

Cape York Healthy Country newsletter

Coping with change on Cape York Peninsula

By: BOB FRAZER , CEO, Cape York NRM

The people of Cape York, like those of many rural communities in Australia, are facing an uncertain future. Some of the things we face include uncertainty about climate change, and mixed messages about the impact of government policy on carbon trading, mineral resources, land tenure and conservation (national parks, wild rivers and world heritage).

There are also long standing challenges such as the remoteness of many communities, the lack of good infrastructure (roads, bridges, telephone and internet) loss of population, declining terms of trade for agricultural industries, and additional hardship from severe weather and natural disasters. All of these issues involve natural resources, and we are told by people on the Cape that the ways in which they have dealt with these issues in the past are no longer working effectively, leading to a feeling of vulnerability and frustration.

One way the people of remote, resource dependent communities such as those on Cape York can cope with these challenges and make the most of what the future has to offer is to develop the skills needed to be proactive.

Those skills will help them to adapt to their situation, or to transform (change) their businesses, organisations and communities to create new futures for themselves and their region.

Cape York NRM has entered into a partnership with the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) and a team of people led by Rod Griffith who has relocated to the area to work with people on Cape York to identify their natural resource related cultural, social

and economic goals, using a resilience thinking approach. Resilience is about how well and how quickly communities can recover or react to setbacks or disruptive situations in order to prevent conflict, crisis or disruption.

The project will use a resilience assessment to assist communities to better understand the complex connection between their natural resource based cultural, social and work or business related activities, and to better understand the impact of changes in the condition of Cape York's natural resources and laws and regulations to do with our natural and cultural heritage.

Once the issues and coping strategies have been identified, communities can take steps to adjust to the limits, risks and opportunities of uncertain futures of their natural resources when developing economic strategies to achieve social objectives.

The goal of this 3 year project is for as many Cape York communities as possible to have developed planning tools, livelihood innovations and skills which will assist them in adapting to the challenges they face at this time, along with an ability to respond more effectively to major unexpected events which may impact on them in the future.

By the end of this coming financial year it is hoped that two communities will have taken part in a pilot program and will have carried out their own resilience assessment, mapped out a future direction for their community and agreed on a portfolio of innovative projects and transformative actions for change.

More information will be provided in future Newsletters, or contact me by e-mail at bobfrazer@capeyorknrm.com.au

Our Mission: Helping people to work together to care for the natural environment and to promote the sustainable use of Cape York's natural resources.

CAPE York Natural Resource Management now has a Facebook page. Log on to Facebook and search for Cape York Natural Resource Management and 'Like' to receive updates and news from Cape York NRM.

Around the Cape

Keep up to date with upcoming events, news and opportunities.



Live Export Forum

A FORUM on Live Export Ban Impacts – Practical Recovery and Re-structure will be held on Friday August 12 in Georgetown, hosted by Northern Gulf Resource Management Group.

The purpose of the forum: Ban on live cattle export to Indonesia in June may have ongoing and long lasting impacts to our regional communities.

Graziers and banks in particular have immediate information and decision needs, in light of potential impacts.

We aim to identify steps that can be taken by governments, communities and graziers to reduce the potential impact now, but also 'restructure' business in the gulf to have more options and be less vulnerable into the future.

This is not designed to be a talk fest, but a step towards commitment on practical actions to recover and move forward.

Starting at 10am and finishing with a BBQ dinner at 6pm. Click here to read the Forums agenda.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by COB: 10TH August 2011 to Dale at the Northern Gulf head office Ph: 40 621 330, Email: om@northerngulf.com.au.

THE Paddy Bassani Memorial Cooktown Bullride will be held on Saturday October 1 at the Burrgirru Land Trust opposite the Cooktown Caravan Park/ Shadows of Mt Cook from 11:00am til late. The day will include bull rides & barrel racing, beaut utes, more music including the Black Image Band; a great family fun event for everyone!

Volunteers, stall holders and country music artists are asked to register your interest now.

Riders, rider protection experts, timers, scorers, sponsors & supporters are all appreciated & needed. For more information or to register call Penny on 0427 696229 or email ilovecapeyork@gmail.com or call Gungarde 07 40695412. PHOTO: Sean Gillen.



CAIRNS and Far North Environment Centre are holding the 2011 Far North QLD Wilderness Bike Tour on the 17th - 24th September 2011.

