

WALALAKOO ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEMBERS' REPORT 2017-18





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DIRECTORS AND RANGERS

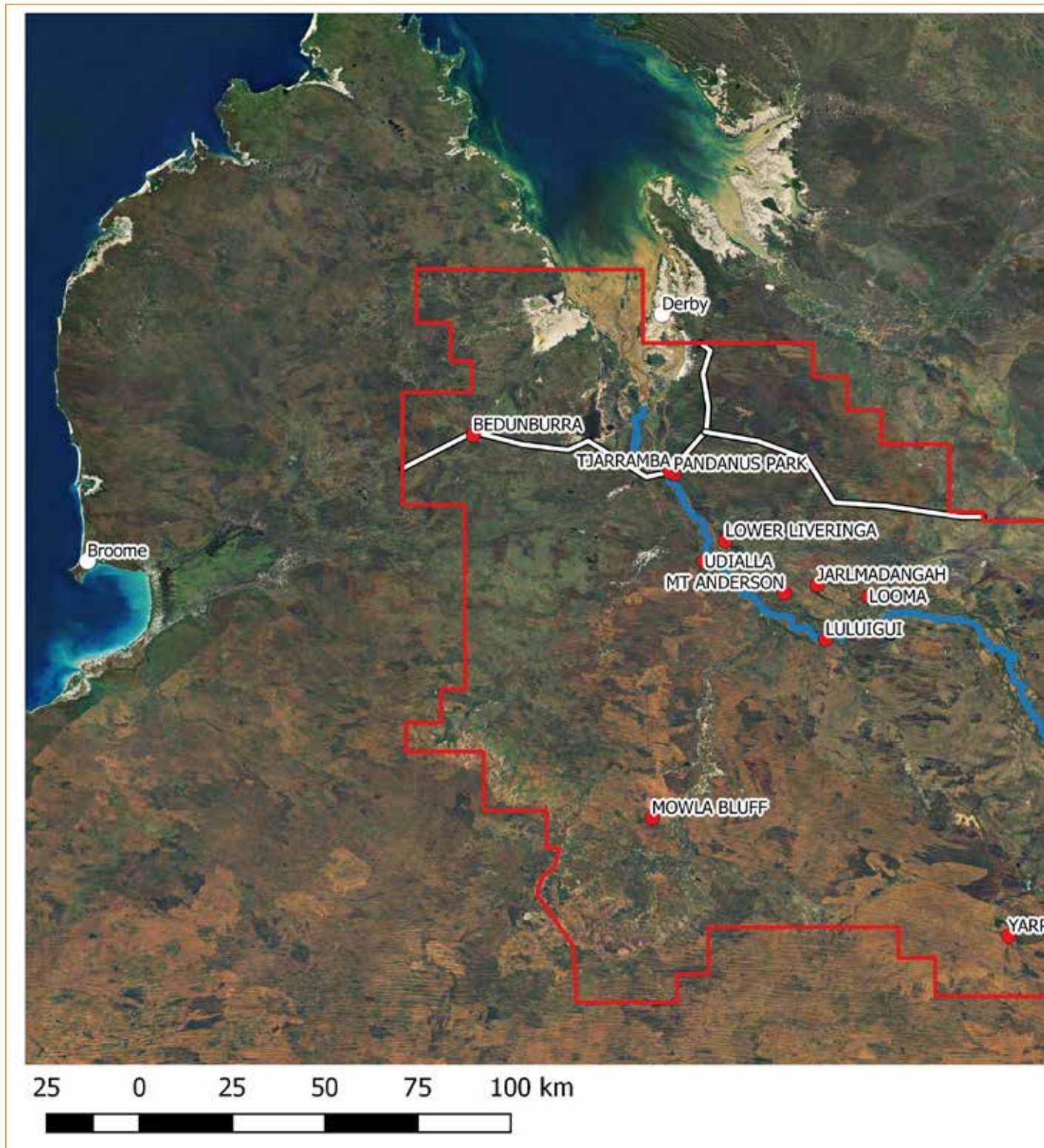


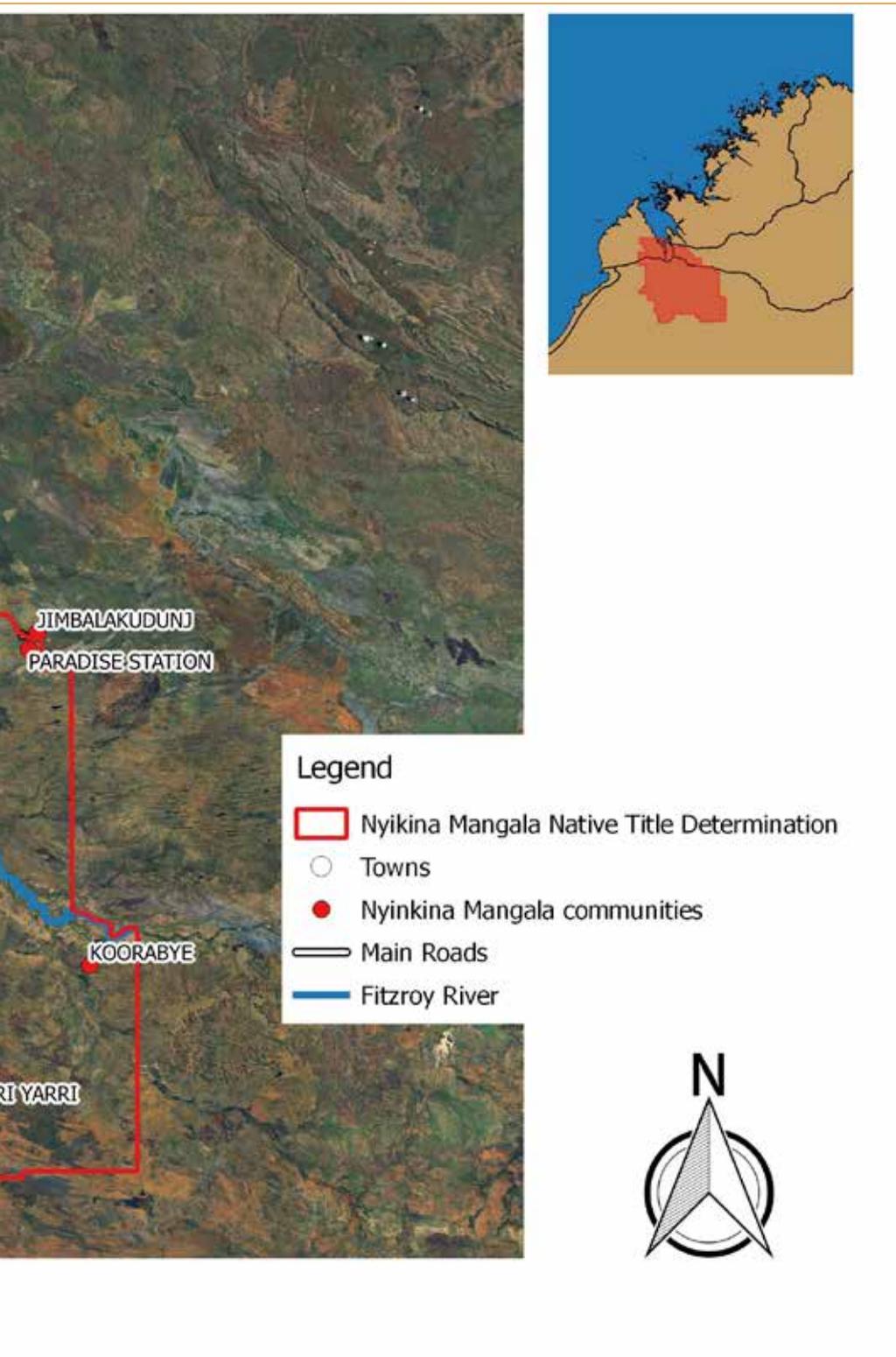
Back: Gary Ozies, Roger Narda, Robert Watson, Cyril Archer, Kimberley Watson, Patricia Riley, Anne Poelina, Linda Nardea. Front: David Banjo, Julie Green, Annie Milgin, Annie Narda. Absent: Anthony Watson, Dwayne Johnson, Joseph Milgin, Brendan Charles, James Charles and Tina McMahon.



Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation has a strong team of rangers dedicated to looking after and caring for our country. From this year, Walalakoo is now fully in control of its ranger program.

SATELLITE MAP NYIKINA MANGALA





ABOUT WALALAKOO



Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation is positioning itself as the key political, social and economic body representing the Nyikina Mangala people of the Kimberley region in Western Australia. Based in Derby, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation was established following the Nyikina Mangala Native Title Determination on the 29th May, 2014. It oversees approximately 26, 215 square kilometres of exclusive and non-exclusive possession native title.

There are a number of existing interests on our country, including mining

and pastoral interests. We're interested in involvement, both as a way to create economic opportunities for Nyikina Mangala people and also as a way to ensure our country and our cultural heritage are protected. Additionally, we're excited to be driving Indigenous-owned economic development and creating sustainable opportunities for our people.

Mardoowarra, the Fitzroy River, keeps our people alive. It's the lifeblood of Nyikina Mangala country and was formed by Woonyoomboo back in the Dreamtime when



the world was still soft. Since then, we've known how to look after country, we've known the right names for our places, and we've passed Woonyoomboo's laws along from generation to generation for thousands of years.

Our first real experience of 'kartiya's', or whitefellas, came through the establishment of the pastoral industry in the Kimberley following Andrew Forrest's report of 1884, describing 40,000 square kilometers of available grazing for sheep and cattle. The next fifty years were incredibly hard on our

people, with plenty of station managers quick on the whip, quick to deliver hidings and quick on the trigger. Gradually Nyikina Mangala people began to work on the stations, where we were given basic rations and clothes in exchange for long hours fencing, droving, shearing and breaking horses. A lot of good men and women never got paid. During this time, a lot of Aboriginal people had accidents with horses and bullocks. We received no compensation.



In the late 1960s we were pushed off the stations and into the towns. At that time, Marra Worra Worra helped to sort out rations and pensions. Throughout the '70s we began to get organised, we heard that in the Territory the mob were setting up Land Councils. "That's what we need here," we said. Our old people, including senior Nyikina Mangala people, set up the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) as a political land rights organisation. The first Chairman was Frank Chulung, then Jimmy Beindurry, then Darryl Kickett, then John Watson.

This was also around the same time as the Noonkanbah dispute, and Noonkanbah was the setting for one of the most powerful land rights movements in Australia. Under the leadership of Malaga Nipper Tabagee, we fought the exploration company Amax that wanted to drill for oil on our sacred sites. It wasn't just Nyikina Mangala people fighting, but people came from all over Australia to support us. We stood in front of the trucks and we demonstrated hard.

First contact isn't distant history for our people. Some of our old people walked out of the desert in this lifetime. From first contact to now—Nyikina Mangala people have fought hard for land rights, social justice and equality. A senior cultural leader in the Kimberley once said, "On my left is our past and all of our culture, our heritage and my history. On the right is my future, my children and my grandchildren. I am in the middle making sure that the best of my past and my culture is kept strong as we make our way into the future."

This is what the Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation Directors, our Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee and our Caring for Country Advisory Committee are striving to do.

Protecting places of cultural and heritage significance is crucial to Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation's mission of advancing culture. It's important that any companies wishing to work with Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation or access our native title area for mining or exploration understand this. Some of our key principles in relation to heritage protection include a moratorium on uranium exploration and mining, an insistence on 'no means no' in our heritage protection agreements, no fracking without our

consent, and we ask that companies stay away from our river. The Fitzroy River has been recognised on the National Heritage List as a place of national significance and we have agreed on a buffer zone around the river which must be respected.

Our vision is to be a self-sufficient organisation that adopts the world's best practice in environmental and agricultural sustainability and provides social and material prosperity to Nyikina Mangala communities. We aim to preserve culture, provide Indigenous employment opportunities and to operate an influential organisation with strong internal and external communication channels.

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DAMIEN PARRIMAN - CEO REPORT



I am confident WAC is on the right track and with the continued efforts of the WAC Board and staff, realising the opportunities from native title is possible.”

Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (WAC) is now in its fifth year of operation and I have been the CEO for three years. The past three years have been a challenging and exciting time for the organisation as we endeavour to build a sustainable and prosperous organisation.

You will notice that some of the more major projects that WAC has been working on over the past few years still feature in this year’s members’ report. I have quickly learnt that dealing with matters in the Native Title space take time and very rarely do we get quick results. This has been very frustrating for me but this year I’m glad to report on the resolution of two major projects: the divestment of Myroodah Station, and the direct management of the Nyikina Mangala ranger program.

The Board has met four times since the last AGM and have continued to be very efficient whilst being diligent in their performance and duties to the organisation.

The Development by Design working group has completed the Development by Design project. The project involved collating all available environmental, cultural and social data into a digital mapping program. This program will be used to assess development proposals against the data so that

there will be a more accurate and detailed assessment of the impacts that the development will have on country.

