



2019 Daintree River flooding oral history project

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Date 2019

Author / Creator

Willis Burden, Pam, creator.

Scope and content Digital photographs, a map, a document titled 'Daintree River Flooding' and oral history recordings documenting the Daintree River flood of 2019. On Australia Day, 26 January 2019, a monsoon trough brought continuous heavy rain to the Daintree River area. The river flooded, then receded after breaking a 118-year floodwater record, leaving some Far North Queensland residents cut off. The flooding peaked at 12.6m close to midnight on Saturday, eclipsing the previous record of 12.4m in 1901 and higher than 10.5m at the last major flooding event in 2014.

System of arrangement Arranged into 4 series

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Series 1: Oral histories (2019)

Series number 1

Series title Oral histories

Date 2019

Scope and content

Collection of 14 oral histories relating to the Daintree River flood of 2019.

Author / Creator

Willis Burden, Pam

Description

Description 14 oral histories

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Items in this series:

Bill Dunn (11 March 2019)

Unit ID 33023/1

Date 11 March 2019

Scope and content

Billy Dunn and his wife live in remote Diwan and their home was inundated when two rivers met. His dog was washed off the verandah and swam for two days before she was found. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Dunn, Bill

Description

Description 1 WAVE (format) (45 min. 55 sec.)

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Clint Reynolds (6 March 2019)

Unit ID 33023/2

Date 6 March 2019

Scope and content

Clint Reynolds is the Rural Fire Brigade chief for Dagmar and helped rescue several people from the flood during the night. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Reynolds, Clint

Description

Description 2 WAVE (format) (49 min. 43 sec.)

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David White (1 May 2019)

Unit ID 33023/3

Date 1 May 2019

Scope and content

David White has operated Solar Whisper, a tourism boat on the Daintree River, for 17 years. David keeps watch over the local crocodiles. His office was flooded and he regretted that the

forecast was not more accurate. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

White, David

Description

Description 1 WAVE (format) (27 min.)

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Enrico Frattin (30 March 2019)

Unit ID 33023/4

Date 30 March 2019

Scope and content

Enrico Frattin's house at the turnoff to the Daintree Ferry was flooded and his ducks floated away. His bees drowned. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Frattin, Enrico

Description

Description 2 WAVE (format) (33 min.)

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Gaye Scott (26 February 2019)

Unit ID 33023/5

Date 26 February 2019

Scope and content

Gaye Scott lives at Upper Daintree Road overlooking the river. She is Community Liaison officer for the Douglas Shire Council. Her house was safe but she lost all communications when the Telstra tower failed. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Scott, Gaye

Description

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Ian Hooper and Jaki Turner (28 February 2019)

Unit ID 33023/6

Date 28 February 2019

Scope and content

Ian Hooper helped to rescue Jaki Turner from her flooded high-set home, floating through the tree-tops in his dinghy in the dark to find her. Together with fellow rescuers Paul Snelgrove and Dave Patterson, he was presented a Certificate of Recognition by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services in August 2019. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Hooper, Ian

Turner, Jaki

Description

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Jaki Turner and Peter and Sally Maher (28 February 2019)

Unit ID 33023/7

Date 28 February 2019

Scope and content

Jaki Turner was trapped on the top floor of her high-set waterside house as the Daintree River rose. She had lived there for 35 years. Luckily her phone still worked then, so she called for help and was rescued. Peter and Sally Maher have a farm on Upper Daintree Road and own the Riverside Caravan Park in Daintree Village where two campers were evacuated at 11pm. They had never seen the river rise so quickly. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Turner, Jaki

Maher, Peter

Maher, Sally

Description

Description 4 WAVE (format) (32 min. 28 sec.)

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Jody Westbrook (28 February 2019)

Unit ID 33023/8

Date 28 February 2019

Scope and content

Jody Westbrook was managing the Daintree Eco Lodge and evacuated guests by dinghy the day after the river rose. The restaurant flooded to the tops of the windows just after dinner service and it had to close for two months to clean the kitchen and furniture. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Westbrook, Jody

Description

Description 5 WAVE (format) (21 min. 57 sec.)

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Laurie Taylor (12 March 2019)

Unit ID 33023/9

Date 12 March 2019

Scope and content

Laurie Taylor lives alone on her cattle farm in Upper Stewart's Creek. She was cut off by road for 13 days and was without radio coverage, electricity and phone reception. Some of her cattle were lost. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Taylor, Laurie

Description

Description 3 WAVE (format) (25 min. 5 sec.)

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Leon Bush and Laine Keniger (8 September 2019)

Unit ID 33023/10

Date 8 September 2019

Scope and content

Leon Bush is a pilot with QG Air Rescue and was tasked with his rescue officer Alaine to evacuate the Duffy family from their property 'Tranquility' the day after the flood. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Bush, Leon

Keniger, Laine

Description

Description 4 WAVE (format) (44 min. 3 sec.)

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Paul Hoyer (26 February 2019)

Unit ID 33023/11

Date 26 February 2019

Scope and content

At the time, Paul Hoyer was the Manager of Environment and Planning at the Douglas Shire Council and also the Local Disaster Co-ordinator. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Hoyer, Paul

Description

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Peter Ryan and Richard Stevens (4 March 2019)

Unit ID 33023/12

Date 4 March 2019

Scope and content

Peter Ryan and Richard Stevens have owned the Daintree Tea House for 32 years but this

was their biggest flood. It took a long time to get back into business after their restaurant was ruined. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Ryan, Peter

Stevens, Richard

Description

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Tony Duffy and Alicia Smith (2 May 2019)

Unit ID 33023/13

Date 2 May 2019

Scope and content

Tony Duffy and Alicia Smith had just moved into the manager's cottage at "Tranquility" when they had to be evacuated by helicopter with their three children. The interviewer is Pam Willis Burden.

Author / Creator

Duffy, Tony

Smith, Alicia

Description

Description 2 WAVE (format) (1 hour 47 sec.)

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Douglas Shire Council public meeting (12 March 2019)

Unit ID 33023/14

Date 12 March 2019

Scope and content

Public meeting with Douglas Shire Council representatives at Daintree Village.

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Series 2: Digital photographs (2019)

Series number 2

Series title Digital photographs

Date 2019

Scope and content

Collection of 11 digital photographs showing the extent of the Daintree River flood in 2019.

Description

Description 11 digital photographs

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Series 3: Digital map (2019)

Series number 3

Series title Digital map

Date 2019

Scope and content

Digitised hand drawn map of the Daintree River and localities.

Author / Creator

Willis Burden, Pam

Prior, Sylvia

Description

Description 1 digital map

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Series 4: Document (October 2019)

Series number 4

Series title Document

Date October 2019

Scope and content

A document titled 'Daintree River Flooding' written by Pam Wills Burden.

Author / Creator

Willis Burden, Pam

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