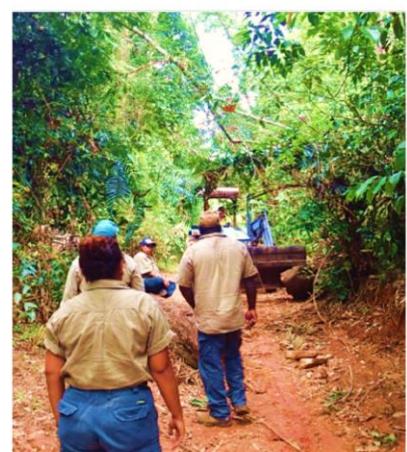


# EHP Jabalbina Ranger Booklet

Throughout this year the EHP Rangers worked hard completing task and milestones and still continue working hard on ongoing milestones.

In this Second edition EHP Ranger booklet is the latest months of work that we can proudly say EHP completed and still have the ongoing programs and milestones that we have yet to achieve, and along the way EHP got the great privileges of meeting amazing people.



# Cultural Camp - Buru

In the September Holidays Jabalbina EHP Co-ordinator, Gungarde PaCE Support Officer Beris Walsh and EHP Rangers conducted a three day Cultural Camp for the local kids from Wujal, also kids from Ingham, Innisfail, Edmonton, Shipton Flats and Cooktown. Assisting at the camp were Wujal and Mossman Elders, EHP Ranger Matt Anderson and Fleur Cordery and Claudia Doughboy.

Over the three day camp the children got to learn and gain skills from the Elders. Where to find spear sticks, how to make a straight spear stick. They also learnt how to make damper from the female elders, and gained knowledge by learning what insects live in the water with EHP Ranger Matt Anderson and Fleur.



# George Yard/Track

A major project for the EHP Rangers was the George Yard Track. Due to the wet season in the start of the year and on and off weather condition it was impossible to travel to George Yard Track without getting bogged. When good weather permitted, EHP Rangers travelled to George Yard track. Each time putting in a good hard day's work and eventually making it further and further until reaching the house 2.5km down the track. George Yard is one of the EHP Rangers on going milestones throughout the year. Each time working on the track, Rangers would have to rebuild crossing with logs to make it easier for them to drive across. The EHP Rangers Phillip, Colin, Bradley, Geoffrey, Jenny, Danica and contract workers Terrance and Stephen made progress with the help of My Pathways boys; Trenton Denman, Dale Sykes, Lenny Ball finally making it to the house.



# Hiptage Weed

EHP Cultural Heritage Ranger Jenny Carson sourced and acquired contracts with QPWS and the Mossman Douglas Shire Council which created work for our locals. To eradicate the Hiptage weed that's found in the Rainforest at Daintree and the Mossman Gorge. The EHP Rangers and Contract workers worked alongside with QPWS and MDSC for a week studying and killing the weed.



**HIPTAGE WEED** starts off as a suckling, with leaves directly opposite each other and with the vanes on the leaf visible, and in the shape of a tear drop. As it grows it turns into a vine that climbs a tree and takes over it and eventually starts to kill it.



# Cedar Bay

One of our milestones was to go to Cedar Bay to work around the cycad patch, such as back burning around the cycad patch and weeding coconut spawns. Bradley Creek with contract workers; Terrance Solomon, Stephen Port, Kegan Olbar and Geoffrey Fullagar. Working alongside QPWS rangers.

They travelled by boat from Wujal to Cedar bay. Spending four days a week, for four weeks. Work commenced on the 08/11/2014.

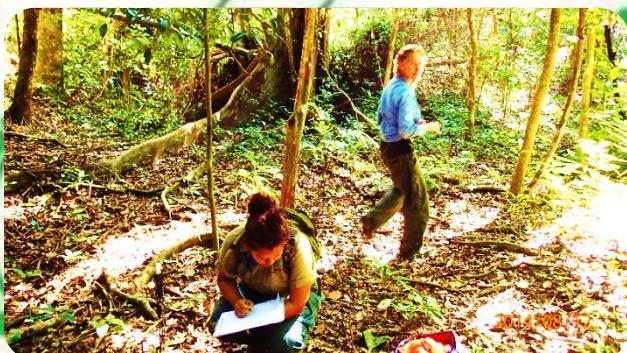
The job was to clear and maintain the area around the Cycad Patch and to dismantle and clear any hippy huts that were built in Cedar Bay.



