

Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation
Northern Territory Government

Multi Agency Partnership

Local Decision Making Guiding Principles

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The Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), the NT Government and the Australian Government all have key roles to play in working together to create positive, lasting change for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of Gurindji people and the families living in Kalkaringi.

The signatories have come together to support the process of developing a Multi-Agency Partnership (MAP) with the aim of strengthening existing relationships, aligning community and Government priorities and pursuing current and future social and economic opportunities.

Consistent with local decision-making (LDM) principles, the MAP strategic priorities are driven by the priorities of the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation Board. Through the MAP engagement framework, Board Members will have a genuine voice providing direct input into developing local solutions for local issues assuming greater control of decisions impacting the broader Kalkaringi community.

Most importantly, the Partnership aims to create a future that continues to support the vision of the Gurindji Elders.

All partners commit to undertake the principles described in this document and recognise that these areas will be key to the successful implementation and achievement of agreed Partnership outcomes.

PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

The Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation Board, NT Government and the Australian Government have agreed to work together as partners to focus on the following social and economic priorities.

The key **strategic LDM MAP Priorities** include the following:

Preserving Gurindji Culture & Heritage	Business Development & Contracting	Local Jobs & Training	Land, Community Infrastructure, Housing & Service Delivery
Protection and management of determined Native Title areas	Current & future business development and contracting opportunities.	Local jobs and training in GAC community-owned enterprises	Effective Native Title decision making
Raising broader community cultural awareness through tourism, culture and arts opportunities	<u>Current & short-term focus:</u> Retail - Store Construction & Maintenance Caravan Park & Visitor Accommodation Social Club Acquisition	Local jobs and training on GAC community development projects	Community Housing priority to address overcrowding
Annual Freedom Day Festival	Tourism, Culture & Arts Minor Civil & Roadside Maintenance	Greater local participation, including local jobs and training outcomes from external contractors on major community and regional projects	Gurindji HQ & Community Centre Current & Future Service Delivery Opportunities
Enhancing and maintaining the Wave Hill Walk-off Track	<u>Long-term opportunities:</u> Social and economic growth opportunities arising from native title rights, including land and housing developments	Local Jobs and Workforce Development planning for Kalkaringi including opportunities to maximise CDP employment outcomes	Traditional Owner input and evaluation of Kalkaringi service delivery models
Vincent Lingiari Gravesite & Kalkaringi Cemetery			Sport & Recreation facilities, including oval, basketball court
Developing Young People & Future Leaders	Outstations Research for potential agriculture opportunities Capacity Building and Growth Opportunities Industry Engagement & Recognition		

Key strategic LDM MAP Enablers include the following:

Capacity Building	MAP Plan Implementation & Resourcing	Effective MAP Relationships & Engagement Processes
GAC HQ & Community Centre (Old Clinic)	Plan development and endorsement	Partnership principles & approach
In-house contract and project management expertise	MAP Plan governance arrangements	Engagement processes for escalation of issues/concerns
GAC staff housing	Resourcing Options	Profiling success stories inside and outside of the community
Board governance and leadership development	Monitoring progress & measuring outcomes	

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Working Together in Partnership

- We acknowledge and respect the Gurindji Peoples cultural, spiritual, social and economic connection to Country and will work side by side as partners to develop the cultural and organisational capacities of each of our organisations to maximise the outcomes from the partnership;
- We will maintain open, honest and respectful relationships, including the development of new relationships, where these may not have previously existed, to support agreed priorities;
- We recognise that the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation Board are well placed to understand and respond to local issues and to advise Government on the design and delivery of programs and services to address these areas.
- We respect Gurindji culture and will support the use of existing local governance arrangements, including traditional decision-making processes that have been in existence for many years;
- Together we will develop clear roles and mutual accountability to support implementation of agreed Partnership actions;
- We will ensure the right people are at the table, with commitment and involvement from GAC Board Members & Executive Staff, senior representatives of each Government partner organisation, as appropriate. We will also seek to ensure consistency of personnel representing the partners over the duration of the collaboration, as far as possible.
- We will proactively identify and support the establishment of strategic relationships and industry links outside of the partnership to support GAC's social and economic priorities;
- We will work in partnership with GAC to proactively support the development and implementation of local strategies to maximise the engagement of Gurindji people in the local economy through sustainable employment, training, contracting and business development opportunities;
- We will work together to explore options available for resourcing priority actions, including but not limited to, Government funding, non-Government funding and GAC self-funded activities; and
- We will positively promote the LDM Multi Agency Partnership within our organisations and also externally through the profiling of success stories.

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