



Welcome to Ewamian YarnUp #3!

Happy New Year and may 2017 be a very joyous and successful year for you all particularly for Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation.

Over the past few months the Board of Directors have been very busy working with Jim Gleeson from Plan C undertaking the development of the EAC Strategic Plan for 2016 - 2021 as well as the Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan.

The Board has participated in a process of extensive planning and discussion over the past six (6) months in order to set a direction for EAC and one that reflects our Vision. The Strategic Plan 2016 - 2021 will be presented to the Ewamian community at our Regional Meetings coming up later this month. It will then become a permanent feature on our website.

The EAC would like to inform the community that the dates for the Regional Meetings and the Annual General Meeting has been set and are as follows:

- **20 January 2017** - South QLD Regional Meeting (Elections) at **10:00am** location The Ration Shed **19 Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg Qld 4605**
- **24 January 2017** - North QLD Regional Meeting (Elections) at **10:00am** at **EAC Office 9A Hort St Mareeba**
- **25 January 2017** - Annual General Meeting at **10:00am** at **EAC Office 9A Hort St Mareeba**

Remember to bring your \$5.00 membership fee along for your vote to count.

The Agenda for these meetings and the Proxy forms for those who cannot attend have been released on our [official website](http://www.ewamian.com) (www.ewamian.com).

Please note in the Meeting Notices issued in December that EAC has limited funding in providing assistance for people to attend meetings and we encourage people to register their attendance to assist us with catering numbers.

For those Ewamian People travelling from Brisbane, EAC will provide a bus to Cherbourg if sufficient numbers are registered or alternatively we will provide a mileage allowance for each vehicle.

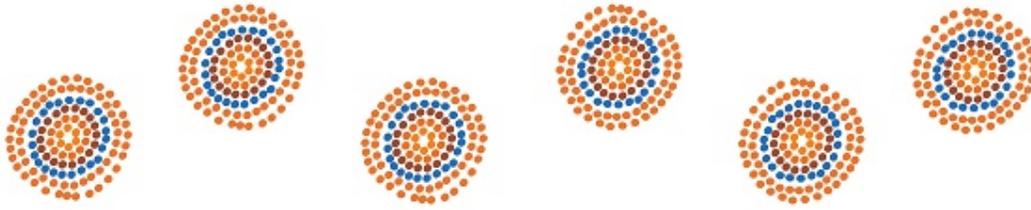
**REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL MEETINGS CLOSES ON THE 13/01/2017.
Remember you MUST register your attendance or you WILL NOT receive
any assistance.**

For people who are unable to access the web and would like the Agenda posted to them please contact the EAC Office as soon as possible on: 07 4092 2555 or email admin@ewamian.com.au.

There has also been a lot happening within our community, on Country and within the Rangers Program. Please keep an eye on our website www.ewamian.com and our Facebook page.

Talaroo has copped a bit of rain so far this wet season so please be advised that if you wish to go to Talaroo please call the office on 07 4092 2555 or the Rangers on 07 4062 5553 to check on the rainfall. We would discourage people from visiting Talaroo until after the wet season.

**The Board and Corporation Staff hope that our Ewamian families had a
safe and happy Christmas and New Year and wish you a very prosperous
2017**

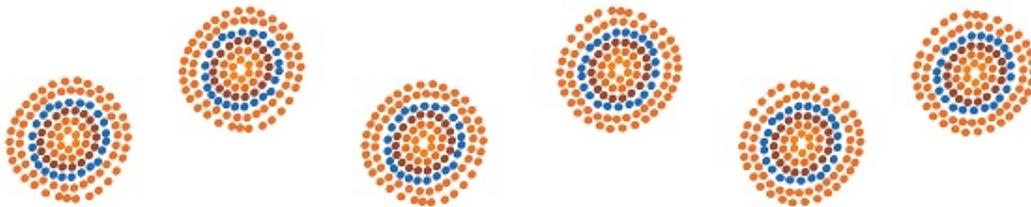


What's been happening at EAC?

There has been a lot of work done recently at EAC to be abreast of new technology including the eNewsletters, emails, Facebook page and website to ensure that our community receive Important Notices and eNewsletters with ease.

We have a newly designed website that is continually updated as it is needed and encourage everyone to keep an eye on the site to keep up with any news and developments with EAC.