# Cassowary Studies

One of EHP milestones was to protect and study endangered animals. One of them is the Southern Cassowary. After months of studying, tracking and researching Cassowaries scats, for the fruit seeds within the scats to see what fruit was mostly found. Also tracking foot prints to measure the length, width and the depth of the claw. Also at every 100mtrs Danica and Wren stopped and wrote down on what area of Rainforest they were in, how many layers of canopy before reaching the top canopy and measuring 7 closest trees around them and then a first biggest tree if possible. To see how sustainable the Rainforest is.

With the help of Wren Mclean, EHP Ranger Danica help assist with her to track around the Cape area to collect data of cassowaries and roughly how many cassowaries are in the area. After months of tracking and putting up sensor cams in the Rainforest, Danica assisted with Wren with a power point slide about her studies for Cassowaries that was held at Wallaby Festival.



# Cultural Heritage Officer, Jenny at the Mossman Gorge



Above: Harold and Aaron showing how to build a paper bark hut.  
Right: Fruit from the wait a while.



Bottom: Daintree nut

EHP Cultural Heritage Officer Jenny Carson went to Mossman Gorge to learn more about the flora and fauna of the rainforest from elder Harold Tayley and tour guide Aaron Minniecon.



# Cultural Heritage Officer Jenny, Daintree Trip



EHP Cultural Heritage Ranger Jenny Rose took three Elders, Cissy Ross-Kelly, Billy Denman and Carol Shuan from Mossman on a trip to Daintree to show her other cemeteries located in that area and stories of our family. Jenny's Grandfather Billy Denman shared his story of where his mother gave birth to him, under the mango tree that is located in Daintree Town Ship Boat Ramp.



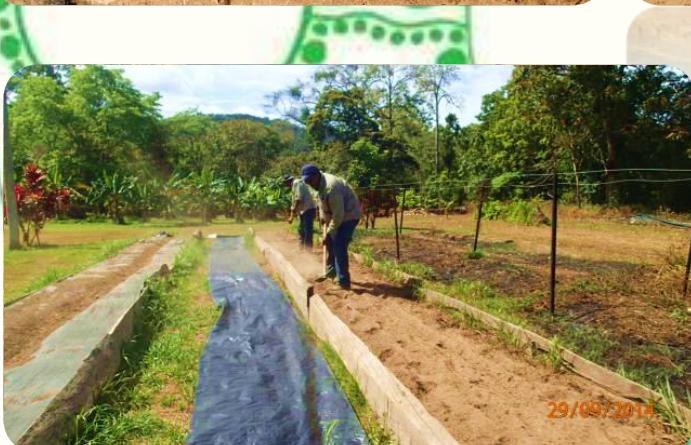
# Zig-Zag

After a back burn through Zig-Zag EHP Rangers went and did a routine patrol through Zig-Zag road to Buru and came across several fallen trees that block the track due to the fire. So the EHP Rangers went up and clean and cleared the track.



# Market Garden

The ongoing production of the Market Garden is slow but fast progress on the new garden beds and clearing and maintaining the old garden beds. EHP Rangers adopted the Market Garden in the mid of this year to start growing fresh product to give to the community to have.



# Bulbun Track

EHP Rangers and Coordinator did a patrol to Buru (China Camp) through to Tin Mile to get to the Bulbun Track to see how the road condition was and how far it was to the Daintree crossing.



# Back Burning Around the Homestead



EHP Rangers did a month of back burning around Wujal and also with local firemen and having a permit to conduct the back burning. They started their training of back burning around the house at the Zig-Zag Homestead.



# Back Burning In Buru

EHP Rangers did a month of back burning around Wujal and also doing it with firemen and having a permit to conduct the back burning in a safe environment and supervisions by Rangers.

EHP Rangers conducted an early back burn in Buru around the Baird's Camp, also known as The Healing Centre.



# Back Burning Along Bloomfield Road

EHP Rangers did a month of back burning around Wujal and also doing it with local firemen, having a permit to conduct the back burning. Here the Rangers started back burning around homes along the Bloomfield Road, on south side of Wujal Wujal.



# Traditional Back Burning in George Yard Track

Completing the George Yard Track road to the Homestead. The EHP Rangers did a traditional Back Burn with T/O EHP Team Leader Colin Doughboy, around George Homestead, burning our traditional way whilst insuring the Rangers were safe.



# Archer Point

EHP was invited from the clan group to attend the opening of the new Office and Turtle Rehab at Archer Point. Other Rangers from other communities also attended to the opening of Archer Point, with guest speakers and traditional Dancing.



