

## Appendix 4

### 2007 Achievements

#### ● *Training for Disaster Management*

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are located in areas which have a high risk for natural disasters such as cyclones, floods and fires. The local EHWs have a significant role within their respective communities in relation to disaster management, particularly in the prevention and preparedness stages.

In recognition of this the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (School of Health, Business and Science), Northern Territory recently offered an opportunity for two Queensland Health environmental health staff to develop a Disaster Management Module for inclusion within the newly developed Public Health Certificate IV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Worker course.

EHWs undertaking this module of study will be better able to understand their role in disaster management and take an active part in their community's disaster management program. They will have support from the Queensland Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health practitioners who have all attended the Disaster Management for Public Health course held annually in Cairns.

#### ● *Animal Management Program – Queensland Health and Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries*

Major achievements of the project to date include:

- Employment of a Project Advisor to facilitate effective implementation of programs;
- Development of a Certificate II training course with components specifically tailored to the requirements of workers in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island local governments;
- Engagement of Queensland Rural Industry Training Council (QRITC) for the oversight and delivery of the training;
- The commitment of the majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island local governments to the establishment of animal management programs, including the employment of local animal management workers, development of animal management plans and building of animal housing/holding facilities; and
- The employment of Animal Management Workers by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island local governments.



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- *Training of EHW to develop mosquito management plans*

The Island Coordinating Council, assisted by the Aedes Albopictus Eradication project, conducted a two day workshop at St. Pauls attended by 11 community Environmental Health Workers. The workshop was held to develop a template for mosquito management plans. This was considered a huge success and another is planned to finalise the plans. EHWs also raised other issues, such as training in mosquito control, relevant legislation and the disposal of building materials, which will be addressed in the Torres Strait Dengue Mosquito Eradication Strategy. The community mosquito management plans will help communities to have sustainable mosquito management programs and are an excellent example of effective collaboration between programs.

- *New National Training Competencies*

The Commonwealth recently undertook a review of the Health Training package. As part of the review, a new Indigenous Environmental Health qualification has been developed. Qualifications that can be attained range from a Certificate II in Indigenous Environmental Health to a Diploma in Indigenous Environmental Health.

A working party of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Forum members and EHWs provided input into the review of the National Health Training package to ensure the new course was relevant to the needs of EHWs in the workplace. A significant contribution by the Commonwealth has resulted in the funding of the development of a resource kit consisting of training resources, learning materials and other tools. This will support Registered Training Organisations (RTO) to deliver the new training package.

- *6th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Conference*

Queensland Health hosted the 6th National Indigenous Environmental Health Conference at the Cairns Convention Centre from 22–24 May 2007. These conferences are held regularly to raise the profile and provide a forum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health issues, giving Indigenous environmental health practitioners a national voice.

Most of the 195 delegates registering were Indigenous delegates from as far afield as Western Australia, Tiwi Islands, Torres Strait, Cape York communities and New Zealand.

The conference program highlighted some of the major environmental health challenges and demonstrated how all parties responsible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health can work together to build healthier environments and thereby achieve better health and social outcomes.

High profile keynote speakers, including Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and A/Race Discrimination Commissioner, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, and Senator Nigel Scullion, the Federal Minister for Community Services, were one of the main highlights of the conference.

Commissioner Calma's key message was 'bridging the gap' to achieve Indigenous life expectation and health status equality within the next 25 years.

Senator Scullion launched the Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRICC) on-line manual which is designed to educate veterinary practitioners working in Indigenous communities to provide veterinarian care in a culturally sensitive manner.

A post conference workshop of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates provided a forum for open discussion of environmental health issues. A number of recommendations were put forward, including a motion to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Practitioners' Association.

