience into the organisation to develop the skills of the staff and board. QYAC also engaged an experienced publicist to assist developing the capacity of the organisation in media and communications.



Training to develop skills.

2 Acquisition of other areas of Quandamooka Country

In 2015-2016 QYAC spent significant energy in defending Quandamooka People's rights to determine what happens on its land and sea country.

2.1 Complete the Land Use Planning process

In 2015 – 16, QYAC has met with and facilitated site visits with Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) Strategic Land Use Assessment team to each of the priority Land Bank properties and Existing Residential Occupancies (ERO) identified in the State ILUA. QYAC has assisted in identifying ERO fire risk management measures and undertaking fire safety works to reduce the risk of people living in identified high fire risk areas.

QYAC has also met several times with RCC reserves management team to discuss the rehabilitation of reserve sites currently under the control of RCC with the view of relinquishing these reserves to QYAC as agent for the Quandamooka People. Detailed site visits identifying encumbrances have been undertaken and a plan developed to rehabilitate these sites.

The State Government has yet to formally respond to the QYAC Board with respect to the identified land bank properties.

Initial Land Allocation policy

Linked to the Land Use Planning process under the ILUA QYAC will soon be required to draw down lands to unlock for cultural, social and economic opportunities. After considering planning and risk management advice, and negotiations, QYAC advised the Queensland Government on priority land to be drawn down pursuant to the ILUA.

Over the past year QYAC has continued discussions with QYAC Elders in Council (EIC) regarding a Land Allocation policy for Traditional Owners on Quandamooka land. It is expected that the policy will be finalised in 2016 – 17 year.

Negotiation to Access Jointly Managed areas within Naree Budjong Djara National Park

QYAC is currently negotiating access agreements with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) in accordance with section 42 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. These access agreements are establishing the terms on which others, such as Sibelco and RCC can access Aboriginal Land. There are currently three access agreements being negotiated. These include:

- Sibelco: Piezometer infrastructure adjacent to Enterprise Mine and 18 Mile swamp
- Sibelco: Access to the Diesel Spill area by Sibelco at Amity
- Redland City Council: Myora Mains Water pipeline.

In conjunction with these agreements are the establishment of Environmental Management Plan guidelines which proponents must adhere to when undertaking works in the area.

Home ownership on Native Title lands

QYAC discussed Aboriginal Home ownership options with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) during the reporting period. QYAC hosted the Australian Human Rights Commission Banking Roundtable with major banks on North Stradbroke island to discuss potential models for native title bodies such as QYAC.

Parallel to the land planning process, QYAC has worked with others to successfully amend the Queensland planning laws. The *Planning Act 2016* was passed by The Queensland Parliament in May this year and will commence in mid-2017. An important feature of the new legislation is Section 5(2)(d) which requires the land use and environmental planning to value, protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples knowledge, culture and tradition. The purpose of the *Planning Act 2016* applies across all tenure and the provision operates regardless of whether native title exists or not. The provision applies to all entities performing functions under the *Planning Act 2016* including Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) and RCC.



One Mile lands. Photo - Helen Groombridge

The recently released Draft South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan (2016) states in the fourth key theme (Sustain) of its 50-year vision for SEQ's future: "We will value the culture of our Traditional Owners and their connections to country in SEQ" (p25). This commitment is expanded under Element 1 commits to engaging with Traditional Owners so that their culture is respected in planning for the SEQ region. In this regard, the draft Plan contains the following strategies:

1. Recognise and plan for the economic and social needs of Traditional Owner communities in consultation with those communities.
2. Recognise the procedural rights of Traditional Owners to be consulted at the outset on matters that may affect their native title rights, the alienation of unallocated state land or traditional heritage values.
3. Engage Traditional Owners to enable their cultural knowledge and connection to regional land use and seascapes to be included in planning for communities and the sustainable management of natural assets and natural economic resources.

2.2 Commence and advance QP3, 4 & 5

Quandamooka People #4

QYAC has received ongoing assistance from QSNTS in relation to the progression of the Native Title Determination Application over Mulgumpin (Moreton Island). Quandamooka People #4, the Mulgumpin Claim, was formally accepted for registration by the National Native Title Tribunal on the 25 March 2015. QSNTS, in compliance with Orders of the Federal Court of Australia, submitted the Quandamooka Peoples connection material to the State of Queensland (the State).

The State was due to advise QSNTS whether it was willing to progress towards a consent determination of native title in respect of the Mulgumpin claim during the reporting period. However the date for the State's response was extended to the next reporting period.



Quandamooka People #5

During the reporting period, QSNTS and QYAC continued to work towards the filing of further native title claims in respect of the balance of Quandamooka traditional country. Progress on further claims slowed due to work on the High Court challenge to the Newman government's contravention of the 2011 State ILUA. On 14 June 2016, the rights of the Quandamooka People under the State ILUA were restored by amendments to the *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Other Acts Amendment Act 2016* (refer to section 2.4).

Subsequently, on 24-26 June, the QYAC EIC met on Mulgumpin. The EIC resolved that:

1. the QSNTS take immediate steps to file in the Federal Court a native title claim covering the area identified in the attached map as "proposed by QP#5" by, if possible, reducing the existing authorised QP#5 claim area, or if that is not possible, by facilitating a Quandamooka Peoples native title claim group meeting to authorise a new claim.

2. We request that QSNTS direct the managers of the South East Regional Research Project (SERRP) to:

- immediately seek access to the relevant evidence relied upon in the QP#1 and QP#2 native title determination and the QP#4
- proceed to prepare a draft report for comment by QYAC taking into consideration the Quandamooka people evidence
- after consideration of the QYAC comments and material conclude the SERRP report as soon as possible

3. The QYAC participate in the SERRP and facilitate the provision of information and documents for consideration in the project.

4. We reassert in the strongest terms the ownership of the country identified in the Quandamooka People Whole of Country map and request that the remainder of the Quandamooka Peoples native title claims be expedited.

5. We extend our profound gratitude and the gratitude of the Quandamooka People to the Board, Chief Executive Officer and staff of QSNTS (especially Wati Qalotaki) for their ongoing support and in particular the unwavering support during the High Court proceedings QYAC v State of Queensland.

QYAC Board will consider this resolution and anticipates that Quandamooka People #5 will get to the Authorisation of all Quandamooka People in the new financial year.

Toondah Harbour

In 2014 QYAC made submissions to the State Government on the proposed Toondah Harbour development. In 2015 the Queensland Government advertised for parties interested in registering an ILUA over the Toondah Harbour area. QYAC formally registered Quandamooka People's interest in the ILUA for Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area (PDA). QYAC has also approached QSNTS about lodging a claim over the area. QYAC has been consulting with the Developer to undertake a Cultural Heritage survey for the PDA area. QYAC has engaged QSNTS at no cost to QYAC to represent QYAC in ILUA negotiations. These negotiations will likely commence in early 2017.

2.3 Securing home ownership and land rights

One Mile

In 2011 the Quandamooka People authorised an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Queensland Government. Under the ILUA, Quandamooka People agreed to transfer One Mile as Aboriginal Land to QYAC as agents for the Quandamooka People.

QYAC has been working with One Mile Residents on improving longterm issues at One Mile and documenting existing interests to ensure that the transfer occurs properly.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines are the State agency responsible for land tenure. The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has entered into a consultation process with Redlands City Council and QYAC to develop a basic infrastructure services options paper, and master plan for the One Mile area.

Sandra Delaney has been engaged to assist QYAC to undertake community consultation with One Mile Residents, the membership of QYAC and native title holders. The aim is to ensure all people's viewpoints are heard and carefully considered.

