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We get a lot of trouble all the time with Gunbang business.
People are frightened.
Gunbang coming in from Bark Hut, Cooina.

Drunken people come late at night to my kured [home]. Knock!
Knock! Yell! Yell! Knock! Knock!

Ask about my car key. Always wanting to take my car. Drunken people got no vehicle – they keep asking me for vehicle. Sometimes I take my vehicle to the minister's house in Jabiru or to Gundjehmi and leave it there all night when people are drunk so they don't humbug me and argue me about my vehicle. Sometimes 2 or 3 nights a week I have to take my car away.

Drunken people sometimes have a vehicle. They drive around Mudginberri very bad and fast with lots of people in vehicle. They might have accident. Kill someone maybe. All the time they drive around and race up and down and slide their cars. Very dangerous.

Drunken people wake us up playing loud music all night right up to daylight, and arguing and fighting all the time when they are drunk. They come and knock, knock, yell after baccy, tucker, kunkanj [meat], sugar, tea, beef – all the time, midnight, 1am, 2am 3am all the time to daylight. We can't sleep properly.

Sometimes before I've been hit by drunken people trying to get food or money or kunkanj from us. "Give me money! Give me money for Club." They get angry if I don't give it.

Sometimes drunken men get angry and jealous with their wives. Big argument. Sometimes sisters argue and get angry. People hit each other with fists and sticks.

Too much problem in gunbang at club and from Bark Hut. A daluk [woman] died from husband beating her at back of club. They had been drinking at Club. Another sister died from husband beating her near Town Camp after going to Club. Gunbang too bad. Causing our people to fight and die.

That Club should close down for a month or maybe for good. That Club is right in the middle of everything. Maybe it should be a long way away – not in the middle. Not so close. Young people dying – getting to drunk all the time. Sick. Fighting. No good. Should close that Club.

Mudginberri has sign for dry area but not real dry area. Not working proper way. Put big sign up. Somehow stop them. Sign say not to bring gunbang but they bring it. We can't stop them. Djamun [police] don't stop them.

My wife Laura and me we are sober ones. Laura has two girls and three boys that all drink too much. Two other children died. Three grandson and three granddaughters drinking all the time now too. One son in Berrimah for drinking and doing wrong thing. Another grandson in Darwin drinking badly. We very sad for them drinking and in trouble. Not good life for them and make us worry, worry. Worry all the time...

Laura has bad leg. Can't walk too good. That's why I have to keep vehicle for her. Not lose it to other people who use it wrong way.

Gundalk no good. Where that gundalk come from? Eh, where that gundalk come from? Gundalk no good, killim brains, heart liver.

We have lots of problems from gundalk people and gunbang people – always humbug, always wanting money, always yelling and trouble.

Patrolling car wasn't working right way, bringing drunken people back for trouble at home. Better they drunken people stay away and not cause trouble sober people.

Maybe twenty people drinkers in Mudginberri. When there is money around and even not sometimes they at night want car and money and they loud, and arguing, and fighting and driving bad way. Not good. I sometimes want to just go away from them to stay somewhere quiet but I live in Mudginberri...