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Pictured: Leighlan Masso (foreground) and Jabree's cultural heritage team uncovering the Gold Coast's first Ochre Knoll. Photo by Erin Finnegan

First ochre seam discovery on the Gold Coast

Jabree's cultural heritage team has discovered the first known source of naturally occurring ochre on the Gold Coast.

'Ochre Knoll' was identified during a targeted three-day excavation program informing Jabree's cultural heritage assessment of Gold Coast City Council's proposed Green Heart Reserve development (Stage 1). The excavation also uncovered three silcrete artefacts.

Ochre Knoll is located less than 5 km from the Broadbeach Burial Ground where there is also evidence of ceremonial ochre use.

The proximity of these sites suggest they may be connected within a broader cultural landscape.

Ochre has been used by Aboriginal people across the continent for thousands of years.

Early evidence of traditional ochre use in Queensland

includes 19,000-year-old ochre 'crayons' discovered in Kenniff Cave in Southern Queensland.

In New South Wales, evidence of ochre use has been found at a 30,000-year-old burial and a 32,000-year-old campsite at Lake Mungo.

In these examples, the ochre was not local and is likely to have been transported from several kilometres away.

Ochre Knoll is a particularly important discovery for the Gold Coast Traditional Owner community.

It provides further evidence of past occupation and suggests unique ties to other local ceremonial sites.

It is also an extremely rare source of colouring pigment used in traditional and contemporary cultural activities including ceremonies, art and dance.

Jabree is online!

We are excited to announce the launch of Jabree's website, at www.jabree.com.au.

The website provides a central online resource for our community, our clients and our stakeholders.

It is an online space for knowledge sharing, with regular updates about Jabree's cultural heritage projects and interesting findings about the history of the Gold Coast region and surrounds.

We also share information about issues and opportunities that are important to our community and our community's continued development. This includes details of upcoming community meetings and promotion of employment and training opportunities.

Please visit us online and tell us what you think!

www.jabree.com.au

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Shell middens protected on South Stradbroke

Employment and training



Pictured: Shell midden at McLaren's Landing. Photo by Erin Finnegan

The Jabree team are pleased to report that two shell midden sites have been protected during recently completed beach nourishment works at South Stradbroke Island's Tipplers Passage.

These works were carried out by the Gold Coast Waterways Authority, led by Project Manager, Peter Dainter.

The Gold Coast Waterways Authority engaged Jabree in August 2014 to provide a cultural heritage assessment for the proposed works.

The two shell middens were

identified in areas that were otherwise exposed to erosion and tidal activity.

"Recognition, protection and conservation of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage" is one of the key principles of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

This project was a unique opportunity to focus on the preservation of cultural heritage without future site development plans.

More information about this project is available online at: www.jabree.com.au

Jabree's employment and training program has seen a few changes since our last update.

In February, our employment and training partner *BoysTown*, changed their trading name to *yourtown*. But, while the name may have changed, Jabree's partnership and service offering with *yourtown* remains the same!

Through this partnership, Jabree helps our community members access a wide range of employment opportunities and career pathways, to suit their areas of interest.

These opportunities include (but are not limited to) industries like hospitality, building and construction, the arts, environmental management and conservation.

If you're interested in job opportunities like these, or if there are other areas you'd like to work in, please let us know. We'd love to help put you in touch with the opportunities that best suit you!

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