

## Eastern Kuku Yalanji IPA Dedicated

The Eastern Yalanji IPA Stages 1 and 2 have been dedicated. Heavy rain didn't stop Traditional Owners and Australia's Environment Minister Tony Burke dedicating Stage 2 - Jalunji-Warra Land and Sea Country at Kulki on 8 May. Thanks to PKs for hosting the dedication at short notice after the Dubuji picnic ground was flooded. Unfortunately the rain closed the Bloomfield Track and stopped many Bama from attending.

Minister Burke congratulated Eastern Yalanji Bama on the IPA: "This country has had much to speak to me. It has much to teach the rest of the nation and much, indeed, to teach the rest of the world ... No one will ever again be able to talk about the Wet Tropics without knowing the indigenous management principles that now underpin it. Today is a real moment of formally turning the corner."



Jabalbina Chairperson Robyn Bellafquih said, "Our Elders have been fighting for many years to get back more control over our land and sea. In 2007 we got some land back and our Native Title acknowledged, but now through our IPA our Bama will finally have the capacity to take a lead role again in making decisions about our Country and managing it again like our old people did before."

On May 9, Kuku Nyungkal Traditional Owners and partners met at the Bana Yarralji ranger base at Shiptons Flat to dedicate the Stage 2 of the IPA – Kuku Nyungkal Country. Commonwealth IPA Director Bruce Rose and Kuku Nyungkal Elders dedicated the IPA. Thanks very much to Bana Yarralji for hosting the dedication ceremony.

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Dedication at Shiptons Flat for Kuku Nyungkal Country – Stage 1 of the EKY IPA

## Eastern Kuku Yalanji IPA Manager starts

Simeon Miglioranza has started with Jabalbina as IPA Manager. Simeon has been a ranger with QPWS and worked in community development with Cairns Regional Council.

Simeon will manage ranger and other projects under the Eastern Yalanji IPA. For more information, please contact Simeon on 07) 4098 5500 or [ipamanager@jabalbina.com.au](mailto:ipamanager@jabalbina.com.au)



## Jabalbina Yalanji Rangers start in Wujal Wujal

The Jabalbina Yalanji Rangers are up and running with funding from the Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger program. Our rangers are Patrick Minniecon (ranger coordinator), Stephen Port (Yalanji ranger), Colin Doughboy (Jalunji ranger), Shane Walker (Nyungkal ranger) and Marie Shipton (cultural heritage ranger).

The team is currently moving into the ranger base at the old butcher shop in Wujal Wujal.

Our rangers' main job will be to implement the Eastern Kuku Yalanji IPA management plans. Work has started on the Caring for Mangkalba Balabay project, where rangers will work with Traditional Owners to clean up Cedar Bay and North Weary Bay, survey and control weeds and undertake fire management with QPWS at the Cycad Patch. Through the Dikarrba Juljal project rangers are cleaning and protecting burial places at Degarra under direction of Uncles Bobby and Jacky Ball (see right hand photo below). We would like to thank DEHP for funding these projects. Rangers also participated in the recent cleanup of Weary Bay organised by South Cape York Catchments (see left and centre photos below).



## Management planning goes ahead for EKY IPA Stage 3 - Yalanji-Warra Bubu and Jalun

Consultation is continuing on the third and Eastern Kuku Yalanji final management plan – Yalanji-Warra Land and Sea Country, including Wujal, Dikarrba, Buru, Julay and Kubirri. A draft plan has been prepared; Yalanji-Warra Bama who would like a copy can contact Jabalbina to request one.



From left: Bana Yarralji Rangers putting in Aboriginal land sign at Trevethan, Kegan Olbar watering revegetation at Weary Bay; Linc Water planting revegetation at Cooya Beach

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