## Appendix 5

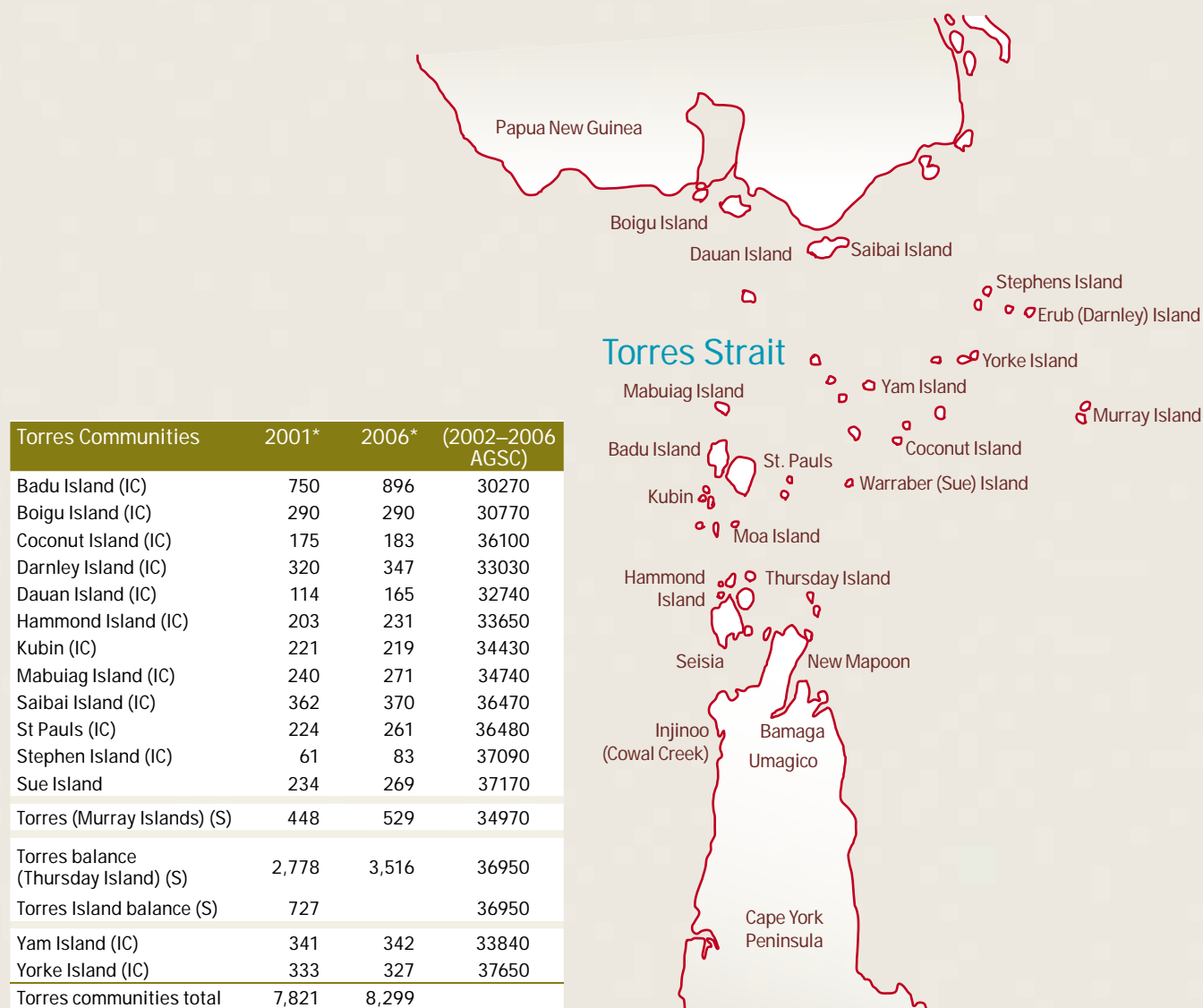
# Map of resident populations in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (mainland Queensland)



	ABS 2001*	ABS 2006*	SLA (2002–2006 AGSC)
<b>MCMC communities</b>			
Aurukun (S)	1,084	1,138	30250
Bamaga (IC)	885	869	30330
Cherbourg (AC)	1,209	1,241	32330
Doomadgee (AC)	1,198	1,181	32770
Hope Vale (AC)	1,069	856	33830
Injinoo (AC)	437	463	33930
Kowanyama (AC)	1,110	1,112	34420
Lockhart River (AC)	663	605	34570
Mapoon (AC)	209	262	34830
Mornington (S)	1,137	1,124	35250
Napranum (AC)	789	921	35670
New Mapoon (AC)	348	381	35730
Palm Island (AC)	2,305	2,165	35770
Pormpuraaw (AC)	628	653	36070
Seisia (IC)	139	184	36570
Umagico (AC)	278	267	37110
Woorabinda (AC)	1,019	928	37550
Wujal Wujal (AC)	385	361	37570
Yarrabah (AC)	2,280	2,599	37600
<b>MCMC communities total</b>	<b>17,172</b>	<b>17,310</b>	

## Appendix 6

# Map of resident population in Torres Strait Island communities



## Glossary of terms

<b>AACAP</b>	Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program	<b>LGAQ</b>	Local Government Association Queensland
<b>ATSIHGAG</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Government Agency Group	<b>LIPA</b>	Local Indigenous Planning Agreements
<b>ATSIEHIT</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Implementation Team	<b>NAIDOC</b>	National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebrations
<b>AHMC</b>	Australian Health Ministers' Conference	<b>NIEHF</b>	National Indigenous Environmental Health Forum
<b>AHMAC</b>	Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council	<b>NIEHRF</b>	Northern Indigenous Regional Environmental Health Forum
<b>AHS</b>	Area Health Services, Queensland Health	<b>NSFATSIH</b>	National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
<b>AHPC</b>	Australian Health Protection Committee	<b>PDU</b>	Planning and Development Unit, Population Health Branch, Queensland Health
<b>AIEH</b>	Australian Institute of Environmental Health	<b>PHU</b>	Population Health Unit, Area Health Service, Queensland Health
<b>ATSIHSU</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit	<b>PIHC</b>	Principal Indigenous Health Coordinator
<b>CDEP</b>	Community Development Employment Projects	<b>QATSIHWEPAC</b>	Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Education Program Aboriginal Corporation
<b>COAG</b>	Council of Australian Governments	<b>QRITC</b>	Queensland Rural Industry Training Council
<b>DLGSR</b>	Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation	<b>RIOPM</b>	Regional Indigenous Operational Program Managers
<b>DoC</b>	Department of Communities	<b>RTO</b>	Registered Training Organisation
<b>DoHA</b>	Department of Health and Ageing	<b>SATSIEHCG</b>	Strategic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Coordination Group
<b>DPI&amp;F</b>	Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	<b>SAPHS</b>	Southern Area Population Health Service
<b>EHU</b>	Environmental Health Unit, Population Health Branch, Queensland Health	<b>TPHU</b>	Tropical Population Health Unit, Queensland Health
<b>EHWs</b>	Environmental Health Workers	<b>WGATSIH</b>	enHealth Working Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health
<b>FaHCSIA</b>	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	<b>WDLU</b>	Workforce Design and Liaison Unit, Queensland Health
<b>HSD</b>	Health Service Districts, Queensland Health		
<b>HIC</b>	Health Information Centre, Queensland Health		
<b>IEHGAG</b>	Indigenous Environmental Health Government Agency Group		
<b>LG</b>	Local Governments		