

Beryl Ball Interview Cyclone Larry

Interviewer Name: Kohath Mutch

Participants Name: Beryl Ball

K Q Could you tell me your name?

B A Beryl Ball

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

B A Well I've experienced the whole three but the worst one really was 2006.

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

B A In my home, all by my wee self.

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

B A Timber.

K Q Was the structure you sheltered damaged in any way?

B A Yes it was, but I didn't find out until after the cyclone.

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

B A No, I was there by myself I had no-one with me.

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

B A Well the only warning we got it was supposed to be going to hit Innisfail. Didn't hear anything about it coming to Babinda.

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

B A The SES didn't come until after the cyclone hit.

K Q Do you remember how long the cyclone lasted?

B A Well it started blowing heavy winds and that during the night and about 7 o'clock in the morning the eye hit and after that it wasn't very long and it was over.

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

B A Well I wasn't terrified but I was upset and that because I was by myself.

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

B A Well I saw the roof of the RSL go into the bowling club, I saw um the trees snapping off on the hill near my place and that and I ended with someone's roof off the shed in my yard and nobody ever claimed it so I don't know who's roof it was and that but it's like a whirlwind.

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

B A Well its made well I was started to get a complacent about cyclones because they say the cyclones going to hit and it goes over you know it doesn't come but I started to be a bit more wary well I'm there and getting everything ready before hand and not leaving it until the last minute, and that.