Any other Important Notices and our bi-monthly eNewsletter will continue to be released on our website and posted to those who elect to. Please ensure that you contact the office on: 07 4092 2555 if you require posted Notices and eNewsletters.



Ranger Program Update

Ranger Training

In November the Rangers had a very busy training regime with trainer Paul Boag from INLOC (www.inlocgroup.com).

They had undertaken 3

courses in a matter of 7 days including:

- 3 day Chainsaw and Small Tree Felling course,
- 1 day Quad bike course, and
- 2 day Poisons course

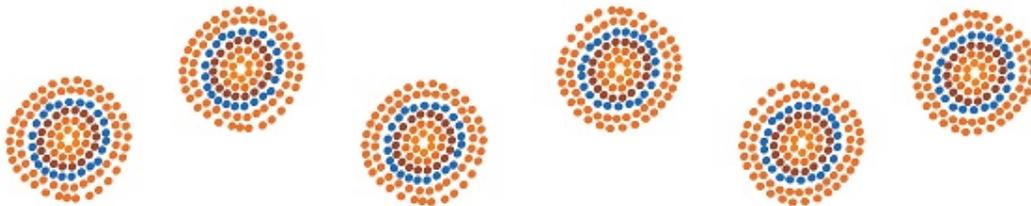
Feedback from the boys was that they thoroughly enjoyed the training and the trainer was very professional.



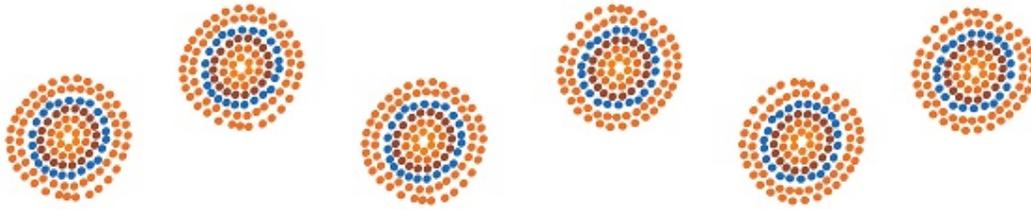
Pictured above: Senior Ranger Davin Koolatah and Rangers: Thomas East, Tristan Lacey and Mick Miles as well as Jonathon Collins Vice Chairperson of the Board

Are you interested in being a Ewamian Ranger?

Please see the [EAC website](#) or contact the office for the Expression of Interest forms



With your help EAC would like to pay our respects to our Elders Past and Present in our eNewsletters and we welcome any information and stories you would like to share. Please contact Jonathon Collins at the office on 07 4092 2555



Good News!



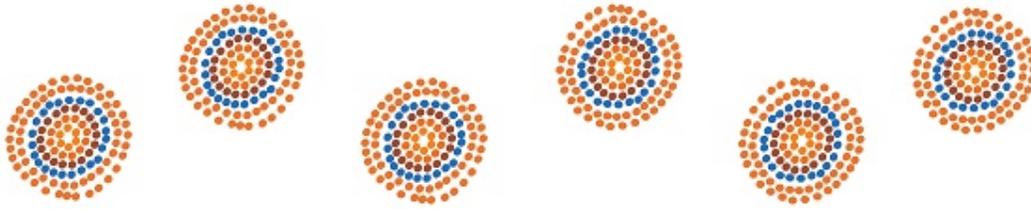
Chris in Manchester playing against Ashton Mercer School

EAC would like to congratulate Christofer Gentle who recently returned from his UK Soccer Tour where he visited Scotland, Wales and England. Christofer says: "Professional coaches trained us and we did a lot of running and a lot of training every day," and "I want to go further because I see what happens when you go far." EAC would like to wish Chris luck in his future endeavours.

Although it is sad to see Jonathon Collins leave the position of Vice Chairperson of the Board we are happy to announce that he has accepted a position working for the Corporation as an IPA Ranger/Support Officer to support the EAC Coordinator and Ranger Coordinator in the management of Talaroo Indigenous Protected Area.



Our eNewsletters is a way of celebrating our community, culture and heritage; we welcome any stories you would like to share with the rest of the Ewamian Community. Please contact Jonathon Collins at the office on 07 4092 2555



A friendly reminder to keep the office up to date with your current contact details. Go to our website and advise us under the [Contact Us](#) tab to do this or call us on (07) 4092 2555



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