

## **Annie Lucas Interview Cyclone Larry**

Interviewer Name: Kohath Mutch

Participants Name: Annie Pierce

K Q Could you tell me your name?

A A Yes, Annie Pierce

K Q Which cyclone did you experience? And what year it was?

A A Cyclone Larry and it's around 2006 which was 4 years ago.

K Q Can you tell me where you were when the cyclone struck?

A A Yes, I was home with my daughters and my husband.

K Q What type of structure did you shelter in, was it timber or brick, or was it another type of structure?

A A Just timber.

K Q Was the structure you sheltered in damaged during the cyclone?

A A Yes, the tree knocked on one side. Uh no not so much window only damage we have is just the area that we sheltered we got the tree sort of just falling on that one side of the building wasn't much but yeah we were very lucky, but yeah, it was a learning experience for us and the children and um yeah we couldn't drive out of our drive way for a couple of days because tree was all over the drive way.

J Q Did you or anyone sheltering with you suffer any injuries?

A A Not really

K Q Were you given any warning that the cyclone was going to hit?

A A Yes, plenty

K Q If any what response was there, for example SES?

A A Uh, they were quite helpful so we're very please with them.

K Q Do you remember how long the cyclone lasted?

A A About, to my knowledge probably about 4 hours. Because we live in the corner where the hill is it seemed like were underneath the lawn mower with the wind such extreme you know, uh, yeah I didn't know when its going to stop because we were up we were up the first bang we heard like 5 o'clock in the morning and go on until 8 or 9 o'clock.

K Q If you can remember, can you tell me how you felt during the worst of the storm?

A A Very scared. Uh I think it's um any cyclone or any wind you know come through our town its never good but I think it show the community um the I guess the likes when um the cyclone come over us not realising that we took things for granted until it hit us.

K Q Could you tell me how the cyclone has affected you in the years since?

A A um very heart broken

K Q What is the most significant memory of that cyclone?

A A Um I guess that something good coming out of that Cyclone Larry, it was like cleansing. Its good that like we learn so much from the people that had that experience and um you know sort of reflects to our experience today you know that we are lucky were on a modern technical society and you know people are so helpful also. You know.

K Thankyou for that.