



# Bunya People's Aboriginal Corporation

## Membership Form 2016

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, (please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

wish to Apply for Membership of Bunya People's Aboriginal Corporation

Please Print and Complete Your Contact Details below

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are known by another Name eg Nickname, please include below

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ P/CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I identify as being of Aboriginal descent:  Yes  No

**DECLARATION** I hereby declare that the information provided to be true and correct.

Signature .....  
Date:        /        / 20

**Annual Membership Fee** *One (1) Year Membership only* is open to persons over the age of 18 years.

Membership Entitlements:

**Amount: \$10:00**

- Voting Rights
- BPAC Meeting Notes (electronic access only)
- Promotional Information eg Bonye Bu'ru Newsletter

Payment Options: Cash, Cheque or Money Orders accepted

**For Membership Enquiries** - please contact **(07) 4181 2999** (8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Thursday)

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# Bonye Bu'ru News

Bunya Peoples Aboriginal Corporation (BPAC)  
and the Bunya Mountains Murri Rangers (BMMR)

## AUTUMN EDITION 2016 NEWSLETTER

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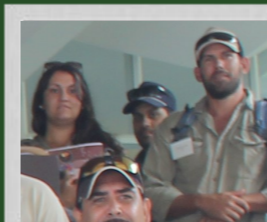
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## Welcome to our Autumn edition Newsletter

### BPAC Update

In order to strengthen the BPAC strategic vision, the BPAC Board of Directors have implemented theme based meetings in addition to the quarterly BPAC Meetings already scheduled. This will enable them the opportunity to workshop and prioritise those board related matters necessary for good governance and form part of the momentum behind reviewing the Strategic Plan which became operational as the *Bunya Mountains Aboriginal Aspirations and Caring for Country Plan* in 2010. If you would like a copy of the Plan, either call the office or view/download it from <http://www.bmrq.org.au/our-programs/>



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**Mrs Lurlene Henderson**



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**Mr Dave Calland**



**Treasurer**  
**Mr Ara Harathunian**



**Board Member**  
**Mr Mal Collinge**



**Board Member**  
**Mrs Florence Bell**



**Board Member**  
**Mrs Cheri Yavu-Kama-Harathunian**

### BMRG Staffing News

Please join us in welcoming Miss Kerry Canning to the Ranger Team. Kerry will be based in Toowoomba and assisting the team with the cultural database system. We look forward to hearing some more about Kerry in our next newsletter, but for now, please enjoy the Take 5 in the Spotlight with Ranger Gordy (below) and catch up on the Ranger Updates on pages 4 and 5.

### Meet the Ranger Team



**BPAC Project Officer**  
**Paul Dawson**



**BMMR Business Support Officer**  
**Selina Hill**



**Murri Ranger Coordinator**  
**Michael 'Mick' Smith**



**Murri Ranger**  
**Arnold 'Gordon' Collins**



**Murri Ranger**  
**Luke Bond**



**Murri Ranger**  
**Allysa Brown**



**Murri Ranger**  
**Nathan Collins**



**Murri Ranger Database Assistant**  
**Kerry Canning**



**Gordy Collins**  
Mob: Wulli Wulli  
Job: Murri Ranger

#### Favourite bush tucker

echidna because the hunted make you hungry

#### Favourite Movie

*Red Hill* because it's about a black fella

#### If you could have any job in the world, what would it be

it would be a Murri Ranger because it makes me feel good about myself and doing something positive for my mob

