



# BACK IN BLACK

**A band of brothers (and one cousin) take home the Deadly for Band of the Year.**



**B**lack Image band released their first album in 2002 and, after years of touring around the countryside, they're back in the spotlight after winning this year's Deadly Award for Band of the Year.



All in the family: the boys of Black Image.

The six piece band from Wujal Wujal, Hope Vale and Cooktown in Queensland have been rocking the free world since 1997 when their band first set off around Australia to perform their popular blend of rock, reggae, country, blues and traditional Indigenous music.

Keeping it all in the family, the band is made up of five brothers and a cousin.

While making music with your family might just sound like a lot of fun, there's a serious side to these rockers too. They've been using their music not only to promote their album, but also to promote the use of library facilities by the Indigenous community.

While playing in a rock'n' roll band and curling up with a good book don't really seem to have much in common, the boys from Black Image are proud to be working towards improving literacy standards in their community.

The fellas were all in attendance on the big night, and when their name was read out – ahead of Max Judo, the Grenadines, Yilila and Nabarlek – their delight was evident.



## PREPARATION BEFORE READING

The Deadly Awards are Australia's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, sport, entertainment and community awards. This issue of *Deadly Vibe* magazine is all about the 2007 Deadly Awards, when people from all over Australia get together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement.

This year, Black Image won the Deadly for Band of the Year. These five brothers and a cousin have been performing since 1997 and released their first album in 2002. They come from the eastern Cape York communities of Wujal Wujal, Hopevale, and Cooktown in Queensland.

## ACTIVITY 1: READ BACK IN BLACK ON PAGE 6

Skimming for main ideas

1. Which band won the 2007 Deadly Award for Band of the Year?

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2. Which communities does this band come from?

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3. How many people are in the band?

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4. How is their music described?

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5. What else does Black Image promote in Indigenous communities, apart from their music?

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6. Why would this be important to them?

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## ACTIVITY 2: WHERE DOES BLACK IMAGE COME FROM?



Hope Vale is situated 46 kilometres north of Cooktown.

Wujal Wujal is 60km south of Cooktown.

Reading maps

1. Cooktown is situated between Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal.

TRUE      FALSE



2. Which state of Australia are these communities in?

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3. List two national parks that are near Cooktown.

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4. Cairns is south of Cooktown.

TRUE                      FALSE

5. Weipa is northwest of Cooktown.

TRUE                      FALSE

### **ACTIVITY 3: LIVING NEAR THE DAINTREE RAINFOREST**

The Daintree Rainforest north of Cairns in Tropical Far North Queensland Australia is over one hundred and thirty-five million years old – the oldest rainforest in the world. The traditional Indigenous owners of land at the Daintree Rainforest are the Kuku Yalangi people.

It's home to the largest range of plants and animals on earth. Approximately 430 species of birds (20 per cent of bird species in Australia) live among the trees, including 13 species that are found nowhere else in

the world. It contains 30 per cent of frog, marsupial and reptile species in Australia, and 65 per cent of Australia's bat and butterfly species.

The rainforest covers an area of about 1200 square kilometres, which is only about 0.2 per cent of the land mass of Australia.

This World Heritage Listed area contains the highest number of plant and animal species that are rare, or threatened with extinction, anywhere in the world.





1. How old is the Daintree Rainforest?

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2. Who are the Indigenous traditional owners?

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3. How many species of birds live in the rainforest? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many of these species are only found in the Daintree? \_\_\_\_\_

5. 30 per cent of Australia's frog species are found in the Daintree.

TRUE

FALSE

**Write down three reasons for preserving the Daintree Rainforest.**

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