

# Ngaliya Maguydan

(Our Story)

Annual Report 2019-2020

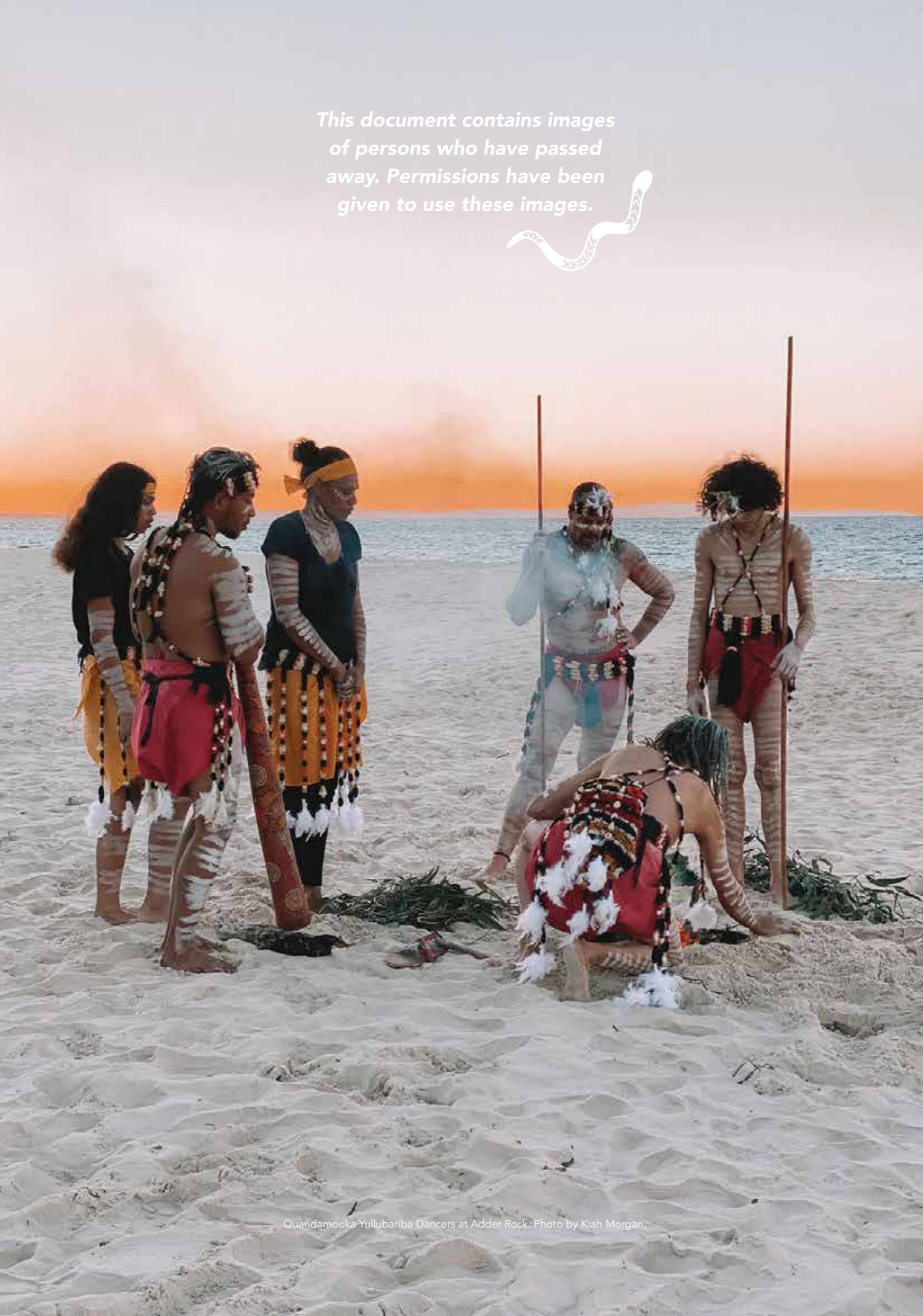
**MULGUMPIN  
MIRRE**

(Reclaim Mulgumpin)



Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee  
Aboriginal Corporation

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## **Bing wangan goorijin baje baru berren, yura. Barahn ngali Quandamooka jarala dandiyirri nyiyaba.**

We acknowledge the creator spirit and Elders past and present. For today we meet and walk on Quandamooka County.

Jandai Language transcribed throughout by Aunty Sandra Delaney

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

CATSI	Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DATSIP	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
DNRME	Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
DSDMIP	Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EHP	Department of Environment and Science
ETS	Economic Transition Strategy
IAS	Indigenous Advancement Strategy
IJMA	Indigenous Joint Management Area
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NBN	National Broadband Network
NSI	North Stradbroke Island
NTA	Native Title Act 1993
OIWG	Operational Implementation Working Group
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate
PDA	Priority Development Area
QALSMA	Quandamooka Land and Sea Management Agency
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (and Partnerships)
QSNTS	Queensland South Native Title Services
QUAMPI	Quandamooka Arts and Cultural Centre
QYAC	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
RCC	Redland City Council
RNTBC	Registered Native Title Body Corporate
SEQ	South East Queensland
SIWG	Senior Implementation Working Group
SMBIs	Southern Moreton Bay Islands
TFMS	Township Fire Management Strategy
VAP	Vehicle Access Permit

## Glossary

<b>Bummeria</b>	Brown Lake
<b>Gumpi</b>	Dunwich
<b>Jaikurubah (Teerk Roo Ra)</b>	Peel Island
<b>Janguwajah</b>	Macleay Island
<b>Kaboora</b>	Blue Lake
<b>Kanaipa (Canaipa)</b>	Russell Island
<b>Kunjiel</b>	Corroboree
<b>Milwahpa</b>	Green Island
<b>Minjerribah</b>	North Stradbroke Island
<b>Minjerribah Ganaba</b>	A Place to Hear, Think and Understand on North Stradbroke Island
<b>Mulgumpin</b>	Moreton Island
<b>Mulgumpin Mirre</b>	Reclaim Mulgumpin
<b>Nandihbi (Nandeebie)</b>	Cleveland
<b>Pulan</b>	Amity Point
<b>Yalingbila</b>	Whale
<b>Yalingbila Bibula</b>	Whale on the Hill



Firefighters during the September 2019 Bushfires.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



This financial year saw us gain Native Title over 98% of Mulgumpin. The authorisation meeting held in September 2019 was one of the largest in Queensland. In less than 10 years, QYAC has become the largest land holder, accommodation provider and employer on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

The Queensland government funded the Economic Transition Strategy and engaged QYAC to implement more than \$11 million worth of the \$20 million allocated. This has resulted in 9 more eco tents within Minjerribah Camping at both Bradburys and Cylinder Beach grounds, and a refurbishment of the Minjerribah Ganaba training centre amongst others.

Traditional Owners and local people have gained many skills and qualifications including coxswain tickets, certificates II and III in Conservation and Land Management, Business, as well as Tourism and Hospitality through Minjerribah Ganaba.

COVID-19 presented unparalleled challenges and, despite this, the Quandamooka Land and Sea Management Agency (QALSMA) continues to care for country like no other, including fire management, weed control, and marine park management as well as Cultural Heritage protection.

Quandamooka Native Title determined areas extend to Mulgumpin as well as the mainland. The mainland Native Title Determination Application being the next to be finalised in the near future.

Again, it has been an honour working with our CEO Cameron Costello, QALSMA Manager, Darren Burns, Ganaba Manager, Nyaree Mewett, and Cultural Heritage Manager, Karen McFadden to name a few. Also, a huge thank you to QYAC's Directors, our members, Elders and Traditional Owners.

Dr Valerie Cooms  
QYAC Chairperson

# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



I am extremely proud to present Ngaliya Maguydan (Our Story) 2019-2020 that highlights the ongoing ascendancy of the Quandamooka People's progress through native title to a glad tomorrow for our children's children. There was so many highlights this financial year that demonstrate the strength of our society and growth of progress since 2011.

Caring for Country through QALSMA led by Darren Burns has been significant. The Township Fire Management Strategies have been progressing, and we continue to protect our cultural heritage sites across Quandamooka Country. The cessation of mining occurred, and we are now in a new phase of cooperation with Sibelco to heal our lands and rehabilitate.

The Economic Transition Strategy is a growing success story. We are progressing significant infrastructure projects on Country. Minjerribah Ganaba, Yalingbila Bibula and QUAMPI cultural centre continue toward construction.

COVID-19 halted our progress in the last quarter of the year. This meant we had to significantly adjust our operations in March 2020. We did not hesitate to work with the Palaszczuk State Government whose response ensured the safety of island residents took

precedence over economic outcomes. Unfortunately, the Quandamooka Festival was cancelled and our sea-based whale watching tours are not operating in 2020. But rest assured they will back better than ever in 2021. Despite no income for three months under COVID-19, our financial performance was still strong, and we remain viable and profitable.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was to Reclaim Mulgumpin for our Ancestors. To witness the largest ever Native Title Authorisation meeting in Queensland history was one of the proudest moments for QYAC, and for me personally. The majority of Quandamooka People, adorned in their t-shirts, made a very clear and strong declaration that native title over Mulgumpin was essential to create a glad tomorrow. The meeting also clearly voted for QYAC to be its ongoing representative body, and I sincerely thank the Quandamooka People for their ongoing confidence in QYAC.

Native Title is delivering. Delivering jobs for our people, delivering Caring for Country outcomes, and delivering a powerful land base that will be the foundation of prosperity for future generations.

I am so proud of and thank our staff that deliver day in and day out for community. I thank our

members whose continued growth in numbers is an indicator of their trust and support. We will continue to deliver for you. I want to thank our wonderful volunteer QYAC Board led by Chair Aunty Val Cooms and Secretary Leigh McPhail and the Board of Minjerribah Camping. Both Boards provided a steady hand in uncertain times. I must also mention our Applicants, Uncle Bob Anderson and Aunty Evelyn Parkin who, with our other Elders in QYAC, have continued their relentless support and advocacy for our endeavours and display a model of leadership grounded in dignity and grace.

2021 will be the 10-year celebration of our Native Title Determination. So, finally, I want to pay tribute to our beloved Aunty Joan Hendriks, whose unwavering commitment to progressing a glad tomorrow through Native Title for her children's children will endure through the securing of her Nughu homeland - Mulgumpin. She will be missed and never forgotten.

Cameron Costello  
QYAC CEO

Image: Cameron Costello, Future Tourism Campaign. Photo courtesy of Courier Mail.

## QYAC's response to COVID-19

The coronavirus pandemic has been a defining factor of this financial year and must be acknowledged for the impact that it has had on QYAC and the community. From February 2020, to prevent the spread of the virus in Australia, nation-wide restrictions were incrementally introduced on travel, social gatherings and business activity. Further travel restrictions were imposed in Queensland on 25 March, which included non-essential travel bans to Minjerribah, Mulgumpin and K'gari (Fraser Island) to protect the communities.

While the lockdown period was challenging, protecting the health of our community and Elders was the top priority. Thanks to the flexibility and commitment of QYAC staff over the time of COVID-19, there were no cases recorded within our team or the community during this time.

Under the restrictions, QYAC channelled staff and resources into projects to help the community, care for Country, and prepare to bounce back when it was safe to reopen Minjerribah and Mulgumpin to visitors. The QYAC Care Army was established to provide support to our Quandamooka Elders living on Minjerribah. The Care Army arranged for meal delivery to Elders and operated the Yarabin Café to provide free coffee and biscuits to health care workers on the island.

In early May, as cases dropped in Queensland and across Australia, the Queensland government and health authorities incrementally removed travel restrictions to Minjerribah, Mulgumpin and K'gari. Day trippers were allowed to return to the islands from 15 May, and overnight stays from 1 June. Social restrictions, such as capacity limits and sign-in for contact tracing, remained in place. Local businesses were able to open under COVIDSafe Plans and, as of 30 June 2020, are on track to bounce back as tourism returns to the region.

The reality of living in a COVID-19 world means that it may be some time before we can welcome international visitors back to Quandamooka Country. Until then, the future of our tourism will be the domestic market.



# QYAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(as at 30 June 2020)



Charlene Gordon  
Lillian Lyons



David Burns  
Mary Indoole Compigne



Earl Morgan  
Nellie / Lilly Kidgeri



Gavin Costelloe  
Tommy Nuggin



Jeanette Burns  
King Billy Toompani



Jody Coghill  
Charlie Moreton  
(Dandruba)



Karen Rylance  
Weenyeeba



Leigh McPhail  
Kindara



Lizzie Borey  
Liza Jungerboi



Lorraine Hatton  
Juno (Gonzales)



Mollie O'Connor  
King Billy Toompani  
Alternate



Paul Martin  
Tilly Dalton



Dr Valerie Cooms  
Elizabeth Ruska



Polka Point Cultural Landscape, Goompi, Minjerribah.

## Sub-committees of the Board

QYAC has a number of Sub-Committees that meet regularly during the year to consider matters relating to their area. The Committee then provides advice to the CEO and where appropriate makes recommendations to the QYAC Board for consideration and decisions.

### Land and Sea Management Committee

The Land and Sea Management Committee oversees land and sea management of the Quandamooka Estate. The committee met twelve times in the financial year. Members of this committee are: Professor Darryl Low Choy (Chair), Dr Valerie Cooms, Cameron Costello and Darren Burns.

### Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

The objective of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee is to provide assurance and assistance to the Board on QYAC's financial performance and its investment decision making. The committee met four times in the financial year. Members of the committee are: Eddie Senatore (Chair), Cameron Costello and Dr Valerie Cooms.

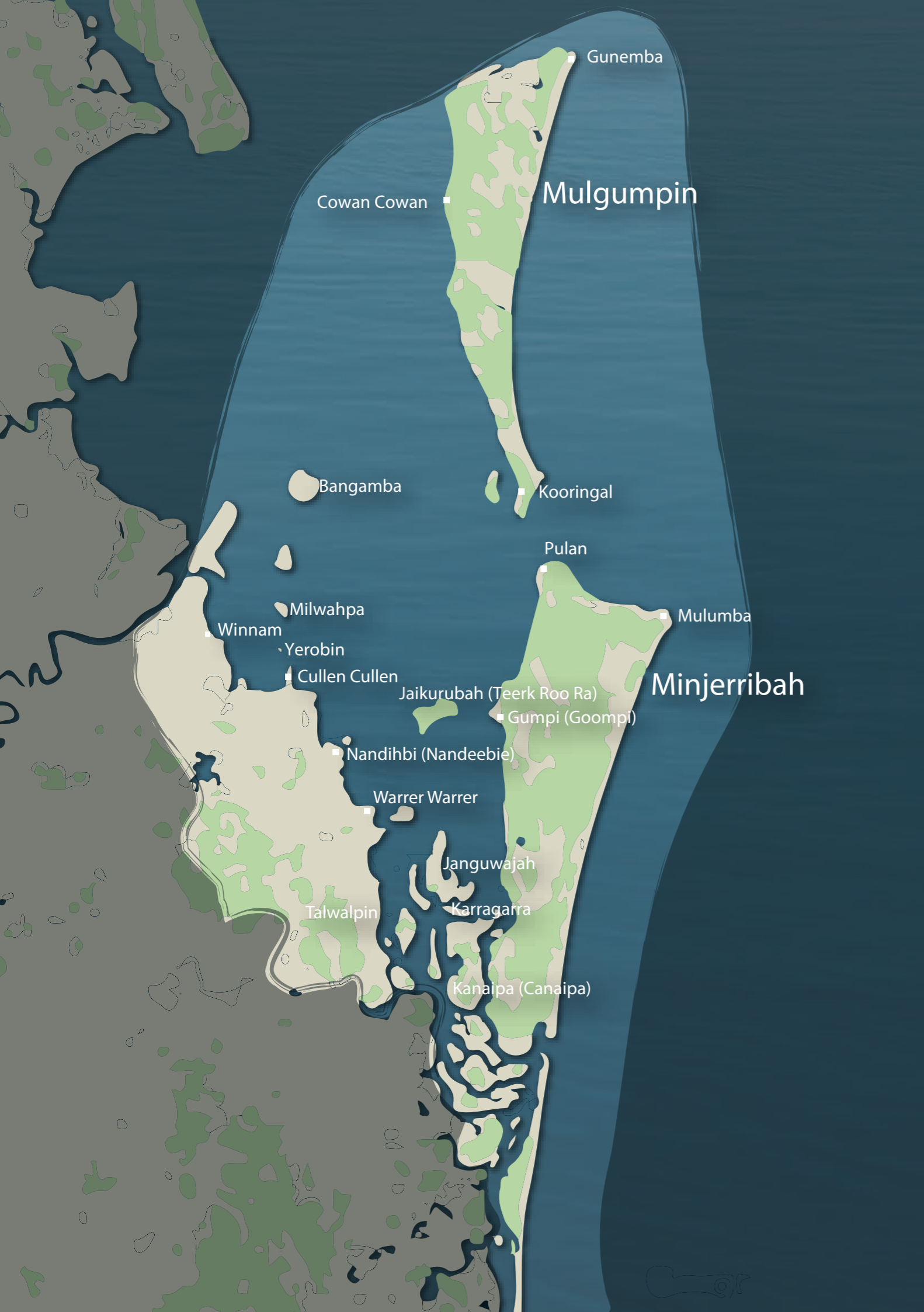
### Investment Committee

The Investment Committee builds the capacity of the Quandamooka People through investment that is low to medium risk, is culturally appropriate, environmentally sustainable and is in accordance with the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and

QYAC Rule Book. The committee met three times in the financial year. Members of this committee are: Howard Guille (Chair), Cameron Costello, Eddie Senatore, Dr Valerie Cooms and Leigh McPhail.