As individuals and community people may want to participate at a range of levels, pre-consultation with One Mile Resident's and Elders in Council was undertaken in December, 2015. During these meetings, people were introduced to the One Mile Coordinator and their role within the One Mile future planning and proposed meetings going forward. As part of this process, face to face consultations occurred informally throughout summer, and a meeting was held on 5 March 2016 with One Mile Residents to create understanding about the project among those affected, those it will likely affect or have an interest.

At QYAC's AGM 28 November 2015, members were provided a one page overview of the One Mile community engagement process. It was outlined that Sandra Delaney would lead the community consultation and would be liaising with people over the summer period to find out their views on how they would like to be consulted.

Sandra Delaney found that most Quandamooka People were aware that the State Government had made a commitment to improve living conditions but were unsure of how this would affect them i.e. financially and environmentally. The pre-consultation process provided opportunities for discussions to create understanding about the project among those who will be affected or have an interest in One Mile. It also provided opportunities to discuss how other interested parties such as the Redland City Council and regulatory agencies view the project with risks, opportunities, and restrictions including government standards and requirements.

The QYAC Elders in Council resolved that:

Acknowledging the history of One Mile, and the efforts of our Ancestors and Elders, QYAC is supported and encouraged to continue its commitment to ensuring that once more One Mile becomes a safe, healthy, affordable place to bring up future generations of Quandamooka people with infrastructure and dwellings that are ecologically sustainable.



One Mile Creek. Photo - Helen Groombridge

Next step

QYAC will continue to work with the Queensland Government and the Federal Government to improve planning and legal instruments that allow all Quandamooka People to fairer planning, land dealing and financial arrangements on all native title lands.

QYAC will ensure that at each stage of the planning process both One Mile Residents, and the broader Quandamooka People (through the QYAC Elders in Council and QYAC Board) are consulted. We ensure that the proposals are feasible, cost effective and legal.

This will occur through printed materials such as this information booklet, and letters, and also through face to face meetings such as the One Mile Residents and QYAC Elders in Council meetings.

2.4 Work with Queensland South Native Title Services to defend QP 1 & 2

This year QYAC continued to work with QSNTS in relation to the High Court challenge over the breach of the Quandamooka ILUA. Following the election in January 2015, the newly elected Labor government committed to repeal the Newman legislation. QYAC and the State have jointly requested the High Court delay proceedings to enable the parties to consider the legislation repeal which will resolve the matter. The High Court granted this and did not list it in June. QYAC also engaged a publicist to assist the Quandamooka People's voice on native title issues being heard by media, the public and politicians across the state and nation. After three years of the 'Don't Undermine Our Rights Campaign', the *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Other Acts Amendment Act 2016* was passed on 25 May 2016. Senior Barrister, Tony McAvoy SC briefed the EIC meeting on Mulgumpin in June 2016 on the process for withdrawing the High Court action. It was raised and discussed that withdrawing the action does not prevent QYAC taking a similar action in the future if a change of government were to occur.

Deanbilla Bay Moorings Proposal

In 2015 it was announced that North Stradbroke Island will soon become home to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron who will set up an Australian Centre of Excellence in Sailing. The center is proposed to be built on land currently leased by Sibelco (known as the "Barracks") from the State with 60 Category 1 commercial moorings attached.

In relation to the moorings, QYAC wrote to Honorable Mark Bailey, Minister for Transport requesting a meeting to develop a mutually beneficial management strategy to deal with the Deanbilla Bay proposal.

QYAC provided a formal written submission to the Regional Harbour Master, Maritime Safety Queensland regarding the Category 1 Mooring Area application submitted by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. The submission opposed the Category 1 Mooring application because this would impede the fundamental native title rights of the Quandamooka People by restricting access to an area that the Quandamooka People have non-exclusive native title rights and interests in.

In relation to the Barracks land lease, QYAC also wrote to the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Anthony Lynham outlining the desire to obtain the lease for the Barracks. QYAC CEO met with the Chief of Staff for the department outlining QYAC's objections. The lease has since been transferred to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squad and is due for renewal next year. QYAC wrote to Minister Anthony Lynham again in June 2016 to discuss the conversion of the term lease into freehold of the Barracks. QYAC argues that the lease should be transferred to QYAC and considered part of the compensation package for QP#4 and QP#5 should they settle.

3 Through QALSMA become the lead agency in the region for land and sea management co-ordination

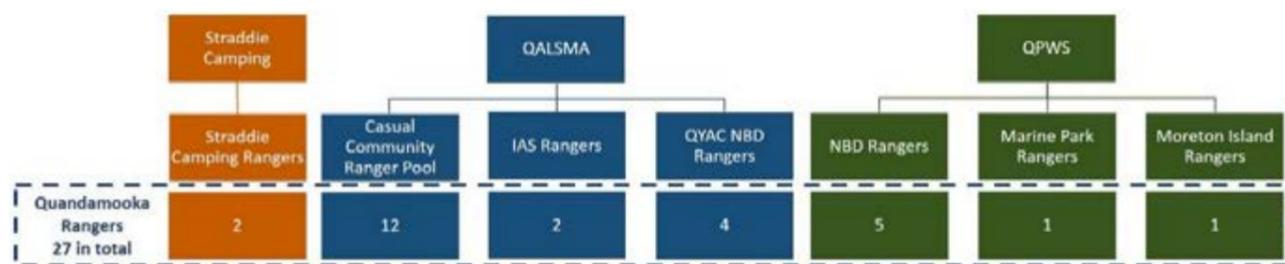
3.1 QALSMA will co-design and implement a Land and Sea management framework that includes policies, regulations and enforcement regime for:

- Land and sea natural resource management
- Use of all QYAC held Quandamooka land including the zoning of all land for types of occupation and use, and the agreement of standards for occupation and use
- QYAC's Cultural Heritage obligations
- Environmental and Cultural Heritage recovery from the 2014 Bushfire Disaster



Yungan (Dugong) and calf in Quandamooka waters. Photo - Joel Bolzenius

Quandamooka rangers within and between ranger teams



Land and Sea Program Coordination

Ensuring that the rights and interests of Quandamooka People are protected, that commitments are met and that opportunities to leverage social and economic benefits for Quandamooka People are maximised, are key goals of land and sea program coordination.

To coordinate the land and sea program, QYAC represents the Quandamooka People on a range of forums including State and Local Government ILUA implementation groups and other groups formed to pursue land and sea management objectives.

QYAC is polite but assertive in articulating our rights and interests in regard to land and sea. Our default position is that land and sea programs should be led and delivered by Quandamooka People.

Quandamooka Rangers

At 30 June 2016, twenty-seven Quandamooka People were working as rangers in either QYAC, Straddie Camping or the QPWS.

QPWS has transitioned resources to QYAC to employ Quandamooka Rangers to manage Naree Budjong Djara National Park and the Commonwealth Government has funded longer term employment of Quandamooka Rangers to work on Native Title land through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

QYAC also delivers contract works in Naree Budjong Djara National Park and on other tenures to generate employment opportunities for its casual pool of Community Rangers.

QYAC is now the dominant employer of Quandamooka Rangers.

Fire Management Program

QYAC has been working with QPWS to develop a Fire Management Strategy for the Indigenous Joint Management Areas (IJMAs) of the Quandamooka Region.

Developing the strategy involved considering risk to life and property, the impacts of the 2014 wildfire, strategic opportunities provided by existing road networks and natural and cultural landscape values. The strategy identifies specific fire management zones, priority roads and trails to be maintained and recommends planned burning priorities.

QYAC has also secured funding to deliver the Jarlo (Fire) Project which will help document our fire traditions to be embedded in the strategy. A

first step in this project has been to work with the QYAC EIC to outline Quandamooka People's fire management objectives and fire related cultural landscape management priorities.

