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*Itinerary of Native Title Business
2002*

- Queensland Museum
1 July - 11 August
- Hervey Bay Regional Gallery
10 September - 5 October
- Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum
11 October - 2 November
- CQU Rockhampton/Duaringa Shire Gallery, Blackwater (half show)
8 November - 10 December

2003

- Cairns Regional Gallery
31 January - 16 March
- Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville
21 March - 27 April
- Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery
8 May - 15 June
- Noosa Regional Gallery
20 June - 13 July
- Moree Plains Gallery
26 July - 28 August
- Port Macquarie Hastings Regional Gallery
10 September - 19 October
- Boomalli, Sydney
29 October - 30 November
- National Museum of Australia
5 December - 16 February 2004

2004

- The Exhibitions Gallery Wangaratta
20 February - 21 March
- Wagga Wagga Regional Gallery
26 March - 7 May
- Gippsland Art Gallery Sale
14 May - 13 June
- Melbourne Museum
24 June - 7 August
- University Gallery Launceston
13 August - 17 September
- Carnegie Gallery Hobart

20 September - 22 October

- Horsham Regional Gallery
4 November - 9 January 2005
- 2005*
- Mildura Arts Centre
14 January - 27 February
 - Riddoch Gallery Mt Gambier
4 March - 17 April
 - Murray Bridge Regional Art Gallery
22 April - 22 May
 - Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery
28 May - 3 July
 - Walter Nicholas Memorial Gallery
8 July - 14 August
 - Tandanya Adelaide
20 August - 31 October

MaMu Canopy Walk

by Rowan Foley

The development of the MaMu Canopy Walk in the rainforest near Innisfail in North Queensland, will become a major tourism icon based on the MaMu native title applicants' land and culture.

The development of the \$7million MaMu Canopy Walk has involved the signing of an historic Heads of Agreement. The Agreement, written by representatives from the North Queensland Land Council (NQLC), has taken over a year to finalise.

The Heads of Agreement was signed at a traditional ceremony by all the MaMu native title applicants, NQLC, Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA), Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service (QP&WS), Johnstone Shire Council (JSC) and the local Member the Hon Warren Pitt signed as a witness on behalf of the State Government on the 24 March 2002.

In summary, the agreement acknowledges and protects the cultural heritage values of the MaMu native title claimants, binds in good faith the JSC to the State Government acceptance of their native title connection report and ensures an economic stream will flow to the MaMu people who will be on the Trust that will own the development.

The cultural heritage, environmental, geo-technical and topographic studies have been completed and the economic feasibility study is very positive. The next step is to advertise for commercial partners and they are already starting to line up.

The Heads of Agreement and Canopy Walk development demonstrates that native title is a positive element and essential component of the Traditional Owner's involvement in regional economic development.

The MaMu Canopy Walk should be completed by the end of 2003 and open for business.

What follows is an extract of the agreement that has been signed. It has been included to provide detail and information for others who may be interested or looking towards forming the same kind of agreements.

*MaMu Canopy Walk - Heads of Agreement'
Preamble*

This 'Heads of Agreement' is a way of getting the different groups to agree to work together in good faith to find answers to issues that can be of benefit to everyone involved. It will not necessarily show the answers to the problems straight away. Rather, it sets out the framework by which the different groups will work together to the best of their ability to come up with answers that are acceptable to all those involved.

It is the intention of this particular agreement to commit the Traditional Owners, the local Native Title Representative Body, relevant government land management agencies, and the Local Government authority to work together in an attempt to develop a Canopy Walk and associated visitor facilities in the Wooroonooran National Park and the immediate area located within the traditional country of MaMu people.

Although looking at the proposal to develop a Canopy Walk and associated visitor facilities

in the area, the Heads of Agreement is actually bigger than this. The agreement is looking to gain an undertaking from the various groups to work through concerns held by MaMu people about how their traditional country is managed for tourism purposes both now and in the future.

