

Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation
Northern Territory Government
Roper Gulf Regional Council

Multi Agency Partnership

Local Decision Making Guiding Principles

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The Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation (JA), the NT Government, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Roper Gulf Regional Council all have key roles to play in working together to create positive, lasting change for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of Jawoyn people and the families living in communities on Jawoyn Country.

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 JA Board. 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 Jawoyn community.

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

“to bring the Jawoyn people together as one nation, care for country and develop economic independence.”

PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

The Jawoyn Association Board, NT Government, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Roper Gulf Regional Council 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 Jawoyn Culture & Heritage	Business Development & Contracting	Local Jobs & Training	Member Services
Preservation of Jawoyn History	Pursue Current & Future Contracting Opportunities	Local jobs and training on JA awarded contracts	Awareness of Member Services
Caring for our Country	Recognition as a Preferred Local Contractor	Local jobs and training in JA operations	Current & Future Service Delivery Opportunities
Community Safety	Growth & Diversification of Business Capabilities	Greater local jobs and training outcomes from external contractors on major projects	Community Development
Increasing cultural awareness and building cultural capability	Procurement Processes & Tendering Options	Local Jobs and Workforce Development Plan	
Developing our Young People – Our Future Leaders	Industry Engagement & Recognition	Development of Future JA Workforce & Positive Role Models	

Key **strategic LDM MAP Enablers** include the following:

LDM Capacity Building	LDM MAP Plan Implementation & Resourcing	Effective LDM Communication & Engagement
Building in-house commercial skills & contract management expertise	MAP Implementation Plan development and endorsement	Partnership engagement principles & approach
Business development & feasibility analysis	MAP Implementation Plan governance arrangements	Engagement processes for escalation of MAP issues/concerns
Effective strategic planning	Resourcing options for key strategies	Profiling success stories inside and outside of the community
JA Board governance and leadership development	Monitoring progress & measuring outcomes	

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We acknowledge and respect the cultural, spiritual, social and economic connection to Jawoyn 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 identified priorities;
- We recognise that the Jawoyn Board and its Members understand the local issues impacting their communities and are well placed to provide direct input and advise Government on programs and services to address these areas. We will respect culture and 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 JA 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 Jawoyn Association's social and economic priorities;
- We will work in partnership with JA to actively support the development and implementation of strategies to create greater opportunities for the engagement of Jawoyn 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 JA self-funded activities;
- We will work side-by-side, with direct input from JA Board Members & Executive Staff, to provide input into the design, delivery and evaluation community-based essential services; 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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