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I live at Mudginberri

When they drink gunbang they cause trouble and lots of arguments and fighting.

We're always worrying and trying to stop them drinking.

Sometimes drinkers have hit me.

They late at night really drunk and knock on the door causing trouble to sober person. Every night or day there is some sort of trouble.

When we go to bed some people they yelling. One drinker in our house always gets mad when he's very drunk. He always yells and argues and smashes the doors with a bar. Sometimes he smashes switches [light and fan] with a hammer or bar. Some drunken people breaking all the houses and windows in Mudginberri houses.

We try to stop our family drinking but they keep on drinking, on and on, all the time. We feel very sad.

All the kids when they go to bed, the drunken people come and slam the door, making noise, start yelling. That's why we don't go to bed earlier. We always go to bed about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. It makes everyone tired.

It is hard trying to stop them it is very hard.

When people come back from Bark Hut, Cooinda, Corroboree Park or drinking in Jabiru they start yelling, arguing and fighting. Sometimes from Bark Hut, Cooinda and Corroboree Park they bring beer back with them. Over 10-20 cartons, even maybe 30 cartons. When they get royalty money people bring in big mobs of cartons, get flagons.

They don't spend money on food they always waste it on gunbang and gundalk. The kids don't get food, they just spend all the money at the club The daluks [women] with babies who are drinking too much, they don't be good mothers – no-one looks after their kids, they don't buy food for their own kids, the kids go hungry, no-one cares. They just buy gunbang at the club, or cartons of beer and flagons too from people who bring grog here.

It is very important to us – we are trying to stop them – we tell them about God's word but they don't believe us. We worry all the time for them.

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Mudginberri

It's better to have dry area but not really working properly. Some of these people bring the gunbang into this area – but it's a dry area for ever - and they say it is not a dry area, we can bring in gunbang any time.

They fight sometimes with sticks and bars. Sometimes they fight each other but sometimes they fight with their wives and sober women, bash them up. Drunken men they jealousing, blaming people about his daluk. Some daluks run away and hide from the drunken men. Some tell husband to go away when he's drunk but husband keep hitting her with weapon – with stick, broom, knife, scissors. This happens a lot with bininj here in Kakadu, especially in Mudginberri and town camp. Some men just kill daluks dead, like my sister in law.

Some drunken people don't believe the police, just don't listen about not doing bad things. As soon as police not here they come drinking and drunk, arguing, fighting, hitting people.

Gundalk make people like mad. Especially husband and wife – if husband smoke gundalk it make him mad, causing trouble, jealousy – he just get up and grab something and hit her maybe kill her dead even.

Gundalk is very, very dangerous. Even young kids smoking. They get it from Jabiru.

Gundalk make people hungry. They look for manme [food] – eat it so there is none left. They take it from kids. Kids cry for manme.

We worry for our family that are drinkers, and that smoke gundalk but we can't stop them. They don't believe us or listen to us when we say to stop.