



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the Byron Shire

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Acknowledgment to Country

I would like to acknowledge the Arakwal people whose land we gather on here today as the traditional owners of this country and pay my respects to the elders past and present.

I would also like to acknowledge the mobs that share borders to this country; the Widjibal, Ngandwal and Mindjungbal people and the people of the wider Bundjalung Nation as the traditional owners of this country we gather on today and pay my respects to the elders past and present.

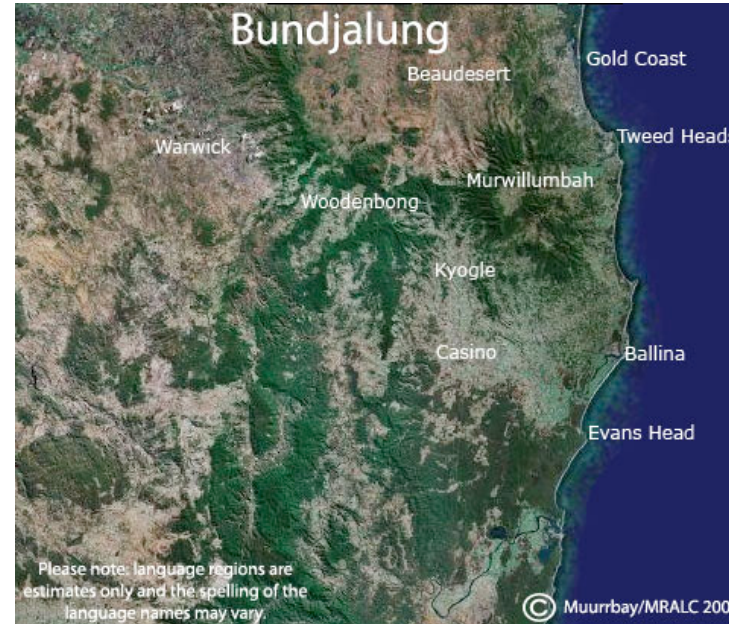
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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the Byron Shire

- Byron Shire has at least four Aboriginal clan groups from the Bundjalung Nation; Arakwal, Widjibal, Ngandwal and Mindjungbal.
- Byron Shire has 3 Aboriginal Local Area Land Councils – Tweed Byron LALC, Jali LALC and Ngulingah LALC.
- Byron Shire is rich in Bundjalung places, sites, stories, artefacts, songs and dances.
- The traditional owners and the land councils have rights to protect their cultural heritage and continue the expression of their culture and heritage.



