

MURA BADULGAL (TSI) CORPORATION



SEUNGAPA (WELCOME)



BADU ISLAND

WHERE ARE WE?



ISLAND HOME BO MEPLA (OUR ISLAND HOME)

INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT: **Badu Island - Ergon Energy ILUA (QI2004/055)**



Area of Agreement (all land and waters on Badu Island to the High Water Mark)

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Agreement boundary data compiled by NNTT based on data supplied by Dept of Natural Resources & Mines, Qld (2003).

The "High Water Mark" has the meaning given in the Land Act 1994 (QLD).

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Latitude and Longitude based on Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994
Non Projection



Location of QI2004/055



OUR BACKYARD ;)



LANGUAGE

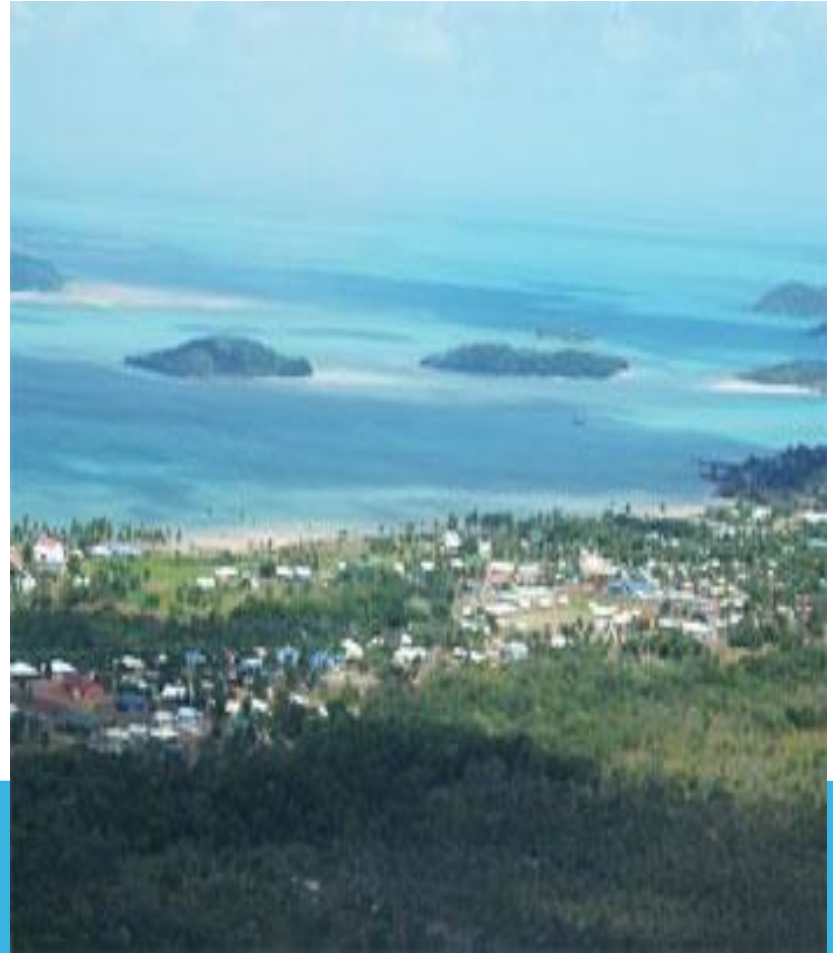


The traditional language at Badu Island is a Mabuiag Dialect, a dialect of Kala Lagau Ya.

Torres Strait Creole and English are spoken.

GEOGRAPHICS

Badu is a large granite island with hilly timbered terrain and approximately 102.8 square kilometres and is located at latitude $10^{\circ} 07'$ south, longitude $142^{\circ} 09'$ east, which is approximately 50 kilometres north of Thursday Island. It has the second highest population of the Torres Strait Islands.



ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY

IS BY PRIVATE/CHARTER BOAT OR AIR TRANSPORT. BADU HAS SEALED, ALL WEATHER AIRSTRIP INCLUDING AN ESTABLISHED TERMINAL.



