



Gungarde Community Centre
Aboriginal Corporation

Annual Report 2019/2020

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Gungarde Board of Directors

- **Chairperson**- Warren Kulka
- **Deputy Chairperson**- Dylan Harrigan
- **Director**- Helen Hanush
- **Director**- Esther Henderson
- **Director**- Michael Ross
- **Director**- Marilyn Wallace
- **Director**- Nakia Harrigan

Gungarde Staff

- **Chief Executive Officer**- Gregory Whittaker
 - **Senior Administration**- Jaylene Elliott
 - **Administration Support**- Ngungjul Dewaal
 - **Administration Trainee**- Erica Kulka
 - **Housing Officers**- Karen Thomas and Gordon Gertz
 - **Family Wellbeing Service**- Leigh-Anne Dunkerton, Anne Veiont-Singh, Kimberley Gibson, Frances Gertz
 - **Human Services**- Anna George and Kasey Gertz
 - **Domestic Violence Officer**- Oriel Murray
 - **Youth Empowerment Coordinator**- Tiana Salt
 - **Hippy Program Coordinator**- Melissa Griffiths
- Hippy Tutors- Shaila Hosmer and Rebekah Hosking
- **Family Participation Program**- Sonnette Ozies
 - **Kindy Bus Driver**- Gordon Gertz

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Chief Executive Officer Report 2019-2020

Hi All,

It has been an interesting year to say the least. Covid – 19 restrictions have caused stress and fear within the Community, along with the lock down located near Mt Carbine. Thankfully now cases of Covid – 19 came to our region. During this time Gungarde and our Enterprise Arm operated within the Guidelines set out for Covid – 19, issued by the health departments quite successfully.

All of our Enterprises consisting of RACQ Services, Mechanical Workshop, Carwash, and Nursery, have been operating successfully.

However, we lost the Cook Shire Council's Kerbside waste pick up service to Auswaste in Cooktown, who came in around \$120k cheaper per year. We had operated this service successfully for 6 years but were only breaking even.

We still have the Kerbside Waste Service for Wujal Wujal Shire Council, and most of the commercial waste in Cooktown. It's good to see staff have worked hard in all these services.

During the past 12 months, some of our housing tenants still continue to fall behind in their rental and water charges obligations, but the majority are meeting their obligations, and thanks to those tenants for their efforts.

Over past 12 months we have paid all the council rates on time with the money received from rent charged. Rent charged for the year was \$524,085 and we received \$518,699.

However, we have had to go to court during the year to evict tenants and let the properties out to other community members. The cost of repairs and cleaning of these properties has been very high and hinders Gungarde ability to do upgrades to other properties.

As Gungarde operates under the one Social Housing framework, we must follow and implement the policies and procedures as set out in these policies, and to be seen managing our portfolio.

Over the past year over \$94,083 has been spent on Maintenance and Repairs, Cook Shire Council Rates are \$191,724 Property Insurance is \$58,709 and General Insurance of \$27,303.

Gungarde is the lead CDP J V partner and our joint venture partnership with My Pathways, Hopevale Foundation and Wujal Wujal Shire Council has been impacted by the Covid – 19 during the year but has been another good year for our partners. This partnership has seen excellent outcomes and projects within all the Cook Region CDP the past year.

Gungarde Healing House construction will be commencing in November 2020 and should be completed by February 2021.

On behalf of our Board members, Chairman Warren Kulka, Dep Chair Dylan Harrigan, Director Michael Ross, Director Helen Hanush, Director Esther Henderson, Director Marilyn Wallace, Director Nakia Harrigan, myself and the staff we want to say a big thank you to the State and Federal Government Agencies, and stakeholders for their continued support for the services we provide. I want to thank The Gungarde Board Chairman and Directors, my staff, for your continued support, which enables us to continue to grow and maintain a strong and stable Corporation.

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We have come a long way since 2008 and continue to grow ensuring Gungarde remains strong and viable for its members.

Without this continued support and funding, Gungarde would not be able to provide assistance and programs to our Community members.

Kind Regards,



Greg Whittaker,

CEO Gungarde & Managing Director GCAC Enterprises Pty Ltd.



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Gungarde Housing

This past year has been especially trying as we navigate the “new” normal due to the world-wide pandemic. The Housing staff continue to follow up with those tenants who are in arrears or making a nuisance of themselves to their neighbours. Once again, several tenants have had to be given a notice to leave due to either rent arrears and/or noise complaints, a job that we do not enjoy doing but one which is required to be done under the RTRA Act 2008. Rent arrears and interfering with the quiet life of neighbours is not allowed.

