

Bonye Bu'ru News

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

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See Aunty Lurl for feedback

Meet the Board



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Mrs Florence 'Flo' Bell

Meet the Ranger Team



BPAC Project Officer
Paul Dawson



BMMR Business Support Officer
Selina Hill



Murri Ranger Coordinator
Michael 'Mick' Smith



Murri Ranger
Nathan Collins



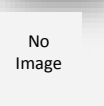
Murri Ranger
Luke Bond



Murri Ranger
Allysa Brown



Murri Ranger
Arnold 'Gordy' Collins



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Murri Ranger (Database)
Kerry Canning

BMMR Staffing Update by Ranger Mick (BMMR Coordinator)

Ranger Update

The Bunya Mountains Murri Ranger team have had a busy six (6) months which has seen them go from strength to strength in on-ground projects and numerous activities which have included:

- development of an Education package; Community and School engagement; Field work with QUT (Queensland University of Technology); Cultural site activities with Bunya Wakka Wakka and Western Downs Regional Council and fencing projects (southern boundary of Russell Park)

Cultural Fire Milestone

The Rangers celebrated well deserved momentous occasion when the team conducted burning activities without any assistance from QPWS (Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service) or any other fire practitioner. From what started as a shared vision, we acknowledge all those involved from the start who supported getting boots on the ground to bring cultural fire management practices back to the Bunyas to mark this as a special occasion (and what is also believed to be) the first all Murri Ranger team to accomplish.

Behind the scenes, the Murri Rangers undertook cultural training which focussed on traditional techniques such as how to read country, lighting patterns and also learning the mosaic burns and their relationship with vegetation types. To date, over 256 Ranger hours have been contributed to the burns on Russell Park so far and this is expected to increase over the coming years.



Michael 'Mick' Smith
Senior Murri Ranger

Favourite bush tucker or meal	Nice piece of Roo topped with grilled prawns with a lemon myrtle and chilli sauce.
Who would you most like to meet and why	Any athlete that is at the top of their game, I think some of their stories are inspirational.
Favourite movie or tv show	The Pursuit of Happiness
Favourite book, magazine or newspaper	Street Machine
Favourite sport or hobby	Basketball
What music is playing in your car right now	Peking Duck
Who was your hero when growing up	Didn't have a hero, but had a lot of good role models through sport.
If given, would be your super power	Self-healing as I've had too many sport injuries
What would you change if leader for a day	Would have something to do with human rights but not sure what.
Three words that describe you	Laid-back, reserved, detailed
What motivates you	Work, Family
First thing you'd buy if you won Gold Lotto	A classic car, something from the late 60's muscle era.
Best piece of advice ever given	You get out what you put in.
What is your dream job	If I could make enough money from art I would be happy.

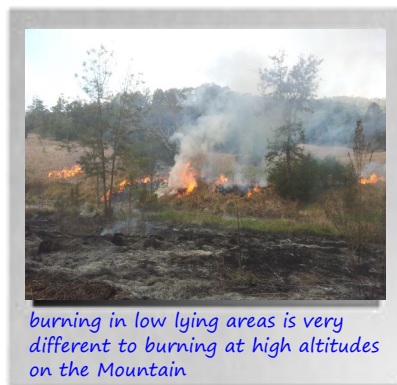
Smoke Along The Track—how it happened



FACT: Fire and smoke is like medicine (in the traditional sense) because it gives to the vegetation a chance to rejuvenate



where: Rangers Luke & Allysa light up the Mountain when: 19-May



burning in low lying areas is very different to burning at high altitudes on the Mountain



Rangers conduct burning techniques to encourage grass to grow stronger

Come on baby, light my Fire

- 19 May: the Rangers conduct first, unassisted traditional burn on the Mountain



where: bringing back cultural fire knowledge when: 11-June



where: Wedgetail Ridge when: 11-June

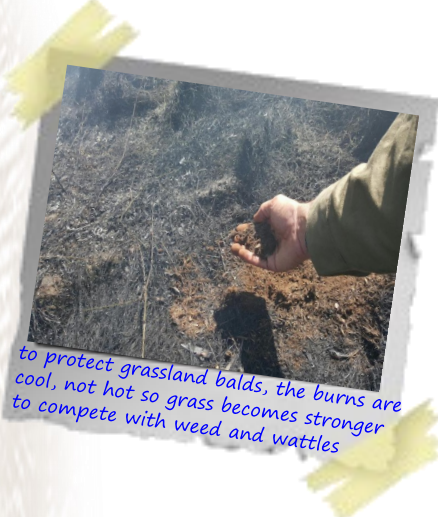


mosaic burn assessment by Rangers Nathan & Luke & Victor Steffensen when: 12-June

Bringing Traditional Fire Management back to the Bunyas

- weekend of 11-12 June: the Rangers (assisted by Victor Steffensen) are conscious to create fire break from wild fires so it doesn't light up and encroach into the forest

