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Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (BNTAC) was incorporated in 2013 and is the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Banjima People.

Our mission

Building a strong future for the Banjima People.

Vision

A strong, prosperous, and self-determined Banjima People.



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Our work

From our offices in Perth and Tom Price, BNTAC responsibilities focus on supporting the Banjima People through community development programs, employment opportunities, and by ensuring the maintenance of its native title rights and interests.

We also work closely with Banjima's elected decision making bodies to process charitable community programs through our Member Services team.

Importantly, we practice good governance alongside traditional decision-making, ensuring that Banjima lore and culture remain at the core of our organisation.



Our Country & Community

Banjima Country is located in the central Pilbara region of Western Australia and covers more than 1 million hectares of land. The Banjima People continue to have a strong bond to this ancient landscape and the unique places within it — including the Fortescue Marsh and Karijini National Park.

The majority of our Banjima community now live across Western Australia, from Perth to the Pilbara's regional centres of Karratha, Roebourne, Onslow, and Port Hedland, and in a number of remote Pilbara communities including Youngaleena, Wakathuni, and Wirrilimarra.

After 15 years of struggle and a long legal battle with the WA government, the Banjima People were granted determination of Native Title on 11 March 2014.



Message from the departing BNTAC Chair



**Slim
Parker**

Tharnardu,

I am a proud traditional Banjima man and honoured to have been the Chairperson and Director of BNTAC since its incorporation back in 2013, prior to Banjima common law holders being recognised as native title holders on 11 March 2014.

The opportunity to have a role in advocating for and representing the Banjima members is one of the greatest responsibilities and achievements that I have had the privilege to take on, as the BNTAC Chairperson.

The core roles and functions of BNTAC is to uphold and protect our native title rights, our lore, cultural, and ceremonial rights in accordance with traditional lore and cultural customs. I want to encourage and recommend the incoming Directors to consider the above and continue to support the Corporation to work with and for us.

As you are aware there has been a lot of change over the last 12 months and many difficult challenges, both culturally and administratively. Banjima has managed to navigate our way through issues and matters such as: those arising from “contributors”; COVID; representing and fighting for our heritage rights; negotiating with the State Government regarding the new Cultural Heritage Act; and negotiating with those who seek approval to do work on our yurlu.

It is very important for us, Banjima people, to be even more administratively strategic than we have been. This can help us to drive our own goals and not just react to the demands of others.

An important matter is securing land tenure for our communities and there have been extensive negotiations with the government to secure these. This will help to secure the future identity for our young Banjima people and create more opportunities for Banjima to return to homeland and participate in cultural activities. Even if it is to visit yurlu for the first time.

I want to recognise and pay my respects to the Elders Council members, in particular our dear loved ones who are longer with us. May they rest in peace. Their contributions have helped guide BNTAC over the years. Their knowledge and strength are invaluable, and the legacy of their contributions have place Banjima and BNTAC in a very strong position.

I would like to thank all present and past Directors for all your hard work and commitment over the years and wish luck to the incoming Board.

Lastly, I would like to commend the professionalism of past and present BNTAC staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that BNTAC, as our corporation, met all its cultural and social responsibilities. But more importantly, they ensured that we are compliant and adherent to the agreements we hold with our contributors.

I would also like to acknowledge Roe Legal Services, as BNTAC’s legal advisors. They have done a mighty job of safeguarding BNTAC legally.



BNTAC

Board of Directors



Maitland Parker

BNTAC Chair
July 2021 – November 2021
Casual Appointment
March 2022 – present



Slim Parker

BNTAC Chair
November 2021 – present



May Byrne



Tracy Conway



Benjamin Jeakings



Roddesa Mitchell

Casual Appointment
March 2022 – present



Paula White

Casual Appointment
March 2022 – present



Sam Walsh

Independent Director
July 2021 – April 2022

The Banjima Elders Council

BNTAC wishes to acknowledge the sad passing of highly respected and appreciated Senior Elder, and lore man Mr A. Tucker. We wish to acknowledge his significant contribution to BNTAC, to the Banjima Elders Council, caring for country, and to Banjima lore, culture, language and community. Rest in Peace.