# Cape Trib Track Road

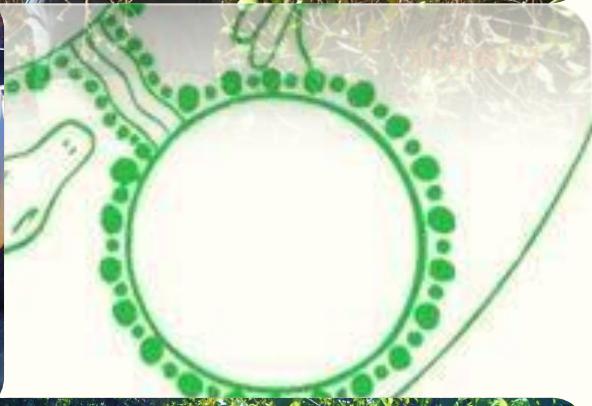
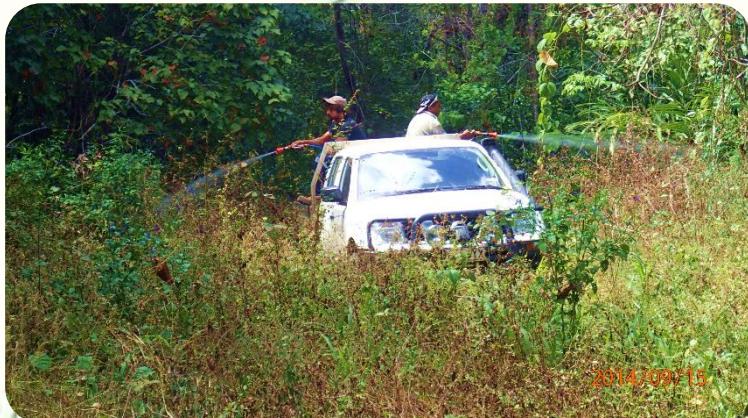
The EHP Rangers travelled up through Buru to the start on the Creb Track that goes through to Daintree.

As it is one of the EHP milestone the Rangers went through to see if the Road was accessible to drive and then started cleaning the track from fallen trees from cyclones damage and rain fall. On the way up the EHP Rangers came across one of the workers from Douglas Shire Council that was also checking the road condition so EHP took apart in helping.



# Lantana Weeds

EHP Rangers and contract Workers spraying Lantana Weed. When weather permitted, workers spraying at Weary Bay, also around at Thompson Creek,



# Pond Apple

EHP Cultural Heritage Officer Jenny Carson got contract workers work for month to work over Cow Bay to find and cut Pond Apple weed.



# Costa and Margee

EHP Rangers were overwhelmed to have two special guests that spent the week with them to see what role the EHP Rangers do. And show them the Daintree country thru to Wujal and China Camp. Not knowing that one of the guests was well known for having a TV gardening show Costa Odyssey Gardening show. Costa and Margee came on a little journey of our back yard. Introducing them to Linc Walker from Mossman to show Costa and Margee of what traditional food and hunting they still do.

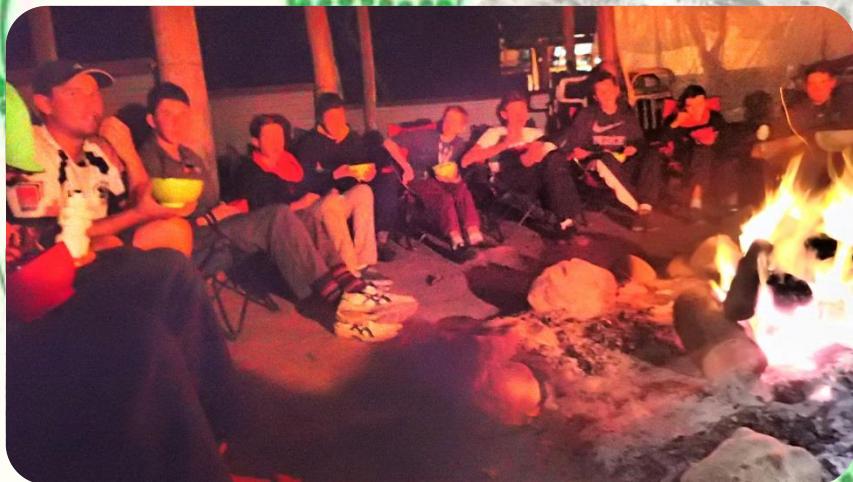


Here Costa and Margee are welcomed to Wujal Wujal and was smoked down in Aboriginal Lore from two elder from Wujal, Kathleen Walker and Doreen Ball. To keep them safe on country

