

Djabugay

Buwal-Barra Newsletter

TEAM PROFILE



BARRY J HUNTER

Barry J Hunter (Jnr) is a Djabugay man & Mbarbarm descendant.

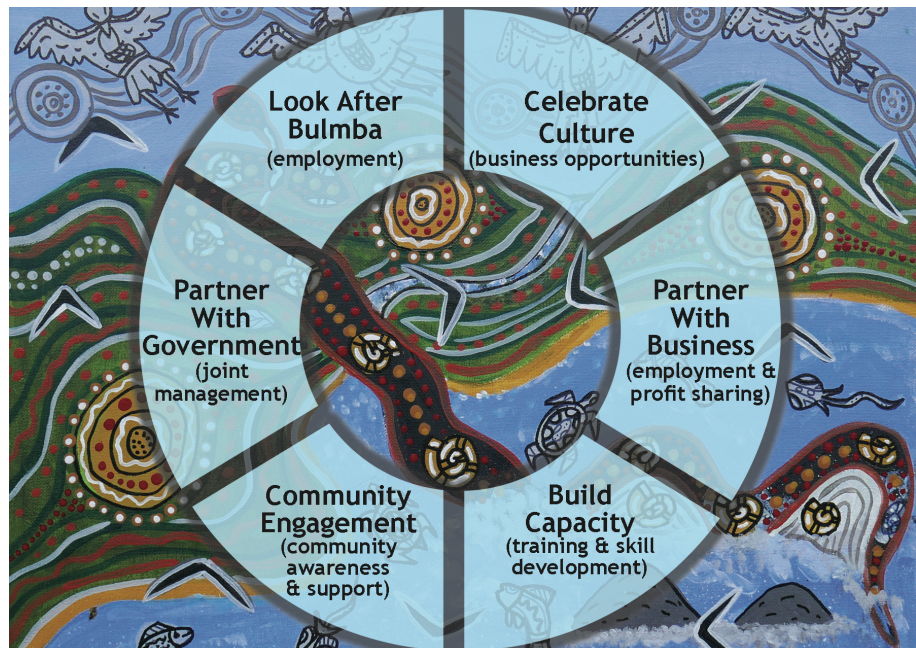
Barry works as a consultant & is employed as the organisations' Project Officer.

Having re-established the Djabugay Bulmba Rangers program, Barry continues to oversee the Rangers, but leaves the day-to-day operations to Jimmy Richards (Ranger Coordinator).

Barry has recently completed the BAMA PLAN for Din Din Barron Gorge National Park. He is now looking to the Economic Development stage of the BAMA PLAN - investigating & creating our own opportunities for employment and business.

Barry has over 28 years experience in Aboriginal affairs; particularly in areas of land, natural and cultural resource management. Having a Bachelor of Applied Science from Charles Sturt university, he has a real passion for building community capacity and planning that delivers sustainable social, cultural and economic outcomes for communities.

Barry's experience includes employment in Queensland Park and Wildlife and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, mining & exploration industry, community and not-for-profit organisations.



BAMA PLAN

Wednesday, 20th of March 2019...

The day has arrived for the official launch of the Djabugay Bulmba Bama Plan (Din Din Barron Gorge National Park).

The 2004 Native Title determination recognised our connection to country as Traditional Owners over Barron Gorge National Park. And yet, while that gave an opportunity to have a say on the

management of the park, currently, there is no comprehensive long-term agreement between Djabugay Traditional Owners and the Queensland Government regarding joint management.

The Bama Plan outlines the aspirations of our people in regards to on ground decision-making, consultation and actions in the Barron Gorge National Park.

For the past 18 months, our Project Manager, Barry J Hunter, has developed the Plan through compiling the documented desires of the old people', feedback from current Djabugay community through a series consultations and one-on-one meetings, in addition to workshops with partner stakeholders.

Bulmba Rangers



The Bulmba Rangers have had a busy start to the year, doing several training workshops in Cultural Fire Management, conducting endangered wildlife research, setting up a new 'language room' for community Ngirrma classes, producing short videos to share Ngirrma dictionary through our Facebook page and several community visits discussing the Bulmba BAMA PLAN.

Next week, they will be attending the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Workshop 2019 at Kewarra Beach, and hosting their own Cultural Fire Management workshop as part of the event (see article).

On the 29th March, Faye McInerney will be attending the Queensland Indigenous Women's Ranger Network (QIWRN) workshop; an opportunity for female rangers to meet and talk about how they want to work together.

The team have also been busy partnering the Yellow Crazy Ant and Electric Ant teams, revegetation with Wet Tropics, and working with Rural Fire Brigade in joint management of burns at flags creek. Lots to do!



BAMA PLAN - Continued:

The BAMA PLAN sets out the Targets (what we want to protect maintain), the Threats (things we don't want to happen) and lists the Projects and Strategies (things we do and plan to do to achieve our aspirations):

- *Barron Gorge National Park is universally known as part of a wider Djabugay Cultural Landscape.*
- *Djabugay Bama to work side by side with QPWS to manage and protect the cultural and natural values of the park.*
- *Bama Plan and the Nature Conservation Act 1992 jointly inform the operational plan for Barron Gorge National Park.*
- *Management and commercial exploitation of Barron Gorge National Park provide long term employment and successful business outcomes.*

BAMA PLAN ARTWORK BY LOCAL DJABUGAY ARTIST

Sheila Brim has recreated the story of "Buda:dji and the Birdmen" for the cover of the BAMA PLAN, highlighting the importance of Din Din (Barron Falls) to our people.

