



BIRRILIBURU & WILUNA Land Management Update

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN
April 2011

Rain, Rain and More Rain.....

Perth based staff have been stuck in the office for most of the first part of the year because the rain has blocked access to 'country'.

The Granite Peak access road was flooded for months meaning we could not get out to the Carnarvon Range, Lorna Glen was underwater and even the Gunbarrel Highway was closed for a period.

The country looks amazing now, the water spots are full up, there's budgies flying everywhere and plenty of fat parnka.

On the downside, the mozzies are everywhere, so is the buffel grass and worst of all....flies!!



Coming into Wiluna, Lake Miranda.

Lorna Glen Enclosure Feb 2011

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Drop more on the 24th Feb 2011

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Swamp on the south side of Lorna Glen

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Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) Meeting in Booderee

The 2011 IPA managers meeting was held in Booderee National Park in Jervis Bay NSW.

Central Desert staff, LL, Robbie Wongawol and Rob Thomas joined up with Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa staff AS, NS and Mr See and travelled to the meeting.

The Booderee National Park is a jointly managed park between the local Wreck Bay Community and National Parks Australia. Local Koori people are employed to serve as rangers, guides and managers of the park.

It was a great opportunity for learning about joint management and thinking about how the Birriliburu area might be managed into the future.

The meeting was attended by Aboriginal land owners from all over Australia and we heard them speak about their country and what they were doing to look after it.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND



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Wiluna

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Jervis Bay Territory



Booderee IPA meeting





Meeting attendees at Wreck Bay

AS and NS from KJ



AS with Nabberu See



Talking up Birriliburu IPA

Robbie and LL talked at the meeting about the management ideas for Birriliburu country.

We talked about the importance of planning for country by doing work on country. Often the management plans for an area are developed by people who have simply sat at a desk with a map and some books and we reckon that's not the best way.

We talked about the need to go an see country, to get old and young people back out there, to get some experience of the types of work that people would do on country before deciding on a plan.

This is now the 4th time Robbie has spoken at national conferences and he is becoming a professional at it...very hard to get the microphone back off him.

LL and Robbie talking it up!!



Rob T pulling the strings.



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Our Audience

Matuwa Meeting April 2011

We met with DEC at Lorna Glen in early April. This meeting was the 10th meeting of the Lorna Glen/ Earahedy working group which is made up of Wiluna native title claimants and DEC staff.

At the meeting it was decided that we should think about another way of doing joint management work. It was agreed that Central Desert and the Wiluna native title claimants will need to have more say into the planning and development of ideas for joint management.

We talked about putting a 'people plan' together where Martu people's stories and concerns about Lorna Glen are laid out. The DEC are mostly concerned with plants and animals. Martu know that plants and animals are only healthy if Martu are involved in looking after them.

Meeting at new bow shelter





Hamish, Frank, Rob and Ben



FLIES!!!!

(c) Rob Thomas

Martu-Ku Ngurra

Some of the land management workers spent the week at Lorna Glen working on the Martu-Ku Ngurra.

The last bit of work that needed to be done was the shower block and the bow shelter.

The Martu-Ku Ngurra is now a very impressive and comfortable camp area and will be maintained by the workers on their trips to Lorna Glen.

Fixing up granites well 2a.

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Workers putting in windbreaks

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Ranger work

Hamish, the new ranger coordinator, tried his hand at tracking feral and native animals with the help of the rangers and the Cyber-tracker.

They found evidence of cats at Lorna Glen. Having one cat in an area can be very damaging to the local animal population as they have a wide ranging diet and are very good hunters.

The rangers also spent time fixing up the well 2a (Granites) on the Canning Stock Route. This well had been travelled to last year during the ARC Rock Art and Jukurrpa trip and the old people had said that it needed to be fixed up as it was dangerous.

Trailer load of Mulga for shelter



Wiring up the roof of the shelter

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Hamish and Ben Cybertracking





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