The trip will include eight unforgettable days of cycling, >500kms on mostly remote dirt roads with minimal traffic, spectacular scenery including waterfalls and gorges, rainforest and open forest, World Heritage areas, hard to access country that many locals have not seen.

There is a maximum of 65 riders and fresh home-cooked meals. For more information visit <http://www.fnqbiketour.org.au>



Lakeland agriculture moving ahead



PHOTO: (from left) Director Reg Williams, CEO Bob Frazer, with Directors Dick Foster, Joseph Elu, Barry Lyons, John Giese and Peter Inderbitzin.

LAKELAND farmers welcomed Cape York Natural Resource Management Board members whilst on a tour of the regions producers undertaking best practice farming techniques. Cape York Natural Resource Management CEO Bob Frazer said it was great to see the Lakeland region apply best practice farming techniques. "A healthy country is all about balancing the care and use of our natural resources with strong community and economic development, said Mr Frazer.

"On our trip to Lakeland we saw that this balance can be achieved within large scale intensive agricultural enterprises on Cape York," he said. The region boasts a variety of crops and is a leader in broad scale production for agricultural use compost. Growers using the locally produced compost have reduced their chemical fertiliser use by 50% since using the natural compost.

Local grower and Cape York Natural Resource Management Board member Peter Inderbitzin said he was pleased that representatives from the Federal and State Governments had also attended the tour so they could

see first hand the regions challenges as well as its progression into best practice farming techniques. "I believe we can go from 100% fertilizer use to 0%". "I didn't always see things this way, but I realised it was the only way to go because I could see the results with my own eyes," said Mr Inderbitzin. "We need to be utilising what is currently seen as waste, its good for the soil and for the crops," he said. Predominately under zero tillage production techniques the region has approximately 18,000 acres of prime agricultural land.

The limited access to water in the dry season restricts the potential for further growth and production in the region. Crops include paw paw, teak, sandalwood, sunflower, seed crops for fodder, seedless water melon, african mahogany, passionfruit, bananas, pongamia - a tree that produces a diesel substitute, sorghum, the list goes on.

The regions resilience to limited water use, food security, continued sustainable production and freight costs, will only be strengthened by

the continued use of best practice farming techniques. Cape York Natural Resource Management is a community owned, not for profit organisation established to deliver sustainable natural resource management solutions, which will protect Cape York's natural assets for future generations.

They aim to help the people, communities and organisations of Cape York to work together to care for the natural environment. Cape York Natural Resource Management is the last of 56 regional bodies to be set up across Australia.

The regional boundaries, which follow natural water catchments for each of the 56 regions, were established by Commonwealth, state and territory governments between 2002 and 2004. Most of the other regional bodies across Australia were established during that time.

Finally, after community lobbying, Cape York Natural Resource Management was set up in 2010. For further information about the organisation contact CEO Bob Frazer on 0448 724 835.



Reef Rescue

Cape York Sustainable Futures under the Australian Governments Reef Rescue Program are undertaking work to improve the water quality of the Great Barrier Reef lagoon by increasing the adoption of land management practices that reduce the run-off of nutrients, pesticides and sediments from agricultural land.

An example of landholder support includes the assistance to a banana grower to enable the spreading of compost on his plantation to significantly reduce the use of chemical fertilisers and improve soil health.

The Great Barrier Reef is an integral part of the lives and

culture of Indigenous people who to this day, continue to identify themselves as traditional owners and custodians of sea estates.

PICTURE: A sediment laden flood plume crosses the Great Barrier Reef in Princess Charlotte Bay.

PHOTO: Amanda Hogbin.



THE Cooktown & District Country Show will be held on Friday August 26 at the Cooktown Events Centre commencing at 10am. There will be rides, stalls, displays, competitions, live music, food and lots of fun things for the whole family. For Show schedules and application forms please contact us at show@cook.qld.gov.au or 07 4069 5444.



Regional Investment Strategy

By Bob Frazer CEO

IN our May Newsletter we mentioned that we were putting together a Regional Investment Strategy for the coming year.

That work was completed in June based on the work done by Allan Dale, and with the help of a wide range of Cape York people and organisations, and with the support of State and Federal government agencies and officers who assessed and reviewed the ten projects that make up the Strategy.