## Minjerribah Camping Board of Directors

Minjerribah Camping is an ASIC registered company owned by QYAC. The Minjerribah Camping Board of Directors are responsible for the oversight and good management of the holiday parks, foreshore camping and 4WD permitting on Minjerribah. Members of the Board are: Dr Valerie Cooms (Chair), Cameron Costello, Darren Burns, James McNamara, Jason Pflugst and Leigh McPhail.



## OUR ORGANISATION

QYAC is a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC), which is also known as a Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC). QYAC was created in 2011 under the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA), which requires native title groups to create a PBC to manage their recognised native title rights and interests.

The Quandamooka rights and interests on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) include, but are not limited to:

- The right to:
- possess, occupy, use and enjoy the land;
  - live and be present on the area, including accessing and traversing the area;
  - take, use, share and exchange Traditional National Resources and seawater for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes;
  - conduct burial rites;
  - conduct ceremonies;
  - teach on the area about the physical and spiritual attributes of the area; and to
  - maintain places of importance and areas of significance to the native title holders under their traditional laws and customs and protect those places and areas from physical harm.

In accordance with the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993, QYAC is registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC), 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 submits General Reports to ORIC annually. QYAC is also the registered Cultural Heritage Body under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (QLD), 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)
- Planning Act 2016 (QLD)

QYAC and the Quandamooka People and the Estate are specifically referenced in the Queensland State Government and local government policies:

- Queensland Eco Tourism Strategy 2016-2020
- Shaping SEQ: The SEQ Regional Plan
- North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy (NSI ETS)
- Redland City Council (RCC) Tourism Strategy 2015-2020
- RCC Corporate Plan 2018-2023
- RCC Operational Plan 2018-2019 and 2019-2020



# QYAC'S VISION, VALUES AND GOALS

## QYAC's Vision

Quandamooka People caring for Country in a viable economy using traditional and modern knowledge.

Caring for Country heals us both –  
HEAL COUNTRY, HEAL PEOPLE.

Being a Quandamooka person means caring for Quandamooka Country. As we care for our Country, we heal the spirit that lives in ourselves and in our Country.

Our knowledge of Country lives in ourselves and in our Country. Our Elders help us to learn and connect with Quandamooka knowledge –  
Traditional AND Modern knowledge.



## QYAC's Values

The Quandamooka community's message to QYAC's leaders:  
We want you to...

**Be a model** – “for other first nations”

**Walk in both worlds** – “sustainable ecosystems close to Brisbane”

**Walk through new doors** – “have courage - stop worrying about others opinions”

**Encourage Quandamooka initiative** – “provide land but don't run every program”

**Manage in traditional ways** – “follow cultural procedure with everything QYAC does”

**Remember to breathe** – “don't get so caught in 'native title business' that you are not able to enjoy being there”

**Benefit ALL the community with native title** – “not just those who live on the island”

**Dynamic and optimistic** – “no fear and negativity on the board”

## QYAC's Strategic Goals

Our three strategic goals are:

**Secure the Quandamooka Estate**

**Engage and Protect Quandamooka knowledge**

**Become self sufficient**

The QYAC Strategic Plan is the foundation for the 2019-2020 Annual Report.

Image: Uncle Robert Anderson and Aunty Evelyn Parkin at the Mulgumpin Native Title Determination.



Mulgumpin (Moreton Island)

Goal One Performance Report:

# SECURE THE ESTATE



## Complete acquisition of Quandamooka Country

In the past year, QYAC continued to advance the Quandamooka People's native title aspirations in progressing the acquisition of other areas of Quandamooka Country through the Quandamooka Claims Negotiation Team. The Team was comprised of Uncle Robert Anderson OAM (Applicant), Aunty Evelyn Parkin, Cameron Costello, Daniel Crouch, Darren Burns, Leigh McPhail, Nyaree Mewett and Dr Valerie Cooms.

### Quandamooka People #4 - Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) Claim

Mulgumpin ngaliya jara (Mulgumpin - Our Country)

On the 27 November 2019 and with great joy, the Quandamooka People welcomed Justice Rangiah's determination of Native Title over 98% of Mulgumpin. Justice Rangiah stated that it was a formal recognition of what the Traditional Owners had always known. He said it was a day of celebration for the Quandamooka people but the suffering they experienced through colonisation should be remembered.

The Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) associated with the determination was authorised by the Quandamooka People in Gumpi (Dunwich) on 30 of September 2019, which provided Quandamooka People access to their Country. This gathering of Quandamooka People was the largest Authorisation meeting in Queensland's history, where a significant majority of Quandamooka People voted to have the determination and ILUA's authorised, and for QYAC to be the PBC.



Part of the compensation for the determination of Native Title was Aboriginal Land Tenure and Joint Management of the National Park on Mulgumpin. Joint Management provides employment opportunities, increased access to the area, the ability to influence and participate in decisions regarding the land, and increased participation in the protection and management of the Island.

Despite objections, the ILUA was finally registered on the 29 May 2020.

### Tangalooma Resort ILUA

During the negotiations with the State of Queensland regarding the Mulgumpin determination, a Tangalooma Resort ILUA was also negotiated. This is also for the benefit of Quandamooka People, including Tangalooma paying the Quandamooka People rent for the occupation of their lands.

Image: Top; Quandamooka People voting to authorise ILUAs, Mulgumpin Determination and QYAC as PBC at Gumpi. Bottom; Uncle Robert Anderson and Justice Rangiah at the Mulgumpin Native Title Determination.



Quandamooka People celebrating Mulgumpin Native Title Determination.

**On 25 February 2012**, the Quandamooka People #4 Claim over Mulgumpin was authorised by the Quandamooka native title claim group. At the meeting, Aunty Evelyn Parkin and Uncle Robert Anderson were authorised by those present as Applicants for the Claim.

**On 8 November 2014**, the claim was filed in the Federal Court by legal representatives, QSNTS. The claim area includes all of Mulgumpin, up to the high water mark. There was no sea country included in the claim as this is covered in future claims.

**On 25 March 2015**, the claim was accepted for registration by the National Native Title Tribunal.

**In April 2017**, the State agreed to progress towards a consent determination of native title.

**On 1 December 2018**, QSNTS attempted to assist in the authorisation of the Mulgumpin Native Title Claim. The meeting was disrupted and was adjourned till 2019.

**On 30 September 2019** the ILUAs, determination, and QYAC as PBC were authorised by the Quandamooka People.

**On 27 November 2019**, the Federal Court awarded Quandamooka People a consent determination over 98% of Mulgumpin.



**On 29 May 2020**, the Mulgumpin Area ILUA and Tangalooma Resort ILUAs were Registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

Image: Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, Aunty Evelyn Parkin and Minister Leeanne Enoch at the Mulgumpin Determination.



**Quandamooka People #5 –  
Quandamooka Coast Claim**

The Quandamooka Coast Claim was originally authorised in February 2012, with the area amended by the claim group at an Authorisation meeting in October 2016 on advice from Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS). QSNTS engaged anthropologist Ray Wood to undertake a connection report on behalf of the Quandamooka People #5 Claim. This report has been submitted to the State Government.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the progress on this matter has somewhat slowed. However, the State has committed to providing a full tenure analysis by mid-August 2020. There were three joinder applications presented to the Court, however information has not been forthcoming from the applicants, who assert Quandamooka connection. The Judge will therefore decide the Joinder application on the papers already received. It is expected that a decision will be made in the forthcoming financial year.

QYAC and the Quandamooka People are looking forward to a Consent Determination over their Mainland Estate in the next financial year.

**Quandamooka People #6 –  
Greater Quandamooka Area Claim**

Due to the complexities of the negotiations for the Mulgumpin Claim and the Quandamooka Coast Claim, the Greater Quandamooka Area Claim has not substantially progressed, mainly due to a lack of funding commitment from QSNTS. QYAC has submitted to QSNTS that, with the completion of the Mulgumpin Determination, funding should now be redirected into the Greater Quandamooka Estate Claim. QYAC expects some progress in this area in the incoming financial year.

**Quandamooka People #1 and #2 –  
ILUA with State Government**

Due to implementation errors that are a result of the changed position of the State in the original Quandamooka People and State ILUA, QYAC and the State have been progressing two additional ILUAs (Area Agreement and PBC Agreement) to validate a range of future and past acts undertaken by the State and others. The negotiations have been extensive, and it is anticipated that the ILUAs will be presented to the Quandamooka People for their authorisation next financial year. There will be an additional compensation package provided in these ILUAs.

**Native Title Notifications**

As a direct result of native title, s24 Future Act Notifications under the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA) are received from the State Government concerning activities proposed to be undertaken within the Quandamooka Estate. QYAC has the opportunity to comment on these applications and provide advice regarding possible impacts to the native title rights and interests of the Quandamooka People.

Quandamooka People, as a result of Joint Management regimes over the National Parks on both Mulgumpin and Minjerribah, have the right to consent or veto significant activities that are proposed to be undertaken in the National Parks. QYAC only refuses applications where it is clear that the cultural and or natural impacts are too high, or the applicant as a history of non-compliance.

Over the financial year, the Cultural Heritage and Native Title Unit, under the direction of the Quandamooka Land and Sea Management Agency (QALSMA), has assessed nearly 100 section 24 Notifications and Permit applications. Permit Applications were down this financial year due to COVID-19 restraints set by the State Government, who placed a moratorium on applications.



Image: Dr Valerie Cooms, Leigh McPhail and Paul Martin at the Mulgumpin Native Title Determination.

## Land Use Planning

### Landbank

In accordance with the ILUA, the land use planning process commenced in 2012 under a Heads of Agreement with the Redland City Council and State Government.

QYAC consulted Quandamooka People, including Elders, on their aspirations for each parcel of land under the ILUA. On 20 November 2011, to identify the Quandamooka Community aspirations, a series of land use planning consultation workshops occurred. The initial Quandamooka Land Use Planning workshop, chaired by Professor Darryl Low Choy from Griffith University, was held for community to develop the Quandamooka Action Plan. All Quandamooka People and organisations were invited. A second workshop was held in November 2012, with invitations to participate open to all Quandamooka People and organisations.

After these consultations, the QYAC Board adopted the Quandamooka Action Plan on 24 November 2012. The Quandamooka Action Plan 2012 is a consolidated and unified view of the Quandamooka People's aspirations and specific land use proposals for Minjerrabah. The Action Plan received recognition for displaying a high level of professionalism and insight, with equal regard for social and environmental sustainability, winning the Wendy Chadwick Encouragement Award and receiving a Public Engagement and Community Planning Award

Commendation at the 2013 Planning Institute of Australia, Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence. Through these awards, the Action Plan was recognised for its innovative and practical model for engaging with community and traditional knowledge in managing complex decisions about the future.

As a result of the consultation, and to achieve the aspirations of the Quandamooka People, QYAC has nominated land to be drawn down into the Quandamooka Land Bank in accordance with the ILUA. The State Government is in the process of reviewing those nominations against State Interests, with input from the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES). RCC has declined to implement zoning changes to assist Quandamooka People to realise their aspiration and exercise their Native Title rights by living on their Traditional Country. For people to live on their Estate legally, the current zones need to be changed to residential zoning. The State has indicated that they can direct Redland City Council to change their zonings through making and amending their local planning instrument to enable Quandamooka People to live on Country. QYAC is hopeful that this aspiration can be realised in the next financial year.

Once the land bank is finalised, the Land Allocation Policy will be taken to and authorised by the Quandamooka People.

### The Gumpi Master Plan

The Gumpi Master Plan is a Queensland Government initiative under the Minjerrabah ETS. The plan is being developed as a tripartite agreement with Redland City Council, the State of Queensland and QYAC.

The master plan will seek to:

- identify areas for future residential, commercial, community, environmental and industrial land uses;
- explore ways to better tell the Quandamooka story to visitors;
- identify necessary upgrades to infrastructure and services to improve liveability;
- acknowledge and respect cultural, social and environmental values; and,
- enhance the town's role and appeal as a tourism-friendly destination and gateway to Minjerrabah.

Stage 1 of the project involved a series of engagement events with community members and stakeholders, surveys regarding people's values and aspirations for the township.

Stage 2 involved gaining feedback on preliminary ideas and development scenarios for the area.

The project is continuing into next financial year.

## Reserves/leased lands held by QYAC

Lot 156 on SL6092	Reserve for Scenic, 'Myora Scenic Flore Reserve', Dickson Way, Dunwich
Lot 171 on SL 12421	Reserve for Cemetery, 'Bushland Refuge', Dickson Way, Dunwich
Lot 152 on SL806436	Reserve for Park and Recreation, West Stradbroke Foreshore, North (Amity to Dunwich)
Lot 3 on CP 884282	Reserve for Park and Recreation, 27 Llewellyn Street, Amity
Lot 2 on CP884283	Reserve for Parks, '48-62 Llewellyn Street Wetland', Kindara Street, Amity
Lot 166 on SL9005	Reserve for Recreation, 12 Mile Street, Amity
Lot 1 on CP884285	Reserve for Park and Recreation, 26 Kawana Street, Amity
Lot 154 on SL7653	Reserve for Scenic (Flora), Point Lookout Road, Point Lookout
Lot 159 on SL8330	Reserve for Pasturage, 142-190 'Dickson Way Conservation Area', Dickson Way, Dunwich
Lot 1 on SP247477	Reserve for Cultural Purposes and Open Space, Polka Point, Dunwich
Lot 32 on SL12751	Reserve for Heritage, Historical & cultural Purposes, Bora Ground at Weippin Street Cleveland
Lot 1 on CP 865858	Dunwich Bookings Office
Lot 163 on SL 8381	Adam's Beach Holiday Park
Lot 34 on SP 115965	Bradbury's Beach Holiday Park
Lot 1 on SP199963	Amity Point Holiday Park
Lot 100 on SP206000	Home Beach Holiday Park
Lot 47 on SP207831	Cylinder Beach Holiday Park
Lot 36 SP250105	Reserve for Cultural Purposes, East Coast Road, Dunwich
Lot 39 D90444	Reserve for Scenic Purposes, Rainbow Crescent, Dunwich
Lot 76 SL4907	Reserve for Aboriginal Purposes, The Barracks, Dunwich
Lot 135 & Lot 148 SP 250106	Reserve for Cultural Purposes, East Coast Road, Dunwich
Lot 152 SP297202	Reserve for Recreational Purposes, Brown Lake
Lot 801 D9045	Reserve for Cultural Purposes, Dunwich
Lot 1 SP306495	Reserve for Recreational and Scenic Purposes, Point Lookout
Lot 123 SL8105 and Part Lot 67 SP104056	Reserve for Scenic Purposes, The Pines
Lot 161 SP304733	Reserve for Recreation, East Coast Road Dunwich
Lot 169 SL9059	Reserve for Quarry, North Stradbroke Island
Lot 1 SP228346	Reserve for Historic Cemetery Gumpi
Lot 25 SP160702	Trustee Lease
Lot 3 SP311530	Reserve for Buffer Zones and Environmental Purpose



Kaboorra (Blue Wattle) signpost installation

## Indigenous Protected Areas

### Naree Budjong Djara National Park

QYAC's joint management arrangements with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS) continue to see Naree Budjong Djara National Park managed in collaboration as an Indigenous Joint Management Area (IJMA) to protect the rich cultural and natural values within the national park, conservation park, and recreation area estate. Joint Management Rangers undertake a number of land management activities in fire, pests and weeds, cultural heritage, asset maintenance, and visitor management.