Quandamooka Rangers have also completed Level 1 Fire Fighting Training and started preparing and implementing planned burns to treat the impacts of the 2014 wildfire and provide access for a cultural heritage survey.

QYAC has worked with RCC and Emergency Services to prioritise works to improve community resilience to natural disasters. As the first stage of a program of work, QYAC has been awarded a contract to improve access for emergency vehicles in the Speedy's Lane area.

Quandamooka People's fire and cultural landscape management priorities

Quandamooka People's fire management objectives

- Quandamooka People are involved in fire management planning and implementation.
- There is a fire skills development pathway for Quandamooka people and recognition of traditional fire knowledge.
- Life and property are protected and the risk of an island-wide wildfire reduced.
- The frequency, timing and intensity of planned fire achieves cultural landscape objectives.
- Wildfire response limits impact on culture and heritage values.

Cultural landscape management priorities

- Conserve culturally significant values, including preserving resources, old camps, ceremonial areas and pathways and large old trees using manual hazard reduction and regular low intensity fires.
- Use frequent low intensity fires with good soil moisture in forests, Mallee heath & wetlands, prioritising habitats in good condition, i.e. eucalypt forests with old large trees and/or good native grass cover, and wetlands containing open sedge lands.



Low intensity prescribed burn on Jercroobai (Peel Island).

20 Million Trees Redlands Koala Project

This year QYAC consulted with SEQ Catchments and RCC on the implementation of the Australian Government 20 Million Trees Program Koala Project being implemented in the Redlands. QYAC developed Cultural Heritage Information Products for landholders and community to ensure cultural heritage values are being considered and respected.



Gula (Koala) on Country. Photo - Helen Groombridge



Discussing dune revegetation. Photo - Joel Bolzenius

Sea Country Program

QYAC held an Aboriginal Cultural Fisheries Workshop involving Quandamooka Fishers in partnership with leading Aboriginal fisheries experts working with the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation to assess Aboriginal Cultural Fishing values associated with the Quandamooka estate and the impacts of mainstream fishing on these values.

Quandamooka Rangers delivered a range of sea country monitoring programs including Reef Check, Seagrass Watch and Mangrove Watch. This resulted in:

- Reassessment of marine ecosystems initially assessed in 2014 (over 40km of Mangroves in Native Title Estate and key Coral Reef Systems at Goat Island, Peel Island, and Myora Reef)
- Partnership with Reef Check Australia, Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld, and James Cook University "Tropwater"
- New Rangers trained and qualified in assessment methodologies

Landscape Restoration Program

With funding provided through the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) Land and Sea Program, Quandamooka Rangers have commenced project which aims to restore a mobile dune system to a post mining landscape near Point Lookout. QYAC rangers implemented weed and vegetation management activities on two hectares at Main Beach to allow the restoration of cultural management values and processes. This project is being delivered in partnership with the Centre for Mining Rehabilitation and Restoration at UQ and SEQ Catchments.

Cultural Heritage Survey and Research Program

QYAC has been undertaking cultural heritage surveys within the Restricted Access Area at Swan Bay, on Peel Island and other priority sites within the IJMA. The surveys provide an opportunity for Quandamooka Rangers to connect with country and gain an understanding of cultural heritage values and archaeology. Outcomes from the survey will inform the plan of management for the National Park.

Traditional Owner Programs

Quandamooka Rangers have undertaken works to control weeds, dangerous trees and encroaching vegetation at the camping area traditionally used by Quandamooka People near The Causeway at Main Beach. The work provides a platform for more active management of the area and ultimately to improve the services offered for Traditional Owners visiting the area.

Water Quality Training

Quandamooka Land and Sea Rangers worked towards and attained Water Quality Testing qualifications, to enable the monitoring of sites such as Capembah Creek and assist in the continued development of QYAC to implement commercial services.



Yungan (Dugong) in Quandamooka waters. Photo - Joel Bolzenius

Coastal Adaptation Steering Committee

QYAC continue to participate in the Coastal Adaptation Steering Committee for Redland City to progress planning around the protection and management of coastlines vulnerable to erosion such as Amity.

QYAC also hosted a number of land and sea management focused events including:

- Bushfire 2016 – National Fire Management Conference Field Trip

Environmentally Friendly Moorings

QYAC actively supported SEQ Catchments with continued replacement of damaging moorings with seagrass friendly designs with now over 230 moorings replaced in Moreton Bay repairing over 20Ha's of marine habitat. QYAC support involves Cultural Heritage approvals as well as continued advice and support via the QALSMA team for how SEQ Catchments can appropriately deliver activities on Quandamooka Country.



Mibral (Green Turtle). Photo - Joel Bolzenius

Turtle Monitoring

QYAC continue to work with Jennie Truman, QPWS, and SEQ Catchments to monitor Island based nesting activities and measures to improve hatchling rates. 2015/16 resulted in the first year of no nest predation from foxes since recordings began. QYAC also attended a turtle “rodeo” with Chief Scientist Col Limpus and Steven Miles, Minister for Environment to tag and research the different varieties of turtle in the bay.

Oyster Reef Restoration in Moreton Bay

QYAC Hosted Dr Ian McLeod to highlight Traditional Owner values of Oyster Reefs in Moreton Bay as part of a national approach to oyster reef restoration nationally. Dr McLeod hosted a forum on Minjerribah with QYAC’s support which advocated to the community the need for Oyster Reef restoration and the potential long term benefits to Moreton Bay fish habitat and water quality.

Pest Management Program

Quandamooka Rangers have delivered contract weed control works on Peel Island to control Umbrella Trees and at Myora Conservation Park to control Brazillian Cherry and prepare the area for low intensity burning.

Through the Straddie Pest Management Group, QYAC has continued to work with SEQ Catchments and the Island’s other land managers to develop and deliver a program to control the islands foxes through a coordinated baiting and trapping program. The fox control program is being implemented by a contractor and is providing action learning opportunities for Quandamooka Rangers. Through this group QYAC has achieved:

- First Island wide baiting campaign successfully implemented in 2016 following a successful large scale trial in the south of the Island in 2015
- Partnership with SEQ Catchments with financial support provided to QYAC through the Australian Government National Landcare Program for implementation of feral animal management activities
- Jointly hosted the Straddie Pest Management Forum on Minjerribah - <http://www.seqcatchments.com.au/news/forum-on-straddie-to-talk-about-managing-pest-animal>
- Supported QPWS and Sibelco to enable fox baiting on QYAC native title areas
- Supported National Environmental Science Program through UQ to prioritise Minjerribah for research into Island feral animal control



Map of fox baiting locations

Knowledge Programs

QYAC has secured contracts for cultural heritage surveys and research and other knowledge programs relating to the traditional fire and access to and use of the places and resources within the Indigenous Joint Management Areas. These projects will progress in 2016/17 and provide opportunities for Quandamooka traditional Knowledge Holders to contribute to park management.



Fire Management Program. Photo - Joel Bolzenius

Quandamooka Country is a fantastic venue for research and attracts researchers from across the globe. Maintaining awareness of, partnering and where possible influencing and directing this research is a key challenge for the Quandamooka People. As a first step in having a greater influence on research QYAC is developing a database to track permits and research.

3.2 Environmental and Cultural Heritage - Implement the Indigenous Management Agreement

This year the Quandamooka Rangers from across the QYAC Ranger teams and within QPWS have participated in a range of operational programs including:

- Vegetation management and clean-up of the Traditional Owner camping area at The Causeway at Main Beach
- Maintenance of walking tracks at Blue Lake
- Control of woody weeds at Peel Island
- Preparation of fire lines and manual hazard reduction around old trees to support planned burning at Myora
- Survey of Cultural Heritage at within the Restricted Access Area Swan Bay, Peel Island and other priority sites within the IJMA

QYAC continue to participate in Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) Operational Implementation Working Group (OIWG) meetings that set the agenda for parks operations. A review of 2015-16 operational programs was undertaken and a draft schedule of forward operational and capital works projects was developed and a number of draft project proposals prepared.