The Strategy involves the investment of just under \$2 million across ten projects which include pest animal and

weed management, fire management, turtle conservation and biodiversity surveys. Nine of these projects will be delivered by other organisations under service agreements. The tenth project is an Indigenous organisation small grants program which we will be delivering in-house over the next two years. We have already identified a number of these small projects for funding in the coming financial year, and will be seeking expressions of interest for other projects in early 2012.

Each of the ten projects will be featured in future Newsletter articles.

Have your say- Primary Industries and Environment

PRIMARY Industries and Environment sector - have your say about the Cook Shire Council Community Plan.

Cook Shire Council's community plan will incorporate issues relating to the natural environment and primary industries.

It will include the actions that are required to protect those assets and plan for growth. This is your opportunity to have your say.

Answer four simple questions at the following link <http://bit.ly/ISrNle>

Information about the Community Plan is available on the Cook Shire website by visiting <http://bit.ly/is7ZF0>, Council's Facebook page here <http://on.fb.me/mJEW-oQ>, from your local library, or by contacting Council direct on (07) 4069 5444.

Any information collected will be handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009.



CYNRM Executive Assistant appointed

JANET Greenwood joined Cape York NRM on Monday July 18 2011 in the position of Executive Assistant. Janet has worked in various industry sectors with both national and global organisations. She has extensive experience at an executive administrative level and has taken part in a number of new business enterprises. During the last 18 months Janet worked with Conservation International, a U.S not-for-profit organisation that works towards preserving natural ecosystems and biodiversity for successful sustainable development. Janet is married with two young children and recently relocated to Atherton from Victoria. As a child she lived in Papua New Guinea, the NT and Arnhem Land; and with her husband spent time working with the Warakuna and Tjirrkali Communities in WA. Janet is excited to join the team and looks forward to working with you all.



THE Indigenous Land Management Facilitator

(ILMF) John Hunter is employed to foster and support Indigenous engagement in Natural Resource Management through the Commonwealth Caring for Our Country Business Plan.

This involves the promotion of funding programs and NRM opportunities, capacity building, networking, foster-

ing partnerships and policy feedback.

John is based in Cairns and funded by the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water Populations and Communities (SEWPAC).

If you would like further information about his role or how he can support your natural resource management activities call 0438 212 682 or 4048 8636.

QUEENSLAND Week Event Funding is available for concerts, festivals, markets, parades, BBQs or any event unique to regional Queensland. Funding of up to \$10,000 is available per event. Applications close September 2, 2011. Further information is available at www.queenslandweek.qld.gov.au.

CAPE York NRM are calling for individuals and organisations to become members. Members will provide input into our activities and help make the management de-

isions that support your way of life and the health of your country. Contact Janet on 0448724835 or jgreenwood@capeyorknrm.com.au to receive a membership form.

Cape York NRM Projects

Cape York Natural Resource Management is funding a project to build the resilience and improve landscape connectivity into the critically endangered coastal vine forest ecosystem of the Wet Tropics World Heritage area. The project managers, South Cape York Catchments are working in conjunction with neighboring landholders including Traditional Owners, Indigenous ranger groups, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Rural Fire Brigades to reduce three major pressures on the wildlife corridor to encourage natural regeneration. Riparian fencing is excluding the impacts of unmanaged cattle, strategic fire management is stopping the late season hot wildfires impacting on the riparian vegetation and weed control is also undertaken to reduce the pressure on the ecosystem.

Rehabilitation of the wildlife corridor is also assisted by revegetation with a focus on plant species that provide habitat for the critically endangered tree kangaroo, cassowary and other inhabitants. PHOTO: South Cape York Catchments.



PICTURE: A sensor camera captures a tree kangaroo on its nightly wanderings through the wildlife corridor.



The Tree Kangaroo is one of the totems for the Traditional Owners of this area, the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people. <http://www.scyc.com.au/>

Funding available for world heritage engagement

THE Queensland Government is seeking to engage traditional owners in the process to determine whether a World Heritage nomination is supported.

An area will only be nominated for World Heritage listing with the consent of traditional owners and their direct involvement in the process.

Some funding is available to assist traditional owner groups to come together to consider a possible World Heritage nomination for their country.

This process is to include traditional owners undertaking the work to identify potential cultural and natural World Heritage sites in their areas and how these special places and traditions are to be managed.

Proposals for funding to undertake a program of engagement are invited from traditional owner based organisations.