# School Camp

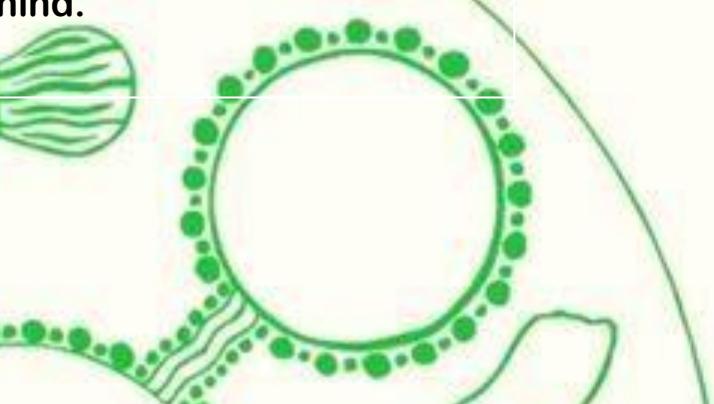
One of EHP Milestone is to have a School Camp. An all-boys school travelled up Brisbane to Buru and stayed on Baird's Camp or known as The Healing Centre with EHP Coordinator and Rangers for a few days of their stay.

They enjoyed meals, stories and music around the fire.



# Beach Clean Up

As a part of EHP duties, the EHP Rangers and Pace Worker Beris came along to help clean Weary Bay. Picking up washed up debris on the shore and rubbish that people left behind.

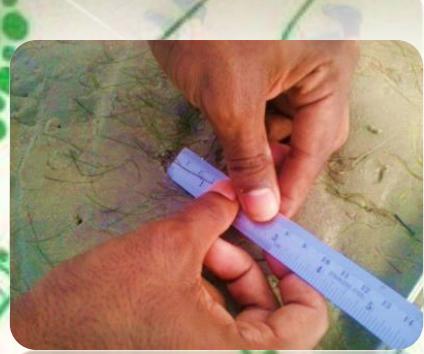


# Seagrass Monitoring

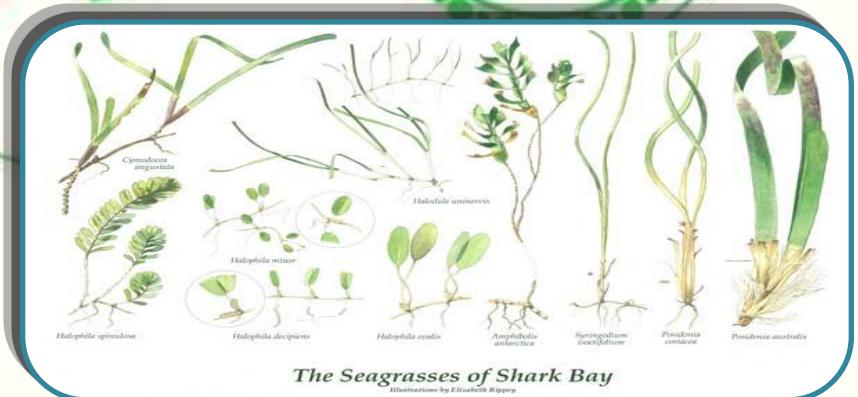
Early March on the 16<sup>th</sup> the Jabalbina Ranges travelled down to Mossman and spent the day with Marine Biologist Sue and Heidi to do Seagrass Monitoring, surveying on the growth of seagrass at Yule Point with Sue and Heidi. Learning about a variety of seagrass and marine life which live along our local coastal region from Mossman to Cooktown. Here they are out on Yule point, every 100 meters, measuring and conducted reports every 5 meters with a meter by meter square and looking in that square on what type of seaweed, the growth and measurements to the seaweed and also if there are any marine life within that square.



**Left:** Russell and Cameron reading the chart, deciding which seaweed look like the on the paper. **Right:** The Rangers gather around Sue and Heidi about to start the Seagrass Survey at Yule Point.



The type of seagrass that the Rangers had to identify



# Planting over Cape Trib

The Jabalbina Rangers were invited one weekend to do a two day tree planting with Rainforest Rescue and volunteers that travelled from all over Australia. A self-funded organization that by back land filled with human rubbish and then they completely go in and remove all the metal graves of vehicles and even to house hold appliances and then clear the land and then replant the plot of land with plants and then close it off to let the trees grow and turn the plot into rainforest for the wildlife around cape.