QYAC also participates in the IMA Senior Implementation Working Group (SIWG) meetings. Through this process the 2016/17 IJMA budget was confirmed, success of QYAC's Community Ranger Program reflected on and an interim allocation authorised enabling the Community Ranger Program to continue while the budget and project schedule undergo further deliberation. The deed of agreement enabling the Aboriginal Tradition Knowledge Project was also executed at the meeting.

Key projects continuing or due to commence in the next year include:

- Cultural Heritage Survey of Naree Budjong Djara National Park
- Cultural Heritage Survey of Teerk Ro Ra National Park
- Community Ranger Program – IMJA project schedule
- Aboriginal Tradition Knowledge Project
- Jarlo Traditional Fire project
- Provision of IMA Implementation workshop
- Provision of Cultural training

Several of the current projects include Elder and Knowledge Holder engagement and searches of existing oral histories. Authority to access and use existing oral histories held by RCC and Affidavits prepared in association with native title processes will be sought from Quandamooka families. Consultation with RCC has commenced to obtain access to histories held by Council.

Nominations of Elders and Knowledge Holders to participate in the oral history interview components of the Aboriginal Traditions and Jarlo (Fire) projects are sought from each of the family groups. Directors are asked to assist this process.



Michael Costelloe doing cultural heritage field work

Cultural Heritage

There was a large amount of cultural heritage work undertaken across Quandamooka Country this year by QYAC including training, surveys, management plans and monitoring works.

Cultural Heritage Training and Assessments Program

In 2015 – 2016 financial year, QYAC ran two-day Cultural Heritage Training sessions at Mooloomba (Point Lookout) for the IBA, RCC, Treescapes and Energex. Feedback from the workshops has been positive, and described as a 'Cultural learning experience'. Cultural Heritage Information sessions have also been provided during events such as the Quandamooka Festival.

Cultural Heritage Surveys and Culture Heritage Management Plans

QYAC has set the benchmark of undertaking all cultural heritage surveys to the level of Part 6 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (Qld). This standard ensures that the cultural heritage sites meticulously recorded in survey reports can be placed on the Queensland Government's Cultural Heritage Register and obtain the highest level of protection.

During the reporting year Part 6 Cultural Heritage Survey Reports and Cultural Heritage Management Plans were completed for the following:

1. RCC Myora Springs, Water Main Project

RCC proposed to fix the water main pipeline near Myora Springs. QYAC was engaged to assist in the cultural heritage survey of the area. Since this survey, QYAC has negotiated the placement of fire hydrants in the area.

2. RCC Macleay Island, Russell Terrace Project

This survey was undertaken in response to a carpark development, construction of a rock wall and the entombment of asbestos present in the area. During the survey, a total of two artefact scatters and one isolated artefact were located. An Archaeological salvage program to collect and record these sites, is proposed for the next financial year.

3. RCC North Stradbroke Island Settlements

This survey was conducted in each of the island tourism areas and results were as follows:

- The Dunwich Study Area contained five (5) registered Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) Aboriginal sites. The Amity Point Study Area contained one (1) registered DATSIP Aboriginal site. A further three (3) DATSIP Aboriginal sites were located close to the Study Area. These three additional DATSIP sites were included in the Study due to the subsurface potential of these three sites to extend into the Study Area. The Point Lookout Study Area contained nine (9) registered DATSIP Aboriginal sites.
- This Study identified four new sites within the Dunwich Study Area and one new site within the Amity Study Area. No new sites were found within the Point Lookout Study Area.
- The midden, shell scatters, scarred trees and artefact scatters within the Study Areas form part of a pattern of cultural sites reflecting resource usage on the east and west coast. The cultural record in these Study Areas is an important part of a wider distribution of archaeological sites, and has the capacity to add considerably to an understanding of local and regional economy and resource usage during the late Holocene.
- The possibility of further subsurface significant Aboriginal cultural heritage being located within the Study Area (s) cannot be entirely ruled out.

During the reporting year a number of Cultural Heritage Projects were undertaken with the reports and Cultural Heritage Management Plans currently in preparation:

- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Naree Budjong Djara National Park
- Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Peel Island
- RCC, Speedy's Lane Fire Trail

Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM)

The QYAC Cultural Heritage Unit continues to liaise with DNRM officers on the following matters:

- Attending Disaster Response and Wildfire Preparedness Meetings
- Site visits to Quandamooka Traditional Owner occupation sites
- Planning for and the authorisation of the clearing of fire trails around sites to create a buffer zone to protect Quandamooka Traditional Owner occupation sites from wildfire
- Developing a Fire Trail cultural heritage clearance program

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

The Cultural Heritage Unit works closely with the QPWS and has undertaken works which usually include sub-surface testing, cultural heritage clearance and monitoring. These projects have been undertaken for areas not yet identified by a QYAC cultural heritage survey report and executed Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP). The larger projects include:

- Tractor shed, Lazaret, Peel Island
- Central Swamp Fire Trail, Peel Island
- Blue Lake Tortoise Lagoon Service Road
- Mt Willies to Mt Hutton Fire Control Lines
- Cowan Cowan Road Bypass Culvert, Moreton Island

3.3 Develop a Land and Sea Committee

QYAC established a Land and Sea Sub Committee which includes the Joint Management Co-ordinator, the Cultural Heritage Officer, CEO, Professor Low Choy from Griffith University (planner) and Directors. The sub-committee had much to consider and met and communicated several times over the reporting year.

The Committee identified an opportunity for QYAC to develop an MOU with SEQ Catchments. The Committee engaged with research institutes at a Forum with QYAC and relevant Quandamooka People to outline protocols for doing research on Quandamooka Country.

A key focus of the Committee is to develop a Land and Sea Management Plan.

A significant body of work has been undertaken by QYAC to inform the plan including:

- sea country projects addressing sea grass monitoring, mangrove watch and turtle research
- marine stranding protocols
- the progression of partnerships and research
- a cultural heritage survey of the National Park and Peel Island

A range of other initiatives that will inform the development in 2016 of a Land and Sea Management Plan are currently planned including:

- the agreement for a National Park Fire Strategy
- an Aboriginal Traditional Fire project
- an ecological survey for the Restricted Access Area at the southern area of Minjerrabah
- a traditional knowledge mapping project for the national park

These projects will form a large source of information for our plans and will link to the caring for country by community rangers.

The Land and Sea Committee provides independent advice to QYAC Board on all matters relevant to Quandamooka Land and Sea management responsibilities. In 2015-2016 the Committee addressed the following matters and initiatives:

- National Park Joint Management Issues
- Land Use planning
- One Mile infrastructure planning
- Fire, pest, coastal erosion and water management issues
- Commenced discussions on the development of a Dugong Management Framework / Strategy (incl Indigenous hunting component)
- Cultural heritage status for the remainder of Quandamooka Estate

- Engagement with UQ to develop and conduct the Moreton Bay Quandamooka Forum
- Identification of collaborative research projects with UQ and other research institutions
- Identification of essential projects and initiatives to inform the development of a Quandamooka Land and Sea Framework
- Advice on investment committee proposals that have a land and sea element
- Meeting with researchers to advocate greater engagement with QYAC
- Convened the inaugural Quandamooka Research Priorities meeting July 2015
- Conducted the inaugural Quandamooka Research Forum in September 2015
- Established the Quandamooka Research network
- Established a Quandamooka Research database

4 Achieve Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) status for appropriate areas of the Quandamooka Estate

QYAC has committed to achieving IPA status for appropriate areas of the Quandamooka Native Title estate. Unfortunately the Commonwealth's IPA program continues to not be supported and implemented in the South East Queensland region. QYAC is investigating other types of protection, this includes looking at World Heritage states which will provide greater protection and funding sources.



