

## Alcohol Reforms overview



The primary objective of alcohol reform is **to achieve a sustained reduction in alcohol-related harms**. This objective is being achieved through alcohol restrictions, improved services, partnership between government and community, including support for positive community leadership and actions.

Communities involved in alcohol reform are Aurukun, Bamaga, Cherbourg, Doomadgee, Hope Vale, Injinoo, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Mornington Island, Napranum, New Mapoon, Palm Island, Pormpuraaw, Seisia, Umagico, Woorabinda, Wujal Wujal, and Yarrabah.

While Mossman Gorge and Coen are not Deed of Grant in Trust communities, they are part of the Cape York Welfare Reform, which has a key component on alcohol-related services.

### Partnership approach

The Queensland Government's Alcohol Reforms provide an opportunity for Indigenous communities to achieve this objective through positive action.

It is an opportunity for councils to show strong leadership and deliver lasting outcomes for communities in the areas of: community safety; health; well being; and life chances.

### Supports and services

The Queensland Government has committed \$66.352 million over four years to service enhancement, with \$43.394 million over four years from the Australian Government to assist communities reduce alcohol-related harm in their community. Queensland Government agencies have jointly developed a package of enhanced alcohol-related services for each of the 19 discrete Indigenous communities. These packages of alcohol-related services cover:

- alcohol assessment, treatment, and detoxification
- sport and recreation services
- diversionary services, such as Men's group and Women's Groups.

These services will be supported by the Australian Government's investment in residential rehabilitation. Specific implementation details are being worked through with communities to ensure the services respond to community needs. Where services in-full cannot be in place by 31 December 2008 (prior to revised restrictions commencing in some communities on 2 January 2009), interim services are being put in place.