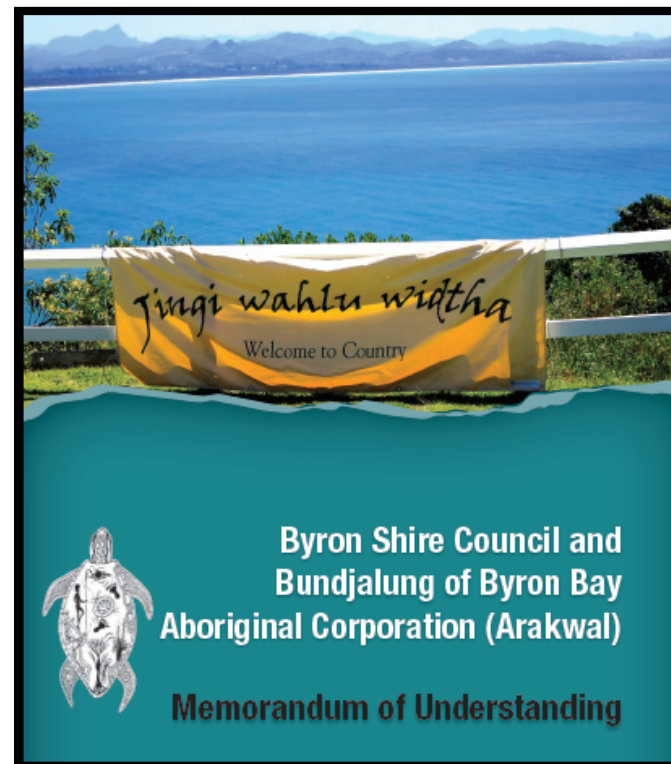
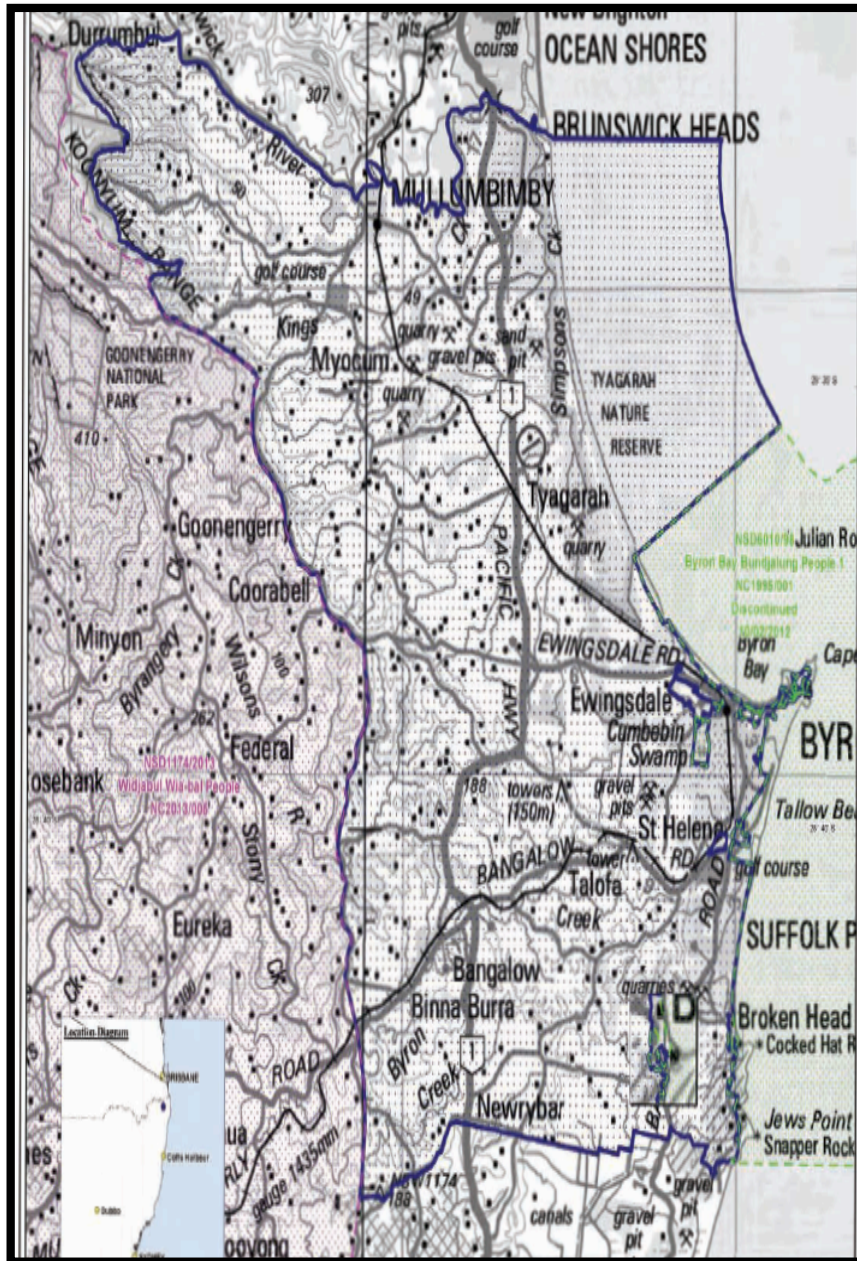
Bundjalung Country



In pre-colonial times, Bundjalung Nation encompassed some of the richest hunting and fishing grounds anywhere on the Australian continent. The Bundjalung People trace their stories to the Three Brothers.



Arakwal



Byron Shire Council and
Bundjalung of Byron Bay
Aboriginal Corporation (Arakwal)

Memorandum of Understanding

The Bundjalung of Byron Bay – Arakwal Bumberlin people, have lived in the coastal landscape around the Byron Bay area for at least 22,000 years. Arakwal are the recognised Aboriginal Traditional Custodians of the Byron Bay district. Arakwal Country extends from Seven Mile Beach south of Broken Head to the Brunswick River up north, out to the escarpment west of Byron Bay, and east out into the Tasman Sea.



Aboriginal Land Councils



The Aboriginal Land Councils that have land claims under the Land Rights Act in the Byron Shire are:

- Tweed Byron Local Area Land Council
- Jali Local Area Land Council
- Ngulingah Local Area Land Council



New South Wales
Aboriginal Land Council



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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation

- Aboriginal people have rights to protect and represent their own cultural heritage.
- Consultation with Aboriginal stakeholder groups must be given adequate time and culturally safe forums to participate in decision making about planning for country and expressing heritage.
- Multiple stakeholder groups involved.



Bundjalung Voices

- Dual Naming
- Aboriginal Community Spaces
- Endemic species included in landscape
- Public art – murals/ mosaics
- Historic / Cultural Walks
- Signage
- Sculpture





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