Gula



Quandamooka Dancers at Kunjiel



Bummiera



Totem Poles Winnam Esplanade



Festival Dancers



Fire Management on Country



Yura Yalingbilla Cruise



Mudlo



Fire Management on Country



Quandamooka Ginyingara



Quandamooka Festival



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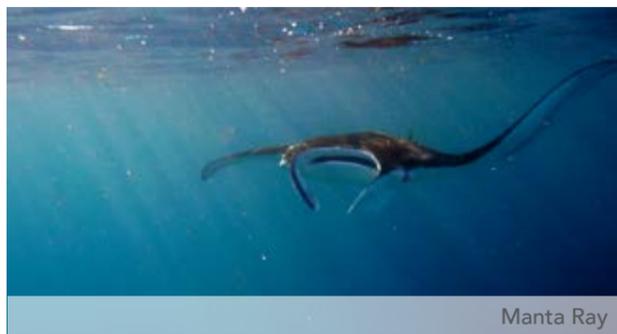
Legislation Blessing at Parliament House



ECO Cabins



Knowledge Sharing



Manta Ray



Camping



Rangers on Country



NRL Allstars Experience



Smoking Ceremony on Mulgumpin



Quandamooka Festival Forum



Babragowi



Culture



Yarrabah Dancers



Smoking Ceremony on Mulgumpin. Photo - Nikki Michail

Engage the Quandamooka People



1. Over 600 Traditional Owners are now QYAC members
2. The Quandamooka brand has the beginnings of a visible presence on Country

5 QYAC membership continues to grow

QYAC membership continues to grow and has reached around 640 members. This growth is a trend for the last two years. The majority of QYAC members live off Quandamooka Country.

5.1 Review the communication roles and responsibilities of QYAC Directors

Whilst the Directors are a point of contact for family group members, the QYAC CEO and staff are the major contact point for the organisation including communication and media. The CEO engages closely with the Board through regular CEO Reports and will send through relevant correspondence or news on issues.

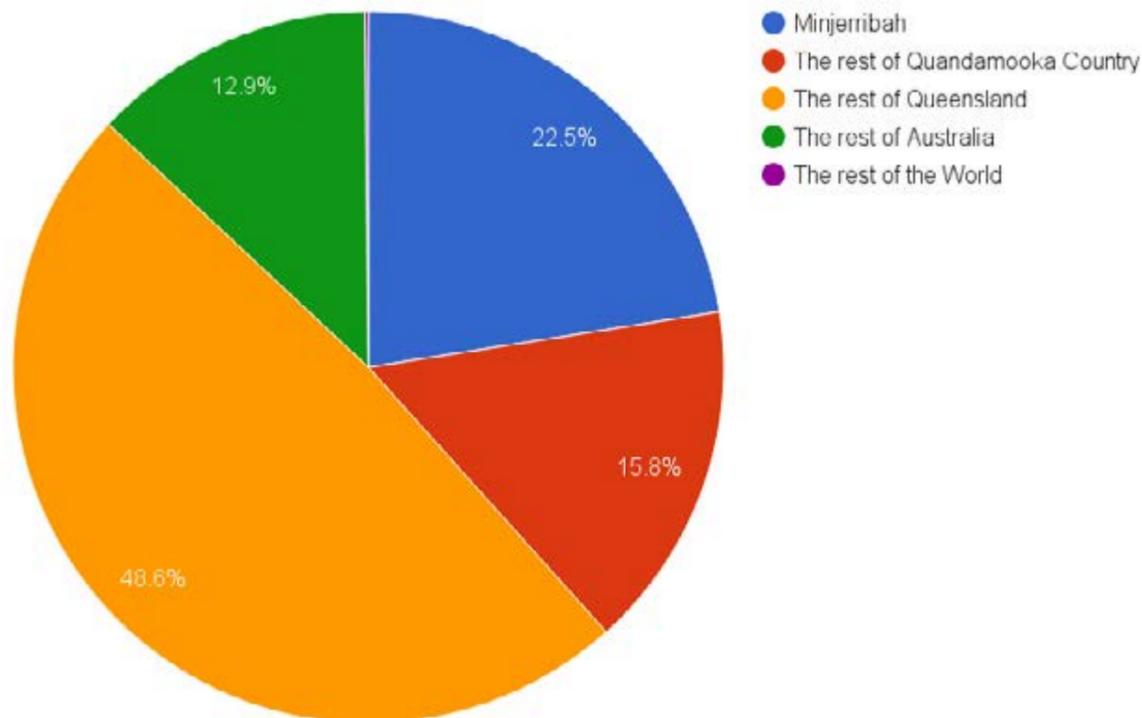
5.2 Co-design and implement an Engagement Strategy

QYAC has used a variety of ways to engage with Quandamooka People through information sessions, email, social media and written newsletters and reports. QYAC also engages our community organisations through the Quandamooka Combined Organisations Forum. Significantly, QYAC's level of community

engagement has increased through the establishment of the Quandamooka Festival and the Community Ranger Program.

This year QYAC also asked Quandamooka People through survey and word of mouth as to what are the best ways to engage with them. This has enabled a communication strategy to be developed.

Where do QYAC Members Live?



Communication Strategy

What do we communicate?

- Strategic Plan achievements
- QYAC achievements
- Goals of QYAC
- Projects that impact the community and TOs
- Native Title Information

Who do we consult?

- Internal - QYAC Elders in Council
- Internal - QYAC Board of Directors
- Internal - QYAC Staff
- Internal - QYAC sub committees
- External - QYAC members + Traditional Owners
- External - Aboriginal organisations on Country
- External - Local councils and ministers
- External - Local, state and federal Government
- External - Philanthropic Organisations

How and when do we communicate?

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| • Media | - when relevant |
| • Facebook members group | - share or post member info when relevant |
| • Facebook public page | - share or post relevant info 1-10 times a week |
| • E-news for members | - monthly or when required |
| • E-news for public subscribers | - monthly or quarterly |
| • Newsletter in print | - quarterly |
| • Website | - continual information source |
| • Annual Report | - annually |
| • Annual General Meeting | - annually |



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Newsletters

Producing and distributing a print newsletter allows QYAC to communicate with not only members but broader community. It also allows audiences who are not already familiar with QYAC to be engaged.

The June 2016 issue of Quandamooka News informed readers of QYAC projects and achievements, QALSMA Land and Sea work and further strategic partnerships.

500 copies of print newsletter were distributed and a digital copy was also further distributed via email and a Facebook link.

Website

A new QYAC website is being developed. Within the research stage it was identified that a group of websites which interlink will better serve website users. QYAC now has many varying facets of the organisation which does not necessarily relate from a user experience point of view.

Research conducted with QYAC staff showed the information which needs to be 'one-click' access on the new website and also processes which can be automated to relieve staff of repetitive tasks.

Facebook page and group

The QYAC public Facebook page continues to be a great platform to share information and circulate issues relating to QYAC.

QYAC also hosts a Facebook group for members which focuses on information relevant to members only. We currently have 297 members on the site and have a steady rate of growth.

Facebook public page fans statistics



5.3 Utilise the knowledge of the Quandamooka Elders

This year the QYAC EIC were engaged to assist QYAC with a range of native title and operational issues. This included advice on withdrawing the High Court Proceedings against the Queensland Government and about progressing the Native Title Claims.

