Goori Services
Providing For the Ballina, Cabbage Tree Island and Byron Bay communities
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council

Yarrabee – “Kindness, respect, Care – quality of life with our support services
The history of Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council

- Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council was established in April 1984, one year after the Aboriginal Land Rights Act was set in place in 1983.
- When Jali Land Council first opened its doors to the public of Ballina and surrounding areas not only provided land support and information but also a housing program.
- Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council employed only 2 staff members when first established in 1984 where as now Jali holds 20 Staff members on permanent, part-time or casual basis.
- Yarrabee – Aged care Packages were established around 2005/2006
- Since 2008/2009 Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council have run a community play group.
- Today Jali Land Council is currently the largest landholder in this region. Jali occupies land in all 4 shires – Ballina, Lismore, Richmond and Byron Bay.
What does Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council provide for the community?

- Jali Land Council provides programs that assist the community with their day to day needs, which include;
  - Social Housing Program
  - Playgroup at Cabbage Tree Island
  - Aged Care Program

However Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council also hold the responsibility of managing the Cultural and Heritage matters within the community, these matters include Development Applications which are lodged with the Ballina Shire Council.
Where does the funding for Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council come from?

Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council’s funding is provided by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council State Body. Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council is regularly assessed in order to receive funding.

The funding for Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council’s programs however are all funded through different agencies.
Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service

“Caring for the community”
The history of Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service

• In 2006 a study to explore the need for a community controlled Aboriginal Health Service in Ballina was made, this study was funded by numerous departments and organisations these include: Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and the Northern Rivers General Practice Network (NRGPN)

• In the 2007/2008 financial year funding was provided for the establishment of a comprehensive primary health care service to improve the health status of Aboriginal people in Ballina and surrounding communities. This led to the NRGPN becoming the patronage and support for the service.

• The service was then guided by a community based steering committee who appointed a Service Coordinator and a Practice Manager. Doctors, a Nurse, Aboriginal Health Worker and receptionists.
The history of Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service (Continued)

- On the 17th of March 2008 Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service opened its doors for the first time at the location of 120 Tamar Street, Ballina.
- By March 2009, Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service had expanded to
  - 4 part-time General Practitioners
  - 2 Nurses
  - 1 Male Aboriginal Health Worker
  - Counsellor
  - Dietician/Nutritionist
  - Podiatrist
  - Paediatrician
  - Vision and Hearing Health
What does Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service provide for the community?

- **Bullinah**
  - General Practitioner
  - Nurse
  - Aboriginal Health Worker
  - Podiatrist
  - Counsellor
  - Psychologists
  - Hearing testing
  - Vision testing
  - Physiotherapist
  - Diabetes Educator
  - Dietician

- **Bullinah at Jali Health Post (Cabbage Tree Island)**
  - General Practitioner
  - Nurse
  - Aboriginal Health worker
  - Podiatrist
  - Counsellor
  - Psychologists
  - Hearing testing
  - Vision testing
  - Physiotherapists
  - Diabetes Educator
  - Dietician
  - Physical rehabilitation
What does Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service provide for the community? (Continued)

• Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service Inform Care Connect and Enjoyment program
  - Mums and Bubs program
  - Nurse
  - Aboriginal Health Worker
  - Child Psychologist
  - Doctor
  - Groups
  - Pre-natal Yoga

• Byron Bay
  - General Practitioner
  - Aboriginal Health Worker
Where does the funding for Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service come from?

The original funding for Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service came from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service is currently still funded by OATSIH although as the Service has developed it is now bringing in their own income through Medicare by bulk billing their customers.
Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative
The history of Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative

• Prior to 1973 when Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative officially formed it was known as the organisation Numbahging which was present from the mid 1800’s.

• Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative was based around agriculture – sugar cane farming, prior to the Aboriginal Land rights Act in 1983, Bunjum managed plantations at Cabbage Tree Island along with a farm called the Aboriginal Development Program which acquired two farms on the back channel.

• Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative was originally based at Cabbage Tree Island. The building that Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative is currently using is owned by Bunjum and its members.

• In 1990 Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative became involved in setting up the program CDP – Community Development Program which is similar to the unemployment benefit provided by Centrelink.
The history of Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative (Continued)

• In 2002 Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative formed Bunjum Constructions. Bunjum Constructions rebuilt homes and tendered out for other departments and contracts within the area. Bunjum Constructions provided apprenticeships and traineeships for Aboriginal people in the local community. Bunjum Constructions was established to further the skills of people in the community, these skills were available in hospitality, retail, landscaping and steel fabrication work. Unfortunately Bunjum Constructions is no longer current due to the economic climate and issue of competition.

• Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative moved from Cabbage Tree Island in around 2005. It was there that Bunjum initiated the need for more health services in the local area. There was then a survey and consultation through the community involving of health services which sparked the necessity to form Bullinah Aboriginal Health service.

• Bunjum also runs the position of an AEDO – Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer. The AEDO supports people in business and business developments. The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer covers the area of Grafton up to Tweed heads and out to Woodenbong and Tabulam.
What does Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative provide for the community?

- Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative runs the position of an AEDO – Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer. The AEDO supports people in business and business developments. The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer covers the area of Grafton up to Tweed Heads and out to Woodenbong and Tabulam.

- Another program that Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative runs is NCAP – New Careers for Aboriginal People providing mentoring support, training and up skilling assistance for Aboriginal people who are seeking employment.

- Culture Matters is a program which involves activities that provide support for Aboriginal community members to actively participate in passing on cultural traditions from Elders and adults to the Aboriginal youth within a variety of creative artistic mediums such as dances, oral stories, music, art and language practices. The activities also help strengthen the Community’s/Nation’s connectedness and sense of pride in their cultural identity. Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operation applied for funding under the ‘Australian Government – Department of the Prime Minister Cabinet Office for the Arts – indigenous culture support program.'
What does Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative provide for the community? (Continued)

Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative views the program and matters pertaining to cultural integral/central part of supporting the local Aboriginal community.

- Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative also provides support services, these services include; supporting children 0-8 in the program Families First. Changing Ways Program is another program which is aimed at reaching out to people in need of support.

- JSA – Job Service Australia is another program that Bunjum run, JSA is an Indigenous Specialist Employment and Training Program that provides assistance in employment. Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operation JSA has the highest level of Aboriginal employment and rise above other Employment agencies.
Where does the funding for Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative come from?

Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative have self funded interests such as Agriculture and are a shareholder of Koori Mail newspaper. Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operation also apply for funding like all services, to help provide support services to Aboriginal people. These services include: Families First, Changing Ways, Aboriginal EDO and NCAP, Culture Matters as well as the Ballina Aboriginal Child & Family Centre, Indigenous JSA Specialist Provider.
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