*Heads of Agreement
Preliminary*

▪ Native Title area means the area under claim in the MaMu Native Title claim number Q6014/01 in the Federal Court of Australia

1. The JSC, QPWS and WTMA acknowledge and affirm that the MaMu people have a significant interest and responsibility in the area for the planned Canopy Walk development that comes from their traditional law, traditional customs and traditional culture outlining the use, care for and preservation of the land and natural/ cultural resources.
2. The JSC and MaMu people agree to negotiate their respective interests within the native title determination application Q6014/01 in good faith. JSC agrees to be guided by the State's acceptance, for the purpose of mediation, of the MaMu as native title holders for the land and water included within Q6014/01 when negotiating its interests.
3. Subject to clause 8 all parties are committed to investigating the concept of a canopy walk and associated visitor facilities in the region.
4. The MaMu people and the NQLCAC, their Native Title Representative Body, acknowledge and affirm that the QPWS and the WTMA have significant interests due to their statutory responsibilities with respect to the management of the area's natural and cultural values.
5. The parties acknowledge and affirm that the JSC have local government responsibilities and interests in the management of the shire that surrounds Wooroonooran National Park.

¹ For publication purposes, the details of who the agreement is between has been left out. The actual terms of the agreement is considered more relevant.

6. The MaMu Aboriginal Corporation, as representative of the MaMu people, will be included in any Trust, Body or Corporate entity that is established for the effective ownership of the Canopy Walk and associated freehold land.
7. All parties agree to explore options that will ensure the flow on of sustainable economic benefits to the MaMu people through the MaMu Aboriginal Corporation or other appropriate corporate body in relation to the canopy walk and associated visitor facilities.
8. The parties acknowledge that there exist in the Palmerston region areas of significant conservation, heritage and educational value encompassing environmental, historical and cultural features, the protection of which is the responsibility of the MaMu people, Local, State and Federal Governments.
9. All parties are committed to work together in good faith to develop a participatory management regime for the ecologically, economically, socially and culturally sustainable management of the Wooroonooran National Park and surrounding tenures within (and adjoining) the WTWHA, and to develop harmonious relationships amongst all interests in the area that recognises the unique MaMu relationship to their traditional country.
10. Subject to clause 8 all parties are committed to negotiate in good faith a formal management agreement or Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) or equivalent which establishes co-operative management arrangements designed to protect the native title rights and cultural heritage interests of the MaMu people in the Wooroonooran National Park.
11. The parties agree that such an agreement relating to co-operative management arrangements may include the exclusion of the general public from

culturally sensitive areas or other locations important to Traditional Owners within the Wooroonooran National Park and surrounding WTWHA. There are provisions for restricting access pursuant to the Nature Conservation Act and other relevant legislation will be explored where appropriate.

12. Whilst the parties agree that such an agreement relating to co-operative management arrangements will be consistent with statutory responsibilities of the QPWS/EPA, WTMA and NQLCAC in relation to the protection and presentation of the natural and cultural values of the region, consistent with current Environmental, Cultural Heritage, Protected Area and Native Title legislation, this does not preclude exploring the need for changes in this area.
13. The parties agree that areas of high conservation and cultural value shall be identified by a regional assessment process according to agreed national and international criteria. There shall be an independent review acceptable to all parties in the case of a dispute in relation to the assessment of these values.

All parties agree and acknowledge that there is nothing in this agreement that is intended to impact negatively or lessen the native title rights and interest of the MaMu people.

Ngarla Pilbara Leadership Group Training Course

by Yamatji Land and Sea Council

From the 14 - 17 June 2002, the Yamatji Land and Sea Council organised the Ngarla Pilbara Leadership Group Training Course. The purpose of the course was to provide a group of Ngarla native title claimants with an intensive course in native title and a chance to actually see and visit all of the institutions that are involved in the native title process. It was also hoped that the course would give participants an opportunity to think about and discuss what they wanted out of their native title determination and be