#### If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be

it would have to be my Grandfathers from both sides of my blood-line

#### Describe yourself in three words

black, sweet and beautiful

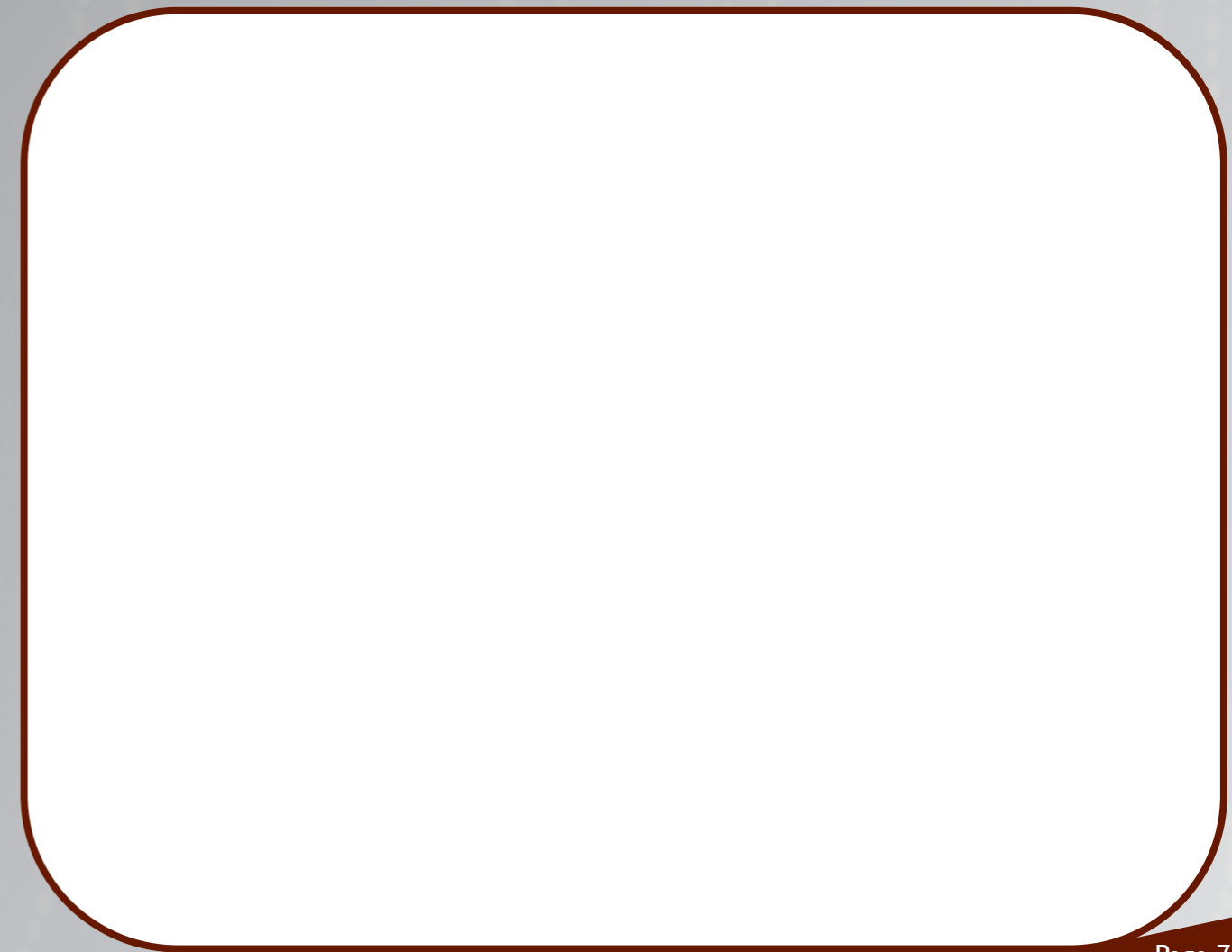
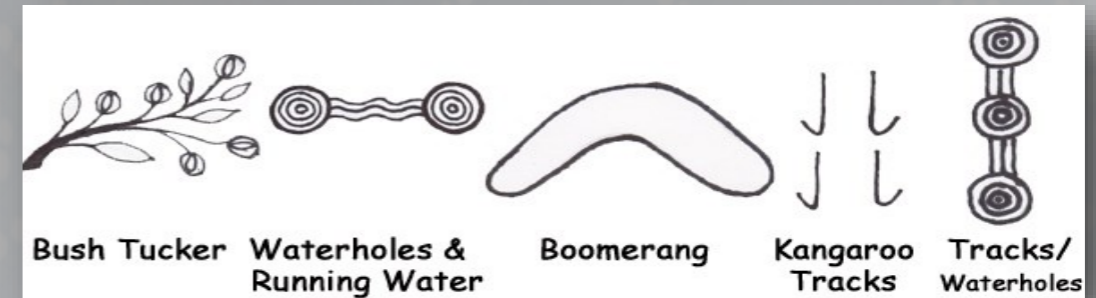
## For the Junior Rangers



### Bonye Bu'ru Knowledge Base

Activity Sheet

Draw a picture using the Aboriginal symbols.