Funding will be provided in two stages:

- Stage 1 - 'seed-funding' provided to Indigenous based organisations to prepare a proposal for traditional owner engagement.
- Stage 2 - Proposal accepted and a contract entered into with DERM to deliver traditional owner engagement services that include 'on-country planning' work and consultation work with the community to reach a decision about World Heritage.

It is recognised that agreement to participate in the engagement process does not in itself indicate consent for World Heritage listing.

Contact Kasia Gabrys, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, Cape York Peninsula World Heritage on 07 4222 5202 or email kasia.gabrys@derm.qld.gov.au for further information.

Cape York Natural Resource Management is funding a project to reduce the impact of feral pigs on Cape York's natural environment.

Cape York Weeds and Feral Animal Program will control feral pigs over an area of 250,000 ha, with a focus on creating a buffer zone around the Northern Holroyd Plain Aggregation through aerial shooting and a coordinated baiting program. Feral pigs are one of the key predators of turtle nests.

In recent years turtle numbers have been steadily declining due to predation on their nests.

This work will also reduce the destructive impact pigs have on sensitive wetland ecosystems.

Aerial surveys estimate there are between one and two million feral pigs negatively impacting the diverse and sensitive wetland environments of Cape York.



PICTURE : A mob of feral pigs impacting a remote wetland in Cape York Peninsula.

PHOTO: Cape York Weeds and Feral Animal Program.

<http://www.cywafap.org.au/>



FRRR and ANZ Seeds of Renewal Grants - closing 23 September 2011. In 2011, the program will provide grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations for projects focused on creating education and employment opportunities.

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities - closing 30 September 2011. Up to \$5,000 available to communities with populations of less than 10,000. Visit <http://www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp>

Queensland Landcare Conference

The 22nd annual Queensland Landcare Conference is being held in Ayr from September 20 to 23. The event will include keynote presentations by Dr Linda Selvey, CEO Greenpeace Australia Pacific and Dr John Williams, Member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and Commissioner for Natural Resources NSW as well as more than 30 other speakers covering topics as broad as biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, innovation in delivery, engaging young people, Indigenous land management, managing rangelands and more.

Field trips will explore prawn, capsicum, achacha and cane farms, wetlands and wildlife, composting and grazing, marine research, a cogeneration mill, salinity and water management issues, fish ladders, prickly acacia and salvinia control projects, lagoons and waterways and sites with traditional heritage.

Delegates will also have ample time to network with three evening social events including a welcome reception, lagoon-side spit roast and gala conference dinner.

For more information or to register, visit www.landcare.org.au/CONFERENCE.htm or contact Event Manager, Wombat Creative on 07 5538 5109 or landcare2011@wombatcreative.com.au.



2011 Canon Australia Environmental Grants

Each year Canon Australia awards five grants to the sum of \$5,000 of Canon equipment to projects or organisations that can demonstrate a positive impact on Australia's natural environment and communities.

Selection is based on the environmental merits of each group's nominated project, as well as the importance of the products to realising its success.

This year the grants will be awarded under the following categories:

- National Award: An environmental project with national significance and impact;
- Two Regional Awards: An environmental project based in a regional area with a regional impact;
- Grassroots Award: A community group with an income of \$25,000 or less;
- Youth Award: A project led by an individual under 25 years of age.

To find out more visit www.canon.com.au/About-Canon/Sustainability-Environment/Environment/Environmental-Grants/How-to-Apply?wid=ptenvgrant1106

Entries must be received by 31st August 2011 to be considered.

Laura children on a food finding mission

By Sue Marsh

South Cape York Catchments

Last week the Laura Rangers organised a cultural plant awareness day with community Elders for World Environment Day with the pupils and teachers of Laura State School and the local community. The enthusiastic group searched the banks of the Laura River and Mossman Creek looking for plants with traditional uses. During the short walk fifteen plants with medicinal, nutritional or material uses were found with Laura Elders Aileen Gale and Fred Coleman explaining their preparation and use in traditional culture.

Mrs Gale explained that an excursion on country is the best way to learn about the resources available in the bush. The children learnt not only how to identify useful and dangerous plants but also, by seeing the plants in their natural environment, to learn where they are likely to be found. The group was taught how to recognise when a food plant was ready for harvest and traditional harvesting methods were explained and demonstrated. Laura Ranger Brian Ross gave a spear making demonstration which enthralled the children.

Laura State School principal Susan Kersland, was delighted to see the community, school, local police and rangers working together to make the excursion interesting and fun. "It is great to see the children connecting with their heritage and I am very happy that this type of event is supported within the school curriculum," she said.