WAC has received funding from the State NRM Office which was used to develop a business plan for the Walalakoo Environmental and Cultural Services Unit (WECS) which aims to create a self-sustainable enterprise around WAC's land management work. The first step was having the ranger program transferred from the KLC to WAC, which has been completed. The next step is to acquire seed funding to employ a manager who will be able to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to Nyikina Mangala through various native title agreements and other activities on Nyikina Mangala country. A small ranger team will be employed to focus on fee-for-service and income generation to help with the growth of WECS.

WAC also received funding from Lotterywest to purchase a larger boat for the rangers. The boat provides a safer and more reliable option for the rangers when they are carrying out crocodile management and other river work. I would like to thank Lotterywest for their valuable contribution.



The Nyikina Mangala Yimardoo Warra Rangers pictured here with our new ranger boat, purchased with funding from Lotterywest.

CEO REPORT (cont ...)

With the steadily recovering oil prices, Buru Energy has recommenced operations at Ungani. Initial production levels are minimal but the income this will generate for Walalakoo is critical. This past financial year has seen an increase in funds delivered to the Kimberley Sustainable Development Trust for the Nyikina Mangala People. Please see the finance section for details.

The consultations between Sheffield Resources and WAC over two miscellaneous licenses Sheffield had applied for, to give them access to the Thunderbird tenement through the Determination area, has seen a successful outcome. The agreement ensures native title, cultural heritage and environmental protections are in place, as well as employment, business opportunities and payments to the KSDT are made for the use of the access road.

WAC has seen steady growth over the past few years however, the growth has not happened at the same rate as community expectation. Native title and mining agreements have created high expectations within the Kimberley Aboriginal community but in reality, making native title and limited resources work for the benefit of the whole community is a long and exhausting process. I am confident WAC is on the right track and with the continued efforts of the WAC board and staff, realising the opportunities from native title is possible.

I would like to thank the board, cultural advisers and all the members for their hard work and support over the past 12 months. It has been a huge effort and I look forward to another year.



The divestment of Myroodah Station has been one of Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation's major achievements.

ROBERT WATSON - CHAIR REPORT



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I am currently serving my first term as chairperson after being elected in September 2017. It is a privilege being the chairperson of Walalakoo and I am grateful that the members and other directors have the confidence in me to help guide the organisation into the future.

There has been a big demand from third parties on WAC and its members over the past 12 months. A lot of research is taking place in the Fitzroy Catchment areas particularly around water quality and quantities and investigating opportunities for irrigated agriculture projects. In addition to all of this, Walalakoo has been busy with our own activities.

The Corporation has been undergoing our own land management and planning projects. The Healthy Country Plan has been launched and the Development by Design (DBD) project is in its final stages. WAC has developed a business plan for the Walalakoo Environmental and Cultural Services Unit and is applying for funding to establish WECS and implement the business plan.

WAC has taken on full management of the Nyikina Mangala Rangers and now has a direct funding agreement with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

This is a great achievement, as WAC was one of three PBCs who satisfied the Commonwealth's requirements for the transfer of the ranger program from the KLC.

The biggest challenge from the Corporation's perspective is creating economic opportunities to ensure WAC is financially sustainable going forward. Operations at Ungani recommencing have been critical, and along with other smaller opportunities and grant funding, things are looking positive for the Corporation. KAPCO is set to be crucial for WAC going forward, not only will KAPCO provide jobs and contracts, WAC as a major shareholder will benefit from profit distribution. This is a long-term plan and there is a lot of hard work to do to get us there.

In the coming 12 months, I am going to focus on getting the community more involved and having more opportunities to discuss their ideas and aspirations for the organisation. Keep an ear out for community sausage sizzles and other small-scale events where staff and directors will be available for a chat.

I would like to thank all the directors and cultural advisers for their hard work over the past 12 months. The key to our success will be strong governance. The way in which the board has conducted business over the past 12 months gives me great confidence going forward. Our ability to shape our own future will depend on us standing together and standing strong.



PASTORAL UPDATE

Our old people were once the backbone of the pastoral industry in the Kimberley. They worked on stations across the region and they worked hard for ten months of the year—yarding, branding, fencing and droving. They weren't paid for their work but received a shirt, trousers, boots, hat, tobacco and tucker.

Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation believes Nyikina Mangala people can play a significant role in the pastoral industry once again. This time, we want our people to be working on and managing successful stations across the region. As a step toward this, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation has invested in the Kimberley Agriculture and Pastoral Company (KAPCO).

Discussions and negotiations with the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) to transfer Myroodah Station to WAC have been on-going for nearly three years now. The ILC Board have approved the divestment to WAC on the following conditions:

- **Demonstration of good governance practice and history;**
- **Demonstrated capacity to manage the property as a pastoral enterprise;**
- **Purchase of the cattle on a commercial basis.**

WAC was able to demonstrate good governance practices and history. The ILC were satisfied that through KAPCO, which is part owned by WAC, we were able to demonstrate the capacity to manage the property.

KAPCO was also able to raise the necessary funds to purchase the cattle on the property through debt finance with the Commonwealth Bank.

At the time of writing this report, the transaction has not been concluded but this is expected to be completed before the WAC AGM in November. A further update will be provided at the AGM.

WAC will hold a divestment ceremony on Myroodah Station at the conclusion of the divestment. A suitable time will be determined and all members will receive an invite to the ceremony.



WALALAKOO ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (WAC) AUSTRALIAN SERVICE EXCELLENCE STANDARDS (ASES), JAWUN GAP ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Over the last 4 years, WAC has worked to establish the fundamental processes required to operate successfully as a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC). Now established, WAC is working to identify and plan the next steps to ensure it has a robust operating model to support future success.

