

# “Elder’s Message Stick” ‘Yarning Up - Cultural Resource & Values©’

Making Waves

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## Funding Opportunities

### Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants

This grant scheme provides funds to enable young people to participate in local Landcare projects. Visit [www.landcareonline.com](http://www.landcareonline.com) or [www.mitre10.com.au/landcare/grant.asp](http://www.mitre10.com.au/landcare/grant.asp).

Closing dates for applications in 2006 are 3rd August and 19 October.

### Gaming Machine Benefit Fund

Funding opportunities for incorporated community organisations. See [www.gcbf.qld.gov.au](http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au) for more information.

Closing dates for funding rounds in 2006 are 30 September and 31 December.

### Community Water Grants

Grants of up to \$50,000 for projects that encourage water efficient, re-use, recycling or enhance the health of ground or surface water. Visit [www.communitywatergrants.gov.au](http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au) for more information.

### Australia Post Junior Landcare Grant

Schools are eligible for grants of up to \$550 to Improve biodiversity in the local community. See [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au) for more Information.



## Protocol

I would like to pay respect to the Traditional Owner Elder’s, Elder’s and Seniors of the countries (nations) in the Queensland Murray Darling Committee Inc. region and their neighboring countries.

I would like to pay respect to the St George Aboriginal Elder’s, and thank you for your direction and guidance in developing the QMDC Inc. - Indigenous Program, and Workplan for 2006-2007.

Our initial meeting, protocol discussions and Elder directives supports development of a culturally appropriate Indigenous work program in QMDC Inc.

Thank you for giving your valuable time and service, and for inviting me to attend your next Elder meeting to talk about how your directives are being implementing.

I look forward to working with you all to improve Indigenous Traditional Owner involvement in natural resource management, throughout the Maranoa-Balonne & Border Rivers regions.

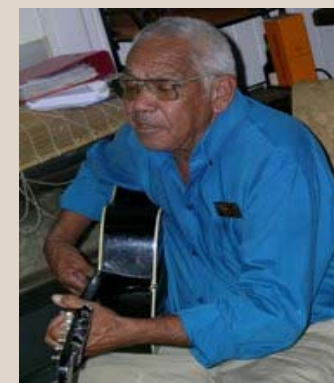
## Albert Dennison Retires

Albert (Aultry) announced at the Elder’s meeting in June 2006, held at the Medical Centre, that he was going to retire to focus his work on his Goomeri country.

Albert and I really enjoy working together and it has been very sad and much lonely walking alone since his retirement.

We traveled around to see and discuss the projects the Elder’s have prioritized in the Maranoa-Balonne & Border Rivers regions. We took turns singing songs on the long drives around.

Aultry continues involvement with QMDC Inc. as a Cultural Consultant and is overseeing the Weengallon Rock Wells restoration works.



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Priority Linkage Initiative Fund

### Thurri-li –Yana-y (come to) Discovering Landcare Conference 2006

It's new and it's blue..

The theme for the 2006 Discovering Landcare Conference is **Making Waves**. The Conference this year coincides with National Water Week.



### Thurri-li –Yana-y (come to) Discovering Landcare Conference 2006

The Indigenous Program of QMDC is sponsoring 50 Students from rural and remote schools to participate in the Discovering Landcare Conference 2006.

Places will go fast so Register your interest by contacting:

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**“Linking Up the Rock Wells Project”**©  
*An Indigenous Traditional Owner Elder Initiative*  
Progress is being made to assure the Elders request for the Aboriginal Rock Wells to be linked up, through restoration & Rock Well Site - Cultural Resource & Management Plans, is well underway.

Main Roads Queensland have agreed to partner with QMDC Inc and the Traditional Owners on this significant Elder's project . Linking Up the Rock Wells will restore the line of Aboriginal Rock Wells throughout Queensland.

Many more circles of Elders will need to meet and circles with neighboring Traditional Owner Elder's, Regional NRM Bodies, local government and private landholders to negotiate the project.

Potential new partners to support the Linking Up the Rock Wells Project will need to be approached and we need to sing up the songlines that more support will come.

#### PROJECT PROGRESS

Restoration has commenced @ the **Weengallon Rock Wells** site. Albert made sure the Main Roads workers were careful and did not cause any damage to the Rock Wells during the vacuum extraction process. Albert will come and talk to the Elder's about how the work went.

There were pretty bad mother of millions weeds in and around the Rock Wells site which needed to be treated. The weeds take over and make it harder for our native plants to grow at the Weengallon Rock Wells. The mother of million weeds have been treated, and a weed management plan is being developed as part of the Weengallon Rock Wells - Cultural Resource & Values Site Management Plan.

Thanks to Adam Logan, Kate Steele, Plaxy Barrett, Greg Ford (Technical Officers from QMDC Inc.) for their technical support to the project and Main Roads Queensland.

Watch for regular updates on the Linking Up the Rock Wells Project.....When's Moonie Rock Wells Restoration Project starting?



### Creative Communities 2006-2007

Share your connections to water and natural resources in the Maranoa-Balonne & Border Rivers regions.

The project theme is cultural catchments and will feature visual and theatre displays from the St George, Thallon, Dirranbani & Surat schools and communities.

While the project targets working with children and in schools, community members are encouraged to submit their artwork to the project.

The QMDC Inc. - Indigenous Program is seeking the project team respect cultural protocol and involve the Elder's in the project. In addition to this assurance is sort that a Senior Indigenous Artist will be involved in the project to support artwork contributions from our children and communities.

#### Dates for theatre and visual arts visits in 2006:

- 7-9 August Initial visit to communities (Leisa Drury, QMDC Inc., Dr Kyle Jenkins, USQ)
- 21-25 August 1st visit to schools & communities (Education & Tour Team USQ)
- 4-8 September 2nd Visit to schools & communities (Education & Tour Team USQ)
- 18-22 September 3rd Visit to schools & communities (Education & Tour Team USQ)
- 16-17 October Discovering Landcare Conference Toowoomba  
Contemporary Wearables presentation  
3 Visual Art workshops  
1 performance of touring show for conference delegates
- 23-27 October 4th visit to schools & communities (Education & Tour Team USQ)
- 27Nov-1Dec Final visit before touring (Education & Tour Team USQ)
- 4-15 Dec Touring dates (TBA)

Creative Communities 2006-2007, Let's get involved

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### “St George Aboriginal Elders Oral History Project” *An Indigenous Traditional Owner Elder Initiative*

The project submission has been made to QMDC Inc. for the St George Aboriginal Elders - Oral History Project.

The Oral History Project will record the Elder's, Seniors and Camping ground oral histories in the St George region.

Dulcie Cordrey has been negotiating with USQ, Ron Hampton for them to carry out the oral history recording. The project includes training for the Elder's in the use of GPS, GIS and database usage.

The project is expected to commence in October 2006 following funding approval.

#### St George Aboriginal Elders Group

The St George Aboriginal Elder's Group held their inaugural meeting on the 1 March 2006. The CEO, QMDC Inc. (Olwyn Crimp) was invited along to the meeting.

The St George Aboriginal Elders meet monthly to discuss NRM, & other issues relevant to the community. The St George Aboriginal Elder's provide culturally appropriate protocol to guide work in QMDC Inc. regions.

QMDC Inc.- Indigenous Program supports the Elder's to meet monthly. Dulcie Cordrey is supporting the Elder's to organise a regular meeting Place. Dulcie is the Elder Support Officer and can be contacted on 0429671872.

