

The Wujal Wujal environmental health story

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Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Community is located in the Bloomfield Valley inside the World Heritage Area some 170km to the north of Cairns and 70km south of Cooktown. The Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council is funded by Queensland Health to employ an Environmental Health Worker and Animal Management Worker to deliver Environmental Health programs/services. The successful programs delivered in the community are: Housing Survey; Pest Control; and Animal Management.

Housing Survey

The Council's Management and Mayor wanted to know the housing conditions in the community. The housing survey was conducted by the Environmental Health Worker and Animal Management Worker with support from the Queensland Health Indigenous Environmental Health Program Officer. The survey tool was a housing check list which focused on health hardware in the houses. The survey findings were sent through to the Department of Housing for work orders to fix the issues identified in the survey.

Pest Control

The Environmental Health Worker and Animal Management Worker are licenced pest management technicians, who conduct pest management activities on the behalf of Council and the Department of Housing. The benefits of their activities, save Council on funding and reduce public health risks with pests.

Animal Management

All dogs and cats in Wujal Wujal are registered with the Council and are scabies and mange free. The program is the most successful in Queensland's Environmental Health Worker and Animal Management funding.

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