To do this, WAC identified ASES as a low cost, structured and simple option. The ASES program develops the capacity of community organisations. In the absence of a best practice for operating PBCs, ASES validates the work of the WAC to date, ensures it complies with industry standards and sets a path for WAC to become a

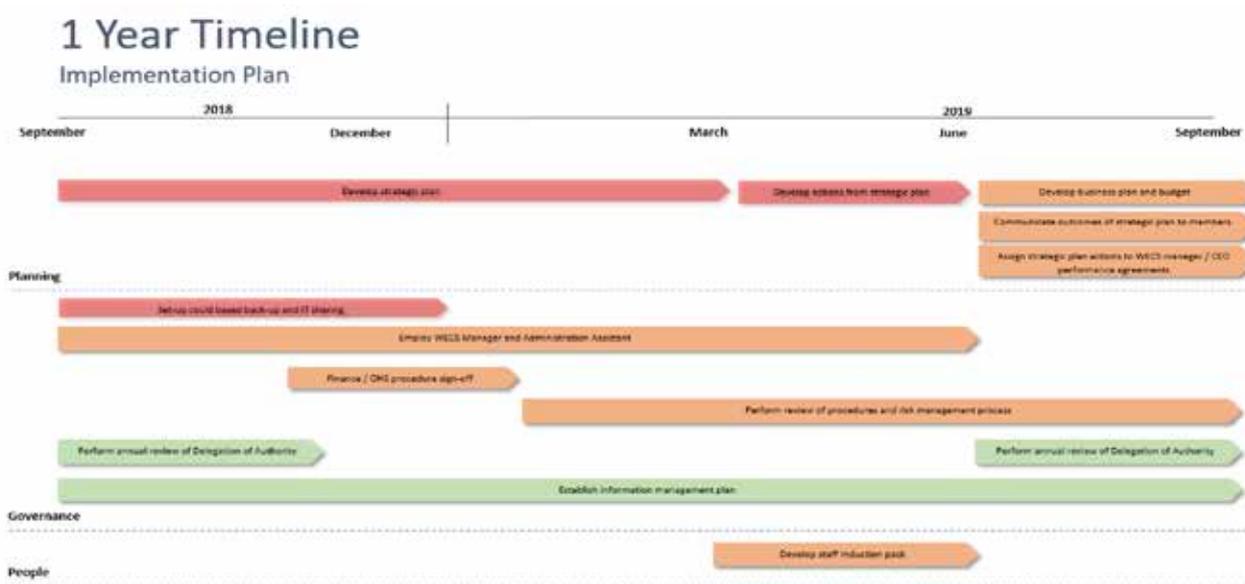
robust, independent organisation. WAC engaged a Jawun secondee from the corporate sector, Chris Syme, to execute the ASES gap analysis. The analysis reviewed 8 categories of WAC including planning, governance and service outcomes. Under each category, there are a series of requirements that the organisation must meet. If the WAC was unable to meet a requirement, a prioritised action was created to guide the organisation to meet the criteria.

The output of the assessment was a prioritised list of actions and an implementation plan for each, agreed upon by the CEO. The work revealed



that only 3% of the actions were a 'high' priority and 27% 'medium' priority. The remainder were either in place, or of low priority for WAC.

The implementation plan (example given below) allows the CEO and employees to focus on work that will improve the organisation so it can continue to work in the best interests of the Nyikina Mangala people and its members. As Chris returns to Perth, WAC will continue to use the ASES model to ensure organisational 'best practices' are followed. WAC would like to thank Jawun and Chris' work for the organisation and we look forward to using his work to continue our development to a strong PBC.



NORTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM (NESP), NORTHERN AUSTRALIA ENVIRONMENTAL

Walalakoo directors signed a research agreement with NESP in March and some of our members have been actively involved in six of these projects. The partners include the traditional owner groups of country within the Fitzroy River catchment, the Kimberley Land Council, University of Western Australia, CSIRO, NAILSMA, James Cook University, Griffith University, Charles Darwin University and DBCA.

The focus of these projects is to develop deeper knowledge about the potential impacts of development on the National Heritage listed river system of the Fitzroy Catchment and to strengthen Indigenous participation in future planning and land management. The research is relevant to Nyikina Mangala members as we have significant native title holdings within the study area.

Some of the highlights of the projects to date include: great working dynamics between the ranger team and the researchers in collaboration in the field. The researchers agree that they would not have been able to find their way through the tangle of tracks and channels to reach suitable water places. They are appreciative of the time given by senior custodians in granting safe passage through country and sharing their knowledge of the river system. The research teams have contributed fee-for-service and participant payments for this support and input.

Senior members have made significant contribution to the recording of water places and words and phrases in language. In return, researchers have been able to contribute to the Nyikina Mangala PBC's database of significant water places.

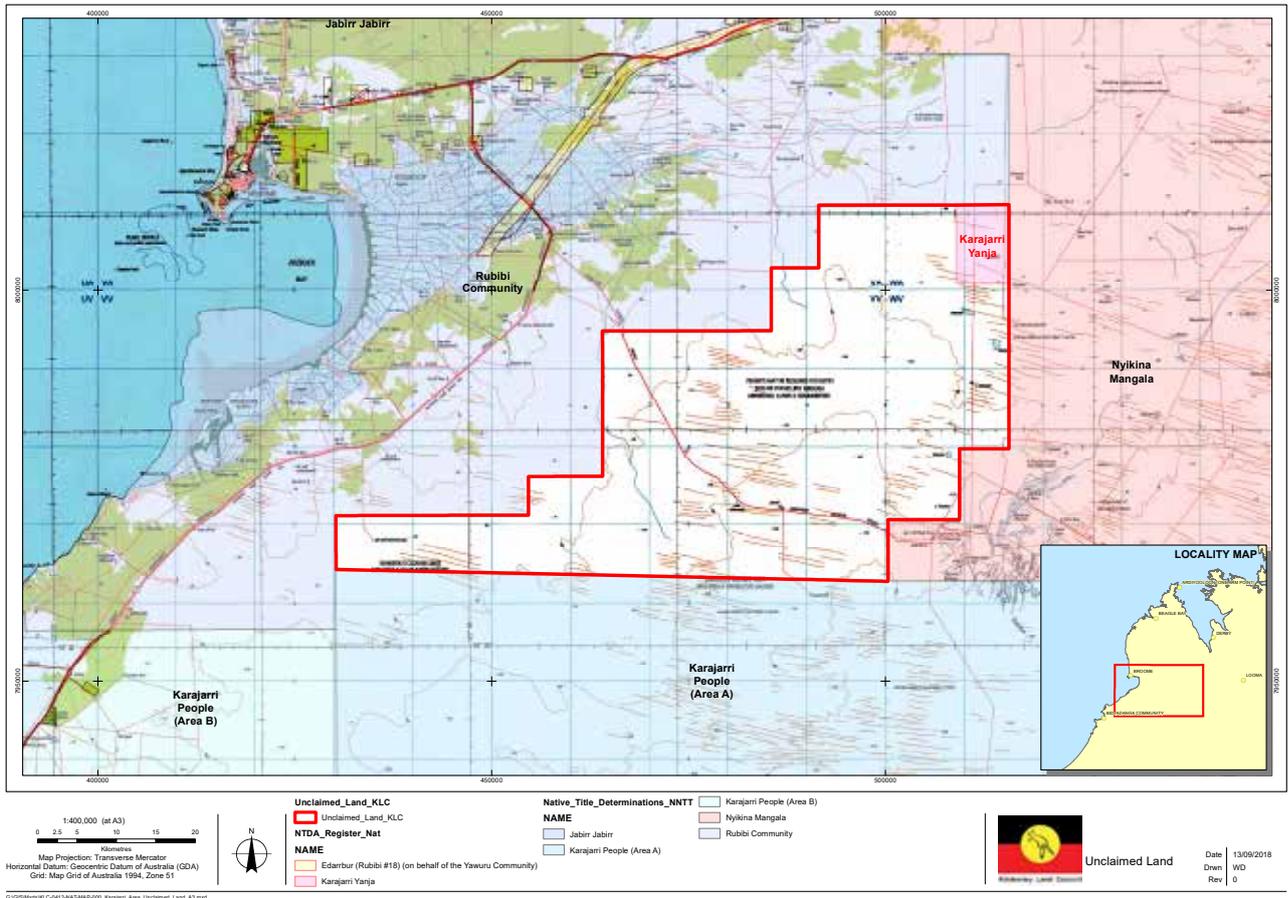
Material generated in language will also be available for use by TOs, rangers and the PBC. A further study that is now completed looked at the social and economic benefits of Indigenous land management to communities and traditional owner groups. The results will assist in defining these benefits for future funding bids for rangers and land management projects.



