

Your way forward for Native Title

# MESSAGE STICK



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An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef. The water is a deep blue, and the coral is a mix of brown and orange. Several small, bright blue fish are swimming around the coral. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

NQLC acknowledges the  
Traditional Owners of our  
representative region.

We recognise their  
continuous relationships to  
the lands and waters,  
and pay our respects to  
Elders past, present and  
emerging.



# ANNUAL REPORT GAYLEE



## NQLC'S 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT IS HERE!

We're proud to share our 2023-2024 Annual Report, celebrating a year of achievements. Highlights include the Wakkaman #3, #4 & #5 Consent Determination ceremony in Chillagoe, a historic moment for the Wakkaman people, and our growing community engagement through Native Title representation and collaboration.

This year also sparked a project to preserve NQLC's history, inspired by a community member's question, "Where are all the old photos?" As we approach 50 years as an organization, we invite you to share your photos and stories to celebrate this milestone.

Download your copy today from our website!



### 2023-2024 Annual Report

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ANNUAL REPORT



## MEET GAYLEE – OUR ANNUAL REPORT ARTIST!

We're thrilled to feature the incredible work of Gaylee De Bree, a proud Kuku Yalanji woman and talented Indigenous artist from Far North Queensland, on the cover of our 2023-2024 Annual Report.

Gaylee's art is a vibrant blend of cultural heritage and personal style, inspired by the knowledge and stories passed down from her Elders and family. Her work stand in contrast to traditional earthy tones as she often incorporates animals such as dragonflies, butterflies and seahorses.

Through her work, Gaylee shares a journey of healing, growth, and tradition. It was an absolute pleasure working with Gaylee. Her creativity, professionalism, and passion for her culture shine through her work, and we are so grateful for the incredible piece she created for us. Thank you, Gaylee, for bringing your vibrant vision to life!





# MOVEMBER



## CHANGING THE FACE OF MEN'S HEALTH

Movember is more than just a quirky excuse to grow a moustache—it's a global movement that's making a real difference in men's lives. Held every November, this initiative shines a spotlight on critical men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health, and suicide prevention. The concept is simple: grow a moustache, spark a conversation, and help change attitudes. Participants, affectionately known as "Mo Bros," use their new facial hair to draw attention to these important topics, encouraging men to prioritise their health and seek support when they need it.

Since its humble beginnings in 2003, Movember has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, funding over 1,250 men's health projects and transforming the way health services reach men. It's not just about raising funds—it's about creating a platform for change, breaking stigmas, and inspiring men to take control of their health.

This year, NQLC proudly joined the Movember movement, with eight of our staff stepping up to the plate grow their moustaches to raise funds and awareness. But we didn't stop there, we took our efforts beyond the office walls and into the community, teaming up with local health initiatives to amplify the message.

As part of our Movember efforts, NQLC was proud to partner with community health initiatives to promote awareness and support for men's health. This year, we joined forces with Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation to help amplify this important message. Our CEO, Leon, and Media Officer, Reilly, had the honour of attending the Yarrabah Men's Health Forum, an event organised by Darren Miller and Ross Maloney from Gurriny Yealamucka. It was an incredible privilege to be part of the community and to connect with inspiring organizations such as Kunjur First Nations Men's Collective, Gindaja Learning and Wellbeing Centre, Link-Up, and Indigenous Energy Australia.

The forum was a powerful community gathering, bringing together individuals and groups all dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of men. We are deeply grateful to Darren and Ross for hosting such an event and for creating a space where important conversations about men's health could take place.





## EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY WITH MIRABOU ENERGY

In an effort to position our communities at the forefront of alternative energy solutions, our CEO Leon and EDST Manager Jules recently met with James Reynolds, CEO and Founder of Mirabou Energy. The meeting focused on current policies in the renewable energy sector and explored the readiness of Traditional Owner groups to engage with emerging opportunities in this space.

James Reynolds, a proud Gangalidda/Waanyi man from the Western Gulf of Carpentaria, brings over 25 years of expertise in the energy sector, complemented by his economics degree. His extensive experience and deep cultural understanding uniquely position him to guide Indigenous communities through the complexities of the alternative energy landscape.



This collaboration with Mirabou Energy enhances NQLC's capacity to provide valuable resources and connections to its members. James's leadership in the sector not only offers Indigenous representation at the highest level but also ensures that Traditional Owners have access to industry-leading advice as alternative energy projects continue to grow.

NQLC is committed to supporting its communities by identifying sustainable energy solutions and creating viable project opportunities that align with cultural and environmental values. By working with professionals like James Reynolds, NQLC is paving the way for stronger, more sustainable futures for its members.

## HELP US CELEBRATE NQLC'S 50 YEARS!

As we approach our 50th anniversary, we're looking for photos that capture our journey from 1975 to now.

Email your photos to:  
[reception@nqlc.com.au](mailto:reception@nqlc.com.au)

Be part of the celebration—your memories could feature in our milestone moments!







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