



Newsletter updates from Australia

In this newsletter I look back over 2012 and the work that I've completed in support of Australian Aboriginal people. Colleagues I apologise for the lengthy delay in my publication of my forth newsletter. Over the last eight months since my last newsletter I have worked on several projects and I've listed three of those projects in this newsletter. Thanks for taking the time to have a read of my newsletter. Please contact me if you have questions.

Wurrumiyanga/Nguiu, Bathurst Island, Northern Territory

In July this year I travel to Bathurst Island to review the first homes constructed under the Homes On Indigenous Land (HOIL) social housing programme, built in Australia. In tropical Northern Australia, four houses were built in 2010 by the government agency Indigenous Business Affairs (IBA). The homes were designed and constructed with reference to environmental sustainability, the environmental impact of material choices, the impact of the environment on the homes, material and structural performance, cost-effectiveness, and cultural requirements. Upon completion of the homes they were sold to local indigenous people. Find out more on my [website](#).

Yarrabah, Queensland

Following the successful scoping study that I completed and chatted about in my last newsletter I was engaged to write the feasibility study for Yarrabah.

To complete this project I teamed up Paul Howorth who has a very diverse background in working with aboriginal communities and is a personal friend and professional colleague. We have over the last several months been looking into the feasibility of placing the Business Centre on the ground at Yarrabah.

In facilitating the sustainable approaches to construction for the Yarrabah Business Centre I took it upon myself to provide the new Mayor and Council of Yarrabah a concept building based on the principle of Ethnoscience. See the concept drawings and read more about the design and project on my [website](#).

Cherbourg, Queensland

At the beginning of August I was asked to review the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC) proposed site for the establishment of a Material Recycling Facility (MRF).

It is envisaged that the MRF will be a specialised plant that receives, separates and prepares comingle recyclable materials for marketing to end-user manufacturers. Details about the first MRF for remote aboriginal community in Australia on my [website](#)

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