### Management Planning Process

QYAC is jointly progressing the Naree Budjong Djara National Park IJMA Management Plan with QPWS, a process that began in 2018 through the recruitment of a QYAC IJMA Planning Officer. The values-based approach to planning identifies key values of Naree Budjong Djara and the strategies required to protect and enhance their condition over time, and ties monitoring actions taken to evaluate management performance.

Throughout June, the draft management plan underwent a four-week public consultation period through the Queensland Government's Get Involved portal. This provided the wider community the opportunity to shape the management direction of the jointly managed protected area estate on

Minjerribah. It is anticipated that the Naree Budjong Djara IJMA Management Plan will be finalised in late 2020.

The IJMA Management Plan includes regular assessment of the condition of park values against management actions, which allows for an adaptive approach; reflecting on the measures that work and those that have not and modifying strategies to achieve good outcomes. As this is a statutory plan, the content of the document ensures joint managers of Naree Budjong Djara work towards achieving goals set out for key park values.

QPWS has committed to follow the values-based management planning process for protected areas on Mulgumpin. This will ensure Quandamooka People's values and aspirations for the protected area are secured and respected through a statutory plan.

### Minjerribah Protected Area Expansion Strategy

Approximately half of Minjerribah is currently designated as a protected area. Through negotiation with a number of landholders on Minjerribah, the Queensland Government and QYAC released the Minjerribah Protected Area Expansion Strategy in December 2019. This strategy outlines the staged transfer of expired mining leases to national parks and other protected areas with funded joint management arrangements. Implementation of the strategy is expected to result in approximately

80 percent of the Island gazetted as a protected area. The titles of these lands are held by QYAC as Aboriginal Land Act Freehold Lands. This will fulfill the vision embodied in the initial agreements between the State, Quandamooka People and RCC.

The additional protected areas are of high conservation significance, with over 90 percent being habitat for critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable and near-threatened species, and 95 percent of the additional areas covered by remnant vegetation. Early additions include the cultural area of Bummiera (Brown Lake) and much of its surrounding catchment.

The addition of these areas into the jointly managed protected area estate on Minjerribah provides a number of outcomes, including:

- improved protection of landscapes and cultural heritage values through use of traditional land management practices;
- improved access and visitor facilities;
- increased employment opportunities;
- improved habitat connectivity; and
- protection and management of catchments leading to improved water quality of lakes, streams and wetlands.

Minjerribah Country proposed to be included as a protected area, which has always been and continues to be, subject to the authorisation of the Quandamooka People.



Land handover with QYAC and Queensland Government. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, Member for Redlands Kim Richards, Catherine Costello and QALSMIA. Image courtesy of Queensland Government.



Fisherment's swamp, Minjerribah.

### Mining Relinquishments

On the 12 December 2019 almost 6500 hectares of land on Minjerribah was returned to the Quandamooka People at a land deed handover event held at Adams Beach. This area, almost one quarter of Minjerribah, had previously been under current and expired mining lease. In accordance with the Minjerribah Protected Area Expansion Strategy, this land would become part of Naree Budjong Djara managed jointly with QPWS. The return of these lands through the Native Title process gives Quandamooka People the rights to access, care for and connect with Country, while creating new economic and employment opportunities.

This event also saw the signing of the historic agreement "Baru yaguliba gubiyiya (Time to Heal and Regrow) - Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan", a joint commitment to see QYAC and Sibelco work together over the next decade to rehabilitate previously mined lands. The agreement will lead to expanded employment and training opportunities for land management for Quandamooka People and the wider community, all while rehabilitating previously mined environments.

This is significant progress towards healing the island and the damage caused by mining.

### Achieve World Heritage Area Status

The QYAC Strategic Plan 2017-2020 outlines the direction for the acquisition, control and protection of Quandamooka Country. World Heritage Listing, led by QYAC, would achieve this for Quandamooka People by ensuring Country is protected and managed by the Traditional Owners in partnership with government and relevant industries.

In 2019, QYAC executed a Deed of Grant with the State Government and has since used these funds to employ a strategic coordinator to facilitate communications between the Queensland Government, the Federal Government and the World

Heritage Committee in Paris. Over the past year QYAC has developed a detailed Tentative Listing Document on the Outstanding Universal Values of Quandamooka Country. The document has been submitted to the Commonwealth for review. A Project Plan and Communications Plan have also been developed to facilitate engagement with stakeholders and industry on Quandamooka Country over the coming year and outline the benefits of World Heritage status to the public. World Heritage status of Quandamooka Country would provide added protection to the unique wildlife and heritage, and list it amongst the most unique in the world.



Minjerribah, overlooking Main Beach.

**Goal Two Performance Report:**

# MANAGE AND PROTECT QUANDAMOOKA KNOWLEDGE AND ESTATE

**Knowledge is safely stored and accessible**

QYAC continues to update Registers such as the Lands Title Register, Land Interest Register, Notifications Register, Research Register holding many new and old research papers and publications, Members Register, and the Register of Consultants.

**Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Project**

The Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Project was finalised during the financial year, and information provided by Quandamooka People continues to be stored in a secure QYAC database to safeguard the intellectual property of knowledge contributors. The information contained within the database

continues to be drawn upon to guide appropriate cultural heritage and landscape management of QYAC lands and protected areas. The Project was drawn on to provide information which is contributing to the Naree Budjong Djara National Park Management Plan.



**Cultural Heritage**

QYAC is the Cultural Heritage Body for Minjerribah, Mulgumpin, a number of Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBIs) and extends over the Quandamooka Coast.

This financial year has been an exciting year, particularly with the roll out of the NBN over Minjerribah and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. QYAC would like to thank NBN Co for the level of commitment

and consultation that they have undertaken with QYAC and their dedication to the protection of Quandamooka Cultural Heritage. During the work with NBN Co, hundreds of sites have been recorded and been placed on the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) database, with the view of them being placed on the Register, so that they can be protected and managed into the future.







All cultural heritage assessments were completed in accordance with Part 6 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003. Part 6 cultural heritage surveys completed during the financial year include:

CH CODE	CH TITLE & LOCATION	GRANT FUNDING BODY/CLIENT	PURPOSE AND RESULTS
CH00004	Bradbury Beach Campground	QYAC	Ground Penetrating Radar Survey and Report August 2019
CH00049C	Shoreline Redlands Additional Lot - Test Pitting	LendLease	September and October 2019
CH00078	NBN ISLANDS	Nbnco	CH Induction – July 2019 Lamb Island – October 2019
CH00109	Nbnco Russell Island	Nbnco	January 2020
CH00084	Seqwater NSI	SEQ Water	July, August, September, October and November 2019
CH00070	NBD Moreton Island	State	July 2019
CH00094	Weinam Creek PDA - Test Pitting	RIC	Cultural Heritage Induction October 2019 and Survey October 2019;
CH00116	Weinam Creek Test-pitting	RIC	November 2019 and January 2020
CH00093	James Hardie ML1107	James Hardie	September and October 2019
CH00036	NBD Rolling Plan	State	September 2019 and November 2019 Finalised March 2020
CH00098	Cultural Water Values Assessment	State	Finalised June 2020
CH00056	Toondah Harbour	Walker	Core Sampling – November 2019
CH00114	Toondah Harbour - Test Pitting	Walker	January 2020
CH00094	Weinam Creek PDA - Test Pitting	RIC	Cultural Heritage Induction October 2019 and Survey October 2019;
CH00099	Sibelco rehabilitation	Sibelco	February 2020; March 2020; May 2020; June 2020;
CH00117	Toulkerri Midden and RAA	QPWS	March 2020
CH00119 – CH00122	SMBI – Karragarra; Macleay; Lamb and Russell	TMR	April 2020

Image: Ecological Survey Minjerribah



#### National Broadband Network (NBN) Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI's)

QYAC was engaged by the NBN Co to undertake Part 6 Cultural Heritage Studies of the proposed NBN Co lines on Coochiemudlo, Macleay, Karragarra, Russel and Lamb Islands. There has historically been a lack of cultural heritage assessments on the SMBI's and these surveys gave the Cultural Heritage Officers a great opportunity to work on Country, on these islands. The surveys were conducted over a period of six months and recorded many new sites. Most of the sites were recorded on Macleay, Russell and Lamb Islands with extensive middens situated along many of the foreshores. Some notable sites include a quartz quarry on Lamb Island, potential ochre sources on Macleay Island, Bora Grounds on Russel Island and extensive cypress camps on Coochiemudlo.

Most of these sites were located away from the NBN Co lines and concentrated around the foreshore. Many sites are still in very good condition and recording by the Cultural Heritage Officers will help to protect them into the future. Some scarred trees and artefact scatters were recorded close to the NBN Co line in some instances and recommendations were put in place to change the alignment and avoid the sites. Any ground disturbing works conducted in the south of Quandamooka Country were supervised by Quandamooka Cultural Heritage Officers to ensure that cultural heritage was not being disturbed.

 **4 case studies of major works completed this year.**

#### Gheebulum Coonungai National Park (Mulgumpin)

In late 2019, Quandamooka People were granted Native Title over Mulgumpin and continued caring for Country through Joint Management with QPWS on the island. As part of track stabilisation on Mulgumpin, Cultural Heritage Officers assisted QYAC Rangers in site recording and erosion monitoring.

QYAC Rangers and Cultural Heritage Officers were based at Cape Moreton and spent several days recording sites near The Boulders, Gunemba and quarries close to Harpers Cliffs. Artefacts were recorded over several kilometres along the coastal sections of Gunemba and back into the dunes. Some sections contained very old shell material, with one currently being dated.

In the north of Mulgumpin, QYAC Cultural Heritage Officers and Rangers surveyed several kilometres around the Toulkerrie middens, recording sites on portions of the Toulkerrie Rd that are being damaged by 4WD's. The dumping of fresh oyster shell from oyster farmers obscured some of the older midden, however, old midden was still apparent, and the area is currently being impacted and disturbed. A Part 6 survey report has been developed and protection and management recommendations have been presented to QPWS to stop erosion and stabilise the sites. The stabilisation work will be carried out in the new financial year.

#### Toondah Harbour (Cleveland)

As the Registered Cultural Heritage Body, QYAC was engaged by Walker Corporation to undertake a Part 6 cultural heritage survey of the Toondah Harbour Redevelopment to assess and protect the Aboriginal cultural heritage within the area. Initial surveys identified several areas of surface stone artefacts and cultural shell. Due to the presence of surface artefacts, it was suspected that there may be an undisturbed traditional occupation site in the area. To better understand if sites would be damaged by the proposed development, a three-day excavation was conducted around G.J. Walter Park in early 2020 by QYAC.

Across the site only one area was deemed to be remnant shell midden and not post-colonisation fill. This area was to the north of the park where a dark organic rich sediment with a thick layer of shell and stone tools were found. The types of stone tools located showed that there was a great deal of stone brought into the area from traditional quarries hundreds of kilometres away. It shows that the Toondah Harbour area was regularly used by Quandamooka People and may have been an important area for gathering food and embarking on canoes to the islands.

This site is due to undergo further studies in late 2020 so that it can be properly recorded and to ensure that it will not be impacted by any future development.

#### Naree Budjong Djara Archaeological Excavations Rolling Plan (Little Canalpin Creek - Minjerribah)

In 2019 the Cultural Heritage Unit, in conjunction with The University of Queensland and Everick Heritage, undertook archaeological excavations in Naree Budjong Djara National Park, directly north of Little Canalpin Creek. The site was previously recorded by Cultural Heritage Officers conducting survey in the area, and an area of high flat ground with some exposed midden was chosen for the excavation. Cultural Heritage Officers worked

for a week on one excavation (2m x 2m) and finished at the water table at a depth of 3.2m. The upper layers were full of different types of shell, which became more degraded as it was dug. By 30cm there were only whelk shells left and the deepest shell at 55cm was dated to 5,500 years old.

There was a wide range of stone artefacts throughout the entire deposit which were retrieved down to almost a metre where they graded into small pieces of quartz. The Cultural Heritage Unit did not find any artefacts below a metre but continued to dig and auger to 3.2m to ensure that there was not an older site underneath. A scientist from Griffith University is dating the sand grains in the deposit and archaeologists from The University of Queensland are examining the stone and shell that were excavated. Ochre, grindstones, scrapers, hammerstones and an axe blank were all retrieved from the deposit. Cultural Heritage Officers floated ancient plant material from the dig, and an archaeologist from The University Queensland is keen to look at this. A further two weeks excavation are planned closer to Canalpin Creek next financial year.

## Cultural Heritage Projects

Guji mudlu (Coochiemudlo Island) weed control and planting: various locations	Janguwaja (Macleay Island): Various Locations	Park Disposal, Stevens Place Park: 16 Armagh St, Nandiibii (Ormiston)
Kanaipa (Russell Island) Footpath Installation: Centre Road; Stradbroke Drive and Glendale Road	Ngudjuru (Lamb Island): Various Locations	Installation of concrete slab and tap: Rosebud Ave, Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point)
Nandiibi (Thornside) Beth Boyd Park Renewal/Upgrade: 224-236 Queens Esplanade, Nandiibii (Thornside)	Karragarra (Karragarra Island): Various Locations	Asset Renewal Yeo park; installation of shelters, water services & assets: Eagle St & Thompson St, Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point)
Janguwajah (Macleay Island) Footpath Installation: Koonwarra Parade	Kanaipa (Russell Island): Various Locations	SEQ Water Waste Treatment Plant Vegetation Removal: Gumpi (Dunwich)
Cullen Cullen (Wellington Point) Park Upgrade: Montgomery Drive, Cullen Cullen	Kabalaba (Capalaba) Compliance: 34 Smith Street, Kabalaba	Adams Beach Contamination Investigation: Gumpi (Dunwich)
Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point) Yeo Park Shade Sail: 2-30 Eagle Street, Warrer Warrer	Mulumba (Point Lookout) Backlog Sewer, Area D: Various Locations	Pipe Extension: Albert Street, Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point)
Cullen Cullen (Wellington Point) Park: Liner Street, Cullen Cullen	Ngudjuru (Lamb Island) Retaining Wall: 10-16 Lucas Drive, Ngudjuru	Guji mudlu (Coochiemudlo Island) Main Beach Foreshore Fence Repair
Ngudjuru (Lamb Island) Park Renewal: Pioneer Park, Ngudjuru	Ormiston Park: Hilliards St, Nandiibii (Ormiston)	Bollard Renewals (SP2) – Jack and Edna Finney Reserve: 14 Railway Parade, Thornside & 42 Esplanade Cullen Cullen (Wellington Point)
Nandiibii (Thornlands) Culvert Upgrade: 27-91 Woodlands Drive, Nandiibii	Adder Rock Campgrounds, Dakota Memorial Park: East Coast Road, Mulumba (Point Lookout)	19/20 SMBI Green Seal Program: Kanaipa (Russell Island) Various Locations
Kapalaba (Capalaba) Park Upgrade: Wentworth Drive, Kapalaba	Mulumba (Point Lookout) - Water Line 1, 150 mm diameter Watermain Replacement: East Coast Road	Sibelco - Herring Lagoon: Minjerribah
Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point) Improvements: Colburn Avenue; Cascade Gardens Road	Cylinder Beach playground Soft Fall Sand Replacement in Swing Area	Storm Water Drain Maintenance: Birch St, Pulan (Amity Point)
Kapalaba (Capalaba) Park Upgrade: Bowen Street, Kapalaba	Pulan (Amity Point) Excavation of Sewer Line: Amity Toilets	Drain Maintenance: Mirimar & Miles St, Pulan (Amity Point)
Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point) Footpath Rehabilitation: Creekwood Street, Warrer Warrer	Bore 1 Replacement: Mulumba (Point Lookout)	Contamination Investigation QUAMPI & Sturt St: Gumpi (Dunwich) Various Locations
Pulan (Amity Point) Old Schoolhouse Park Renewal	Cullen Cullen (Wellington Point) Shed Demolition: 30-40 Bligh Street, Cullen Cullen	Asset Condition Assessment - Barge Landing: Teerk Roo Ra (Peel Island)
Cullen Cullen (Wellington Point) Park: Bibury Street, Cullen Cullen	Kanaipa (Russell Island) Sport and Rec Park	Waterline Trenching: Northpoint Campground, Mulgumpin (Moreton Island)
Henry Ziegenfusz Park Bridge Replacement: 193-195 Fitzroy St, Nandiibii (Cleveland)	QYAC Projects Team Component – Pulan (Amity Point) ETS Place Marker: Cabarita Park, Pulan	Carpark Upgrade: Torquay Rd, Talwalpin (Redland Bay)
Karragarra Island AEV Storage: The Esplanade, Karragarra	RCC – Pulan (Amity Point) ETS Place Marker: Carbarita Park, Pulan	Urgent works: East Coast Road, Minjerribah
Home Beach Drain Clean: East Coast Road, Mulumba (Point Lookout)	QYAC Projects Team Component – Mulumba (Point Lookout) ETS Place Marker: Mulumba	Sewer Area A1 and Water Line 2 and 3: East Coast Road, Mulumba (Point Lookout)
Birkdale Park Installation: Birkdale: 2-20 Bayford Street; Bailey Road Park	RCC – Mulumba (Point Lookout) ETS Place Marker: Mulumba	Water Points Birkdale; Redland Bay; Cleveland: Various Locations
Minjerribah Bus Shelter and Seat Renewal Program: Various Locations on Minjerribah	Manning Esplanade Foreshore DOLA: Manning Esplanade, Nandiibii (Thornlands)	Disposal of Non-replacement Assets: Redland City, Various Locations
Thornlands Community Park Upgrade Stage 1 & Stage 2: Cleveland Redland Bay Road, Nandiibii (Thornlands)	Kanaipa (Russell Island) Rocky Point Emergency Access Road	Design and Installation of Closed-Circuit Televisions: Main Road, Cullen Cullen (Wellington Point)
Dunwich Waste Treatment Plant Trenching: Gumpi (Dunwich)	Roadtek works: East Coast Road, Mulumba (Point Lookout)	Cylinder Beach Campground - Eco Tents: Cylinder Beach, Mulumba (Point Lookout)
Fig Tree Park – Make Goods Works: 22 Fig Tree Place, Nandiibii (Ormiston)	Seat and Sign Upgrade: Lions Park, Sandy Beach, Kanaipa (Russell Island)	Foreshore protection works: Pulan (Amity Point)
Cylinder Beach Reserve Storm Water Issues: Mulumba (Point Lookout)	Seat Renewal – Perulpa Island; Blue Vista Foreshore Park: Janguwaja (Macleay Island)	Everick Toowoomba European Dig
Redlands Hockey Association Shed: 143-191 Fitzroy St, Nandiibii (Cleveland)	Rising Sewer Mains: School of Arts Road, Talwalpin (Redland Bay)	Removal of Herring Lagoon Pump Station – Cultural Heritage Induction: Minjerribah
Various Locations on Minjerribah	Potholing: Ballow St, Pulan (Amity Point)	Bradbury Beach Camping Ground Upgrade: Minjerribah
Guji mudlu (Coochiemudlo Island): Various Locations	Point Lookout Oval Renewal: Mulumba (Point Lookout)	Walker Holdings – Geotechnical Investigations (2 days): Toondah Harbour
	Moreton Bay Cycleway (Stage 2): Warrer Warrer (Victoria Point)	