*Day One: Cape Trib*



## DAY ONE:

Top Left: holes that were pre dug to make it easy to plant the trees

Top Right: EHP Coordinator Phillip Minniecon in the process of planting a tree  
Bottom Left: EHP Ranger Danica Reisener poses next to the Rainforest Rescue Info Board.

Bottom Right: EHP Ranger Danica Reisener with two other Ranges from Cardwell

## DAY TWO:

Top Left: WOC Cultural Heritage Ranger Ruby Winkle covers up the tree she planted

Top Right: WOC Ranger Lyndell Connolly in action getting ready to plant her tree

Bottom Left: EHP Ranger Danica Reisener and EHP Coordinator Phillip Minniecon

Day one consisted of planting over a thousand trees and then a walk tour around the block of where they planted years before and looked on the progress of what they achieved.

Day two was over Cow Bay where it was estimated two thousand trees were planted by the help of Jabalbina Rangers and helpful volunteers that took their time to help save the Rainforest and the endangered animals

*Day two: Cow Bay*



# Black Palm

One of many projects that EHP Rangers are doing is planting Black Palm seeds and then repotting them after they started shooting to repopulate the area also Black Palm are used for many things in the Indigenous culture. The wood is used to make clap sticks and the leaves used to make dilly bags. As for the seeds it is one of the most common seed that cassowaries eat.

Here are some photos of the EHP Rangers collecting black palm seed that started rooting and had to plant them into pots and then planting them around cemeteries and scared sites.



## Top Photos

**Top Left:** Black Palm seeds that were shooting roots

**Top Right:** Black Palm seed that were potted into pots

**Bottom Left:** EHP Rangers and WOC Rangers helping with repotting Black Palm

**Bottom Right:** The Rangers working hard with repotting the Black Palm seeds

## Bottom Far Right photos

**Left:** EHP Ranger Danica Reisener replanted a Black Palm at Degarra Cemetery

**Right:** Rangers picking out weeds in the pots and collecting Black Palm to replant.

**Bottom Left:** John Walker and Cameron Hooker working together to plant Black palm



# Mossman Gorge Cemetery

One of the EHP Ranger Milestone is to care for sacred sites and indigenous Cemeteries. So EHP travel down from Wujal to keep on the maintenance of the Mossman Gorge Cemetery.

EHP Ranger also help with families organizing funerals and cleaning the cemetery up before the events.

**Before pictures of Mossman Cemetery**



**After pictures of Mossman Cemetery**



# Feral Pig Management

Part of EHP Management plan is to carry out the control of feral pig that roam around Cape Trib, Zig-Zag, Buru and these are areas that the Rangers patrol.

As feral pigs is one of the main reasons for extinction of native animals and damages to land and also to native plants.

The Rangers have put up pig Traps throughout the area they Patrol, Using one of the safest methods of using traps to control the population of feral pigs.



**Top Left:** Three sows that were caught in Buru.  
**Bottom Left & Right:** A boar that was caught three weeks before the sows.  
(Also trapped in Buru.)



# Degarra Cemetery 1

## & 2

Degarra Cemetery one.



Degarra Cemetery two.



On a monthly basis it is an ongoing job for EHP Rangers to get stuck into cleaning and maintaining Degarra Cemetery 1&2 in Wujal. Whipper snipped, weeding, and checking the grave site fence for any repairing.

Here are the EHP Rangers working on keeping the Degarra Cemetery clean and maintaining the area and planting black palm sucklings at the entrance track and around the bottom of the cemetery.



# Patrolling Buru

EHP Rangers do Patrols to Buru, starting from Zig-Zag Track crossing over to Buru and patrol to Roaring Meg Falls, along the way clearing the road from fallen trees due to back burning.



# Patrolling Cape Trib



EHP Rangers work from Buru and down to Daintree and Mossman. So patrolling the areas is a big part for EHP. Here are EHP Rangers patrolling the Costal Road from wujal through to Cow Bay clearing fallen trees off the road due to weather conditions to insure tourist and local have a safe travel through the range.

Bottom photos are of EHP Ranger John Walker assisting a stuck tourist on Woobadah Hill.



# Patrolling Daintree



EHP Cultural Heritage Officer Jenny Carson and EHP Ranger Danica Reisener patrolled out to Daintree after cyclone ITA hit. To check and see the conditions of the Creb Track Road from Daintree to Buru.