Walalakoo representatives have also contributed to two catchment-scale projects. One is developing a 3D model that will assist in discussions with a range of people on land management. This same project includes workshops in influence mapping where the aim is to build an understanding of how to actively manage country with others. The second project draws together people from across different interest groups and industries that are active in the catchment. This project will also assist in collaborative and coordinated management.

WALALAKOO LEGAL UPDATE

1. JOINT NATIVE TITLE CLAIM



The Kimberley Land Council will convene a meeting on Wednesday November 21st, 2018 for Traditional Owners to decide whether to authorise a new claim over the currently unclaimed unallocated Crown land located between the Karajarri, Nyikina Mangala and Rubibi (Yawuru) native title determination areas (SEE MAP). The Kimberley Land Council began preliminary anthropological research for a native title claim over this area in 2015. The results of this research identified the area as one that was likely traditionally shared between Karajarri, Nyikina and Yawuru peoples. Based on this preliminary research the KLC approached PBCs representing the three groups – Karajarri Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Yawuru Native Title Holders Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC – requesting a meeting of senior knowledge holders to discuss how to proceed based on the preliminary research.

Since this initial meeting, representatives of the three groups have met as a working group to discuss lodging a new claim over the area. Nyikina representatives on the working group were: John Watson, Harry Watson, Roger Narda, Kimberley Watson, Joseph Milgin, Wayne Bergmann, Robert Watson, Annie Milgin, Annie Narda, Jeanie Warbie, Linda Nardea.

The working group has guided the KLC and the consultant anthropologist, Dr Daniel Vachon, on how best to carry out further research. In 2017 the working group reached a consensus that the three groups should work together in any research trip on country as well as work towards the common goal of protecting the native title rights and interests in the area against future act pressures.

Dr Vachon finalised his fieldwork in May 2018 and completed his report in August 2018. His final opinion underlines his original opinion: the country was traditionally shared by the Karajarri, Nyikina and Yawuru peoples. Dr Vachon's final findings were shared with the working group and, after much discussion, the working group recommitted to working together and support the authorisation of a new shared claim over the area. The working group felt that a shared claim was the best way to recognise and protect the native title rights and interests in the currently unclaimed area.

Based on this direction, on 21 November 2018, the KLC will hold a meeting for members of the Karajarri, Nyikina and Yawuru native title groups to decide whether to authorise an application for a native title claim over the currently unclaimed area between Karajarri, Nyikina and Yawuru country. The KLC is currently developing ways to get this story out to the members of each of the three groups prior to the November meeting to ensure people are aware of the proposed new claim. For further information about the proposed new shared claim direct any enquires towards Justin Lincoln, Senior Anthropologist, at the Kimberley Land Council.

2. SHEFFIELD RESOURCES MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES APPLICATION

Sheffield Resources had applied for Miscellaneous Licences in the Nyikina Mangala Native Title Determination area that will provide them access to their Thunderbird Project. Sheffield were required to consult with the native title holders. Consultations were initially slow but gradually progressed and an agreement was reached with Sheffield which will see environmental and heritage protections, jobs and contracts and monetary benefits flow to the Nyikina Mangala people.

NYIKINA MANGALA DEVELOPMENT BY DESIGN PROJECT



Development-By-Design (DBD) is a decision-making framework that provides a holistic view of how future development could affect natural, social and cultural systems. The Nature Conservancy Australia partnered with Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation on the Nyikina Mangala Development-By-Design project to develop a pilot project that advances integrated planning and supports free prior informed consent in the development planning process on a community level.

In two phases, the DBD project first worked with a steering committee of Nyikina and Mangala people on exploring and developing a decision-making framework that can assess the impact of a development proposal on community values as identified in the Walalakoo Healthy Country Plan. In a second phase, the DBD project tested and documented the assessment tools and processes, built the technical capacity on a community level and shared learnings with stakeholders, Indigenous organisations and the wider public.

In the past year, the Development-By-Design project filmed a video that explains the project from a Traditional Owner perspective.



During April, Damien, Beau and Junior travelled to the Blue Mountains for Healthy Country Planning training and to present at the International Conservation Coaches Rally in Leura / NSW. A few months later at the National Native Title Conference in Broome, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation co-presented with The Nature Conservancy on the project outcomes. To increase the community capacity WAC staff, Nyikina Mangala rangers and community members participated in two ARC GIS mapping courses to learn how to make maps and how to use the Development-By-Design mapping tool.

With the help of the DBD tool, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation is better placed to support its members in the land-use decision making process and ensure that developments adequately consider and respond to the social, cultural and natural values of the Nyikina and Mangala community.



YIMARDOO WARRA RANGERS NYIKINA MANGALA



As we come towards the end of another busy dry season the rangers are still working out on country as we progress through the rangers' work plan. It's been a big year, with the Nyikina Mangala Rangers divesting from the KLC in the middle of our busiest time of the year. For the rangers, though, it's been business as usual. KLC has played a positive role in administering the rangers over the years and the Nyikina Mangala rangers are thankful for all their support. The rangers are still connected with the KLC as part of the Kimberley Ranger Network (KRN). We look forward to collaborating in the future with training and Ranger Network events.

The big wet season delayed the start of the year for the rangers, once the ground dried out and the roads opened the rangers started putting their work plan into action.