A range of issues associated with the management of the National Park were also raised at the 24-26 June EIC meeting at Tangalooma on Mulgumpin. These included:

- Future management of the Traditional Owner Camping Area at the Causeway at Main Beach
- Potential ban of smoking at QPWS visitor facility areas under health regulations
- Future management of Traditional Owner access within the National Park
- Traditional Owner's desired outcomes relating to the management of fire within the National Park and consistency between the management of fire on North Stradbroke Island and Moreton Island
- Opportunities for further engagement of Elders in developing frameworks for the management of the National Park

Elders from across community have also been engaged in the development of the Quandamooka Festival and for requests for Welcomes to Country.



QYAC Elders in Council met on Mulgumpin. Photo - Jennifer Jones

6 The Quandamooka brand has the beginnings of a visible presence on Country

The Quandamooka brand is taking hold across Country and beyond through a number of strategies that are gaining traction with the broader community, government and industry.

6.1 Develop the Quandamooka brand identity

The Quandamooka Festival was a major contributor to the increased brand awareness. Over 50 events from July to September 2015 meant that the Quandamooka brand was consistently promoted from mainland to the island. The Festival theme was “celebrating Quandamooka Country, culture and people”. This was promoted heavily through programs, posters, banners, Youtube and merchandise. The festival also promoted the Jandai language and our welcome – “Yura” – to promote it as the welcome for Quandamooka Country.

In addition, QYAC continues to promote the Quandamooka brand on its Facebook and website.

QYAC also engaged an experienced publicist this year to assist its campaign to protect Quandamooka native title rights. As such, the Quandamooka People were actively and positively portrayed in the mainstream media. QYAC has also actively promoted the transition from the name “North Stradbroke Island” to Minjerribah. QYAC also constantly refers to Jandai language and was active in promoting the name change from Russell Island to Canaipa.

6.2 Erect acknowledgment and welcome signage on Country

In 2015 there was a further increase of National Parks signage that acknowledged Quandamooka Aboriginal Land across several sites across Minjerribah. QYAC continues to advocate for dual language signage at the entrance to townships and has also been able to secure a Quandamooka Entrance Sign as an element in the Draft Economic Transition Strategy (ETS). Further, QYAC has lobbied to have a Cultural Centre in the ETS.

6.2 Establish a Tourism, Arts and Events Committee

QYAC established an Arts, Tourism and Events Committee. The main activity the Committee focused on was the development of the inaugural Quandamooka Festival to celebrate the country, culture and people of Quandamooka. The CEO continues to implement the Committee’s agenda.

QYAC actively engages with the Tourism sector with the view that it will provide a number of opportunities for revenue to the organisation and the community. Through the CEO QYAC:

- Continues on the Board of the SCC
- Is a member of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) and a member of QTIC’s Indigenous Champion Network
- Is a representative on the Straddie’s Signature Package with RCC, Chamber of Commerce, Brisbane Marketing, and Queensland Tourism and Events. A key outcome was the “Quandamooka Man” video of Matt Burns
- Has a representative on the Redlands Tourism Subcommittee recently started by RCC
- QYAC instigated the Sink the Tobruk campaign
- Is currently involved in the development of the Redlands 5-year public art plan which has secured a public art project during the Quandamooka Festival
- Is developing ongoing opportunities for our community through tours and arts projects

Economic Transition Strategy

In January 2015 QYAC successfully secured an election commitment by Labor opposition for \$20 million towards an ETS. There are also a number of tourism initiatives in the ETS that was included as part of the consideration for the *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Other Acts Amendment Act 2016*. QYAC’s consultation with the State has resulted in a number of QYAC eco cultural and education tourism projects incorporated into the document including:

- Cultural Centre
- School refurbishment
- Indigenous sea ranger program
- Whale watching permit
- Quandamooka Festival
- Whale watching interpretation centre
- Whale watching platform
- Minjerribah Camping infrastructure



The widely distributed Quandamooka Festival programs.



Flash Camping.



Ochre. Photo - Michael Costelloe

Nurture Quandamooka Knowledge



1. Create a QYAC knowledge management system
2. Educate Traditional Owners about native title
3. Strengthen the QYAC organisation

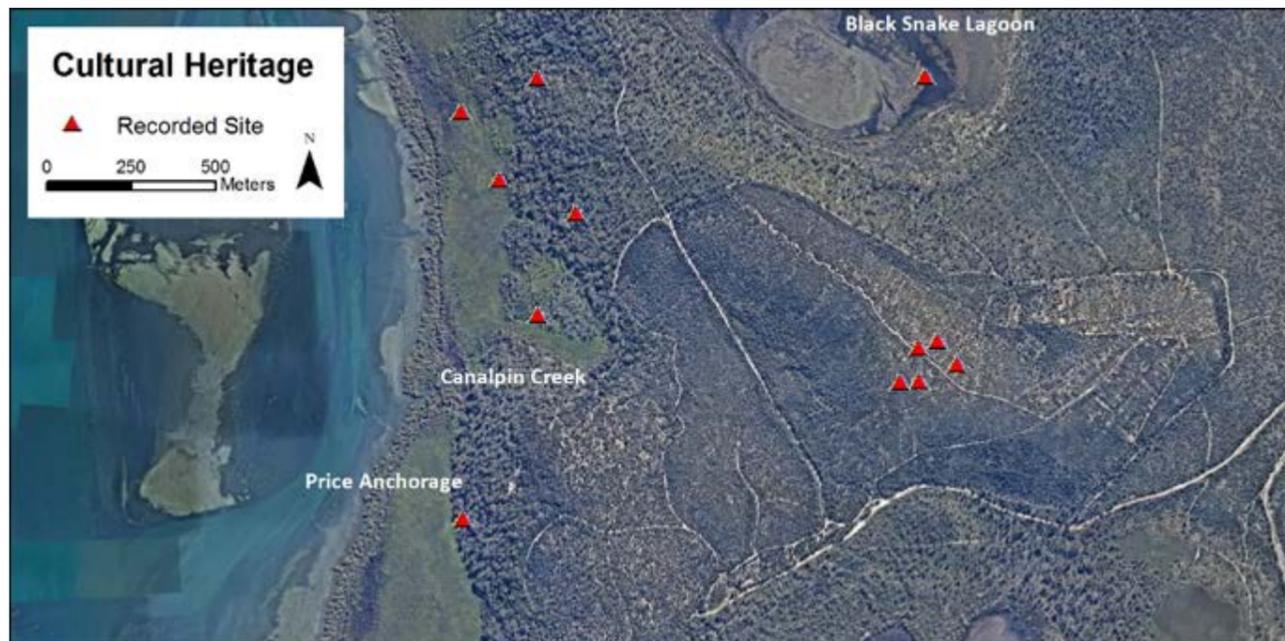
7 Create a QYAC knowledge management system

To ensure knowledge is being protected, QYAC established a cloud based filing and archiving system. QYAC also sent letters to institutions requesting list of Quandamooka artefacts held. During the reporting period, QYAC's Land and Sea Committee has created a database on research undertaken across Moreton Bay.

QYAC has also established a Research Library which contains cultural heritage, archaeological, anthropological, ethnographic, and historical records and research pertaining to Quandamooka Peoples' culture, land and history.

Other databases which have been developed include:

- Cultural Heritage sites and ESRI ArcGIS spatially enabled program to record all Cultural Heritage sites located within the Quandamooka Estate
- ArcGIS spatially enabled mapping layer of all ERO's on Minjerrabah
- Information technology system which records and tracks monitoring activities conducted on the Quandamooka Estate



QYAC's geographical information system depicting Cultural Heritage sites in the Enterprise Mining Lease. Five of these centrally located sites have been impacted in the past.