Blue Lake, Naree Budjong Djara National Park.

## Rights are protected

### Aboriginal Land Act Freehold Land held by QYAC

QYAC has been handed back parcels on Minjerribah as Aboriginal Land Act Freehold. The Freehold land is transferred as 'inalienable freehold', which means the land can never be sold or mortgaged. The land can be leased with tight restrictions and native title interests are not extinguished by the grant for the title.

The lands listed below are primarily covered by the Naree Budjong Djara National Park.

Lot 2 SP228367	Lot 5 SP228365
Lot 147 SP250105	Lot 1951 SP228368
Lot 300 SP305460	Lot 12 SP307751
Lot 300 SP104019	Lot 129 SP228365
Lot 113 SP228365	Lot 103SP312110
Lot 15 SP307751	Lot 11 SP307751
Lot1 SP228365	Lot 130 SP228365
Lot 119 SP228365	Lot 3 SP308009
Lot 9 SP307751	Lot 10 SP307751
Lot 1 SP228366	Lot 90 SP250106
Lot 1 SP311721	Lot 100 SP307750
Lot 102 SP307750	

### Bummiera (Brown Lake)

As trustee of the Bummiera reserve, QYAC manages the day-to-day maintenance of the day-use area and surrounds. Through an agreement with QPWS, the area is managed jointly in anticipation of the inclusion of Bummiera in early park additions through the Minjerribah Protected Area Expansion Strategy. This agreement with QPWS allows for funding for early upgrade works and assistance with scheduling Rangers for tasks at Bummiera.

Minor upgrades to the access road, toilet blocks, and day-use area have been carried out to improve visitor access, safety, and hygiene. Further upgrade works to over 6km of fire trails surrounding the lake, delivered under the Minjerribah Township Fire Management Strategy (TFMS), has improved the fire management capability of the Joint Management Rangers.

### Water Management Plan

In response to concerned Elders and other Quandamooka People, QYAC has been working collaboratively with Seqwater to develop a model to assist in the determination of when water should stop being taken off the Island, and what impacts current water take has on the Island's ecosystems. A Water Management Plan is currently being negotiated to ensure that there is equity in water for the Traditional Owners, as water is a Native Title right, and access to water needs to be guaranteed for QYAC Native Title holders.

In addition, QYAC has engaged with the State and Seqwater to undertake a review and to improve the understanding and management of Minjerribah's unique water system, with the aim to ensure the long-term sustainable use of water on the island into the future. This is in response to concern from Elders and community about the condition and management of many freshwater systems across the Island.

Rainfall is the main driver of groundwater and surface water levels on Minjerribah. Since 2013, Minjerribah and South East Queensland have been experiencing below average rainfall. A review of monitoring data has shown declining groundwater and surface water levels, including in perched systems, corresponding to this dry period. More work is needed to investigate the extent to which other factors, such as extraction, may have impacted water levels and cultural and environmental values. QYAC expects this work to be completed in the next financial year.

Seqwater has an ongoing role to provide safe, secure and cost-effective drinking water supply to South East Queensland. The DNRME is responsible for managing the state's water resources under the *Water Act 2000*. Groundwater on Minjerribah is managed as a declared underground water area under the *Water Regulation 2016*. A water license is required for any taking or interference of water other than for stock or domestic use, or for what is needed for authorised activities in the *Water Regulation 2016*.

DNRME and the Department of Environment and Science (DES) maintain an extensive groundwater and surface water monitoring network on Minjerribah. Seqwater, Sibelco and Redlands City Council also provide water use data with respect to their water extraction, all of which will help the development of Water Management Principals and Policies for the equity of all Native Title holders.

To progress the sustainability of water management practices, QYAC, with the help of the State and Seqwater, aims to (subject to funding):

- update the groundwater model for the regional aquifer on the island;
- review the current water monitoring network and data for groundwater and surface water systems on the island;
- establish a comprehensive assessment of the groundwater, surface water and perched systems on the island, based on best available science, community input and cultural knowledge of Quandamooka People;
- consolidate the existing water-related research that has been conducted on the island; and
- finalise the Cultural Values Assessment on water.



QYAC Rangers working on recreational trails.



Partnership with QYAC and Rural Fire Services to protect Minjerribah from bushfires.

### Recreational Trails

QYAC Land and Sea Rangers have worked side by side with Elders planning and building trails on Country while learning the stories of the landscapes of which they are custodians. This collaboration, and the passing of traditional knowledge, provides our young people with training and employment and an ongoing career path. Following the construction of the Jarlo Beetle Trail to Mt Vane, which is now open and attracting new and repeat visitors to Minjerribah, Quandamooka Rangers are working to finalise the Mt Bippo Penbean walking trails, with construction of lookout platforms expected to be completed in late 2020. Rangers will begin work on a track from Gumpi to Bummiera in the next financial year to provide

safe access for visitors from the transport hub of Gumpi to a key visitor destination.

A key focus of the tracks was to communicate the Quandamooka story and raise public awareness of the connection Quandamooka People have to Country, language and culture. The Quandamooka Country Recreational Trail Network will be added to over time to create world class infrastructure at the centre of an eco-cultural tourism



industry, employing Quandamooka People and many others in supporting businesses. The Network will also link to the accommodation provided by Minjerribah Camping and the attractions afforded by future cultural precincts such as QUAMPI (the arts and cultural centre), and Yalingbila Bibula (Whale on the Hill).

### Progressing Fire Management Strategies

The 2019 Queensland Budget committed significant funding for QYAC to implement the Minjerribah TFMS over four years, with the execution of the Deed of Grant occurring in September 2019. This project provides confidence in the protection from wildfire for Quandamooka People and the greater Minjerribah community, as well as significant economic, employment, and training opportunities for all.



**20 kilometres of fire trail upgrades around townships**

Through its implementation, the TFMS is seeking to achieve the protection of life, property, cultural heritage, and environmental assets across Minjerribah. The chief priority of these works is a strategic response in the event of a summer bushfire by implementing defensible township protection through fire trail upgrades. A key element throughout this is to implement Asset Protection Zones at vulnerable locations adjacent to living areas. These works across a range of tenure types is a Queensland first and aims for a collaborative approach to fire management on Minjerribah, delivered by the Quandamooka People.

**4 hectares of Asset Protection Zone created in Gumpi**



Images: Previous page; QYAC Rangers installing signage at the Jarlo Beetle Trail. This Page; September 2019 Fires.

### Marine Park MoU

The Marine Park Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between QYAC and the State has been ratified in accordance with the ILUA. The MoU identifies a wide range of actions that have been agreed to be progressed on Quandamooka Sea Country by both QYAC and State Government Agencies, which are focussed on progressing the Quandamooka People's aspirations for sea Country in particular. The MoU includes increased training and participation in sea Country monitoring and compliance activities, alongside activities to improve biosecurity, fisheries management, and transparency in relation to groundwater extraction decision making.

The MoU is ongoing in nature with action plans agreed with the State on an annual basis to drive operational activities and ensure the MoU results in real and tangible results for the Quandamooka People and Country.

The MoU contains Action Plans for Agencies such as DES, DAF (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries), DNRME, Seqwater, DITID and DTMR. Progress is being made and monitored, with public reporting methods established to ensure actions continue to progress. For example, the DAF Action Plan defines Customary Fishing Practices and Principals with Actions to support these practices, with monitoring and assessment of achievements and performance against the implementation of the Action Plan. There is also a mechanism to review the Action Plan

and identify additional resources to assist with implementation, monitoring and compliance. It is anticipated that a complete Annual Public Progress Report and full Compliance Audit will be undertaken annually.

### Sustainability Strategy

The Sustainability Strategy forms the basis for a five-year Action Plan that has been approved by the Minjerribah Ministerial Forum. This Strategy will, in addition to caring for Country, help achieve the social, economic and cultural goals of the Quandamooka People.

Strategy objectives include:

- Enable self-sufficiency of Quandamooka People by transferring how our energy is generated and used, resulting in reduced emissions and ensuring we do our part in fighting climate change;
- Empower Quandamooka People to lead the way in waste management systems that reduce waste production and environmental impacts whilst increasing employment outcomes;
- Preserve our Culture and Country through the protection of the Quandamooka Estate;

- Continue to reinstate custodianship by incorporating traditional science and knowledge in Quandamooka led management of Land and Sea Country;
- Protect our life sustaining water resources, to ensure the optimum outcomes for the future of Quandamooka Country;
- Sustainably connect Quandamooka Country through transport systems to achieve social and economic objectives while protecting our natural environments, wildlife and culture; and
- Increase the resilience of Quandamooka Country through land and sea planning that looks to the future and protects Quandamooka values.

### Forestries, Fisheries and Food Strategy

QYAC has been funded by the DAF to produce a Forestries, Fisheries and Food Strategy. This strategy is another initiative and a priority action with the Queensland Government. QYAC are working on the Strategy and expect to have it completed next financial year.



### Mining Rehabilitation

#### Cessation of Mineral Extraction from Minjerribah

After over 70 years, the last day of mineral extraction on Minjerribah occurred on 31 December 2019. Mineral Sand Mining has had a long history on the island, starting in the 1940s. With this starts a new chapter for the island of rehabilitation, remediation and healing of Country.

#### Baru yaguliba gubiyiya (time to heal and regrow)

Baru yaguliba gubiyiya (time to heal and regrow) Minjerribah Rehabilitation and Surrender Plan was signed by QYAC and Sibelco in September 2019. It established an agreed approach to ensure collaboration and support for the completion of rehabilitation activities that underpin relinquishment and surrender of mining leases and the transition of land management responsibilities to QYAC.

#### ML 1126 Riverside Rehabilitation Project

QYAC successfully undertook rehabilitation of a historic glass mine area on ML1126 that was under management of Riverside Pty Ltd. This rehabilitation included the planting of native vegetation including 600 trees and brush matting, along with removal of some weed species that were in the area. Rehabilitation work was conducted with the help of QYAC Community Rangers.

Images: Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk shaking hands with QYAC Ranger at the Baru yaguliba gubiyiya, land handover event on Minjerribah.



QALSMA Rangers creating Asset Protection Zones near Gumpi

**Estate Management**

Quandamooka Rangers, operating under QALSMA, play a daily, active role in the protection and management of the Quandamooka Estate, whether it be weed removal or the clean-up of the illegal dumping of rubbish.

**Fire Management Works**

QYAC is working with QPWS&P and Sibelco to identify new and retain existing fire management infrastructure, and to improve lines of defence across the protected area estate and proposed park additions.

Community Rangers have progressed components of the Minjerribah TFMS in areas difficult for machinery to access by hand clearing vegetation. In locations of elevated bushfire risk surrounding Gumpi, Rangers have been working hard to reduce the bushfire fuel loads on steep slopes approaching houses. These low fuel buffers, or asset protection zones (APZs), create a defensible space in the instance of bushfire and provide a maintainable area to keep bushfire fuel loads low. The work is ongoing and will be delivered further across Gumpi, Pulan, and Mulumba.

Quandamooka Rangers have carried out the following works to manage fire risk:

- Constructed and maintained a strategic fireline at Little Canalpin Creek. This fireline forms an important break from any north or south travelling bushfire. Further work has been undertaken to reduce woody

thickening of wattle species in the area, rejuvenating historical grasslands environments and protecting large old red gums and a large old raptor nest;

- Maintained Cypress Camp cultural complexes in the South of Naree Budjong Djara National Park. These works aim to reduce fire risk in a sensitive environment and restore a grassy understorey, with cool burns to follow and further encourage native grass diversity. This work aims to recreate a precolonial environment at Traditional occupation sites;
- Accompanied the local QFES station officer in mapping Traditional Owner residences in One Mile in case of a bushfire event or other emergency; and
- Continued to deliver fire trail upgrades throughout Naree Budjong Djara National Park. Through 2019, QYAC upgraded an additional 49 kilometres of fire trail to QPWS Fireline Standards. These works have not only delivered strengthened estate infrastructure, but the works have also provided economic benefits to Minjerribah through employment of machine operators and use of local contractors.

**Pest and Weed Management**

As an active member of the Straddie Pest Management Group, QYAC Rangers are engaged for on-ground baiting and trapping of vertebrate pests such as feral cats, foxes and wild dogs. Working alongside

QPWS, DNRME, Sibelco, Seqwater and pest management contractors, QYAC Rangers have built their skills in pest monitoring, tracking, detection, trapping and baiting.

QYAC Rangers have been active in managing weeds across Minjerribah, including:

- Removal of prickly pear, mother of millions, and purple succulent along the dune frontage of Bradbury’s Beach, as well as rubbish that washed ashore;
- Removal of easter cassia, purple succulent, asparagus fern, red ochra, and dominating wattle from the cliffs at Polka Point. Weeds were replaced with native species planted along the edge to buffer impacts to the cliff edge;
- Treating weeds occurring at the edges of Littoral Rainforest, such as umbrella tree, wild tobacco, and lantana. In addition, Quandamooka Rangers surveyed and mapped the edges of Littoral Rainforest, a Threatened Ecological Community under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999; and
- Worked alongside Biosecurity Queensland officers to survey bitou bush infestations on Minjerribah. This dune weed presents a range of issues for beach vegetation communities, with this program successfully reducing occurrences over a number of years.