**THE BADULGAL PEOPLE'S OWNERSHIP OF BADU AND
SURROUNDING ISLANDS IN THE TORRES STRAIT WAS
RECOGNISED IN THE NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION BADU ISLANDS
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THE MURA BADULGAL (TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS) CORPORATION IS LOCATED ON BADU ISLAND AND ADMINISTERS LAND ON BEHALF OF THE BADULGAL PEOPLE.



THE STRUGGLE

Before the former Badu Island Council was amalgamated, the then Councillors and staff the late Mr Jack Ahmat, Richard Bowie, Charlotte Tamwoy and Manuel Nomoa fought to have the Badu Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) remain under the control of Badu Islanders on Badu Island.

After successfully challenging the State for the DOGIT to be held by BIF as a non-Government organisation, it was later agreed between BIF and Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation RNTBC for the native title body to hold the DOGIT.

A Memorandum of Agreement between Mura Badulgal and BIF documents the responsibilities of each organisation, in the main, Mura Badulgal attending to the land, cultural, heritage and social issues on Badu whilst BIF focusses on the enterprises.

ON THE 1 FEBRUARY 2014 BADU ISLAND WAS HANDED BACK TO THE PEOPLE!



BADU ISLAND IS THE FIRST ISLAND IN THE TORRES STRAIT TO HAVE THIS HAPPEN AS A DOGIT COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR OUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON THE MAINLAND AND ISLAND COMMUNITIES.



TIME TO CELEBRATE THROUGH DANCE!!!



WE ARE JUST STARTING!!!



OUR DANCERS MEAN BUSINESS! MATA SERIOUS!



LADIES TURN!



THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Following the transfer of the DOGIT it has been hectic.

The responsibility and resources needed to manage the DOGIT, leasing and the on going land issue are now demanding attention and resources which Mural Badulgal has got to carefully manage.

As with other PBCs in the Torres Strait we are under resourced and now need to balance the budget with incoming rental with the expenses of running the organisation.



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PBC

Mura Badulgal (TSI) RNTBC



Badu Island

Director, Mr Peo Ahmat (Chair)

Director, Mr Solomon Ahmat (Vice Chair)

Director, Mr Manuel Nomoa (Secretary/Treasurer)

Director, Mr Laurie Nona

Director, Mr Tolowa Nona

Director, Mr Jamie Yorkston

Inner Islands

Director, Mrs Charlotte Tamwoy

Mainland

Mr Alick Tipoti



Executive Officer

Mr Peter Gadsby



**Governance and
Administration**

PRESENTERS PROFILE – PEO AHMAT

Peo has lived on Badu Island for 46 years and is currently employed with the Queensland Police Service. Peo commits his time voluntary to the Board and has been an active member since April 2005.

Peo is committed to make sure that Badulgal people are represented fairly to ensure that all Badulgal benefit for future decisions. As Peo has lived on Badu all of his life, he has a solid understanding of local and cultural protocols.



PRESENTERS PROFILE – CHARLOTTE TAMWOY

Charlotte has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is currently employed as the Director of Primary Health Care Services - TSI and NPA Hospital and Health Services.

In the mid 90's, native title was more spoken and heard about and Charlotte was one of the founding members of Mura Badulgal when it first became incorporated. The late Mr William Bowie had the leading role as the Chair and Charlotte was one of the first members. There has only ever been two women on the board which was Geiza Stow and Charlotte. Charlotte has been an active member of the board for a long time and through this journey she has been faced with many challenges particularly as a female board member, but she has not let this discourage her as it only gives her motivation to continue. She did miss out on 1 term and has since been re-elected. Charlotte has witnessed the changes and progression and this has been a very rewarding experience for her and makes her extremely proud as a Badulgal woman.



PRESENTERS PROFILE – MANUEL NOMOA

Manuel has lived on Badu Island all of his life and has been an active member of the board for the last three years.

It was Manuel's intention when he first became a Director, was to ensure that the organisation was operating efficiently and effectively in both administration and the board. Manuel is passionate about his community, maintaining culture and the future of the children.

Manuel believes through economic development this will create jobs and other opportunities but it's also imperative that the uniqueness of our culture is maintained.



KOEYMA ESSO (BIG THANK YOU)

