

# AWIN UDNUM DAY 1

Abm Elgoring Ambung Aboriginal Corporation invited the Native Title Research Unit to participate in the *Awin Udnum* ('Good Path') Project, a series of workshops held in Kowanyama and its surrounding areas. The *Awin Udnum Project* was developed in collaboration with the community, who determined that getting out on country was central to Aboriginal people's wellbeing. On 15 August 2012, a two-day bush workshop was held on Kowanyama country at Patha Pakalin ('The Crossing').

This workshop facilitated the sharing of traditional knowledge, community cultural engagement and intergenerational activities, including fishing, hunting, gathering and preparing bush foods, medicines and natural resources.



Vera Raymond is a member of the clan that hosted the workshop, Yir Thanyedl Mel Thiw ('Eye of the Owl'). Vera knows her country well and shared her knowledge of bush plants. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



Yellow dye is extracted from the bark of the *Morinda citrifolia* to dye the fibre for string bags. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



Jarral Henry with a pandanus armband, what is worn around the upper arm in certain ritual circumstances. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



Lillian Josiah cutting cabbage palm (*Corypha elata*) fronds to strip silk for weaving. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



Lawyer cane/suplejack (*Flagellaria indica*) leaves in bailer shell have many customary medicinal uses. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



Vera Raymond collecting bush toffee from toffee tree (*Atalaya hemiglauca*). Credit: Gabrielle Lauder

# GOOD PATH DAY 2

AIATSIS has been working with Abm Elgoring Ambung Aboriginal Corporation on building PBC capacity through the role that they play in climate change decision making. Abm Elgoring Ambung participated in the first state wide meeting of Queensland PBCs in October 2011, facilitated by AIATSIS. They have since participated in case study research throughout 2012 into social-institutional barriers in climate change adaptation, focusing on the role of native title holders as decision makers over their traditional lands.

Abm Elgoring Ambung was formed in September 2009 after a successful determination of native title over the traditional lands of the Yir Yoront, the Kokoberra and Kunjen, in *Kowanyama People v State of Queensland* [2009] FCA 1192. Kowanyama has a long history of asserting its independence and practising 'sovereignty' in its decisions about land management, research, and the development of community capacity and resources. Established in 1990, the Kowanyama Natural Resources Land Management Office facilitates and supports Aboriginal people's management of the natural and cultural resources of Kowanyama country.



Manager of Kowanyama Aboriginal Land and Natural Resources Management Office, Vivian Sinnamon and Edgar Bendigo, blackening spears with wallaby blood and black ash. Credit: Daniel Whitfield



Monica Josiah with palm raffia stripped from cabbage palm (*Corypha elata*). Credit: Daniel Whitfield



L-R Abm Elgoring Ambung Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC Director Anzac Frank, General Manager Rodney Whitfield and Director Charlotte Yam. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



Lillian Raymond & Shantaye Martin collecting mudshells/ mangrove mussels (*Geloina coaxans*). You can see the edge of the shell in the mud in the mangroves or feel for shells in the mud with your feet. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder



David Patrick from the neighbouring Scrub Turkey Clan with a mangrove jack he caught earlier. Credit: Gabrielle Lauder