

Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation
Northern Territory Government

Multi Agency Partnership

Local Decision Making Guiding Principles

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The Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation (YMDAC), 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 Yugul Mangi people and the Ngukurr community.

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 socio-economic opportunities that truly benefit Yugul Mangi people and the Ngukurr community.

Consistent with local decision-making (LDM) principles, the MAP priorities are driven by the priorities of the YMDAC Board. Board Members will have a genuine voice in developing local solutions for local issues and assume greater control of decisions that impact YMDAC and the Ngukurr community.

Most importantly, the Partnership aims to create a future where culture and values connecting Yugul Mangi people to Country are sustained and celebrated, where children and grandchildren have much improved opportunity for their health, wellbeing and prosperity.

The Partnership is a three-way commitment where the parties work together to identify and support the implementation of agreed actions.

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

PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

The YMDAC Board, NT Government have agreed to work together focusing on six key priorities.

The key **socio-economic priorities** include the following:

| Business Development & Contracting | Local Jobs & Training | Community-Based Service Delivery |
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| | Local jobs and training on YMDAC contracts | |
| Current & Future Contracting Opportunities | Local jobs and training in YMDAC operations | |
| Procurement Processes & Tendering | Greater local jobs and training outcomes from external contractors on major projects | Current & Future Service Delivery Contract Opportunities |
| Joint Ventures and Capacity Building | Local Jobs and Workforce Development Planning | Community Development |
| Industry Engagement & Recognition | Maximise strategic opportunities and outcomes through existing funded programs such as Community Development Program | |

Key **strategic enablers** to support the above work includes the following:

| Capacity Building | MAP Plan Implementation & Resourcing | Effective Communication & Engagement |
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| Building in-house commercial skills & expertise | | |
| Business development & feasibility analysis | MAP Plan development and endorsement | Partnership engagement principles & approach |
| Greater profiling of YMDAC contracting capabilities | MAP Plan governance arrangements | Engagement processes for escalation of issues/concerns |
| Cultural capability development for Non-Indigenous staff | Resourcing Options | Profiling success stories inside and outside of the community |
| YMDAC governance and leadership development | Monitoring progress & measuring outcomes | |

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We acknowledge and respect the Yugul Mangi cultural, spiritual, social and economic connection to Country and will work collaboratively to develop the cultural capacity of Government staff who regularly engage with and/or work in the Ngukurr community;
- We will maintain open, honest and respectful relationships, including the development of new relationships between YMDAC and key personnel within Government departments to support identified priorities;
- We understand and acknowledge that the YMDAC Board understand the local issues impacting the community and are best placed to make decisions and advise Government on programs and services to address these areas. We will respect culture and local governance, 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 YMDAC Board Members, senior Government representatives of each partner organisation, as appropriate. We will seek consistency of personnel representing the partners over the length of the collaboration, as far as possible.
- We will establish an agreed process for the signatories to meet on a regular basis to review and monitor progress of high priority agreed actions and to work together to address any emerging barriers to implementation. Through this engagement we will update the LDM MAP Implementation Plan as required to reflect changing priorities and/or agreed strategies;
- We will proactively identify and support the establishment of strategic relationships and industry links outside of Government to support YMDAC business development priorities, including but not limited to, pastoral and agriculture, tourism & culture, civil construction and retail sectors;
- We will work in partnership with YMDAC to actively support the development and implementation of strategies to create greater opportunities for the engagement of Yugul Mangi 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 YMDAC self-funded activities;
- YMDAC and Government will work together to review and map the service delivery requirements for the community, including specific focus on future service delivery aspirations of YMDAC and the support required to build capabilities for successful transition;
- We will work side-by-side, with direct input from YMDAC Board Members, to provide direct input into the design, delivery and evaluation community-based services and this will be undertaken prior to decision making processes; and
- We will positively promote the LDM Multi Agency Partnership both within each of our organisations and also externally through the profiling of success stories.

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