Smoke Along The Track—capturing the moments



to protect grassland balds, the burns are cool, not hot so grass becomes stronger to compete with weed and wattles



where: it is crucial to monitor burns, Wedgetail Ridge when: 24-May



where: after the fire is gone, Wedgetail Ridge when: 24-May

Knowing how to read country is important so we can look after country

- weekend of 11-12 June: assessing, monitoring and evaluating burns is of utmost importance

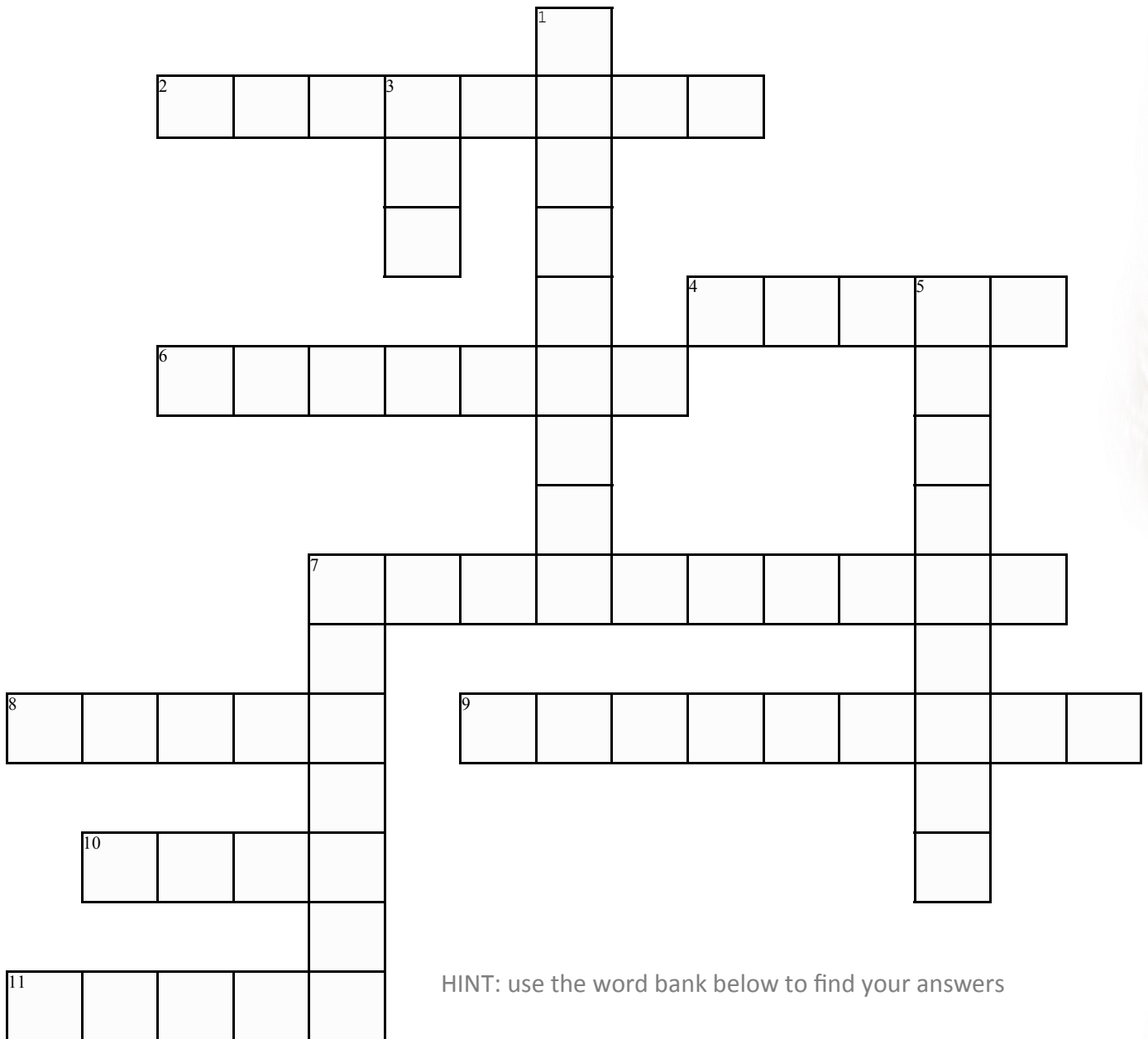
FACT: Weather conditions influence when to and how to burn, and the Rangers rely on the dew to supply moisture because the mountain terrain is very different to the lower lying areas—so when conducting burns at over 900m (in altitude) the Rangers conduct cool burns, not hot burns—so burning the Bunyas considers not damaging but encouraging the native plants and the grasses we want to protect.



FACT: For more information, Find us on Facebook where we have some very interesting video clips about our burning practices as well as other fire-management practices undertaken in other regions, habitats and landscapes



Bunya Mountains Crossword



HINT: use the word bank below to find your answers

Down

1. Seed used for traditional food, highly poisonous?
3. Feral animal that causes ground disturbance?
5. Important ecosystem on the Bunya Mountains?
7. People who look after Russell Park?