8 Educate Traditional Owners about native title

QYAC broadened its ways to educate Traditional Owners about native title. The Native Title Determination extract was printed out in large poster size and placed in Notice Boards around the townships on the island. The publicly available clauses of the State and RCC ILUA's were printed out and placed in the reception of QYAC Office, and QYAC actively promoted native title information in its newsletters and social media posts. QYAC continues to hold sessions after the AGM to provide information for Members.

QYAC's native title rights briefing document "Through Native Title to a Glad Tomorrow" for the Queensland Government continues to be a valuable information source to members and stakeholders.

In addition, QYAC established a Cultural Heritage display room to educate Traditional Owners and the public on cultural heritage objects and data collection.



Outside Parliament House Brisbane. Photo - Anthony Broese van Groenou

9 Strengthen the QYAC organisation

9.1 Establish a QYAC Investment Advisory Committee

QYAC has successfully established an Investment Committee. The Investment Committee follows the terms of reference set by the QYAC Board and the Strategic Plan about appropriate investment strategy, advising on new revenue streams, including business proposals, land use and other economic opportunities, providing general financial/corporate advice to the Board and knowledge transfer to Board members and relevant staff.

In 2015-16 the Investment Committee has advised on a range of new revenue streams including renewable energy, transport, waste management, water, bees and honey, sea-foods, whale watching and tourism.

Final proposals on these ventures will be presented to the Board in 2017. They must be commercially viable, culturally appropriate, provide employment and careers, and be environmentally sustainable.

The Investment Committee provided economic analysis that formed part of the numerous public submissions to Government and Parliament about the *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Other Acts Amendment Act 2016*. It was notable, and regrettable that none of the many consultants reports on the impact of mining (including ones critical of mining) made any attempt to measure the impact on the Quandamooka people of the loss of their access to traditional lands and country.

The Committee has also been involved in developing and negotiating proposals for the ETS and the Workers Assistance Package. Project scopes have been discussed for the Minjerribah Knowledge Centre, Refurbishment of the Secondary School Campus, Land and Sea Rangers and the Indigenous Business Development Fund.

9.2 Create options for and implement an investment strategy authorised by Native Title Holders for trust funds

Through the Strategic Planning process it was identified by native title holders that the investment strategy for trust funds is for them to be held in a low risk interest bearing account. The investment committee will explore options in 2017 for the native title holders to consider on their trust funds.

9.3 Establish a large-scale Gift Fund

The Quandamooka People's Gift Fund was established in 2012 with PBI status. The purpose of setting up the Gift Fund was to receive philanthropic funds and gifts. With QYAC itself now having formally obtained charity and PBI status it is to be determined whether a separate Gift Fund is required.



Aunty Evelyn Parkin's weaving in progress. Photo - Nikki Michail



Example of proposed revenue steam ventures



Ceramic Yalingbilla by Delvene Cockatoo-Collins. Photo - Nikki Michail

Encourage Innovative Thinking



1. All projects and operations have been self-funded
2. Conserve ex-gratia royalties and other Native Title compensative monies

10 All projects and operations have been self-funded

QYAC continues to develop business units with the aim for them to be self-funding. The cultural heritage unit is currently self-funding and QBS will continue to work towards that goal.

With its PBI status QYAC will look to further explore philanthropic opportunities in the coming year. QYAC continues to seek grant funding as a key source for operations.

QYAC through its Investment Committee continues to progress feasibility and establishment of new enterprises to develop new income streams to QYAC.



NRL Allstars Experience. Photo - Redland City Bulletin

10.1 Establish a Quandamooka Business unit in QYAC to access new revenue sources

This year QBS increased the number of projects and operational grants as well as business opportunities. QBS continued to establish, internal policies and tenders were prepared for a range of contracts and contracts awarded for work on Quandamooka country.

QBS projects completed within the reporting period include:

- Minjerribah Camping - Architectural services regarding designs
- Transport and Main Roads - Myora Springs culvert works
- Minjerribah Camping - Adams Beach site clean up
- RCC - Point Lookout boardwalk revegetation
- QPWS - Feral Animal Management
- QPWS - Fire trail management in National Park
- QPWS - Maintenance of Traditional Owner Camp Ground in the National Park
- RCC - Fire trail management in Speedy's Lane
- QPWS - Peel Island Barge landing
- Minjerribah Camping - NRL Allstars Experience
- Human Rights Commission - Indigenous Banking Forum
- Tourism bookings for performers and Welcomes to Country

11 Conserve ex-gratia royalties and other native title compensative monies

Our Native Title Benefit funds continue to grow from mining royalties received and remain in a separate interest bearing account. Any interest gained also remains in the account.

This year the royalties commenced to be calculated on a formula basis. As such there was an increase in royalty funds.



An aerial view of part of Quandamooka land and sea



Minjerribah, Main Beach. Photo - Helen Groombridge

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for the year ended 30 June 2016*



**Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
and Controlled Entities (ICN: 7564)**

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present this report on the Corporation for the financial year ended 30 June 2016

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Valerie Cooms	Leigh Gross (Appointed November 2015)
Leigh McPhail	Evelyn Parkin (Resigned November 2015)
Christine O'Keeffe (Resigned November 2015)	Jeanette Burns
Dwayne Little	Gavin Costelloe (Resigned November 2015)
Karen Rylance	Donald Costelloe (Appointed November 2015)
Dean Parkin	David Burns (Alternate for Donald Costelloe)
Paul Martin	Nyaree Mewett (Appointed November 2015)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

Operating result

The surplus of the Corporation for the financial year after income tax was \$355,588 (2015: \$327,723).

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Corporation during the financial year was Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Quandamooka People. The Corporation's main investment was in the Minjerribah Camping Partnership.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

No significant changes in the Corporation's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may affect the operations of the Corporation, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Corporation in subsequent financial years.

Environmental Issues

The Corporation's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Directors' Benefits

No director has received or has become entitled to receive, during or since the end of the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the Corporation or a related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest.

**Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	Note	Consolidated 2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME			
Grant income	2	708,825	1,099,351
Other income	2	1,669,834	785,971
		2,378,659	1,885,322
EXPENDITURE			
Accountancy & audit fees		67,946	18,586
Advertising and marketing		22,885	47,829
Bank charges		908	565
BlakDance expenses		-	18,214
Computer expenses		21,731	15,911
Consultancy fees		271,367	171,953
Cultural Events		2,590	3,236
Cultural heritage		118,444	158,307
Cultural Tracks/ Vibe		-	21,885
Depreciation		21,133	37,816
Electricity		2,489	2,969
Equipment and materials		31,801	1,299
Filing fees		658	243
Freight Paid		24	8
Insurance		7,800	10,532
Interest paid		59	4,064
Jandai Language		-	725
QBS Labour hire		303,972	121,606
Land Management		14,815	4,290
Lease expenses		6,969	20,022
Legal costs		70,805	191,208
Memberships		707	270
Meeting & board costs		26,789	10,709
Motor vehicle expenses		22,509	14,660
Office requisites		26,620	24,636
Publicist		60,701	55,904
Quandamooka Dance Program		-	4,945
Rates		29,768	11,476
Rent		-	13,740

**Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	Note	Consolidated	
		2016 \$	2015 \$
Repairs and maintenance		2,718	398
Statement of Recognition		-	21,000
Sundry expenses		25,968	36,149
Superannuation contributions		69,481	41,927
Telephone		18,145	12,907
Travelling		29,321	-
Training		1,090	1,915
Uniforms		6,684	1,035
Wages		736,174	454,660
		<u>2,023,071</u>	<u>1,557,599</u>
Surplus before income tax		355,588	327,723
Income tax expense	1 (a)	-	-
Surplus after income tax	8	<u>355,588</u>	<u>327,723</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

	Note	Consolidated	
		2016 \$	2015 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	5,682,385	4,046,273
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	1,375,041	1,220,658
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,057,426</u>	<u>5,266,931</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	775,411	776,539
Investments	6	1,704,281	1,383,650
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,479,692</u>	<u>2,160,189</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>9,537,118</u>	<u>7,427,120</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	7	6,246,001	4,491,591
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,246,001</u>	<u>4,491,591</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>6,246,001</u>	<u>4,491,591</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>3,291,117</u>	<u>2,935,529</u>
EQUITY			
Retained surplus	8	3,291,117	2,935,529
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>3,291,117</u>	<u>2,935,529</u>

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Controlled Entities (ICN: 7564)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC is a corporation domiciled in Australia. The address of the Corporation's registered office is 100 East Coast Road, Dunwich, Queensland. The Corporation a prescribed body corporate, as defined in the Native Title Act 1993, in relation to the Quandamooka Native Title Claim. Its role is to hold, protect and manage determined native title in accordance with the objectives of the Quandamooka People.