QYAC and QPWS at Bummiera Road Works.

### Land management and rehabilitation

Since the closure of the Keyholes Recreation Precinct in 2015, thickened vegetation and safety hazards posed an elevated risk in reopening the area. Quandamooka Rangers began re-establishing safe access from Main Beach and access to the southern picnic areas of the Precinct. Broken infrastructure, such as picnic tables, were removed and a visitor set down and carpark area were created. A walking trail leading south from the carpark was created to provide visitors a quiet bushwalking or birdwatching experience. This project, funded by the DES, provides visitors with a popular freshwater recreation precinct in a post-mining environment, taking visitor pressure off culturally and environmentally sensitive waterbodies such as Kaboora and Bummiera.

Quandamooka Rangers re-established the wetland surface of Yerrol Swap, after it experienced damage to its wetland perching layer in 2018. Rangers installed jute matting for stability and revegetated the area with the existing wetland species.

### Animal Welfare

With many instances of wildlife injuries occurring on Minjerribah, QYAC, Minjerribah Camping, and QPWS are supporting Minjerribah Wildlife Rescue volunteers by providing necessary equipment, such as cages and nets, for the safe capture and transport of injured wildlife. QYAC continues to assist in wildlife rescue through support of employees carrying out rescues and transport throughout their routine duties.

### Compliance

QYAC Rangers continue to build skills and experience in compliance across protected areas and recreation areas on Quandamooka Country. Regular compliance patrols are scheduled through Rangers' day-to-day activities, while multi-agency coordinated patrols are conducted across peak visitor periods with QPWS and Queensland Police Service. As a priority, QYAC Rangers patrol these areas to ensure visitors enjoy their time on Quandamooka Country responsibly. Checks are undertaken on litter, campfires, camping and four-wheel drive access permits.

A number of QYAC Rangers undertook their Authorised Officer training supported by QPWS this year. These Rangers are now authorised officers under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*, and *Marine Parks Act 2004*.

### Machinery

With the delivery of heavy plant and machinery in 2019, QYAC is building capabilities in a range of fields, including construction and estate management. A grant from the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation assisted QYAC in the procurement of plant from Hastings Deering Caterpillar including two skid steer loaders and a wheeled front-end loader. These capital purchases have allowed for works such as road and track maintenance, marine strandings and material handling. Additional forestry attachments have been invaluable assets for fire management line development and ensuring cultural sites are protected.

Previously, QYAC has had to rely on the hire of heavy plant and machinery to conduct these works. These machines have greatly expanded the services that QYAC can deliver in land management.

### Summary of Submissions

This financial year, QYAC has made numerous submissions to Parliamentary enquiries, Legislative reviews and Supreme Court judgements to continue to fight for the cultural heritage and native title rights of the Quandamooka people. Some key submissions include:

- Writing to the State and to Redlands Investment Corporation objecting to, and raising concerns regarding, the impact of the Weinam Creek

Priority Development Area and subsequent development will have on Quandamooka People's Native Title Rights.

- Writing to the Department of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Affairs regarding proposed legislative changes to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003. QYAC provided a definitive response to the state on how legislative changes would benefit Aboriginal People across Queensland in the management and protection of their cultural heritage.
- Writing to Brisbane City Council that the proposed BBC Dog off leash areas in RAMSAR would be destructive to shorebird breeding habitat.
- Writing to oppose the Toondah Harbour Development project regarding the EIS process and EPBC Act requirements. QYAC does not support the Toondah Harbour development and has continually advocated for the cessation of this project in its current form.
- QYAC support for amendments to the EPBC Act as it increases the ability for Aboriginal People to become major decision makers with respect to their Country.

### Educate and engage Traditional Owners about Native Title, Land Management and Cultural Heritage

#### Community Engagement

QYAC continues to focus on communicating and engaging with members and the wider community. A wide range of information about the role and activity of the organisation has been provided through multiple channels.

Over the past financial year this has included emails, mailouts and social media updates, as well as general information sessions, Traditional Owner information sessions and Elders lunchtime information sessions. QYAC also arranged for an Elders trip to Mulgumpin.

#### Quandamooka Cultural Heritage Training

Over the last financial year only two Cultural Heritage Training Sessions were held. Due to COVID-19, scheduled training sessions from then onwards were required to be cancelled or postponed.



Image: Ranger demonstrating steam weeding at QYAC.



Whale breaching from Yalingbilla Tour. Photo by Paul Shelbourne.

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## Strengthen the Organisation

### Quandamooka Awards

- QYAC was Highly Commended in the Community Award category of the 2019 Get Ready Queensland Resilient Australia Awards for the efforts in the lead up and during the 2018 Minjerribah Bushfires. The award recognised projects that have helped Queensland communities better prepare for natural disasters and emergencies.

### Minjerribah Camping has received the following awards;

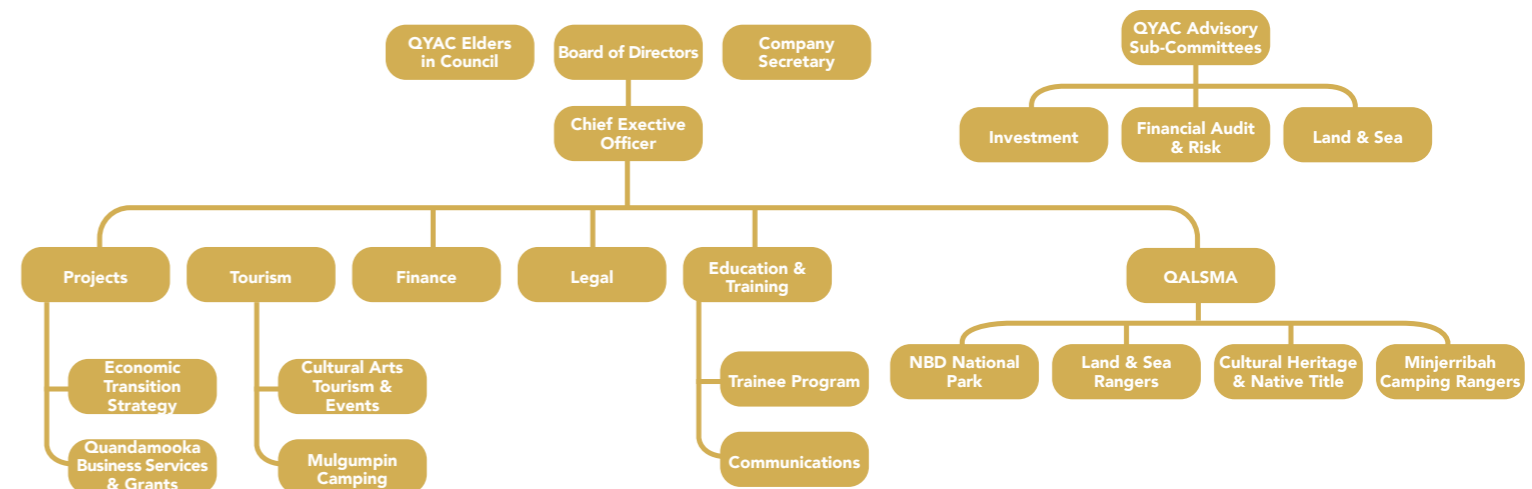
- 2019 Qantas Award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism – Silver Award
- Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence 2019
- Eco Certified Advanced Ecotourism Certification - Eco Tourism Australia
- Respecting our Culture (ROC) certification - Eco Tourism Australia



Image: QYAC team at the Redlands Business and Retail Awards 2019.



## Organisational Structure







QYAC with OPWS discussing joint management strategies. Nathan Fraser, Jacob Martin.

## Quandamooka Aboriginal Land and Sea Management Agency (QALSMA)

QALSMA is the unit within QYAC responsible for the planning, management and protection of the Quandamooka Estate. QALSMA ensures compliance with regulations and local laws of native title lands and waters, and plays an active role in fire management, weed management, rehabilitation and pest control. QALSMA advocates for the protection and management of Quandamooka Country from activities that may have an impact on them. QALSMA also protects the rights of the Native Title rights of the Quandamooka people on a daily basis.

QALSMA actively works in partnership with local community organisations, industry stakeholders and education institutions to undertake research and activities aimed at Caring for Country. QALSMA also works collaboratively with local, State and Federal agencies regarding joint management of Naree Budjong Djara National Park to protect cultural heritage and preserve our lands and seas for future generations.

Units within QALSMA include:

- Native Title and Cultural Heritage Unit;
- Naree Budjong Djara Rangers;
- Mulgumpin Rangers;

- Environmental Heritage Protection (EHP) Rangers;
- Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Rangers;
- Fee for Service or Community Rangers;
- Minjerribah Camping Rangers; and
- Land Rehabilitation Unit

The Cultural Heritage and Native Title Unit under QALSMA currently employs four full time, one part time and three casual employees that are Quandamooka People. The Unit also includes the World Heritage Co-ordinator, the Land Rehabilitation Manager with the Cultural Heritage and Native Title Manager reporting directly to the Manager of QALSMA.

## Generate Systems, Policies and Procedures

The Land and Sea Management Committee has been working toward establishing policies in relation to matters concerning the Quandamooka Estate. Policies that have been written include:

- Drone usage;
- Water;
- Tourism;
- Domestic Dogs;
- Economic Development;
- Renewable Energy;
- Visual and Audio Recording;
- Sustainability;
- Visitor Access protocol;
- Research Protocol;
- Burial on Country;
- Protocols applying to Cultural and Traditional Knowledge;
- Signage Strategy;
- Protocol for Identified Species; and
- Hunting protocols.

## Corporate Services

Corporate Services provide human resourcing, financial, project management and legal support to QYACs internal customers and business partners. In addition to serving corporate knowledge, this unit also provides a platform of learning for internal and external students, and a revenue stream to support the growth and success of QYAC.

Units within Corporate Services include:

- Education and Training;
- Tourism;
- Projects (ETS, Quandamooka Business Services, Grants and Projects);
- Finance;
- Legal; and
- Administration.

## Staff

Although the difficult and unprecedented times of COVID-19 caused a number of staff changes, QYAC continued to employ 90 staff members at the end of the financial year including 72 full time, 4 part time, and 14 casual staff members. Of employees, 80% are Indigenous, with including 63 Quandamooka People. Across the business, QYAC also employed 26 trainees, including school-based trainees.

## Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The health and mental well-being of QYAC employees continues to be of paramount importance and is critical to the ongoing success of our organisation. QYAC continues to ensure that all employees have access to an EAP, which supports employees through confidential counselling.



Image: Tallulah Mewett and Alyssa Brewster caring for Quandamooka native bees.



### QYAC representation on other Boards and Committees

The CEO continues to participate in the Minjerribah Ministerial Forum and Steering Committee to drive forward QYACs agenda in a range of areas including; issues related to Sibelco and the National Park; the Economic Transition Strategy; World Heritage progression and water management. The CEO continued to play a role on the ETS Steering Committee.

The CEO also represents QYAC on the following:

- Queensland Koala Advisory Council – member
- Redlands Chamber of Commerce – member
- Redland City Council Tourism Sub-Committee – member

- Moreton Bay Working Group (Fisheries) – member
- Minjerribah Camping – CEO
- The Moreton Bay Foundation – Board Members
- Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) Board - Deputy Chair
- SEQ Traditional Owner Tourism Group – Chair

### QYAC participation at conferences and events

- Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand – LEAP Summit
- Two Quandamooka Ranger women spent one week at the Women's Ranger Network Conference in Cooktown. Alongside other Traditional

Owners that work as Rangers, the Quandamooka Rangers were able to network and share their experiences of being a ranger, learn about other groups' work, and hear about new technology and methods to better care for Country.

- Three Rangers attended the Annual Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Conference in Cairns. These conferences allow networking and sharing of skills and stories of being a ranger and caring for Country. A range of workshops and presentations were delivered such as mangrove monitoring, leadership, healing Country, cultural fire, and many more. Two of QYAC's Rangers sat on a panel discussion with three other Rangers, giving insights to what it is to be a young ranger and their future aspirations.



### Partnerships and collaborations

#### Healthy Land and Water MOU

QYAC continues to work closely with Healthy Land and Water through the MoU between the two organisations, which initially commenced in 2014. The MoU has included Healthy Land and Water providing funds to support feral animal management, investigating methods to reduce impacts to whales from vessel strikes, feral cat, dog and fox control, providing technical support for fire management and documentation of traditional fire management practices. QYAC regularly utilises the services of Healthy Land and Water to support joint management of the national park and technical environmental assessments, such as the Swan Bay ecological survey. Operating under the MoU, QYAC and Healthy Land and Water regularly see the opportunity for joint approaches to government and stakeholders surrounding significant common issues on Quandamooka Country, such as catchment health, and ensuring stakeholders respect the rights and aspirations of the Quandamooka People.

- 2019 marked a 30 year friendship between the Queensland Government and the city of Shanghai, China. To celebrate, the Premier of Queensland sent a parliamentary delegation to Shanghai. The Premier invited the QYAC CEO to participate as a tourism representative, where the CEO met a number of tourism industry representatives. The CEO performed a formal Welcome in Jandai language on behalf of the Queensland Government.
- World Indigenous Business Forum - Vancouver. The QYAC CEO was invited by the Hon Ken Wyatt, Minister for Indigenous Australians, to participate as part of a delegation of more than 40 Indigenous business owners to attend the World Indigenous Business Forum in Vancouver, Canada. This forum was an opportunity to share knowledge with other countries and explore export opportunities for our Indigenous companies.



#### Minjerribah Futures

Minjerribah Futures was established by the Queensland Government to support the ETS. In the past year, QYAC has worked closely with Minjerribah Futures to progress numerous ETS projects, including:

- Campground upgrades at Bradburys, Cylinder, and the development of a multipurpose education shelter at Home Beach (ETS Project 11)
- Recreational trails, including the now open Jarlo Beetle track and construction of trails from Mount Bippo to Penbean and from Gumpi to Bummiera (ETS Project 16)
- Planning, design and preparation of QUAMPI, the arts and cultural centre (ETS Project 4)
- Continued refurbishment of Minjerribah Ganaba (Place to hear, think and understand on Minjerribah) (ETS Projects 12, 20 & 21)
- Partial completion of the Place Markers project through delivery of Place Markers at two of three locations: Pulan and Mulumba (ETS Project 13)
- Planning for the 2021 Quandamooka Festival (ETS Project 6)
- The development of a draft Gumpi Master Plan (ETS Project 1)
- Planning and design approval for Yalingbila Bibula (ETS Project 22)

Image: Cameron Costello and Minister Kate Jones at Minjerribah Camping.



Place Marker at Mulumpa (Point Lookout) designed by Quandamooka Artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins.

### Sibelco

This year has seen Joint Statement of Intent (2019) discussions continued with regular meetings between Sibelco, State Senior Managers and QYAC. Operational meetings and discussions between QYAC and Sibelco have been conducted informally and as matters arise. Starting in August 2020, formal and regular operational meetings will be conducted.

### The Star Entertainment Group

The past year has seen QYAC's partnership with the Star Entertainment Group continue to thrive. The partnership is connected to linking Minjerribah glamping, cultural, arts and food experiences with visitors to the upcoming development of Queens Wharf in the CBD of Brisbane. The native bee colonies on Minjerribah are

prospering and have provided training and job opportunities on the Island in accordance with QYAC's ongoing Quandamooka honey supply agreement with Star restaurants. For clarification, the partnership is not related in any way to gambling or casino products on Minjerribah. It is hoped that it will involve tourism and hospitality training experiences within Star businesses for Quandamooka People.

Further to this, in late 2019 QYAC's partnership with Star saw the installation of innovative eco-technology through US tech company Zero Mass Water. The installation of SOURCE Hydropanel technology on Minjerribah produces thousands of litres of clean, drinking water using energy from the sun. QYAC will harness this technology

to bottle water in reusable bottles for visitors in an effort to further reduce plastic bottle and water waste. QYAC is the first Aboriginal community on an Australian island to use the SOURCE Hydropanel technology.

### The University of Queensland

QYAC's MoU with the University of Queensland allows for the continuance of collaborative work on Quandamooka Country, including the partnership to create Yalingbila Bibula. Yalingbila Bibula is due for completion in 2021. The MoU also covers a range of other projects including partnering on research projects, education and training projects, and arts and tourism projects. QYAC and UQ will also look at partnering across facilities including Minjerribah Ganaba and the Moreton Bay Research Station at Gumpi.