To those tenants who continue to pay on time and reduce their arrears, we thank you. It’s because of you that our jobs are worthwhile.

Due to COVID-19, routine inspections were put on hold for the majority of this year but will be resuming in the near future. We stress the need for these inspections so we are aware of any maintenance that may be required and appreciate your co-operation in being home at the arranged day and time.

Rent arrears continue to increase and are a constant source of frustration for the Housing officers. As at the 30th June 2020, the outstanding rents have increased further from last year at the same time with an amount of \$174,953.72 now owing and \$29,558.17 in unpaid water usage bringing a combined total \$204,511.89 outstanding. The addition of advance water payments included with the rent has proved to be a good thing with most of the tenants being in credit and thus reducing the outstanding bills.

With less and less rental income, we are restricted in the amount of maintenance and/or repairs that can be done to all our properties. We don’t receive any funding to maintain the houses and units and rely on the rental income to meet all costs. A tenant agrees to pay these costs when they sign a tenancy agreement (a legal and binding document). By failing to make the required payments, you are not only letting yourself down and take the risk of losing the roof over your head but also failing your own Corporation and restricting Gungarde from moving forward.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Dept. of Housing, our CEO Greg Whittaker and the Board of Directors for their assistance and the support over the past year. We look forward to continuing to provide a reliable and supportive housing service to both our tenants and the Cooktown community.



Top End Nursery and Florist

The last year has seen many exciting changes to our Nursery.

The commencement of a new staff members has made a wonderful addition to the ever expanding store.

Kasia Weysenfeld and Jennifer Messina are now in store to help your garden look it's best. From Seeds to Seedlings. Pots to Planters! You can be sure we have what you need.



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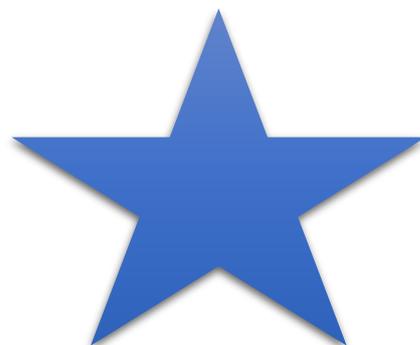
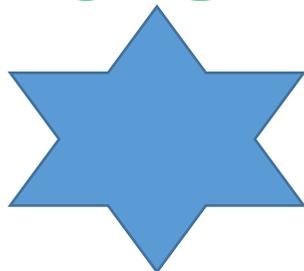
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Playgroup



GUNGARDE Family Wellbeing Service



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GUNGARDE Family Wellbeing Service

Our Family Wellbeing team services Cooktown, Coen, Hope Vale, Laura and Wujal Wujal. We have a team of six lovely women who are qualified in different areas such as Family Intervention, Early Childhood, Counselling, Mental Health and Domestic Violence Support. We aim to provide our clients with the support that will best support their family and culture. Our support is offered through Home Intervention, Playgroups, Women's Groups and Women's Fitness Groups.



Women's Health and Fitness Group, 2020

Our Family Wellbeing Service supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families across a range of contexts including early intervention to keep children and young people safely at home with their families and in their communities. We support families with children that are subject to ongoing intervention by Child Safety under Child Safety orders. We support at risk and vulnerable families with early intervention to keep children from entering the statutory child protection system. We support families with children and young people under the age of 18 years old.



Women's Group Cooktown, 2020

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Supports we offer are parenting, building strengths, budgeting, personal support and development, focusing on practical skills that address specific needs for the family, support with school attendance and assisting with housing, healthcare and other community or government services.

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The Home Interaction Parenting Program for Youngsters is a free, home based early learning Program funded by the Australian Government



The last 6 months of 2019 was a busy time with weekly deliveries to our age 4 families and fortnightly deliveries to our Age 5 families. We had a Pool Party Graduation celebration to acknowledge our families who completed the 2-year program and we had a picnic at the waterpark to congratulate our Age 4 families on completing the first year of the program. Our Catchment area covers Cooktown, Rossville, Bloomfield and Wujal Wujal. We had a total of 24 Age 4 families enrolled and 18 Age 5 families who Graduated from the program in November 2019.



This year we currently have a total of 18 new Age 4 families enrolled and we have 12 Age 5 families continuing their 2nd year. We currently have 5 HIPPY staff which includes the HIPPY Coordinator and 4 HIPPY tutors. HIPPY Tutors have their weekly training in the HIPPY packs and participate in additional training and enrichment to support them in their role as HIPPY tutors which is part of their P2P (Pathways to Possibilities). This gives tutors the opportunity to upskill and work towards gaining qualifications in a field that is of interest to them. Two of our tutors have completed a cert 3 and cert 4 accredited qualification.