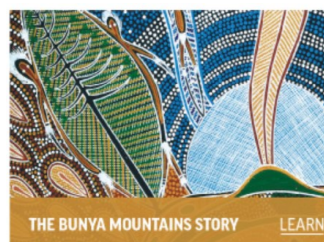


## NAIDOC Announcement and Resources

The National NAIDOC Committee officially announced the 2016 National NAIDOC Theme late last year. **The National NAIDOC Theme for 2016 is *Songlines—The living narrative of our nation***

Songlines are the oldest living narrative of our nation, and NAIDOC Week celebrations from 3-10 July is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people. The 2016 theme, *Songlines - The living narrative of our nation* - will highlight the importance of Songlines to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For us, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures. Dreaming tracks are sometimes called 'Songlines' which record the travels of these ancestral spirits who 'sung' the land into life.

For more information regarding NAIDOC Funding, Poster Comp, National NAIDOC Events, Awards and more, please visit the official NAIDOC website at <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>



To celebrate NAIDOC Week 2016, Bundarra presents **Songlines: The Living Narrative Of Our Nation**. This exciting new clothing range from Bundarra incorporates a stunning new design depicting the Bunya Mountains Festival storyline, painted by resident artist Charlie Chambers Jr.

To view this and more from the Bundarra clothing range, visit: <http://www.bundarra.org/pages/the-bunya-mountains-story>

## For the Junior Rangers

### Bunya Question Time

circle the correct answer

1) Who would come and gather at the Bunya Mountains?

- A) Aboriginal Tribes
- B) Teachers
- C) Parents

2) What did the tribes do on the Mountain?

- A) Shopping
- B) Swap and trade tools
- C) Play Xbox

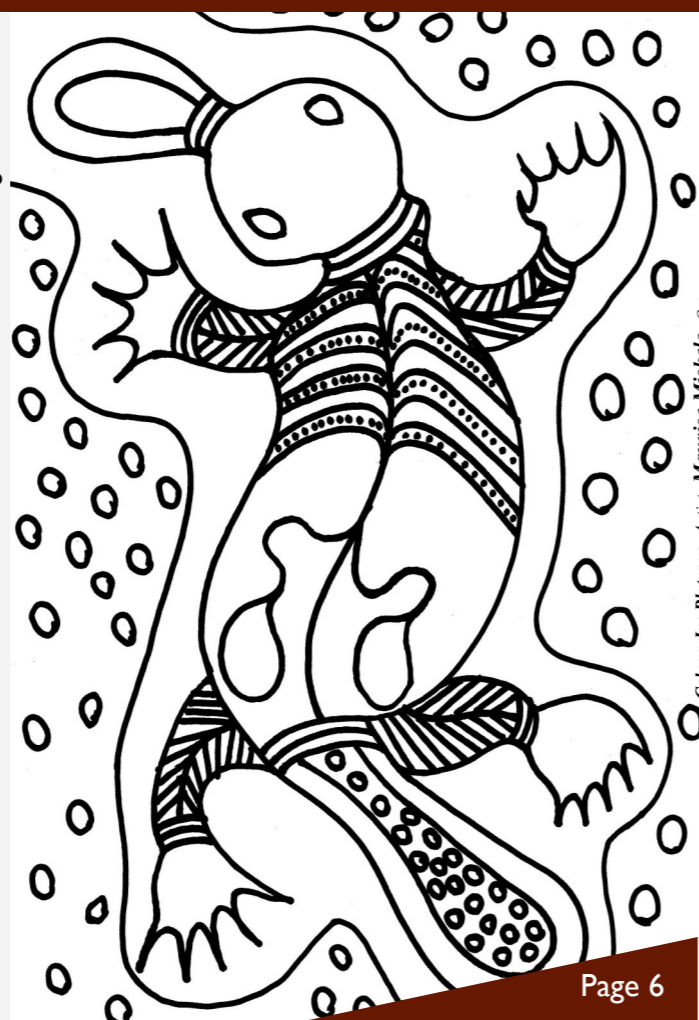
3) Aboriginal Tribes celebrated.....?