### Brisbane City Council

Brisbane City Council are an important strategic partner that works most significantly on the Winnam NAIDOC Kunjriel as part of the Quandamooka Festival. The Council also helped launch the Yalingbila whale watching tours from Southbank and will be important as we progress our Native Title outcomes on Mulgumpin, which comes under the Brisbane City Council boundaries.

### Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS) and Partnerships Joint Management

Through QALSMA, QYAC continues its strong protected area management partnership with QPWS. Through the ongoing joint management partnership, it is ensured that QYAC are joint decision-makers on the Senior Implementation Working Group (SIWG) and Operational Implementation Working Group (OIWG). This governance model appoints a SIWG to provide overall leadership and direction to the implementation of joint management arrangements for these areas. The OIWG takes strategic direction from the SIWG and reports to the Regional Director, who in turn reports to the Deputy Director General who sits on the SIWG. The OIWG is responsible for the day-to-day joint management decision-making related to delivery of joint management operations; resolving operational issues, reviewing project proposals, and endorsing budgetary allocations. While these meetings have previously centred around the

management of Naree Budjong Djara National Park, challenges now faced at Mulgumpin and in the Moreton Bay Marine Park are now recurring components of these meetings.

### Department of Natural Resources, Mines, and Energy (DNRME)

As landholder of unallocated State lands and many reserve areas, DNRME have partnered with QYAC regularly to ensure joint land management responsibilities are met, as well as an opportunity for QYAC to provide business services. An ongoing fire trail maintenance contract ensures that the townships of Minjerribah have strong lines of defence in the event of bushfires and provide the necessary infrastructure to conduct planned burning, which QYAC is engaged to undertake alongside DNRME officers.

### NRMA

QYAC is working towards a partnership with NRMA in tourism. This includes whale watching, city-to-island tours, eco-accommodation and creating Pulan as a eco-cultural tourism hub.

### Spicers

Spicers is a high-end, boutique accommodation provider. As part of the economic transition post-mining, QYAC is investigating a possible Spicers-Minjerribah concept, bringing together the quality Spicers and Minjerribah brands for culturally appropriate eco-cultural accommodation.

### Ecological Surveys

QYAC have teamed up with local wildlife filmmaker and field naturalists Jan Aldenhoven and Maree Ziirsen to assist in surveying areas of high conservation significance across Minjerribah. On a number of these surveys, a range of rare and threatened ecosystems, flora and fauna have been recorded and submitted to the Queensland Herbarium and Queensland Museum. These surveys improve the understanding of the cultural and natural environments that QYAC and partner agencies manage across Minjerribah, allowing for improved land management practices in light of new discoveries.

### Local partnerships

In June 2020, among a series of planned burns, QYAC Rangers worked in partnership with QPWS, Minjerribah Camping, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Rural Fire Services and Seqwater to lead an all-women's planned burn at Bummiera. While carrying out the important fire management work, the all-women crews involved were able to share skills and knowledge from their various backgrounds and experience through caring for a

culturally sensitive landscape.



Image: Michael Costelloe and Mervyn Graham at the Little Canalpin Creek Excavations.



Whales on Yalingbila Tours.



Joshua Walker, Yulu and Tuwai for Totally Wild.

## Generate Revenue Streams

### Yalingbila Tours

QYAC ran a successful Yalingbila Tour season in its first year, with over 1,200 people attending tours from June to September, with many leaving positive reviews and testimonials. While the second season of Yalingbila Tours was cancelled due to COVID-19, planning is already underway to make the 2021 whale season spectacular for all visitors.



Image: Yalingbila Tour

### Testimonials from the 2019 season:

*"I have been on whale watching tours in southern Australia and in Africa but have never experienced the closeness to the whales as on this excellent tour. Everyone was well looked after. The Quandamooka Yalingbila tours offered a great cross-cultural experience that made it an outstanding and very special day."*

*"Thank you for an amazing experience! I have been plugging it with a few of my friends. I love the entire trip, from the initial talks about Goorie ways and dreamtime stories... through to the Captain and his sense of humour. All the staff were knowledgeable and helpful."*

### Quandamooka Coast

The Quandamooka Coast division within QYAC has seen a growth, however due to COVID-19 was unable to operate from February to June 2020. Therefore, the following figures are based on the first 7 months of operation:

- 36 cultural walks – 432pax
- 8 Welcomes to Country
- 18 Smoking ceremonies
- 10 Dance performances
- 75 Catering events

### Medibee project

A three-year trial of the production of medicinal honey from *Leptospermum* and other nectar and pollen producing flora species started in 2018. The trial is a partnership between QYAC and Medibee and was approved by the Board under rigorous conditions recommended by both the Land and Sea and Investment Committees. The Cooperative Research Centre for Honey Bee Products, based at the University of Western Australia, are continuing their research for QYAC to ensure there are no impacts on the native bee population. This research includes real-time filming of insects visiting the flowers of native flora. With QALSMA Ranger support, Medibee have harvested honey and this Quandamooka branded honey will be packaged using branded developed by a local Quandamooka artist.

### Minjerribah Camping

Quandamooka People, through QYAC, became 100% owner and operator of Minjerribah Camping in November 2018. Minjerribah Camping employment numbers fluctuate based on peak periods and occupancy of campgrounds, as is the nature of tourism-based business. During the peak holiday period in December 2019, Minjerribah Camping employed 36 staff.

During this financial year, Minjerribah Camping felt the impacts of both the September 2019 bushfires, and the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent government-imposed restrictions from February 2020. During the bushfires, Adams Beach campgrounds and amenities were used by emergency responders as an evacuation centre. Minjerribah Camping staff and services were used to assist in the response where needed.

In response to COVID-19, Minjerribah Camping campgrounds went into care and maintenance mode. Campgrounds were closed in accordance with state government directives on 25 March 2020. During this time, the Minjerribah Camping workforce was reduced, with 8 staff stood down and 10 with reduced work hours. This time was used to focus on product development through enhancing the maintenance program and improving infrastructure, to prepare to reopen the grounds to guests.



**Total of 21,942 room nights this financial year**



Eco tent at Alder Rock

The Minjerriabah Camping Board were conscious of the risks of COVID-19 and erred on the side of caution at all times in developing and implementing a staged reopening strategy. To ensure safety of community and compliance with public health recommendations, the Board wrote and constantly updated a COVIDSafe Plan under guidelines of the Queensland Government and health authorities to prepare for reopening.

#### Ecological Sustainability

In alignment with the Gudjunadabu Marumba Gubiyiyanya (Tourism for a Glad Tomorrow) strategy, Minjerriabah Camping has worked to ensure ecological sustainability of campgrounds and facilities. This includes the rationalisation of

campsites and tracks at Flinders and Main beach to protect the natural landscape and Care for Country. The works have been done in conjunction with Quandamooka Rangers. Bollards made from recycled soft plastics will allocate campers to designated sites, manage campers' ecological footprint, and allow for a capacity to be applied to camping areas. This work, funded by the DES, seeks to balance economic aspirations and sustainable environment stewardship for the beach camping areas.

To monitor water use in campground amenity blocks, water readers were installed in campgrounds. These monitors will identify water waste and maximise water saving opportunities.

#### Capital Expenditure projects

The Minjerriabah Camping Board approved Capital Expenditure Program has seen many upgrades to Minjerriabah Camping facilities and grounds. These include;

- three new eco tents built at Cylinder campground;
- a total refurbishment of the Cylinder campground amenities block;
- six new glamping tents built at Bradbury's, including one accessible for people with a disability; and
- 25 new pop-up relocatable bell glamping tents constructed at Adams Beach for the 2019 Summer holiday period.

**Staff training and development**  
Professional and personal development of all Minjerriabah Camping staff was a priority throughout the year. Training programs included; project management fundamentals, 4WD training and skid steer course, with all employees completing personal safety and first aid training. Training and development will continue to be a focus of Minjerriabah Camping into the future.

#### Marketing initiatives

In late 2019 QYAC, through Minjerriabah Camping, began collaborating with Brisbane-based tech company Travello. Through this, Travello and Minjerriabah Camping will cross-promote each other's products, allowing Minjerriabah Camping to reach an amplified market. Other Minjerriabah tourism offers, such as cultural experiences, will also be marketed through this partnership. In the wake of COVID-19, this will help to boost local businesses and the local economy as travel returns to the region.

#### Mulgumpin Camping

Mulgumpin Camping was transitioned from QPWS to QYAC on 4 February 2020. The bookings team for Mulgumpin Camping is based at the Wynnum Office, and has taken on general bookings, commercial operator bookings, Vehicle Access Permits (VAP) and Exempt VAP processing.

Mulgumpin Camping, like Minjerriabah Camping, entered care and maintenance mode during COVID-19 and is reopening under a COVIDSafe Plan in accordance with advice from Queensland health authorities and in line with the QPWS COVID-19 Recovery Plan.



Images: Refurbished Cabin at Cylinder Beach / Pulan (Amity) eco shacks.



Quandamooka Yulubariiba Dancers at the 2019 Quandamooka Festival. Gumpi Kunjel. Photo by Mick Richards.

# EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

Education, arts and culture have been a key focus of QYAC this past year and are a large component of the Government funded ETS. This financial year saw the partial completion of ETS Project 13 through Place Markers at Pulan and Mulumba with RCC. Belinda Close and Delvene Cockatoo-Collins created stunning artworks for this interpretive signage, featured at each location to share stories of Quandamooka culture with visitors. Delivery of the Gumpi Place Maker will be completed in late 2020.

## Mara Millen Yagabili – the Quandamooka Arts and Cultural Strategy

This financial year saw the finalisation of Mara Millen Yagabili, the Quandamooka Arts and Cultural Strategy, however the official launch was delayed due to COVID-19. Mara Millen Yagabili is one of five key strategies aimed at increasing the cultural, social, environmental, and economic development outcomes for Quandamooka People as we transition from a mining-based economy on Minjerribah. The Strategy is centred around providing opportunities for Quandamooka People to engage

with and be inspired by art; strengthen arts and cultural practice; share work on Quandamooka Country and beyond; share culture and educate through the arts; and support the leadership of Quandamooka artists and arts workers.

The following guiding principles underpin the strategy:

- Abide by and uphold protocol and law including that knowledge is owned by Quandamooka families and that our families have the right to protect their intellectual and cultural property.
- Foster strong local, national and international partnerships and collaborations.

- Quandamooka People will determine which other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and international First Nations and non-Indigenous artists, arts workers and organisations we will welcome and host on Country and partner.
- Present high-quality multi-art form works in traditional and contemporary forms.
- Benchmark against national and international excellence in Indigenous leadership and management.

The vision of Mara Millen Yagabili was developed through consultation with Quandamooka Elders and Traditional Owners, arts and cultural institutions, and Minjerribah businesses and organisations.

Stakeholders were engaged in more than 15 interviews, 10 small group conversations, and six open workshops. The Quandamooka Artist Reference Group was established and met 14 times to guide the development of the strategy and QUAMPI, including a two-day workshop in September 2019.

Under the Strategy, three project areas were identified to be undertaken in the coming years:

- The establishment of QUAMPI, the arts and cultural centre;
- development of the Quandamooka Festival as an iconic Queensland event; and
- development of product that will showcase Quandamooka arts and First Nations contemporary arts programming at QUAMPI.

The Artist Reference Group, now known as the Quandamooka Artist Network, continue to meet monthly to provide a forum for Quandamooka artists and arts practitioners to share information, explore opportunities and to provide a space to come together. The Network also provides a forum for communicating with the Quandamooka Arts Program Co-Artistic Directors.



Image: Trainee Rangers at Adder Rock.



## Introducing our Co-Artistic Directors

Megan Cope and Wesley Enoch (AO) have joined as the inaugural Co-Artistic Directors of QUAMPI and the Quandamooka Arts Program. Megan Cope (Junobin/Jungerboi) is a nationally and internationally celebrated Visual Artist who exhibits with and is collected by the largest galleries in the Country. Wesley Enoch (Junobin) is currently the Artistic Director of Sydney Festival and an acclaimed playwright and theatre director.

Megan Cope: "As a passionate, active member of the visual arts community with a professional practicing career for the past decade now, I'm absolutely delighted and honoured to be returning this knowledge and experience home to family and Country during this important time of change. We are committed to ensuring the voices of our artists are heard and together our community can continue the work of honouring our ancestors, caring for Country and maintaining cultural legacy for generations to come."

Wesley Enoch: "This opportunity is an important reminder that connection to Country feeds everything else and that the arts and culture of Quandamooka people are already world class and experienced through the world. I look forward to serving my community and family through showcasing the best of Quandamooka to the world. It is never easy and there will be hardships, but as our ancestors have always proven – we don't just plan to survive, we plan to thrive through this unique expression of our sovereignty and voice to the world."

Image: Inaugural Co-Artistic Directors, Megan Cope and Wesley Enoch. Photo by Jo-Anne Driessens



QUAMPI design. Image courtesy of COX Architects.

## QUAMPI

QUAMPI is the proposed arts and culture centre dedicated to the promotion and showcasing of Quandamooka People, place and Culture. QUAMPI will connect with the cultural work being undertaken throughout the Native Title business of QYAC. QUAMPI's primary focus is to make connections and amplify the artistic outcomes of Quandamooka People.

QYAC secured a total of \$9.5 million in funding from the Queensland Government in 2019 for the construction of QUAMPI. Cox Architects have designed the building with consultation and input from the Quandamooka Artist Network.

Expanding construction costs have meant that additional funds are being sought from the State Government and other sources for the build. It is anticipated that building construction will commence next financial year.

QYAC have secured operational funding for QUAMPI of \$1.6 million over four years from the Australia Council for the Arts, commencing January 2021. Partnerships, sponsorships and operational support will also be sought in the next financial year.

In the next 12-24 months the QUAMPI team will be piloting and prototyping many of the activities designed for roll out when the building is completed. QUAMPI biba – or Little QUAMPI – will be

established in the next financial year as a base for activities such as the Quandamooka Festival, arts markets, arts workshops, educational tours, artist camps and residencies, performing arts events, commissioning programs, public exhibitions, and tourism product development.

QUAMPI biba and this initial program will be essential for stakeholder 'buy-in' to be embraced as the team test and respond to Cultural guidance, market signals and artistic ambitions.



Vertical text on the left side of the page: Jessica Mauboy on stage at the 2019 Quandamooka Festival Closing Concert. Photo by Mick Richards.

**Quandamooka Festival**

This financial year captured the last two months of the 2019 Festival, which was a spectacular showcase of Quandamooka excellence in arts, music, dance and Culture. This included the NAIDOC Winnam Kunjiel, the Gumpi Kunjiel which hosted First Nations dance groups from around Queensland, and a free program featuring arts and crafts, food stalls, dance, and live performances by Quandamooka artists including Nix and Adam James. The closing event of the 2019 Quandamooka Festival was an evening concert with live music performances from headline acts Jessica Mauboy and Dan Sultan, supported by Blakbeats and Provokal.

The Quandamooka Festival was a success this year with over 9,000 guests in attendance across

the three-month event bringing community together to celebrate Culture. More than 90% of guests agreed or strongly agreed that the Quandamooka Festival was a great experience, with testimonials including;

*'It's just 2 deadly to ignore' 'Local Indigenous Culture on our doorstep this weekend. Quandamooka Festival, Stradbroke Island off Cleveland. Go welcome the whales into Moreton Bay and enjoy the festival!'*

*'Most amazing event – yes it has amazing water views but also the community [are] just beautiful'*

None of this would have been possible without the support from our sponsors and partners, including Star Entertainment, Stradbroke Ferries, Arts Queensland, Festivals Australia, Tourism and Events Queensland, RCC, BCC, Energex, and many more.

In 2020, Quandamooka Festival, like many national events, was cancelled due to COVID-19. In line with the threat of the virus and subsequent public health orders, mass gatherings and cultural events were postponed or cancelled throughout the nation. QYAC made the proactive decision in March to cancel the 2020 Quandamooka Festival to protect the community.

The Artistic Directors have focused their energy towards building a fantastic program for 2021, where the Quandamooka Festival will return to celebrate Quandamooka People, place and culture. Some funding for the 2021 Festival has already been secured through the Regional Arts Fund for the development of a community arts project, after the grant was postponed from original delivery in 2020.

The first Quandamooka Festival Business Plan 2020-2022 was completed this financial year. The Plan includes a shift from a three-month program to an action packed four-day Quandamooka Festival program.