In the opinion of the directors, the Corporation is not a reporting entity. This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for distribution to the members, and for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

The directors have prepared the financial report in accordance with the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110: Events Occurring After Reporting Date;

AASB 1031: Materiality; and

AASB 1048 Interpretation and Application of Standards

No other Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of entities controlled by Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (as the parent entity) at the end of the reporting period. A controlled entity is an entity over which Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The controlled entities included in the consolidated financial statements are:

- Quandamooka People's Gift Fund
- Quandamooka MC Holdings Pty Ltd

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intragroup balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated group have been eliminated in full on consolidation.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a. **Income Tax**

The income tax expense (income) for the year comprises current income tax expense (income). The corporation does not recognise deferred tax assets or liabilities.

b. **Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Corporation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

c. **Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the directors review the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

d. **Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the Corporation's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

e. **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Corporation has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

f. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

g. **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from customers for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

h. **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the Corporation is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

i. **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

j. **Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Corporation during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

k. **Ex-Gratia Royalty Payments**

Royalties received by the Corporation as a result of entering into Indigenous Land Use Agreements are held on behalf of the Quandamooka People. These amounts are disclosed in the financial statements as cash and receivables with a corresponding current liability to the Quandamooka People.

Interest earned on Ex-Gratia Royalty cash at bank accumulates to the liability to the Quandamooka People. The Corporation does not recognise this interest as revenue. This is a change in accounting policy from the prior year where interest was treated as income to QYAC. Comparative financial information has been amended to reflect this change in policy.

l. **Investments**

Investments represent the fair value of the Corporations interest in ventures entered into for the benefit of the Quandamooka People

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: INCOME		
Grant income		
DPMC – IAS Rangers Grant	115,000	-
Department of Environment & Resource Management	141,290	279,491
Department of Natural Resources and Mines	-	580,000
Department of Justice and Attorney-General	-	44,000
SEQ Sea Country Grant	59,540	19,980
State Grant	112,909	-
Indigenous Land Corporation	-	82,000
RCC Grant	55,455	33,000
Festival income	124,632	60,880
Minjerribah Camping Grant	100,000	-
	708,825	1,099,351
Other income		
Distribution from Minjerribah Camping	-	28,500
Gain on Contribution of assets and liabilities from QLC	-	26,583
Rental income – Minjerribah Camping	220,631	215,250
Cultural Heritage monitoring & training	189,257	71,864
Cultural Heritage surveys	198,418	147,751
Land Management income	136,994	79,545
Interest income	239	-
Miscellaneous Income	75,312	97,179
QBS Contracts	630,983	119,299
QPWS - Ranger	218,000	-
	1,669,834	785,971
TOTAL INCOME	2,378,659	1,885,322
NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Port of Brisbane funds	574,207	573,969
Petty Cash	48	-
QYAC Royalties account	5,040,204	3,412,491
Other cash at bank	67,926	59,813
	5,682,385	4,046,273

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER DEBTORS		
Ex-gratia royalties receivable**	1,063,910	840,000
Rent receivable from Minjerribah Camping	157,000	157,000
Other receivables	154,131	223,658
	<u>1,375,041</u>	<u>1,220,658</u>

**Royalties from sand mining operations will still be received up until 2019. The agreement stipulates that up to 30 June 2015, \$840,000 was the minimum royalty amount that would be received and was therefore included as a receivable. For the years ended 30 June 2016 to 30 June 2019 there is no minimum royalty amount. Subsequent to the end of the year QYAC received \$1,063,910 in royalty payments for the 2015/16 financial year.

NOTE 5: PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land and Building	649,200	649,200
Office Furniture & Equipment	85,241	65,236
Less accumulated depreciation	(43,411)	(37,824)
	<u>41,830</u>	<u>27,412</u>
Motor Vehicles	125,908	125,908
Less accumulated depreciation	(41,527)	(25,981)
	<u>84,381</u>	<u>99,927</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>775,411</u>	<u>776,539</u>

NOTE 6: INVESTMENTS

NON-CURRENT

Investment in Minjerribah Camping Partnership		
Opening balance	1,383,650	1,139,900
Acquisition via reinvestment of rent received	220,631	215,250
Acquisition via reinvestment of profit distribution	-	28,500
Acquisition via grants received by MCP	100,000	-
Closing balance	<u>1,704,281</u>	<u>1,383,650</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade and other payables	43,443	185,882
Quandamooka People Ex-Gratia Royalties	6,104,114	4,252,491
GST payable	49,801	31,120
Payroll liabilities	45,420	22,098
Other payables	3,223	-
	<u>6,246,001</u>	<u>4,491,591</u>

NOTE 8: RETAINED SURPLUS

Opening balance	2,935,529	2,607,806
Add: Surplus for the year	355,588	327,723
Closing balance	<u>3,291,117</u>	<u>2,935,529</u>

NOTE 9: PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION

Net surplus after tax	255,588	299,217
Assets		
Current	7,057,781	5,266,931
Non-current	2,351,192	2,131,689
Total Assets	<u>9,408,618</u>	<u>7,398,620</u>
Liabilities		
Current	6,246,001	4,491,591
Non-current	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>6,246,001</u>	<u>4,491,591</u>
Retained surplus	<u>3,162,617</u>	<u>2,907,029</u>

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PKF Hacketts



DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the directors of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2016:

- a. Has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007 (CATSI Regulations), including:
 - i. Compliance with the accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements as indicated in the Notes to the Financial Statements
 - ii. Providing a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
- b. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Chairperson

Director

Dated

21st day of November 2016

**AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 339-50 OF THE
CORPORATIONS (ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER) ACT 2006**

To the directors of Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Controlled Entities

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, there have been no contraventions of:

1. The auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* in relation to the audit; and
2. Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

PKF Hacketts Audit

**Cameron Bradley
Partner**

Brisbane, 21 November 2016

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOUBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation which comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2016, the consolidated income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the Corporation are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The director's responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOUBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation and its controlled entities is in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2016, and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the basis of preparation and accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) to the extent described in Note 1, and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

PKF Hacketts

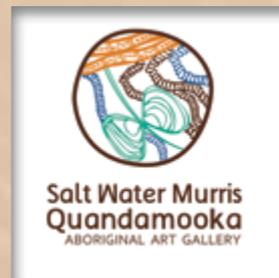
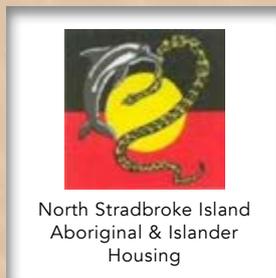
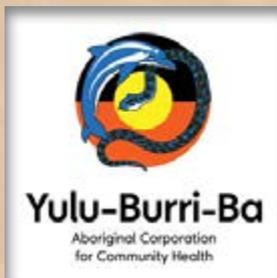
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**Cameron Bradley
Partner**

Brisbane, 21 November 2016

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
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