The excursion was part of a combined South Cape York Catchments and Laura Ranger project to preserve traditional knowledge and install an interpretive cultural plant trail at the Split Rock and Mushroom Rock art galleries. Signs identifying the plant species and its traditional use

will allow tourists visiting these sites to gain an insight into the Aboriginal culture of the Laura area. The interpretive signs were funded by a NRM Community Awareness Grant from the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

It was the unanimous decision of the group that a second excursion be arranged later in the year when different bush tucker will be ready to harvest.

PHOTO: Alerah Ross holding fallen Cluster Figs before they had ripened, SCYC.



Canberra comes to the Cape

PHOTO: (From left) CYNRM CEO Bob Frazer, Director of Coasts and Aquatics and leader of the Australian Government Land and Coasts team for Queensland Peter Cotsell with Assistant Secretary of Finance and Aquatics, Claire Howlett.

By: Bob Frazer CEO

ASSISTANT Secretary of Finance and Aquatics, Claire Howlett and Director of Coasts and Aquatics and leader of the Australian Government Land and Coasts team for Queensland Peter Cotsell spent a week visiting Cape York and Torres Strait recently.

The road trip that was the Cape York leg of their visit provided these senior officers from Canberra with insights into some of the communications and travel challenges that go with living and working on the Cape.

The road conditions were excellent at the time, and as well as being able to access and take in some of the Cape's natural and cultural heritage sites, Claire and Peter were able to meet and speak informally to a wide range of people, including aboriginal elders, Indigenous rangers, quarantine station staff, roadhouse operators and members of Land Trusts.

Their trip, which commenced in Cairns and finished at Seisia gave Claire and Peter the opportunity to meet with four of our Directors and learn of progress made in setting up Cape York's regional NRM organisation and the way in which we are going about building partnerships and working with people across the Cape.

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Cape York NRM are seeking stories and photos for this Newsletter from organisations and individuals promoting their activities in Cape York. Submit your article to media@capeyorknrm.com.au.

WE are currently recruiting for the Indigenous Engagement Officer position. This is a full time role for an initial term of two years. The vacancy was advertised extensively through our networks and the Cooktown and Western Cape newspapers. We will profile the successful applicant in the September Newsletter.

QUEENSLAND Water and Land Carers (QWaLC), Landcare Queensland Limited and Queensland Regional NRM Groups Collective, whose memberships contribute significantly to the protection, enhancement and use of Queensland's natural resources, met in Brisbane on 28th March 2011.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways to improve the delivery of natural resource and environmental management in Queensland through enhancing the existing working relationships between these organisations and their memberships.

Further information can be found at http://www.capeyorknrm.com.au/files/2013/1280/0249/Landcare_Communicu.pdf



QUEENSLAND and New South Wales biosecurity and health authorities are forming a cross-border alliance to fight Hendra virus.

The Queensland-New South Wales Government Taskforce will include chief veterinarians, chief health officers and chief scientists from both states, as well as a CSIRO representative.

Up-to-date information on Hendra virus is available at http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/4790_2900.htm or phoning 13 25 23, including important workplace health and safety information for horse properties and other horse-related businesses.

THE Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) project is building a biodiversity information platform to provide scientists and others with the information they need now and in decades to come.

To achieve this, the ALA and its partners are making a wide range of biodiversity data and datasets more accessible and useable online through the ALA website, and developing new tools for research and analysis.

Visit <http://www.ala.org.au/>



CAPE York Peninsula Pest Management Advisory Group (CYPPMAG) met in Cairns on the 6th April 2011 to bring to the table ideas, issues, funding and ongoing works. CYPPMAG is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons wishing to become the Conservation Sector Representative. Persons submitting an Expression of Interest must be linked to Cape York and Conservation in some way. For further information please contact Trent Cini of the Cape York Weeds and Feral Animal Program on 4069 5020 or email tcini@cywafap.org.au.

CYPPMAG is an advisory group and its purpose is to:

- Review and maintain the CYP Pest Management Strategy and Pest Management Plan.
- Advise on the implementation of the CYP Pest Management Strategy Implementation work program.
- Provide advice to a CYP Natural Resource Management group on strategic pest and weed priorities for CYP.
- Develop and coordinate strategic priorities for pest and weed control efforts on CYP.
- Communicate with the CYP community on pest animal and weed issues.
- Communicate the needs of the CYP community to State and Australian Government, research groups, etc.
- Seek funding opportunities for pest and weed control on CYP.
- Provide a regional network on pest and weed control



Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund

One off grants of up to \$15,000 are allocated to approved not-for-profit organisations to help provide community services or activities that benefit the community.