Image: Community arts and crafts at Gumpi Kunjiel. Photo by Mick Richards.





Jessica Mauboy on stage at the Yalingbila Bibula - Internal Whale Shelter design. Image courtesy of COX Architects.

## Yalingbila Bibula (Whale on the Hill)

Yalingbila Bibula will tell the story of Minjerribah's Traditional Owners and the Quandamooka People's continuous connection to the Eastern Australian Humpback Yalingbila (whale), which regularly migrate past Minjerribah. QYAC has been working in close partnership with The University of Queensland in the development of Yalingbila Bibula, as well as world-class architects COX, bone specialists, the Queensland Museum and experts in rehabilitation to ensure that the design complements the environment.

A key project for Minjerribah Futures, Yalingbila Bibula will house the 15-metre skeleton of the yalingbila that washed ashore at Mulumba in 2011. Consultation was undertaken from December 2018 to February 2019 to ensure appropriate design for the facility, with more than 350 responses were received, with suggestions taken on board in the initial design, released in May 2019.

As part of the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID), public consultations were held in January and February 2020. A total of 366 submissions were received and considered before the MID was approved. The MID was made effective on 27 March after it was determined that consultation, cultural heritage, and environmental assessment met the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Community feedback was taken on board and has heavily influenced the current design; the shelter has been designed to have a minimal footprint, sit below the tree line, does not obstruct the view, and will complement and restore the local vegetation and topography. The project will also restore sections of the original shape and features of the landscape and vegetation that had been disturbed by previously built structures.

In early 2020 the yalingbila bones were transported to First Nations people who are experts in Canada to be degreased in preparation for conservation and display.

The shelter will be a place to share the traditional stories and the key role Mulumba has played in international yalingbila research and whaling politics. The shelter will include information on the Eastern Australian Humpback Yalingbila, a University of Queensland pod and a hydrophone (underwater microphone system) so visitors can enjoy the unique experience of watching a yalingbila pass and hear its song, look at the skeleton and talk to a researcher simultaneously.

As of 30 June 2020, the project is ready for the tender process to commence, with a contractor to be awarded in late 2020. Building is expected to be completed next financial year.

## Minjerribah Ganaba

Minjerribah Ganaba is a place to hear, think and understand on Minjerribah. Minjerribah Ganaba will provide a modern venue for delivering education, training and employment on Minjerribah.

The past year has seen the refurbishment of the former Dunwich State High School, which will be completed in late 2020. New facility upgrades will include seminar rooms, a dedicated language room, a cultural heritage keeping place, and a commercial training kitchen.

This year QYAC were successful in receiving funding through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program and have employed twenty people who are working across many departments of QYAC, including Cultural Heritage, Rangers, Quandamooka Coast, and Minjerribah Camping.

### Programs Delivered

Delays in the refurbishment process and COVID-19 have resulted in minimal training being completed this financial year. The following programs will continue to be offered upon the reopening of Minjerribah Ganaba in the next financial year.

- Jandai Language Workshop
- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
- Machinery tickets
- Forklift licenses
- Driving lessons
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Maritime Operations
- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate III in Tourism



Minjerribah Ganaba will be developed to include an extensive range of programs. This will include recognition of Minjerribah Ganaba as an Indigenous Knowledge Centre, a place of First Nations innovation and research and a place for learning traditional practices.

Minjerribah Ganaba will continue to develop in the coming year to deliver training across a wide range of industries, including:

- Cultural practices;
- Agriculture, food and natural resources;
- Arts, audio visual technology and communications;
- Business management and administration; and
- Hospitality and tourism.

Our future vision for education and training on Minjerribah will:

- Focus on the individual – Quandamooka People have good prospects and confidently pursue economic opportunities;
- Focus on place – Quandamooka Country is world renowned for fostering innovation and research;
- Focus on community – The Quandamooka community drives and leverages jobs and investment based on resilient, sustainable small businesses; and
- Focus on the entity – QYAC as a leader in native title and cultural protection and ensures a sustainable economic future for Quandamooka People.

## Education, Business and Innovation Strategy

The Education, Business and Innovation strategy has been developed in conjunction with the Queensland Government through the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training. The strategy will be released in late 2020 with the opening of Minjerribah Ganaba.

This four-year strategy aligns with the following strategies created to support the economic, cultural, environmental and social development of the ETS:

- Gudjunadabu Marumba Gubiyiyanya (Tourism for a Glad Tomorrow)
- Mara Millen Yagabili (Many hands create) – Quandamooka Arts and Culture Strategy
- Fisheries, Forestry and Food (currently under development)
- Sustainability - including energy, water, and waste (currently under development)

### Jandai Wularaba

Jandai Wularaba translates to the Place of Jandai Language where a space has been allocated within the Minjerribah Ganaba Precinct for language activities and project work.

In July 2019, the Minjerribah Language Forum was held at Mulumba as part of the Quandamooka Festival and also to celebrate the Year of Indigenous Languages. The Forum was a success; bringing together people



from around Queensland to share language projects and exciting initiatives. From the Forum, Auntie Sandra Delaney was invited to lecture on QYAC's work on Jandai at QUT to international students undertaking an MBA. In February 2020, Auntie Sandra was also requested to present a plenary session on Jandai at the Australian Languages Workshop at The University of Queensland Moreton Bay Research Station at Gumpi. The Australian Languages Workshop was the annual meeting of linguists and language practitioners researching, revitalising and advocating for First Nations languages.

During COVID-19, Jandai Wularaba took to social media to also promote Jandai and Guwar, hold workshops which assists to increase the number of Quandamooka People to become familiar with recognising, speaking and writing words in language. This has also raised an awareness

and appreciation of Jandai and Guwar language within the wider community. Jandai Wularaba has also undertaken research, provided advice on language interpretation and to incorporate language in QYAC infrastructure, products and documentation. Jandai Wularaba also researched different language teaching methods and modernised Jandai and Guwar for community use and product development.

Jandai Wularaba has worked to embed language on Country as the use of Jandai and Guwar language in the public domain plays a very important role in awareness raising, paving the way for more communicative use of language.

By ensuring Jandai and Guwar dialects are visible and promoted on Country, this strengthens our language to keep it alive, healthy and vibrant.



### Junior Rangers

The Junior Rangers program educates students about Caring for Culture and Country. Young Rangers learn about the importance of Caring for the Land, Sea, Animals and Cultural Values; they look at any impacts to the island and find outcomes to fix the problems. This year the Junior Rangers were featured on Totally Wild.

One of the first programs the Junior Rangers have been involved in is the Impacts of Marine Debris in the bay. The Junior Rangers created signs to educate people as they walk on Minjerribah beaches.

Throughout the year a number of educational talks and workshops were delivered by Patrick Coolwell at Dunwich State School, teaching 205 students from Prep to Grade 6 how to care for Minjerribah and Quandamooka Country.

### Innovation and research

Quandamooka Researchers Forum In October 2019, QYAC held a Researchers Forum that was attended by nearly 100 researchers currently researching or wanting to research aspects of Quandamooka Country or Culture. The Forum was well received, and many researchers presented their current research and outcomes.

Forum Objectives;

1. To familiarise participants with the range of research currently being undertaken (and proposed) within and adjacent to the Quandamooka Country (including existing Quandamooka Peoples' Native Title determination Areas);
2. to brief researchers on QYAC's research priorities (immediate and strategic) and to seek partnerships in this research;

3. to acquaint participants of research protocols for conducting research on Quandamooka Country (including lands and sea Native Title areas); and,
4. to establish a research network relevant to Quandamooka interests.



Images: Previous page; White Card training. This page; Young student Rubi Kissick holding a 'Keep Straddie Clean' sign as part of the Junior Ranger initiative.

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
RNTBC AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES  
ICN 7564

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the operations of the Corporation for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

### Directors

The Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Valerie Cooms (Chairperson)	Jeanette Burns
David Burns	Earl Morgan
Paul Martin	Leigh McPhail
Karen Rylance	Lorraine Hatton
Jody Coghill	Charlene Gordon
Mollie O'Connor	
Gavin Costelloe	

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

### Operating Result

The consolidated group posted a surplus after income tax of \$2,099,676 (2018: \$179,958).

### Principle Activities

The principle activity of the Corporation during the financial year was Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Quandamooka People. The consolidated group includes an entity which carried on a camping business, Minjerribah Camping.

The Corporation also provides a range of other services relating to native title including, but not limited to:

- Ensuring the Quandamooka people are aware of their obligations as native title holders as well as informing them on any developments in the native title claim area.
- Assist the Quandamooka people in harnessing their resources and seeking opportunities to create a sustainable industry 'on country'.
- Act as a representative of native title organisations in general to make legislative and administrative changes to improve the native title system.
- Working with the Queensland Government to support the economic transition towards sustainable economies for current and future generations of Quandamooka People.

### Significant Changes in the State as to Affairs

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

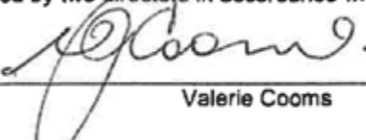

### Performance measures

There is increasing general disruption to normal economic and business activity as a result of the COVID19 pandemic announced by the World Health Organisation in March 2020 and the Federal Government's subsequent announcements and protocols. The entity has sufficient cash reserves to fund operations and weather the estimated 2020 and 2021 financial impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 339-50 of the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 is set out on the following page.

Signed by two directors in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

 Valerie Cooms	 Leigh McPhail
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Dated: 20.10.20

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

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

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020 there has been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

PKF Canberra

  
Ross Di Bartolo  
Partner

Dated: 20.10.20

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue from grants		8,201,269	4,114,728
Revenue from camping & accommodation		3,650,633	4,465,265
Revenue from holiday van & permits		1,153,836	1,124,553
Revenue from other ordinary activities	2(a)	4,048,741	3,223,769
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>17,054,479</b>	<b>12,928,315</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration & consulting charges		2,747,984	1,657,990
Cost of direct goods & services (camping)		802,583	870,410
Depreciation and amortization expenses		610,875	403,179
Employee benefits expenses	3(a)	7,209,339	6,345,587
Other expenses from ordinary activities	3(b)	3,576,036	3,424,652
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>14,946,817</b>	<b>12,701,818</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax</b>		<b>2,107,662</b>	<b>226,497</b>
Less: Income tax expense		(7,986)	(46,539)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>2,099,676</b>	<b>179,958</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Net contribution (Minjerribah Camping)	2(b)	-	-
Net gain on revaluation of non-current assets		-	-
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>2,099,676</b>	<b>179,958</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the entity</b>		<b>2,099,676</b>	<b>179,958</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to members of the entity</b>		<b>2,099,676</b>	<b>179,958</b>

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	13,649,197	10,951,344
Trade & other receivables	5	1,304,461	1,156,803
Other assets	6	287,895	530,048
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>15,241,553</b>	<b>12,638,195</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	6,196,646	4,562,875
Right to use assets	8	453,094	-
Financial Assets	9	25,988	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>6,675,728</b>	<b>4,562,875</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>21,917,281</b>	<b>17,201,070</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & other payables	10	1,549,140	1,548,829
Other liabilities	11	4,134,463	3,086,847
Provisions	12	716,146	1,063,155
Lease liability		193,329	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>6,593,078</b>	<b>5,698,831</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & other payables	10	8,978,085	8,106,180
Other liabilities	13	626,587	39,181
Lease liability	14	266,974	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>9,871,646</b>	<b>8,145,361</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>16,464,724</b>	<b>13,844,192</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>5,452,557</b>	<b>3,356,878</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained profits		5,452,557	3,356,878
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>5,452,557</b>	<b>3,356,878</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Retained Earnings \$	Total Equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2018</b>	<b>3,501,928</b>	<b>3,501,928</b>
Prior Year Adjustment	(325,008)	(325,008)
Net Surplus/(Loss) for the year	179,958	179,958
<b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>	<b>3,356,878</b>	<b>3,356,878</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>	<b>3,356,878</b>	<b>3,356,878</b>
Opening balance adjustment - Application of AASB 16	(3,997)	(3,997)
Net Surplus/(Loss) for the year	2,099,676	2,099,676
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>5,452,557</b>	<b>5,452,557</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from customers and government grants		18,205,381	12,982,865
Payments to suppliers and employees		(13,353,192)	(11,354,648)
Interest received		12,258	37,001
Income tax received		-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	18(b)	4,864,447	1,665,218
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Amount paid for Rental Bonds		(25,987)	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(2,697,742)	(1,720,753)
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,723,729)	(1,720,753)
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds/(repayment)from borrowings		561,132	25,533
Decrease in retained earnings – Application of AASB 16		(3,997)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		557,135	25,533
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		2,697,853	(30,002)
Cash at beginning of financial year		10,951,344	10,981,346
Cash at end of financial year	18(a)	13,649,197	10,951,344

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC is a corporation domiciled in Australia. The Corporation is a prescribed body corporate, as defined under 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.

**Reporting Basis**

The Corporation applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards*.

These consolidated financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. The Corporation is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under the Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the Australian Accounting Standards Board has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The consolidated financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**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; and
- Quandamooka MC Holdings Pty Ltd.
- Minjerribah Camping 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.

**Change in Accounting Policy - Leases - Adoption of AASB 16**

The Corporation has adopted AASB 16 Leases using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 July 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2019 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with AASB 117 Leases and associated Accounting Interpretations.

**Impact of adoption of AASB 16**

The impact of adopting AASB 16 is described below:

**Corporation as a lessee**

Under AASB 117, the Corporation and its controlled entities assessed whether leases were operating or finance leases based on its assessment of whether the significant risks and rewards of ownership had been transferred to the Corporation and its controlled entities or remained with the lessor. Under AASB 16, there is no differentiation between finance and operating leases for the lessee and therefore all leases which meet the definition of a lease are recognised on the statement of financial position (except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets).

The Corporation and its controlled entities has elected to use the exception to lease accounting for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, and the lease expense relating to these leases are recognised in the statement of profit or loss on a straight line basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

AASB 16 includes a number of practical expedients which can be used on transition, the Company has used the following expedients:

- Contracts which had previously been assessed as not containing leases under AASB 117 were not re-assessed on transition to AASB 16;
- Lease liabilities have been discounted using the Corporation and its controlled entities incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019;
- Right-of-use assets at 1 July 2019 have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liability adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments;
- A single discount rate was applied to all leases with similar characteristics;
- The right-of-use asset was adjusted by the existing onerous lease provision (where relevant) at 30 June 2019 rather than perform impairment testing of the right-of-use asset;
- Excluded leases with an expiry date prior to 30 June 2020 from the statement of financial position and lease expenses for these leases have been recorded on a straight-line basis over the remaining term;
- Used hindsight when determining the lease term if the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease;
- For leases which were classified as finance leases under AASB 117, the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset and the lease liability at 1 July 2019 are the same value as the leased asset and liability on 30 June 2019.

Financial statement impact of adoption of AASB 16

The Corporation and its controlled entities have recognised right-of-use assets of \$247,783 and lease liabilities of \$252,934 at 1 July 2019, for leases previously classified as operating leases.

The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities at 1 July 2019 was 4.50%

	2020
	\$
Operating lease commitments at 30 June 2019 financial statements	237,591
Discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019	237,591
Add:	
Finance lease liabilities	392,529
Less:	
Short-term leases included in commitments note	(169,817)
<b>Lease liabilities recognised at 1 July 2019</b>	<b>460,303</b>

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Income Tax

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and the Quandamooka People's Gift Fund are exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Quandamooka MC Holdings Pty Ltd and Minjerribah Camping Pty Ltd are subject to income tax on taxable profits. Income tax is recognised in the consolidated financial statements as an expense on a tax payable basis. Income tax expense and income tax liability disclosed in the financial statements relates entirely to Minjerribah Camping Pty Ltd.

(b) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

(c) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Grant funding revenues, which is subject to contractual grant funding conditions, are recognised proportionally as expended during the financial year in order to match the revenue with the relevant project expenditure.

Any portion of grant funds which have not been fully expended during the year are recognised as unspent grant funds and shown as a payable within the balance sheet (refer to accounting policy Note 1(g) Payables).

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their estimated useful lives to the Corporation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Properties held for investment purposes are not subject to a depreciation charge. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates and useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates/useful lives	Depreciation basis
Building/Camps	2.5% - 4%	Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	22.5%	Diminishing Value
Office Equipment & Software	25% - 66.67%	Diminishing Value/Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	30% - 37.5%	Diminishing Value

(e) 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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(f) Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables are recorded at amounts due less any provision for doubtful debts.