RIVER RECORDING TRIP

The first big project of the year was the Mardoowarra River Recording Trip. This project started a few years ago recording cultural sites along the river from Mijirrikan (upriver from Barrage) to the mouth of the Fitzroy River. After 3 years of the project being put on standby due to unfavorable river conditions, the rangers organised the next stage from Myroodah.



There were some long days in the 4 x boats as the rangers and TOs travelled over 150km of the river recording cultural sites with the relevant Traditional Owners speaking for different sections of the river. Everybody was really happy with what we achieved. All the sites have been marked by GPS and have been added into the Walalakoo database so these places will always be preserved for future generations. Next year, we plan to finish off the project with the last section from Langi Langi to the river mouth being recorded.

PRESCRIBED BURNING SEASON

After a couple of years of big wet seasons there has been lots of vegetation growth, so the rangers had a solid cool burning season (prescribed burning). There was a big focus on reducing fuel loads on Mt Anderson as it has been over 3 to 5 years since it was burnt last. In the last few years there have been late season hot fires coming over the Grant Ranges, so by burning fire scars into Mt Anderson this should prevent the fires burning all the way to Willare and affecting the communities in-between.





The first big project of the year was the Mardoowarra River Recording Trip (far left) and in May we did a back to country trip to Yarri Yarri at the edge of the Great Sandy Desert.



YARRI YARRI BACK TO COUNTRY TRIP

In May, the rangers did the annual back to country cultural trip to Yarri Yarri on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert in partnership with the Yiriman Project. The goal was to undertake a protection burn around the Outstation, as well to take young people back to country and connect with culture under the guidance of the Traditional Owners as part of the Yiriman Project. Also Mrs Kitty Green, Mrs Annie Narda and the Green family were present. This was the first time for the families to return to Yarri Yarri after the passing of Mr Joe Green & Mr Frank Kidby. The rangers kept everyone busy with activities such as burning around the buildings, hunting, cooking bush foods from turkey, kangaroo, and goannas, and at night time, leading the conversations around the fire. It was a good trip

and we look forward to going back to Yarri Yarri next year where we will start work on the 10 Deserts Project.

NESP RIVER RESEARCH

The NESP river researchers have been on the river a few times this dry season working with the rangers. The focus this year has been looking at the food web of the river. The researchers have been looking closely at the algae, plankton as well as bait fish and cherubim. Also, they have been measuring how much ground water is entering the river using some very specialised scientific equipment. It's great for the rangers to be involved with this study as it's very educational. The researchers also enjoy working with the rangers and TOs as there is a lot the researchers learn from the ranger and Traditional Owners with two-way learning.



ENVIRONS KIMBERLEY BIODIVERSITY SURVEY

In partnership with Environs Kimberley the rangers did a biodiversity survey at the base of the Grant Ranges. It was a successful survey. The rangers set up Elliot traps and funnel & bucket traps, catching and recording lizards, native rock rats and snakes. The second part of this survey will be targeting exotic weeds around wetlands and the riparian zone (river bank) of the Fitzroy starting in mid-October.

BLACK-FOOTED ROCK WALLABY SURVEY

In partnership with WWF the rangers set up a camera sensor array of over 60 cameras on the Erskine Range. The aim of this survey was to monitor black-footed rock wallaby (BFRW) populations as well as animals that may predate on them with a focus on feral cats and wild dogs

/ dingos. We captured many BFRW on cameras. The Erskine Range population is looking strong and the good news is there were very little feral animals spotted on cameras. Something that made the rangers happy was the large number of echidnas caught on camera in the survey. WWF brought out a drone operator from Charles Darwin University to trail a drone to assist in the survey at night time using infrared cameras. The rangers will be getting their own drone in the near future to help the rangers with their work so watch this space!



SAWFISH RESEARCH

The rangers have been working with Murdoch University studying sawfish & northern bull sharks. This season the focus was catching sawfish and operating on them to insert GPS trackers internally. This process is harmless and brings great benefits to learning more about the sawfish. The bull sharks were fitted with activity monitors to study how they move about and expend their energy. Being part of team sawfish with Murdoch University is a favorite of the rangers. This partnership has been going for 15 years with over a 1000 sawfish now tagged in the Fitzroy River. It's the longest continuous sawfish study in the world and the rangers are at the forefront of this research. Raymond Charles & Nathan Green were invited to Perth to the State Library to speak to a packed

house on sawfish conservation, alongside the leading sawfish scientist from Murdoch University. The rangers were a bit nervous speaking to a sold-out audience at the State Library, but they were the stars of the show with their Q&A session. Well done rangers!

RANGER FORUM BURKETOWN QUEENSLAND

Following the success of the Kimberley Ranger Forum held last year at Pender Bay on the Dampier Peninsular, the Ranger Forum was held in Burketown, QLD this year. The Nyikina Mangala rangers attended along with other groups in the Kimberley Ranger Network. Over 30 rangers travelled on a charter bus from Derby all the way to Burketown in the Gulf country in Queensland. The rangers got to see a lot of country as it was a long drive--over 3000kms each way. The rangers all had great



feedback and experienced snake handling, biosecurity workshops and cultural exchange. On the final night, the rangers got to have a bush tucker feast, which they all really enjoyed. We're look forward to the next one.

TRAINING

The Nyikina Mangala rangers have been doing lots of training towards completing their Certificate II and III in Conservation and Land Management. This started off in March, with language, literacy & numeracy training in Fitzroy Crossing, followed a few week later by a chemical training back at Fitzroy Crossing then Cert II training around Port Smith where the rangers were taught about prescribed burning and what is required to be safe on the fire ground. In May, the rangers headed up to Beagle Bay to complete the Cert III in wildfire.

It's critical that all the rangers who work on fire fronts must have the appropriate training. Also, at Beagle Bay, the rangers completed a remote First Aid course. In late July, the rangers headed out to Warmun community to do welding training, and in August, a TAFE trainer came out to the ranger base for an intensive week of training on small motors maintenance, chainsaw operation, and chemical application. From all this training, Raymond Charles has now completed his Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management and Nathan Green has completed his Certificate II in Conservation & Land Management. Already, Nathan is on his way to complete his Cert III with several units already completed. Congratulations to Raymond & Nathan on completing your certificates



NEW RANGER BOAT

The Nyikina Mangala Rangers would like to thank Lotterywest for approving a grant for the rangers' new work boat. The new boat is very well-suited for river work when there is flood or when we're undertaking jobs at the mouth of the river, where there is high water flow from the tides. Thanks Lotterywest for your support.

