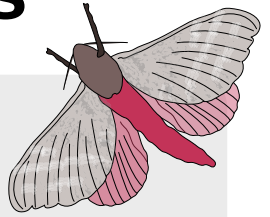


In Brief : Cairns Regional Claim Native Title Tribes



BULURRU DREAMING GROUPING (six tribes with Bulurru as their creator god):
Djabugay, Yirrgay, Buluwai, Gunggay, Yidindji, Ngadjan

In earlier tribal language work it was identified that six neighbouring tribes shared the names and dreamtime stories of the creator god Bulurru. These geographic tribal neighbours shared boundaries, marriages, trade, ceremonies, celebrations, sacred sites, resources, knowledge, traditions, rites and lore.

The Wet Tropics landscapes are rich in biodiversity provided bountiful land, river and sea creatures for eating along with rich rainforest fruits. The landscapes also provided plant medicines, fibres for weaving and timbers for tools. The Aboriginal Rainforest People experienced extended periods of neighbourly peace and cooperation, enough to develop fully formed tribal lore, ornate tribal dress, elaborate stories and ceremonies, and to conduct a society that had endured for at least 65,000 years*.

Today, the Bulurru tribal groups are working together, with their corporations and Native Title arrangements, across the bioregion to bring prosperity to future generations. The Frontier Wars and colonisation of ancient Sahul (Australia) were a brutal episode in the British Empire's history. The survivors stand strong today – working together as one family – to look after country for the benefit of all who love the lands and waters of the Wet Tropics and choose to call this special place home.

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CAIRNS REGIONAL CLAIM GROUPING (three tribes for Native Title): **Djabugay, Yirrgay, Buluwai**

DJABUGAY

Djabugay tribal lands and waters north of the Barron River to Port Douglas and west to the ranges were heavily logged during colonisation, removing all accessible old growth timbers and effectively decimating Bama's natural rainforest habitat. The scant survivors were moved from their family lands on Djabugay country to Mona Mona Mission in 1913.

Today on Djabugay country where logging tracks still traverse the landscape, forestry projects continue in Kuranda State Forest, unabated by the adjacent World Heritage listing in 1988. A small community of *Mona Mona Descendants* continue to live on the land at Flaggy Creek.

Djabugay Native Title Aboriginal Corporation manage the Barron Gorge Native Title. Cairns Regional Claim Native Title is progressing with Tyrone Cannon named as Djabugay representative (a corporation would be more effective to manage Native Title?).

Djabugay spokesperson is _____, with next generation _____.

YIRRGAY

Coastal Yirrgay tribal lands and seas from Port Douglas to Cairns on the lowlands succumbed to the invasion early on, and were close to extinction by the end of the 19th century, leaving few survivors when the missions opened in FNQ. *William Parry-Okeden, in a short report on Queensland aborigines written in his capacity as Police Commissioner, wrote in 1897[7] that he counted 6 Yettkie, a name now thought to refer to a remnant of the Irukandji.[4]*

Today, the Singleton extended family and Yirrganydji Gurabana Aboriginal Corporation manage Native Title. Jeanette Singleton is named representative on Cairns Regional Claim Native Title. Yirrgandji spokesperson is Jeanette Singleton, with next generation Gavin Singleton.

BULUWAI

South of the Barron River the Buluwai tribal lands and waters yielded to rapid deforestation, fences and cattle: first coming west from Atherton and Emerald End, east from Cairns on the railway, and then Kuranda. One by one, the Bama Bora Grounds (rainforest pockets, work and camp sites) were taken over and "selectors" given the land.

The National Park area of Stoney Creek Gorge escarpment behind Kuranda / Speewah is where Katjiraka (Taipain) clan maintained the last Bama stronghold: only possible in this treacherous Wet Tropics gorge landscape where few could reach, and land with topography that few wanted.

Tourist walks feature "Toby's Lookout" and "The Kauris" (Toby's camp site) and today mark the places where everyday Bama life had thrived since the beginning of time.

But just over a century ago, Toby watched from his lookout on the ridge, season on season, decade after decade, down the valley to Caravonica, to the coast from Yorkney's Knob to the mouth of the Barron River, watching the world change and hearing the stories of Bama Resistance losing ground. During these *killing times*, Toby in his prime, lost his eldest brother and three sisters to the frontier, his remaining brother Dick accused of murder. For Toby his options were dwindling.

In 1916, Toby Brim, his wife Annie and their third son Cecil were safely escorted by Speewah neighbours, the Veivers brothers, to Mona Mona Mission on Djabugay country. They refused mission accommodation, and instead chose to build a Bama camp on the outskirts, where they lived out their lives until Annie passed, then Toby passed in 1941, aged 74.

Today, the Brim extended family and Buluwai Indigenous Corporation manage Native Title. Willie Brim is named representative on Cairns Regional Claim.

Buluwai spokesperson is William C Brim (Willie), next generation William A Brim (Billy).

See Buluwai:Katjarinka Clan Family Tree for more information.



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DJABUGAY / TJAPUKAI / DJABUGANJDJI

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Language/Group: Djabugay / Tjapukai / Djabuganjdji language
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YIRRGAY / YIRRGANYDJI / IRUKANDJI

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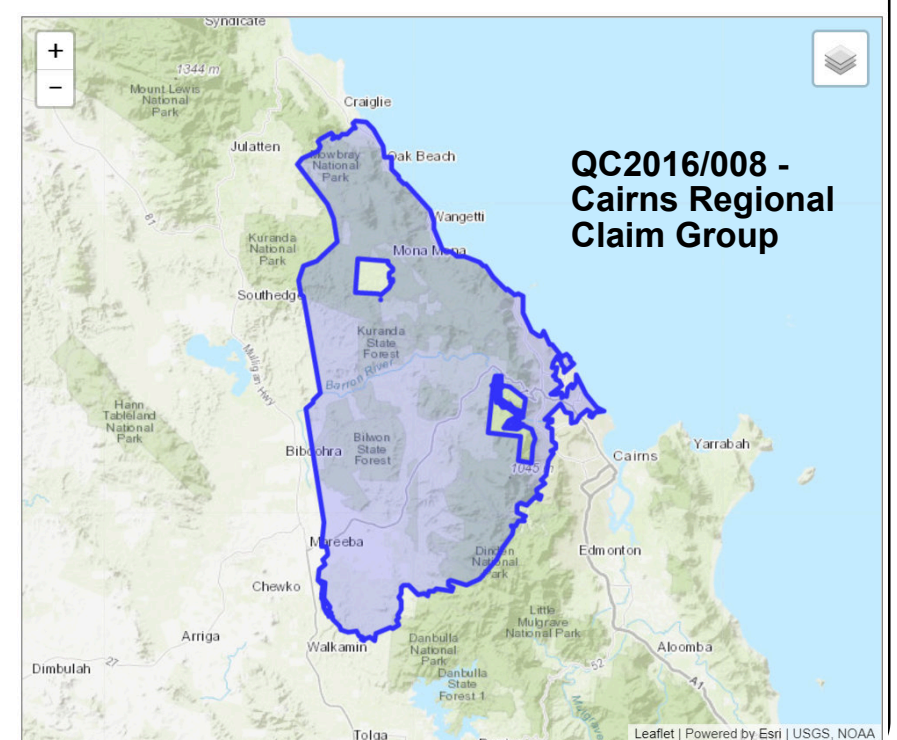
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