Before and after shots of Creb Track Road from Daintree.



Below: After pictures of Creb Track



# Newsletters Launch

With the launching of the first newsletter which was a major success with elders from Mossman, having a day off to come up to wujal to be part of the opening launch with the wujal elders in the community.

With the EHP Rangers preparing the feast the night before with wild pig, chicken and beef cooking them in the camp-oven

The day of the launch the female Elders of Mossman were pleased to travel up to Wujal to be part of the launch and also for the Wujal Elders.



*Top left: Phillip stokes the fire to start cooking.*

*Right: Jenny and Danica Prep food to put in the camp ovens*

*Bottom left: Camp oven*



**Top left:** Elders from Mossman, with Russell Bowen and Wujal Elder Kathleen Walker sitting around the town square.

**Top Right:** Elders from Mossman and Wujal together reading the newsletter

**Bottom Right:** The community and elders dig in for the newsletter launch feed.



# Healing Centre

The Rangers travelled up to Buru to start on the Healing Centre by mowing, tree lopping, refilling water tanks, lantana spraying and taking care of the place. The Healing Centre is situated on Baird's camp. Baird's Camp is used as a camp ground for Brisbane Grammar schools. Rangers and elders teach them about cultural ways.

Right and Below:

Before clean up



Right and Below:

After clean up



# General Maintenance

General Maintenance and service of EHP machinery is carried out every Month. And also maintained after every use, making sure everything is clean, and sharpened the right way also making sure all is safe for the next use.



# Junior Ranger Day

Gungarde PaCE Support Officer Beris Walsh with EHP Rangers held a Junior Ranger Day down at the Library Centre in Wujal to get the young kids to see what the Rangers do around Wujal community. Giving them little activity booklets about animals and ranger job. With Gungarde providing a BBQ lunch and help from the EHP Rangers for the afternoon.



## Zig-Zag to Homestead



EHP Rangers travelled up to Zig-Zag, starting from the bottom of Bloomfield Road and working their way up to the Zig-Zag Homestead. Cutting and clearing the road of fallen trees from the passing cyclone ITA.



# Zig-Zag to Roaring Meg Crossing



After the first week of clearing fallen trees from the start of Zig-Zag Track to the Homestead the EHP Rangers started clearing the track from the turn off from the Homestead to Buru, with the help of the boys from My Pathways.



# Buru to Roaring Meg crossing

After cleaning the Zig-Zag road from homestead through to the Buru crossing, EHP Rangers travelled to Buru to start cleaning and clearing fallen trees that blocked the road to Roaring Meg Crossing. With the help of the boys from My Pathways and young neighbour from Buru Lennox.



**Top left:** Lennox helping with the EHP Rangers and My pathways boys removing fallen branches on the Buru Crib Track Road.

**Top Right:** Lennox, Rangers and My Pathway boys watch on while EHP Ranger Colin Doughboy cuts through a fallen tree that blocked the road.

**Bottom Left:** one of many fallen trees that blocked the road.



# Wujal Town Centre



It is with pleasure that The EHP Rangers have now taken over the Wujal Town Centre and also maintaining the area around the church and are keeping up to date keeping it tidy and useable for the local elders and community to use.

With help from The My Pathways Boys and the Rangers they clean the centre.



# Nursery Shed



EHP Rangers got there green thumbs on and started working in the Nursery Shed in Wujal. They started off by growing Black Palm and then continued to grow Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs in the Nursery and then later transferred to the Market Garden.



# Wonga House



EHP Rangers travel down to Mossman to keep up the maintenance of the Wonga House by mowing, removing dead palm leaves, and whipper snip.



# EHP Cultural Heritage Officer

## Jenny at Pinnacle



EHP Cultural Heritage Officer Jenny was contacted by a concerned, regarding trespassers going to Pinnacle, removing the gate and fence to gain access through to the National Park.

EHP Cultural Heritage Officer Jenny, Terrance Solomon and Stephen Port have since replaced the fence and have erected a new gate.



# HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

**Have a concern? Or want to address your thoughts to the community...**

**Have your say page is where you can put them here and we will put them in the next newsletter.**

## Send to:

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A detailed illustration of a green dragon. The dragon has a long, segmented tail with a slight upward curve at the tip. Its body is covered in a pattern of green and white scales, with darker green stripes running along its back. It has a small, spiky crest on its head and a pair of wings with visible veins. The dragon is positioned on a surface that features several large, circular patterns, possibly representing stylized leaves or flowers. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.



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