KLC AGM

Recently, KLC held their AGM at Ngumpan Community. The rangers were on the roster helping with the behind the scenes logistics. One of the highlights for the rangers and Nyikina Mangala TOs was having the opportunity to dance on the final night. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the AGM and watching Yothu Yindi New Generation performing in the electrical charged atmosphere! That was

something to remember for all those who attended, seeing the lightning in sky and the wind and dust blowing. Just after the band sang the last song some very unseasonal rain started to fall. It was a special night for all who attended.

IN CLOSING

Our team all feels very privileged to work as Nyikina Mangala rangers. It's a great opportunity to work on country and it's a source of pride to wear the uniform. We look forward to the exciting projects that are planned ahead!

Galeo Mimbi



BURU ENERGY UPDATE

Early in the year, the unrelenting weather conditions meant the Ungani production facility was forced to shut down from March to May due to water impeding access to the facility. Production of oil restarted in May after the road dried out and was upgraded to cope with future weather events.

In July, elders visited the Ungani production facility for a tour of the operations and the new well site that was drilled at the end of 2017.

In mid-September drilling began at the Ungani 4 well, which is south of the existing production facility. The well was drilled at the end of 2017, but the existing drilling involves re-entering the well and drilling a 'side track' which has the objective of improving the productivity of the well.

After operations at Ungani 4 finish, the drilling rig will move to the Ungani West location. Site works for this well commenced mid-August and Nyikina Mangala monitors were present while site works occurred.



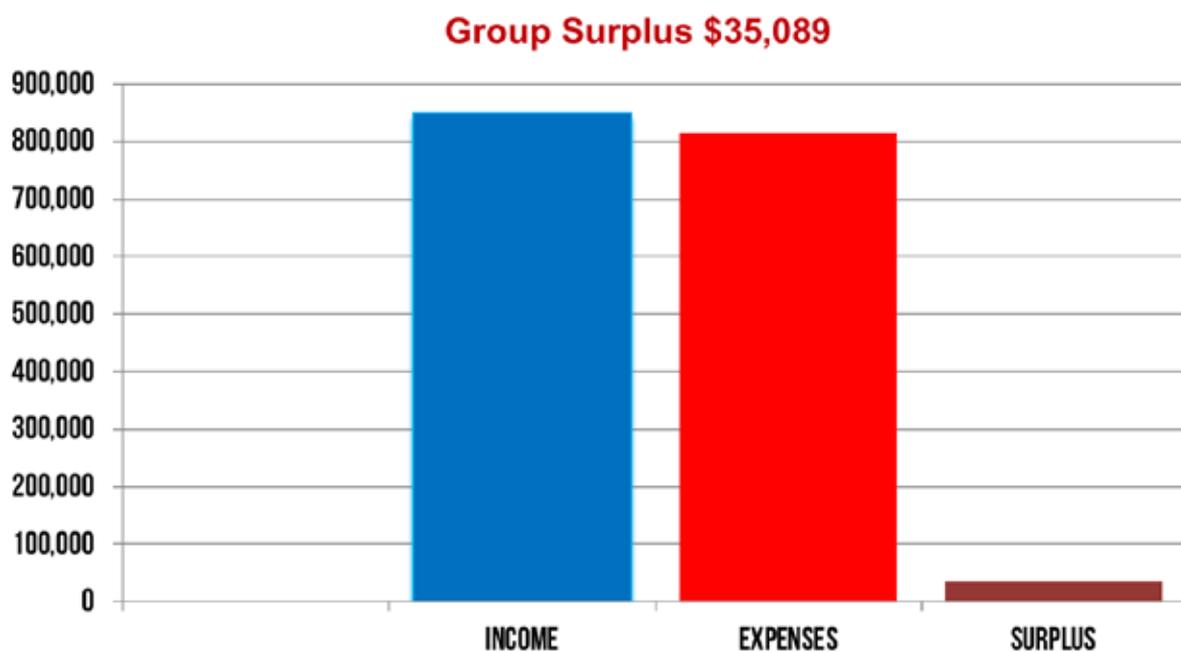
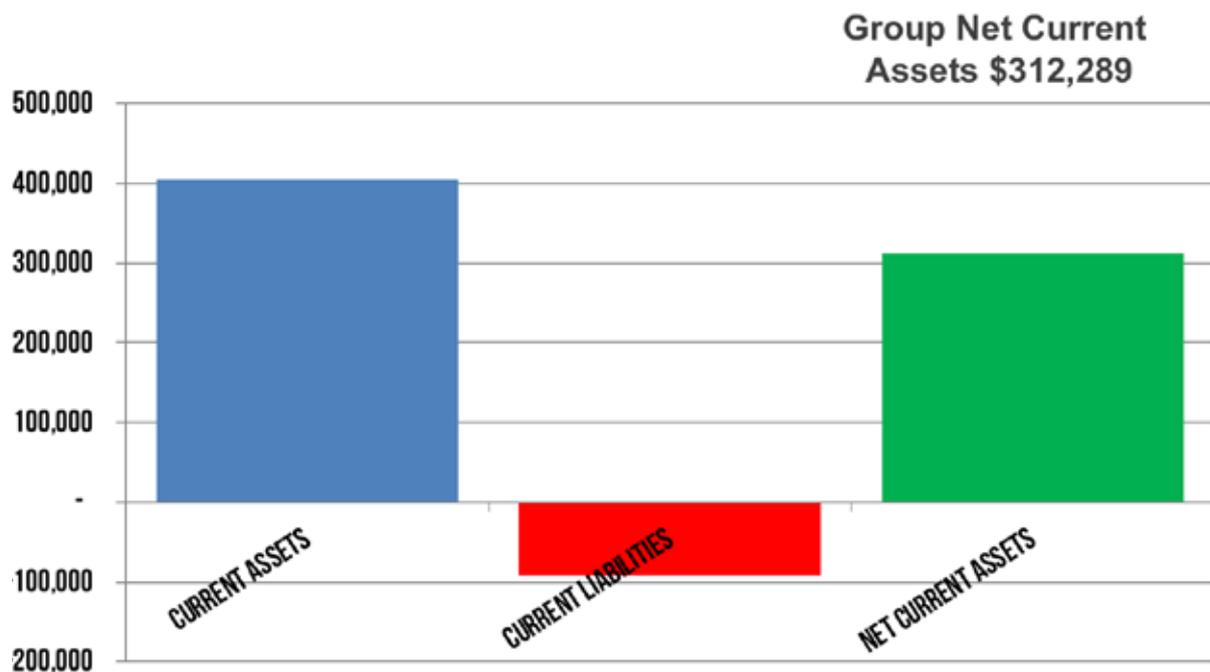
OTHER PROJECTS

