

# indigenous Cultural Heritage

## IN THE boyne valley

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND



### who...



The Cultural Heritage Team consists of an archaeologist and six Murri field technicians. The field technicians are members of the three Traditional Owner groups of the area, the Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang and Bailai. They are studying the course 'Caring for Country' at Gladstone TAFE.

Stage 1 - Survey for archaeological sites in the 62m contour around the Awoonga Dam.  
 Stage 2 - Excavation, collection and recording of 70 sites impacted on by the raising of Awoonga Dam to 40m.



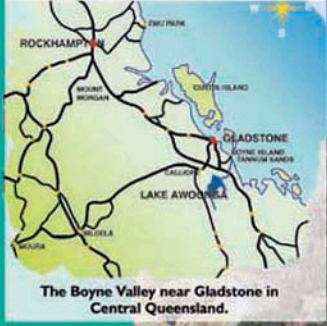
### what...

### when...



Stage 2 commenced in June 2001.

### where...



The Boyne Valley near Gladstone in Central Queensland.

To protect and maintain the significance of Aboriginal culture in the Boyne Valley.



### why...

### results...



At the site of A42b at Futter Creek, artefacts have been found at 35cm below the surface. Further excavation may provide evidence for the date of occupation of this site. Stone artefact scatters are virtually continuous near water sources, but they are also located in areas of high elevation.

# The Team

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 Gabrielle Blackman



"My culture is important to me, and by encouraging Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives and involvement in this and many other archaeological projects, we will bring together different cultures and support advances in reconciliation and knowledge."  
 Trisha Coleman

"Learning about our culture past. Living in the present. Thinking about our future."  
 Nikki Johnson

"As a traditional owner, the Boyne Valley holds a lot of significance for my people culturally and historically. As a CHFT, archaeology has given me the opportunity to be part of managing and maintaining my cultural heritage."  
 Anni Johnson

"Having the opportunity to work in the Boyne Valley has given me a better understanding of Indigenous archaeology."  
 Tamara Blackman

"Being a Cultural Heritage field technician, we have an important job to do. This is all about Cultural Heritage - remembering our past and looking after our future."  
 Gabrielle Blackman

"Working here in the Boyne Valley as a Cultural Heritage field technician has been a whole learning experience. It has made me realise the importance of respect in our culture."  
 Anni Johnson