(g) Payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Corporation. Any portion of grant funds received and not expended on the relevant grant project during the relevant financial year are recognised as unspent funds and disclosed as a payable until such time.

(h) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the entity's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the statement of financial position date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages, salaries and annual leave which may be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(i) Investments

Investments represent the cost of the Corporations investment in ventures entered into for the benefit of the Quandamooka People.

(j) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Corporation reviews the carrying values of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Statement of comprehensive income.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Corporation estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(k) 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 recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(l) Business Combinations

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses, which results in the consolidation of its assets and liabilities.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or businesses under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is obtained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exceptions).

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement is also included. Subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is remeasured each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to the business combination other than those associated with the issue of a financial instrument are recognised as expenses in profit or loss when incurred.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from bargain purchase.

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>NOTE 2: REVENUE</b>		
<b>(a) Revenue from other ordinary activities</b>		
Cultural Heritage Monitoring & Training	941,055	518,810
Cultural Heritage Surveys	55,763	246,110
IBA – Debt forgiveness	-	234,754
Interest Income	12,258	37,001
Miscellaneous Income	978,934	287,079
Other non-accommodation camping revenue	235,584	288,324
QBS Contracts	1,825,147	1,611,691
	<u>4,048,741</u>	<u>3,223,769</u>
<b>NOTE 3: EXPENSES</b>		
<b>(a) Employee benefits expenses</b>		
Salary & wages	6,294,367	5,516,897
Superannuation	589,742	515,226
Other employment costs	325,230	313,464
	<u>7,209,339</u>	<u>6,345,587</u>
<b>(b) Other expenses from ordinary activities</b>		
Advertising & marketing	145,612	207,394
Computer expenses	128,012	126,453
Cultural heritage	73,540	554,369
Equipment & materials	787,004	750,165
Meetings, travel & conferences	340,250	251,956
Office utilities & requisites	839,635	839,205
Other services	173,903	64,718
Other expenses	679,553	144,119
Vehicle expenses	393,881	486,273
Lease interest	14,646	-
	<u>3,576,036</u>	<u>3,424,652</u>



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	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>NOTE 4: CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash at bank – Operating accounts	1,824,516	262,950
Cash at bank – Royalties account	8,978,085	8,104,271
Cash at bank – Savings accounts	2,116,778	2,523,179
Cash at bank – Other accounts	728,927	60,053
Cash on hand	891	891
	<u>13,649,197</u>	<u>10,951,344</u>

**NOTE 5: TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Trade debtors	1,277,526	910,576
Less: Provision for Doubtful debts	(387)	(387)
	<u>1,277,139</u>	<u>910,189</u>
Other receivables	27,322	246,614
Trade & other receivables	<u>1,304,461</u>	<u>1,156,803</u>

(i) **Provision for Impairment of Receivables**

Current trade receivables are generally on 30-day terms. These receivables are assessed for recoverability and a provision for impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. These amounts have been included in other expense items.

(ii) **Credit Risk — Trade & Other Receivables**

The Corporation does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables.

Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled within the terms and conditions agreed between the Corporation and the customer or counter party to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for where there are specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the Corporation.

The Corporation does not hold any financial assets whose terms have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

**NOTE 6: OTHER ASSETS**

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accrued interest – royalty account	-	1,909
Accrued revenue - other	125,000	386,293
Prepayments	162,895	141,846
	<u>287,895</u>	<u>530,048</u>

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
QLC building - at cost	649,200	649,200
Campsites & improvements - at cost	2,504,760	2,133,485
Less accumulated depreciation	(322,317)	(231,752)
	<u>2,831,643</u>	<u>2,550,933</u>
Motor vehicle – at cost	346,932	272,104
Less accumulated depreciation	(194,360)	(144,106)
	<u>152,572</u>	<u>127,998</u>
Office equipment & software - at cost	533,933	466,515
Less accumulated depreciation	(314,686)	(233,719)
	<u>219,247</u>	<u>232,796</u>
Plant & equipment - at cost	2,405,967	2,000,535
Less accumulated depreciation	(791,062)	(577,124)
	<u>1,614,905</u>	<u>1,423,411</u>
Leasehold improvements - at cost	63,660	-
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,122)	-
	<u>61,538</u>	<u>-</u>
Work in Progress – at cost		
Capital Projects (others)	2,930	227,737
Bradbury's Campground	1,195,612	-
Cylinder Beach tents	118,199	-
	<u>1,316,741</u>	<u>227,737</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>6,196,646</u>	<u>4,562,875</u>

(a) **Movements in Carrying Amounts**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Building/ Camps \$	Motor vehicle \$	Office equipment & software \$	Plant & equipment \$	Work in Progress \$	Leasehold Improvement s \$	Total \$
<b>2020</b>							
Balance at beginning of year	2,550,933	127,998	232,796	1,423,411	227,737		4,562,875
Additions	166,402	74,828	67,418	385,498	1,313,811	63,660	2,071,617
Transfers	204,873	-	-	19,934	(224,807)	-	-
Depreciation expense	(90,565)	(50,254)	(80,967)	(213,938)	-	(2,122)	(437,846)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>2,831,643</u>	<u>152,572</u>	<u>219,247</u>	<u>1,614,905</u>	<u>1,316,741</u>	<u>61,538</u>	<u>6,196,646</u>

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>NOTE 8: RIGHT OF USE ASSETS</b>		
ROU Motor vehicle – at cost	603,822	-
Less ROU accumulated depreciation	<u>(161,394)</u>	-
	<u>442,428</u>	-
ROU Plant and Equipment – at cost	22,302	-
Less ROU accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,636)</u>	-
	<u>10,666</u>	-
	<u>453,094</u>	-
<b>NOTE 9: FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Rental Bonds	<u>25,988</u>	-
	<u>25,988</u>	-
<b>NOTE 10: TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade creditors and accruals	1,062,866	975,299
Sundry creditors	<u>486,274</u>	<u>573,530</u>
	<u>1,549,140</u>	<u>1,548,829</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Quandamooka People Ex-Gratia royalties	<u>8,978,085</u>	<u>8,106,180</u>
	<u>8,978,085</u>	<u>8,106,180</u>

The Quandamooka people Ex-Gratia royalties have been reclassified as a non-current liability to align the financial disclosures to the procedural requirements of the Native Title Act 1993 and the Native Title Prescribed Bodies Corporate Regulations 1999 for any potential payment of the liability by QYAC. This change in classification has been made retrospectively.

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	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>NOTE 11: OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Unearned income - Camping	2,094,584	1,620,851
Unspent grant funds - QYAC	1,039,880	1,367,663
Income in advance – Development of Whale Facility	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>98,333</u>
	<u>4,134,463</u>	<u>3,086,847</u>
<b>NOTE 12: PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Employee Provisions		
Provision for annual leave	425,235	338,514
Provision for Time in lieu	<u>70,689</u>	<u>95,208</u>
	<u>495,924</u>	<u>433,722</u>
<b>Other Provisions</b>		
Provision for income tax	27,806	144,120
Provision for payroll tax	<u>192,416</u>	<u>485,313</u>
	<u>220,222</u>	<u>629,433</u>
	<u>716,146</u>	<u>1,063,155</u>
<b>NOTE 13: OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Secured loan - IBA	336,665	25,533
Unsecured loan - QRIDA	<u>250,000</u>	-
	<u>586,665</u>	<u>25,533</u>
<b>Employee Provisions</b>		
Provision for long service leave	<u>39,922</u>	<u>13,648</u>
	<u>626,587</u>	<u>39,181</u>
<b>NOTE 14: LEASE LIABILITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Lease liability	193,329	-
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Lease liability	<u>266,974</u>	-
	<u>460,303</u>	-
<b>NOTE 15: RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		
An adjustment was required to retained earnings of \$3,997 arising from the retrospective adoption of AASB 16 - Leases.		
<b>NOTE 16: COMMITMENTS &amp; CONTIGENCIES</b>		
There are no known commitments at the date of this report that should be brought to account.		
<b>NOTE 17: AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS</b>		
No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Corporation, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Corporation in future financial year.		

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>NOTE 18: CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash</b>		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:		
Cash at bank	13,649,197	10,951,344
	<u>13,649,197</u>	<u>10,951,344</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities after income tax</b>		
Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after income tax	2,099,676	179,958
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities		
Depreciation	610,875	403,179
Provision for doubtful debts		(5,273)
Other profit adjustments from ordinary activities		-
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade & other receivables	115,545	(902,109)
(Increase)/decrease in income tax account	(116,314)	48,072
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(21,049)	(36,490)
Increase/(decrease) in trade & other payables	2,380,136	1,971,043
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(204,422)	6,838
Cash flows from operations	<u>4,864,447</u>	<u>1,665,218</u>

**NOTE 19: PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION**

**Statement of Financial Position**

Current assets	13,235,135	10,463,063
Total assets	16,719,673	12,283,725
Current liabilities	3,082,807	11,241,518
Total liabilities	13,608,578	11,280,699
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>3,111,095</u>	<u>1,003,026</u>

**Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

Revenue	15,592,775	9,558,615
Expenses		
- Depreciation	(241,740)	(140,784)
- Other expenses	(13,242,718)	(9,746,880)
<b>Net Profit/(Loss) for the Year</b>	<u>2,108,317</u>	<u>(329,049)</u>

**NOTE 20: CORPORATION DETAILS**

The registered office of the corporation is:  
Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation  
100 East Coast Road  
DUNWICH QUEENSLAND 4183

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors of Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation and its controlled entities declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 16 are in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Regulations (CARSI Regulations) including:
  - comply with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements; and
  - give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Corporation as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Corporation and its controlled entities will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Director  Director   
Valerie Cooms Leigh McPhail

Dated: 20-10-20

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial report of Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and controlled entities (the Corporation), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Directors' declaration of the consolidated financial statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Corporation.

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

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of the performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibility section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Other Information**

Other information is financial and non-financial information in the annual report of the Corporation which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The directors are responsible for Other Information in the annual report. The Other Information we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report was the Director's Report, no other information will be provided. Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, the auditor does not and will not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information in the Financial Report and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC & CONTROLLED ENTITIES**

**Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The board of the Corporation is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report to meet the requirements of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and the needs of the members. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial report, the board is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board intends to wind up the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial reports. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including 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 entity's internal control. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of 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 conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reports or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.

We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
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We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Corporation to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the board, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant audit deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PKF Canberra

  
Ross Di Bartolo  
Partner

Dated: 20.10.20

**DISCLAIMER TO THE MEMBERS OF  
QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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The additional financial data presented on the following is in accordance with the books and records of Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Controlled Entities which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the Corporation for the financial year ended 30 June 2020. It will be appreciated that our audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

PKF Canberra

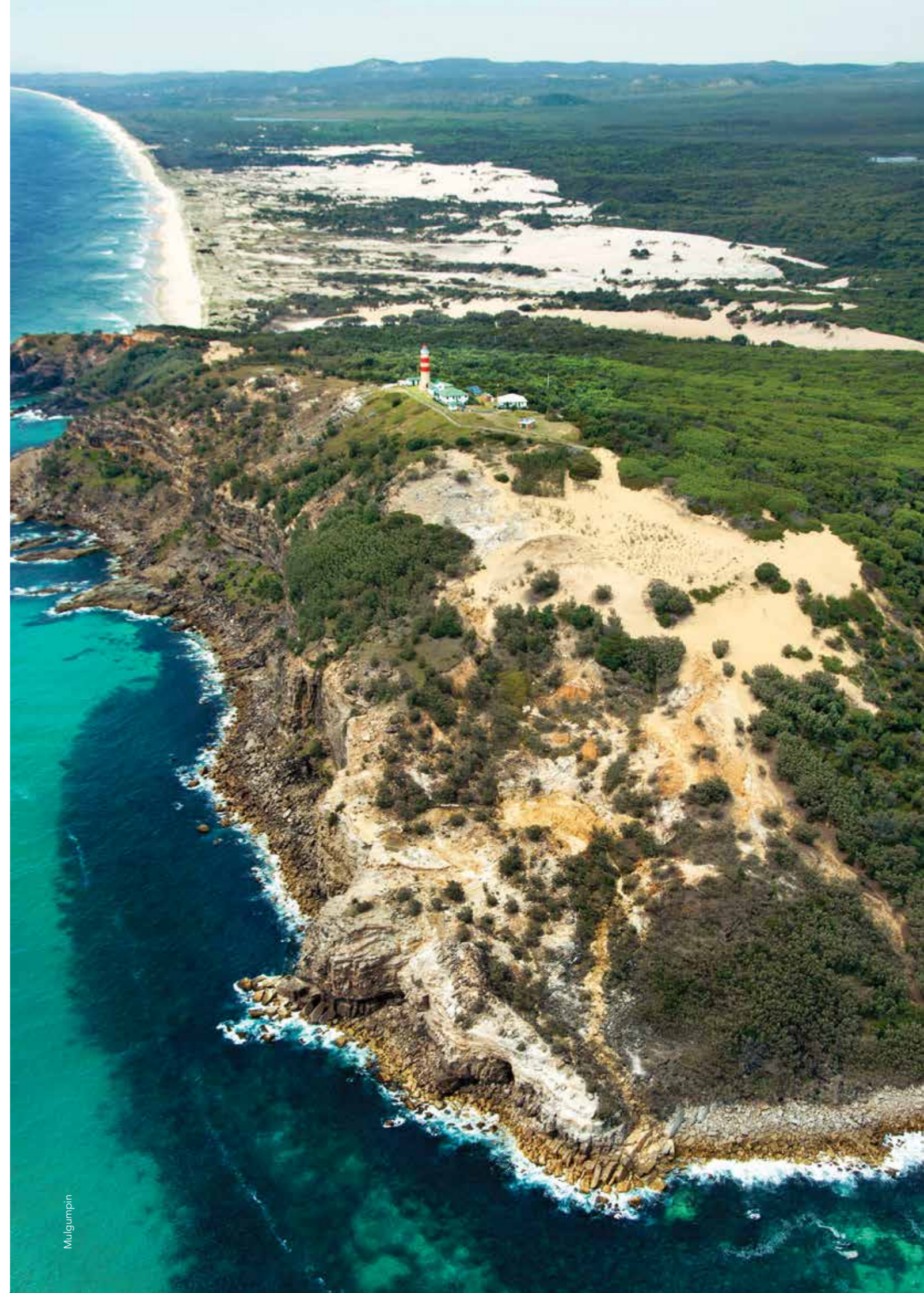
  
Ross Di Bartolo  
Partner  
Dated: 20.10.20

QUANDAMOOKA YOOLOOBURRABEE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grant funding	8,201,269	4,114,728
Camping & accommodation revenue	3,650,633	4,465,265
Holiday van & permits revenue	1,153,836	1,124,553
Other income	4,048,741	3,223,769
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>17,054,479</b>	<b>12,928,315</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting & Audit Fees	355,211	316,470
Advertising & Marketing	115,727	143,920
Annual Leave Expense	100,033	139,162
Bank fee	64,350	71,705
Camping direct costs	802,583	870,410
Catering	3,562	173
Computer expenses	128,012	126,453
Consultancy fees (Incl. Cultural Heritage, QBS & Other Consultants)	2,212,855	1,566,088
Depreciation & amortisation	610,875	403,179
Equipment & materials	138,863	153,377
Equipment hire	324,425	104,698
Insurance	97,868	137,662
Interest expense	22,916	32,407
Legal and Professional Fees	253,458	329,801
Office supplies	34,540	55,600
Office utilities	22,612	6,057
Other services	173,903	64,718
Other staff costs	80,926	78,049
Postage	8,092	19,240
Printing & publicity	29,885	63,474
Repairs & Maintenance	228,501	309,964
Rates	471,980	467,810
Rent	58,034	31,299
Salaries & wages	6,294,367	5,516,897
Staff training, conference & travel	62,918	52,398
Sundry Expenses	129,954	41,780
Superannuation	589,742	515,226
Supplies & material	322,846	190,853
Telephone	125,058	111,036
Travel & accommodation	336,688	251,784
Facility Hire	270,797	-
Uniform	81,354	43,855
Vehicle expenses	393,882	486,273
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,946,817</b>	<b>12,701,818</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b>2,107,662</b>	<b>226,497</b>

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