Grants up to a maximum of \$25,000 are considered for more complex applications which have significant community benefit.

The closing dates for applications are 31 August. For more information visit <http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/RHC-CBF/index.shtml> or call 1800 633 619.

Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act - Advisory Committees

THE Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007 (the Act) was proclaimed on 2 November 2007.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is the lead agency and is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Act with other government agencies and stakeholder bodies.

The Act identifies the significant natural and cultural values of Cape York Peninsula and has provisions for cooperative land management, protection of those values and the ecologically sustainable use of land, including pastoral land.

The Act recognises the economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations of Indigenous communities and the contribution of the pastoral industry to the economy of the Cape York region. Two committees have been established to assist with the implementation of the Act.

The Cape York Peninsula Regional Advisory Committee and the Cape York Peninsula Region Scientific and Cultural Advisory Committee provide support to the Queensland Government to ensure the aims of the Act are met.

The Cape York Peninsula Regional Advisory Committee will advise the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability on the declaration of areas of international conservation significance and Indigenous community use areas.

At least half of the committee members are representatives of the Cape York Peninsula Indigenous community as required by the legislation. The remaining membership comprises conservation, pastoral, mining and tourism and local government interests.

Members include:

- Mike Berwick (Chair)—former Mayor of Douglas Shire
- Joseph Elu (Indigenous), Mayor, Northern Peninsula Area Council
- Gina Castelain (Indigenous), Direc-

tor Wik Projects, traditional owner operated tourism enterprise operating out of Aurukun

• Russell Boswell (Tourism, more than 10 years experience in tourism industry in North Queensland and the Cape York region

• David Claudie (Indigenous), Chair Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation

• Frances Hayter (Mining), Director, Environment and Social Policy with the Queensland Resources Council

• Peter Kenny (Grazing), former President of AgForce and board member of National Farmers' Federation

• Michael Ross (Indigenous), Board Director, Cape York Land Council, Deputy Chair of the Bunggirku Land Trust

• Peter Scott (Local government), Mayor of Cook Shire Council

• Leah Talbot (Conservation), Cape York Program Officer, Australian Conservation Foundation

• Kerry Trapnell (Conservation), more than 12 years experience representing Cape York conservation issues on advisory groups at a State and Federal level

• Ray Wallis (Indigenous), Member of the Wuthathi Land Trust

• Larissa Hale (Indigenous), Managing Director and a Traditional Owner for the Yuku-Baja-Muliku Landowner & Reserves Ltd, Yuku-Baja-Muliku Land Trust and the Traditional Owner Negotiating Committee for the Archer Point and Annan River Area.

• Edwin Woodley (Indigenous), trustee of Mapoon DOGIT, member Cape York Peninsula Development Association.

The Cape York Peninsula Region Scientific and Cultural Advisory Committee will advise the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, and the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability about matters relating to natural and cultural values of land that is proposed to be an area of international conservation significance or an Indigenous community use area.

Members include:

• Professor Nigel Stork (Chair), Deputy Head of School - Griffith School of Environment - Nathan campus.

• Professor Brendan Mackey, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University

• Professor Owen Stanley, School for Environmental Charles Darwin University

• Dr Dermot Smyth, consultant with extensive experience in Indigenous cultural heritage in northern Australia

• Associate Professor Peter Valentine, Head of School Earth and Environment Sciences, James Cook University

• Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, over 20 years experience working in both public and private practice in Indigenous and non indigenous heritage. Formal qualifications in archaeology, anthropology and heritage conservation

• Dr William Winter, experience in land management and industry development issues in Cape York and northern Australia.

• Dr Melissa Nursey-Bray, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Adelaide

• Mr Bruce Martin, undertaking a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in Anthropology and Sociology and Politics.

The following fact sheets include information relating to the Act:

• Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act—what does it mean for the Indigenous community

• Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act—leasehold land management

• Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act—vegetation management framework.

They can be found at http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/cape_york/heritage-act.html

For more information on the Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007 visit the DERM website at www.derm.qld.gov.au or contact Lyn Wallace on 07 4222 5261

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