2020 has been a challenging year due to the disruptions of the COVID19. Recruiting new families and retaining our Age 5 numbers has been an issue, due to the restrictions, home schooling, families isolating and generally the uncertainty around COVID19. Although it's been challenging it has also been a great learning experience, as we really had to be innovative, flexible and creative with keeping our families engaged in the restriction period when we could not meet parents face to face. We did HIPPY deliveries over the phone and Group meeting where achieved via postal and HIPPY Facebook communication.

We are excited that we are now back to face to face deliveries with our families and are able to hold Group meeting with over families again. Together we practice and learn about fun ways that families can engage in their child's learning and development. We also invite Guest Speakers from community organisations to speak and educate families on child development and parent and family wellbeing. We have had a Wellbeing advocate, Paramedic and Child health nurse share their knowledge with our families.

We continue to work closely with our Local Community Early Years Network and other local organisations to network and provide opportunities for families to connect. We recently attended the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's day down at the ANZAC park. It was lovely to see all our local families and community organisations working together to celebrate and engage in many fun and creative activities.

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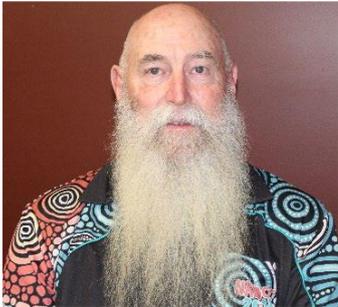
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Meet Our Staff

Gungarde



Greg Whittaker CEO



Jaylene Elliott 2.I.C



**Ngungjul Dewaal-
Administration Support**

Erica Kulka- Admin Trainee

Family Wellbeing Services



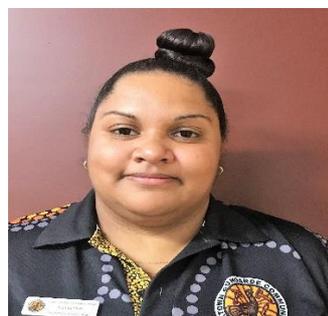
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Anne Veiont-Singh**



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**Frances Gertz
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**Coordinator-
Melissa Griffiths**



Rebekah Hosking- Tutor



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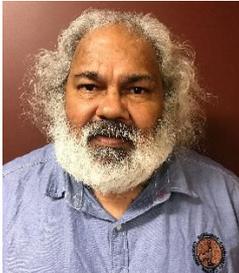
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Gungarde Board



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**Marilyn Wallace-
Director**



**Esther Henderson-
Director**

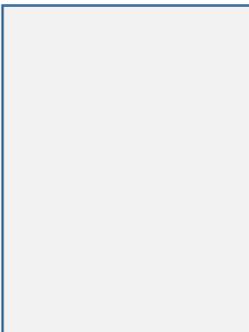


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**Nakia Harrigan-
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**Dylan Harrigan-
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Gungarde Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation
Directors Declaration

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The directors of the Corporation declare that in the Director's opinion:

1. the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, including

a. Giving a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30th June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and

b. Comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2018;

2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Corporation is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors



Director



Director

Dated at Cooktown this 4th day of December 2020.

Gungarde Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation
Statement of Profit and Loss
For year ended 30th June 2020

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	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue			
Rental Income		690,148	429,929
Project Income		132,198	185,217
Government Grants		925,990	1,082,138
Retail Sales		-	-
Interest Received		-	-
Sale of Assets		85,157	5,455
RJCP Partnership		545,162	493,396
Other Income		92,309	60,833
		<u>2,470,964</u>	<u>2,256,968</u>
Expenses			
Employee Benefits		1,024,420	982,048
Project Costs		103,259	69,173
Depreciation		439,553	456,924
Interest Paid		89,681	105,618
Bad Debts		0	7,000
Property		309,420	242,771
Administration		140,967	153,356
Other Costs		109,907	127,386
Insurance		86,013	87,356
		<u>2,303,220</u>	<u>2,231,633</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>167,744</u>	<u>25,335</u>



Gungarde Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation would like to say a big thank you to the State and Federal Government for your great contributions and ongoing funding and support of Gungarde Community Centre.

Lastly, we would like to thank all services and volunteers who have helped Gungarde throughout the year; especially the Board of Directors and Members of Gungarde.



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