The 'Members' Benefits Policy' along with the application form and rules for applications can be found on the Walalakoo website at <http://www.walalakoo.org.au/social/>. Although some members have utilised the assistance, there has not been very many applications. The assistance program is open to all members of the Nyikina Mangala native title group and there are three categories in which assistance can be applied for:

- Education;
- Sports and Arts; and
- Cultural Activities.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

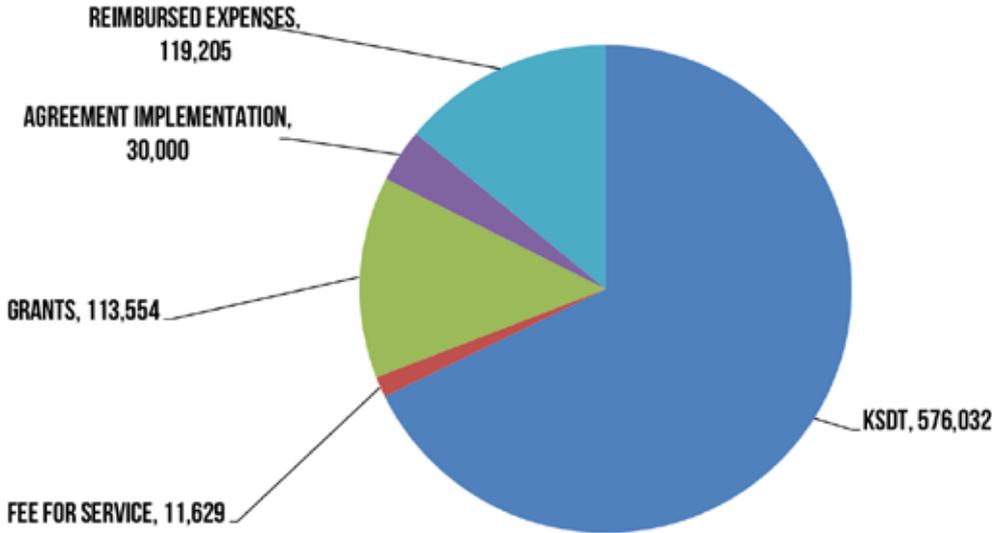
At last year's AGM, the Members appointed Stielow and Associates as the Auditor for the 2017/18 financial year. A summary of the audited financial statements follows:



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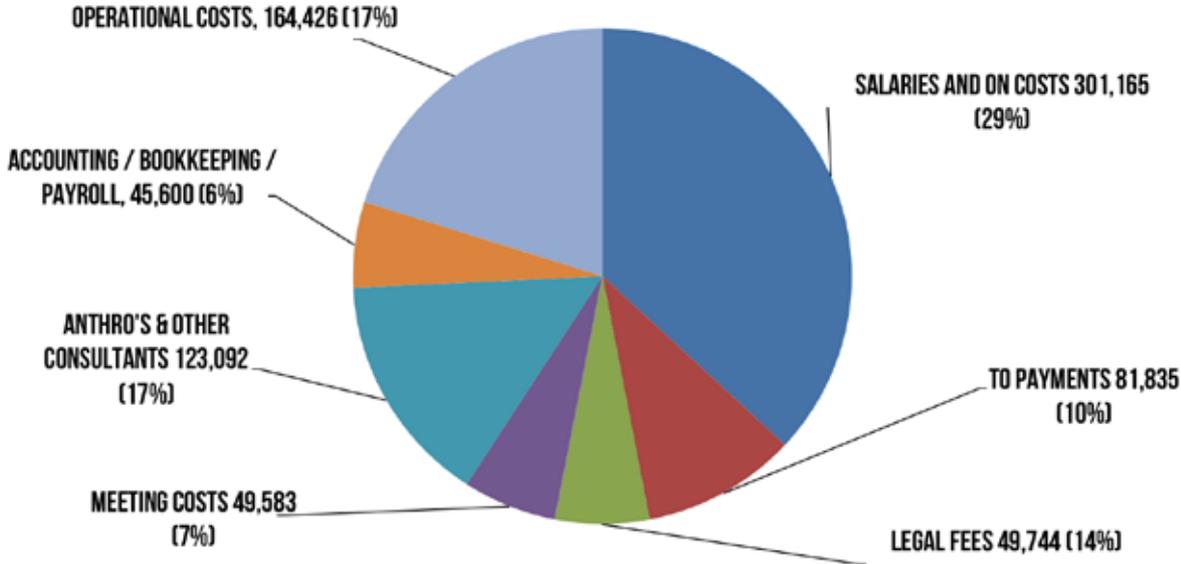
GROUP INCOME

TO 30 JUNE 2018



GROUP EXPENSES

TO 30 JUNE 2018



Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
Profit & Loss by Class
 July 2017 through June 2018

	Trust Operational	NRM	Nature Cons. 1, 2 & 3	Lotteries West	Self Gen & Ungani Imp	TOTAL
Income						
KSDT distribution	576,032					576,032
Grants		20,000	98,467	16,390		134,857
Fee for Service/ Reimbursed Exp	83,206				81,205	164,411
Interest / Other	203					203
Prior year unspent b/fwd	155,997	3,536	55,572			215,105
Total Income	815,438	23,536	154,039	16,390	81,205	1,090,608
Expense						
Admin fees			3,620			3,620
Audit fees	4,187					4,187
Staff salaries & on-costs	300,814		1,150			301,964
Bookkeeping & Payroll	30,000					30,000
Directors travel & accomm.	16,070		398			16,468
Cultural/Education/Arts fund	26,644					26,644
Elect/Gas/Water etc	2,891					2,891
Insurance	5,964					5,964
Marketing	6,155					6,155
Meeting Costs (Travel/Acc/Venue)	32,084	1,543	15,957			49,584
Motor Vehicle Fuel	6,650		3,119		135	9,904
Motor Vehicle R&M, Dep'n	12,517				17,208	29,725
Office Supplies/Minor Equip	7,015	690	4,791			12,496
Rent - Office	19,549					19,549
Telephone & Internet	8,105		2,007			10,112
Travelling Costs	7,317		12,213			19,530
Consultancy Fees	10,000		113,091			123,091
Legal fees	49,745					49,745
TO Payments & Super	55,355		24,481		2,000	81,836
Accounting fees	15,600					15,600
Total Expense	616,662	2,233	180,827	-	19,343	819,065
Capital Purchases	-	-	-	16,390	-	16,390
Grants Re-paid	-	21,303	-	-	-	21,303
Total Spend	616,662	23,536	180,827	16,390	19,343	856,758
Net Income	198,776	-	(26,788)	-	61,862	233,850
Funding Carried forward for Internal reporting	198,776	-	(26,788)	-	-	171,988



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