

# Peter Milano '97

*Cherbourg, Australia*



I spent my summer in a rural Aboriginal community located 3 hours west of Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. I met many wonderful people and even got a chance to work on the Emil Farm, which is the pride of the community as well as a large source of community income.

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I spent a lot of my time shifting between helping Uncle Allen (left in the hat) prepare for NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration) and various other organizations in the community. The picture to the left is of Uncle Allen preparing traditional Aboriginal food called "bush tucker" which includes porcupine, witchetty grubs, and "dampin". I also spent time in the school working as a teacher's Aid for the seventh and second grade classes. The picture above is of Miss Fawcett's 7th grade class.

↑ Uncle Allen

Some of the community agencies that I helped out while in Charberry include: Auntie Evans' children's shelter, I tutored 3 of the kids in reading and math. I also attended BANA meetings which help Aboriginal legal affairs, volunteered with the Aboriginal Health organization which was a community based primary care and information group, and collected supplies & filled information packets for NAIDOC.



NAIDOC is important to the community b/c much of the traditional culture has been lost, and what is still left is going to be gone with the old generation. Part of the celebration included our building a traditional shelter, dancing performances by community members, & traditional food eaten around campfires with the elders. And stories about the history of the community.