- A) Birthdays
- B) Christmas
- C) Bunya Nut Festival

4) How did tribes travel to the Bunya Mountains?

- A) Walking
- B) Car
- C) Aeroplane

Question Time Answers:  
1) A 2) B 3) C 4) A



Colour-In: Platypus Artist: Maurice Mickelo Oct-

## Working Together: Cairns Senior Rangers Workshop Event

### an Around the Ridges with the Murri Rangers Report by Ranger Allysa

From 08-10 March, both Mick and I attended Queensland Indigenous Senior Rangers Workshop in Cairns along with sixteen other Murri Ranger Groups including the Torres Straits. Over the three days, each ranger group participated in sharing ideas, group discussions, and give a presentation.

Some topics covered during the workshops included:

- Innovation in Ranger work
- diversity and opportunities in Ranger groups
- the Ranger *Stepping Up* Program
- training, development and education
- community engagement and partnership

Obviously, all of these are relevant issues and as a new comer to this event, I gained an insight on the bigger picture that us mob are a part of. The Ranger Workshop broadened my understanding about the diverse work methods that rangers use, not just across the State, but around the Nation. In particular, it discussed scenarios and different types of ways or practices how other ranger groups identify potential risks, how they problem solve and manage problems.

Perhaps one of the key highlights that impressed me from this event, was how far the ranger network has progressed from when they started. I found the amount of cultural knowledge held within each ranger group, overwhelming and the strength of cultural knowledge still practiced, as breathtaking. Becoming aware of how other ranger groups use their traditional knowledge to maintain their land, communities and passing that knowledge onto their junior rangers in school groups, was nothing short of impressive.

Overall this was a great opportunity for sharing ideas with the 16 other Ranger groups around Queensland. I had the chance to meet plenty of good people, make good contacts within the network and most of all, further my understanding about the importance of being on country.

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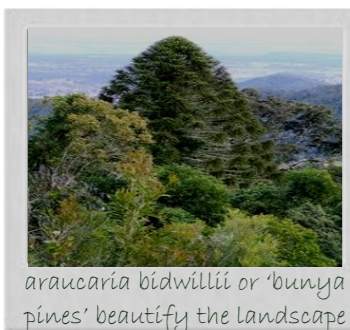
**QLD Indigenous Senior Ranger Workshop 08-10 March 2016** at beautiful Paradise Palms, Kewarra Beach in Cairns. Participating Ranger groups included:

- Yuku Baja Muliku Rangers
- Lake Eyre Basin Rangers
- Pomputura Rangers
- Balnggarawarra Ranges
- Gangalidda Garawa Rangers
- Mandingalbay Yidinji
- Giringun Rangers
- Gudjuda Rangers
- Kowanyama Rangers
- Gidarjil Rangers
- NPARC Rangers
- Lama Lama Rangers
- Yirrganydji Land and Sea Rangers
- Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Ewamian Rangers

**Why did the Bunyas form like a 'shield' shaped volcano?** by Ranger Gordy

Just as we need to read country in order to look after country, geologists need to read rock exposures in order to understand the basalts and beginnings of old volcanic storylines.