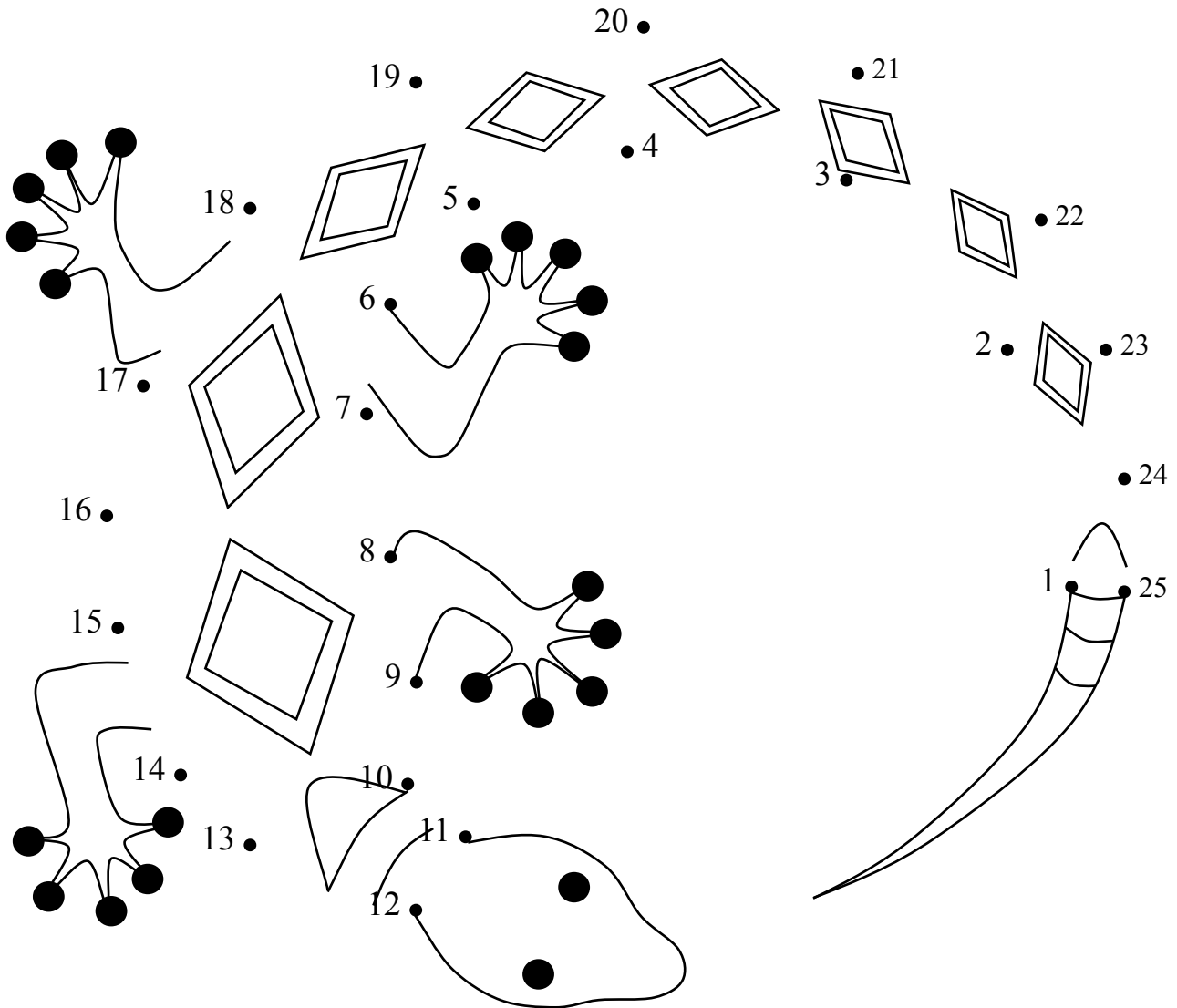
Across

2. Can be seen in the waterholes, rog?
4. They can be heard howling?
6. Always hopping all over the Mountain?
7. Bunya pines live here?
8. Eastern Yellow, Bird?
9. Eagle most commonly seen soaring above the Bunyas?
10. Used by people to look after the land?
11. Rangers eradicate these with the use of fire?

Word Bank

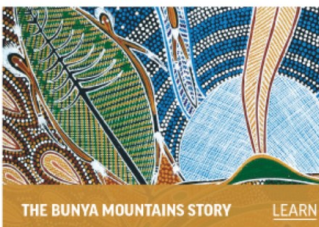
Robin	Wedgetail	Fire	Tadpoles
Rangers	Wallaby	Grassland	Dingo
Rainforest	Pig	Weeds	Blackbean

Join the Dots and Colour-in



2016 NAIDOC Week theme *Songlines –The living narrative of our nation*

Songlines are the oldest living narrative of our nation, and will be the focus for the 2016 NAIDOC Week celebrations. NAIDOC Week 2016 will run from 3-10 July and 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 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.



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

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



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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