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## ***Buwanbi* Unveiling Marks Indigenous Heritage of Boambee Creek Reserve**

This week marked a significant occasion at Reflections Boambee Creek Reserve, with the official unveiling of the *Buwanbi* Story Board on Wednesday at the popular Reserve.

*Buwanbi* translates as 'Go on First', This may have been named by a non-Indigenous person observing a Gumbaynggirr in a single-file hunting party say this to another; that is: 'You go on first!'

'The Women Who Made the Sea' is a traditional story of the Gumbaynggirr Nation, the traditional land owners of Boambee Creek. The placement of the story board finally recognises and preserves the traditional stories that will remain here on Gumbaynggirr Country.

Boambee Creek Reserve Managers Tanya Jonas and Alvena Abbott have worked with local elder Aunty Bea Ballangarry to create the Story Board, calling its unveiling an important recognition of the place the Reserve occupies, as well as being just the start of strong relationships with members of their local indigenous community.

"We have been in talks with local elders and councils for over twelve months to make this day happen so this unveiling is a hugely significant event for all involved," Tanya said.

"The formal recognition of this area holding significance for our indigenous community is an important step toward teaching all members of our local community about connectedness to Country.

"We're excited for visitors to Boambee Creek to learn about *Buwanbi* and to gain an insight into the rich history of the Gumbaynggirr Nation."

Reflections Holiday Parks CEO Steve Edmonds said Tanya and Alvena's work with the Gumbaynggirr People was part of a group effort to further foster relationships and build indigenous ties across NSW.

"With all 37 of our parks sitting on Crown land it is important to recognise the history and significance to indigenous communities to the land in which they sit," Mr Edmonds said.



Photo Attached

“The unveiling of the *Buwanbi* story board is a momentous occasion for all involved in the project and represents an important step forward in building relationships with the traditional custodians of Boambee Creek Reserve.

“I encourage all visiting the Coffs Coast Region to make their way to Boambee to gain an awareness of the local indigenous culture of the Gumbayngirr Nation.”

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About NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust, NSWCHPT

NSWCHPT was formed in 2013 to consolidate the operations of 28 coastal and nine inland holiday parks and reserves located on Crown land throughout NSW and incorporated three holiday park brands under its corporate banner. (North Coast Holiday Parks, South Coast Holiday Parks and Inland Waters Holiday Parks.)

This month has seen the Group rebrand to *Reflections Holiday Parks* and bring its 37 holiday parks and public recreation reserves on Crown land under the one unified banner. The promise of *Reflections Holiday Parks* is to be *the place where happy holiday seekers and nature lovers will discover the quintessential caravan and camping break and create unforgettable experiences and family memories.*

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