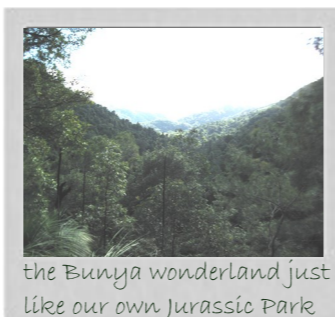
Last edition, we read that the Bunya Mountain is in fact, the remains of a 'shield' shaped volcano, but why did it form like that? To begin with we must consider how volcanoes and volcanic activity existed. As known, volcanoes form when hot molten rock, ash and gases escape from an opening in the Earth's surface. As a volcano erupts, lava spills and flows downslope. As the magma (molten rock) cools, it solidifies (or hardens) and igneous (volcanic) rocks, also known as basalts, are left behind to reveal clues about how the volcano was formed and became shaped.



araucaria bidwillii or 'bunya pines' beautify the landscape

Within our part of the world, geological evidence reveals that volcanic activity within eastern Australia happened over very long periods of time, from at least 32 million years to as little as 4000 years ago. Even though most volcanoes have the same basic structure, their shapes and sizes vary considerably. In regards to the Bunya Mountains, geologists believe that for 'shield' shaped volcanoes, "volcanic magma generated from a 'hot-spot' in the Earth's mantle, deep beneath the crust.

It is further believed that due to continental drift (roughly 65mm per year) the Australian continent, in particular, Southeast Queensland, passed over this stationary 'hot-spot', some 25-23 million years ago. As a result over a very, very long period of time, basalt lavas were periodically forced up through weaknesses in the Earth's crust, and the lava flowed across large distances and wide surface areas from the crater, until the build-up of this 'shield' shaped dome became the Bunya Mountains (for more information, refer [http://www.qld.gsa.org.au/rockland\\_files/BBBunya.pdf](http://www.qld.gsa.org.au/rockland_files/BBBunya.pdf) "Rocks and Landscape Notes on The Bunya Mountains" Geological Society of Australia, 1995)



the Bunya wonderland just like our own Jurassic Park

Once a 'hot-spot' and hive of activity, the volcano became extinct. As with most 'shield' shaped domes, it usually get a little steeper towards the top and geological studies suggest that Mt Kiangarow is more than 1100m above sea level. Further, with no craters remaining visible, the tracks of Russell Park near the crest of the Bunya Range tells its own story ... here the basalts have deeply weathered over an extensive period of time before turning to red soils ... and here within begins another chapter regarding the growth of the landscape.



xanthorrhoea or 'black-boy' plants along the track



**an Around the Ridges with the Murri Rangers Report** by Ranger Luke

On 18 March this year, the Ranger Team conducted a cultural tour with eighty-one (yes, 81) Year 3 students from Mary Mackillop Catholic State School from Highfields in Toowoomba. Since joining the team, this was my first Ranger Guided Tour with the school community, teaching school kids about country on country, and what a great initiative. Not only was this a great insight to promote the beauty and importance of our culture, but a great experience for eighty-one curious minds learning about the ways of our ancestors and the world within which they lived.



why do trees grow in the rainforest?

why are trees so thin?

Year 3 Students from Mary McKellar State School, (Highfields, Toowoomba) visited the Bunya Mountains: why not take the day off and enjoy the great outdoors

Armed with their hats, water-bottles and questions, they all soaked up the Bunya atmosphere along Munroe's Walking Track (Russell Park). And so began some big bang questions such as "why do trees grow in the rainforest" and "why are some trees so thin?" So, without hesitation, Ranger Nathan and I persevered with explanations as we pointed out the purpose, use and knowledge behind many of the plants that could be seen.

Needless to say, Rangers Allysa and Kerry also had fun in helping the students, parents and teachers participate in the knowledge sheet activities. These activity sheets are a part of our very own Bunya Knowledge Resource Kit developed by Ranger Mick and the Team over a period of time.

Last but not least, we threw in some traditional games led by our industrious Rangers Mick and Gordie. They showcased some of the ways our ancestors lived off the land in order to survive, by replacing animals with targets and spears with tennis balls - glad to report, that no animals (children nor adults) were injured as a part of these activities.

Overall, it was a great day had by all, great bunch of kids (well-behaved yet inquisitive) and great boost of confidence in being Murri Ranger which has me looking forward to our next upcoming Ranger Guided Tour.

For more details about the Bunya Knowledge Resource Kit contact Mick, Senior Ranger on 4169 0720 at the Wondai Office or if you are unable to get through, phone 4181 2999 or email [BRAdmin@bmrq.org.au](mailto:BRAdmin@bmrq.org.au)