In the artwork, Sheila depicts the story of Buda:dji (the carpet snake) and his travel up from the coast to trade nautilus shells with the Bama in exchange for dilly bags.



INDIGENOUS LAND AND SEA RANGER WORKSHOP 2019

Our own Djabugay Bulmba Rangers will be hosting a Cultural Fire Management workshop on Thursday, 28 March, 2019 to a group of Indigenous rangers from across Queensland and beyond.

The workshop is being offered as part of the Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Workshop 2019 being held at Kewarra Beach and jointly hosted by Dawul Wuru and the Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program (DES).



Horticulture Team



The Horticulture team have resumed their work at Nyawarri Estate (the farm).

Busily mowing, whipper-snipping, weeding, trimming, pruning and preparing the garden beds for this season's fruits and vegetables.



With the abundance of rain that we have had this year, the team have been kept busy with property maintenance, with Fridays set aside for regular clean and maintenance of the tools, machinery & premises.

Led by team supervisor, Trevor Kilby, the group have planted an array of vegetables and are raising various seedlings in preparation for the next round of planting. The oranges trees are in abundance, but still ripening at present.



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As you may be aware, there is some change happening around Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations.

Firstly, our former CEO, Hanz Spier, has left the organisation, and we are very grateful for his long, continuous service to the organisation and to Djabugay people. Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations are in a great position to grow and develop thanks to his stewardship.

During this transition phase, we have engaged Nicholas Mills as Acting CEO. Nicholas will be managing all operations and will support the board of directors with strategic planning and transitioning the organisation into a healthy future.

Nicholas has a long history of cultural development in the Far North, working with local Government, small organisations, independent artists and cultural groups. Most recently, he has worked as a consultant to provide remote camp logistics and services for Cape York Traditional Owners working on Country, and coordinating remote artist camps for CIAF.

The Djabugay Board of Directors are implementing a review of a number of activities and area's within the organisations. These processes are designed to grow capacity within the organisations, to strengthen their governance, and to develop their potential through a strategic and cultural vision.

With the launch of the Bulmba Bama Plan, it is an exciting time for Djabugay people to develop opportunities for employment and enterprise, and to further develop cultural programs and activities.

As part of this transition, we are looking to engage with our members in more meaningful ways. We are also developing a newsletter to spread the good news stories, and we are looking towards a fun member cultural day at Nyawarri Estate - stay tuned.

Kind Regards,
William Duffin
Chairperson - Djabugay Aboriginal Corporations

THE BOARD

The entire Board of Directors attended the ORIC Governance Workshop held in Cairns 12 - 14 February to update their governance knowledge & skills and clarify their roles and responsibilities as Directors of our organisation.

The board are committed to our organisations strategic activities & key principles. These key include:

- *Good governance, informed decision making and accountability.*
- *We can show our decisions are based on informed position and knowledge.*
- *Developing good plans that are strategic in actions, engagement and delivery.*
- *Djabugay speaking people are aware of our plans and what we are doing.*

Members Corner.

In an endeavour to keep our Members (& community) more informed of Djabugay business, we will be providing more regular updates using varied means of communication...

- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ Emails
- ◆ Website

Please update your contact details by calling Maria 0448 823 153

Congratulations:

Austasia Kapteyn and Jeremy Richards who recently completed their FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

NGIRRMA...

Have you been enjoying our weekly video posts of ngirrma?

* Like us on facebook to check it out.

Have you seen our new Language Room?

* Come by Nyawarri Estate (the farm) and let us know what you think.

Joined in any of the community language classes recently?

* Join our Rangers for a class; every Friday morning from 9:30am to 11:00am.

SHARING NGIRRMA...

GUDJU-GUDJU NYINANG BANA:, GULBUL-NDA.

The Rainbow Serpent lives in the waters, in the sea.

NGANYA BINA NGUNDA NGAWU BUDA:DJI

NGAWU WUNGULI .. GULU NGUNDA ...

Listen to me I am Buda:dji Carpet Snake .. Look here ...



NGAWU GARRANG GULBUL-MU, MIYA-MIYA WANIRRIYA, BAMA:-NDA WA:-YNGGU.

I am coming from the sea, carrying shells to give to the people.

NGAWU GALING WANGGARR, BUNDA:, WULNGGU DJANAYA.

I'm going up into the mountains, singing a Wulnggu song.

BAMA-LU NGAYINDA WA:NG YIMBI.

The people give me dilly bags.

NGAWU BIRI: DIDANA GULBUL-WU MIYA-MIYA WANIRRI-LUM BIRI:.

I shall go back to the sea to bring shells again.

Community News...

Calling for good news stories...

New baby in the family?

Your child got "Student of the Week" or a sporting award?
Did you just pass your driver's license test, enrol in some study, or start a new job?

If you've got a good news story (& photo),
lets share it with community,
so that everyone can acknowledge, encourage,
& celebrate each other's achievements.

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