

5-YEAR EVALUATION OF THE HEALTHY COUNTRY PLAN

It has now been 5 years since we launched the Healthy Country Plan. So this year in October we took time to look over all of our work and see if we are really doing what we said we would do in the plan. Our Uunguu Monitoring & Evaluation Committee met at Ngauwudu in October to undertake this evaluation.



A Traditional Owner survey was undertaken by Beau Austin, Bernard Peurmora, Zerika Peurmora, Albert Bundamurra and others. They went to Kalumburu, Kandiwal and Mowanjum.

The main message from TOs:

- Most people know about the plan and the rangers
- 92% of people think the plan is going well
- The main areas for improvement are (i) to communicate more with families (especially in town); and (ii) get more young people involved in work on country



“something quite remarkable on the global scale is happening on Wunambal Gaambera country”

- Ian Dutton

Our independent auditor said WGAC should be proud of the work. Need to communicate more with stakeholders



RECOMMENDATIONS

UMEC would like to recommend to WGAC Directors and members to make the following changes to the Healthy Country Plan:

1. That 2 of the targets “Rock Art” and “Cultural Places on Islands” be joined together to be “Rock Art and Cultural Places”
2. That a new target be added called “Wunambal Gaambera people”
3. That the viability of Right Way Fire be changed from FAIR to GOOD and the threat rank of Wrong way fire change from HIGH to MEDIUM based on big improvements in fire work
4. Update the dates in the strategies and objectives ready for the next 5 years of the plan



WUNAMBAL GAAMBERA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

HEALTHY COUNTRY

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



The Healthy Country Annual Report is prepared for the Annual General Meeting to update Wunambal Gaambera Traditional Owners with how far we have worked on the Healthy Country Plan.

We provide our usual report on how we are tracking against our 10 main jobs in the plan.

As we are now half way through our 10-year plan we also did a big evaluation workshop in October to have a good hard look at the work we are doing and if any changes are needed.

HEALTHY COUNTRY TEAM

HC Directors (subcommittee)

- Cathy Goonack
- Sebastian Djanghara
- Dorothy Djanghara
- Desmond Williams

Uunguu Rangers

- Neil Waina (Head Ranger)
- Lillian Karadada (admin)
- Robert Warren (coordinator)
- Jason Adams
- Jeremy Kowan
- Leonie Cheinmora
- Desmond Williams
- Marlene Djanghara

HC Manager—Tom Vigilante



People at UMEC workshop 2015 TOP (L-R): Bevan Stott, Neil Waina, Ian Dutton, Sebastian Djanghara, Rod Kennett, Tom Vigilante, Jim Radford, Stuart Cowell. BOTTOM (L-R): Jane Dewing (IPA), Beau Austin (CDU), Cathy Goonack, Marlene Djanghara, Dorothy Djanghara, Desmond Williams, Andrew Burbidge (behind), Robert Warren.

HOW ARE WE TRACKING IN OUR 10 MAIN AREAS OF HEALTHY COUNTRY WORK?

	OPERATION	STATUS	DETAILS
1.	RIGHT WAY FIRE	ON TRACK	Fire operations now extend to all of WG country and late dry season wildfires are being kept to below 25%.
2.	WEED & FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL	ON TRACK	We are starting to manage weeds and feral animals on WG country with wet season weeds word and a cattle strategy
3.	VISITOR MANAGEMENT	MINOR ISSUES	The Unguu Visitor Pass is now being launched online and will start to manage visitors on country
4.	CULTURE	MINOR ISSUES	We are starting to look after cultural sites with the visitor pass, fire and recording trips. Young people are visiting country and school camps supported.
5.	MONITORING	ON TRACK	We have started monitoring turtle, dugong, wulo, aamba, and other things. We have our UMEC committee.
6.	PARTNERSHIPS COMMUNICATIONS	ON TRACK	Important partnerships with Bush Heritage and Australian Government (PA and WoC) secure for 5-10years. Website being launched as a communication tool.
7.	SUSTAINABLE FINANCES	ON TRACK	WGAC has enough funds to do Healthy Country work and is looking long term.
8.	WORKFORCE & TRAINING	ON TRACK	WGAC has 7 Unguu Rangers (men and women) as well as a building crew and a workforce plan.
9.	LIVING ON COUNTRY	ON TRACK	Lots of people have visited country through healthy country work. New ranger station and track building. A committee has been set up for getting back to country.
10.	LAND USE PLANNING	MAJOR ISSUES	Native title determined and Indigenous Protected Area declared. Still negotiating with State Government over national parks and marine parks.