Due to the decline in royalties for the forthcoming financial year, the BNTAC Board made the decision to temporarily pause the Elders Council meetings to be in line with the PBC operational budget. Elders Council meetings are expected to return when royalties are forecast to rise in 2023/2024.

Banjima Elders provide BNTAC with important cultural guidance and recommendations on our work, from government engagement to our on-country projects, lore and custom, native title, and heritage.

The Elders Council met quarterly throughout the year.

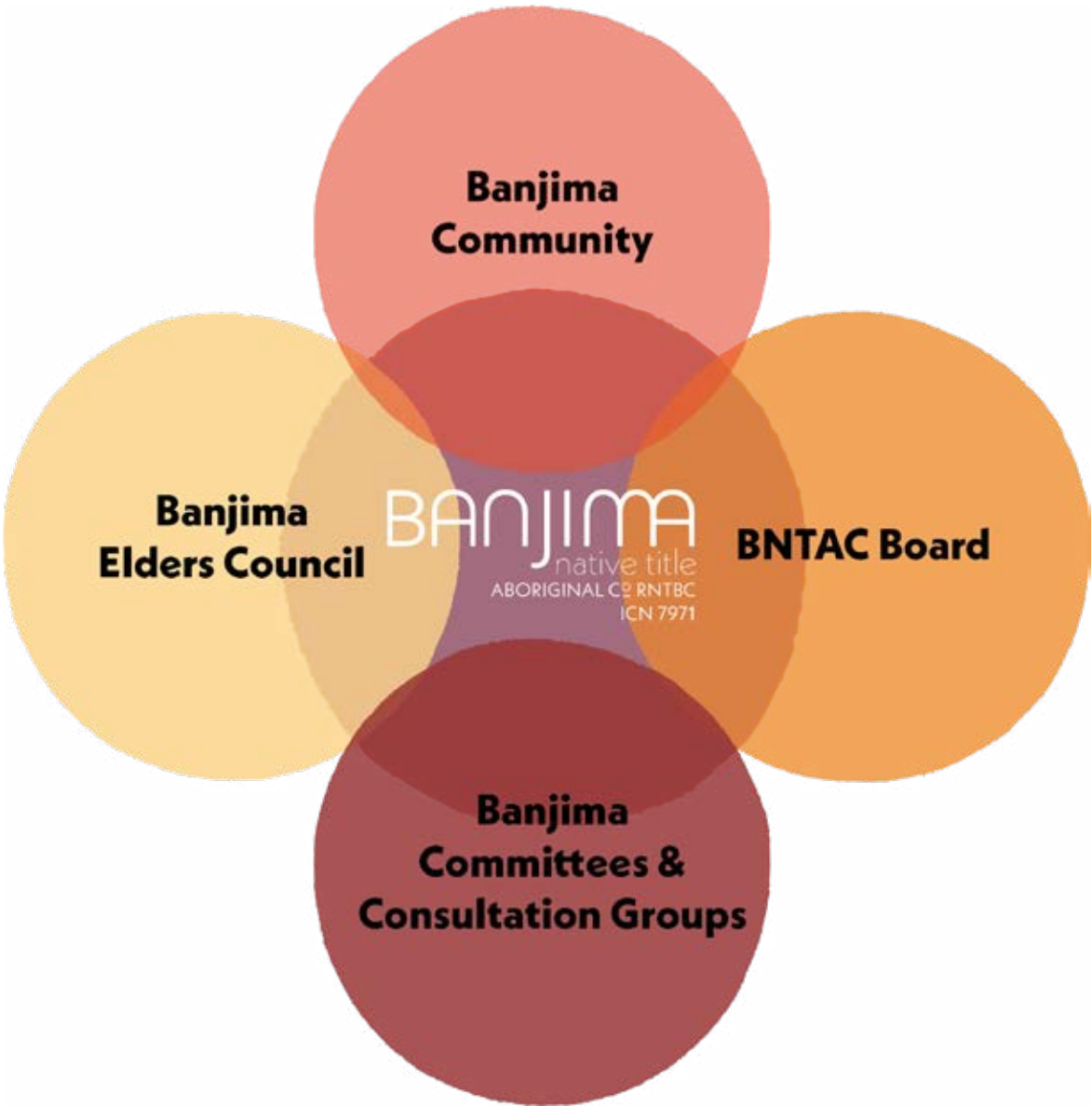
Members of the Council are:

- Naydene Robinson Snr
- Margaret Parker
- Marshall Smith
- Charles Smith
- Trevor Parker
- Eva Black
- Brian Tucker
- Archie Tucker
- Maitland Parker
- Marnmu Smyth
- Slim Parker
- Tim Parker
- Andrew Smith
- Angus Smith



How we work with our community

To ensure traditional decision-making and Banjima lore and culture are always at the core of our organisation, BNTAC and our Board of Directors regularly engage with the Banjima community, elected committees and consultation groups, and, importantly, the Banjima Elders Council.



Strategic Plan

Following thorough consultation with Members of the priorities for the Strategic plan, it was finalised and launched in 2021. The Plan is the guide for the areas of work the PBC will focus on to deliver outcomes to the Banjima Community from 2021-2026.

This financial year marks the first in which the PBC began work to achieve the goals set out in the plan by the community.



Strategic objective 1. Strengthening our foundations

Ensure our organisation is robust and strong, our native title rights are secure and our native title agreements today are strong and have real impact.

Strategic goals

- 1.1.** Consolidate our corporation and ensure our corporate, native title and surrounding structures meet our current practical and strategic needs.
- 1.2** Develop improved financial sustainability through income diversification based on strong relationships, mutually beneficial partnerships and independent program resourcing.
- 1.3** Continue to improve the effectiveness of our Governance and our leadership and provide our current and future leaders with growth and development opportunities.
- 1.4** Ensure our native title rights are secure and strengthened, maximise benefits from our current native title agreements to our traditional owner community and negotiate the best possible outcomes in future agreements

Strategic objective 2. Our Country and Culture

Ensure that culture, connection to Country and language remains strong for all Banjima People and that our cultural values guide us in our decisions and directions. Manage our Country, cultural and heritage places so they are protected, valued and maintained.

Strategic goals

- 2.1** Support the practice of law and culture including initiatives to support transmission of knowledge through the generations, women's and men's cultural practice, knowledge of country initiatives.
- 2.2** Develop programs which enable and encourage Elders to maintain and record language and cultural knowledge.
- 2.3** Partner with neighbouring PBCs and similar organisations to develop a consolidated Ranger program based on collaboration and resource sharing in order to improve ongoing viability and effectiveness.
- 2.4** Establish equitable heritage protocols and procedures which align with the Banjima native title determination and ensure the proper identification and protection of heritage values.
- 2.5** Working closely with members, address priority land tenure and land management issues that are affecting community areas and areas of cultural significance.

Strategic objective 2. Our Community

Build a strong sense of community and community cohesion, ensure our programs are effective and strive towards building a prosperous and healthy membership.

Strategic goals

- 3.1** Adopting a strength-based community development approach, develop an overarching 20 year generational community development plan for the Banjima People through which to drive agreed and coordinated program development, resourcing and delivery.
- 3.2** Consolidate community information and continue to refresh our understanding of community needs in order to ensure programs are focussed on addressing needs and will have impact.
- 3.3** Develop a robust set of social, economic and cultural indicators, measures and goals for application to programs and activities so as to ensure our efforts are having a real and positive impact for the community.
- 3.4** In partnership with Gumala and IBN, work to establish a Community Infrastructure Fund that will assist communities on Banjima lands to maintain their infrastructure to ensure liveability and a good quality of life for residents.

2021-2022 highlights and summary



591
BNTAC
Members



\$70,000+
to progress land tenures
for community.

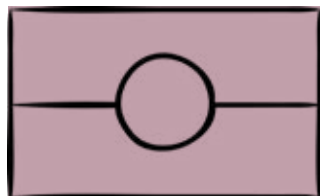
42%

of our staff are Banjima.

Overall, 48% are Aboriginal, working across the areas of Member Services, Field Officers, Community Advisors, Project Officers and Trainees.

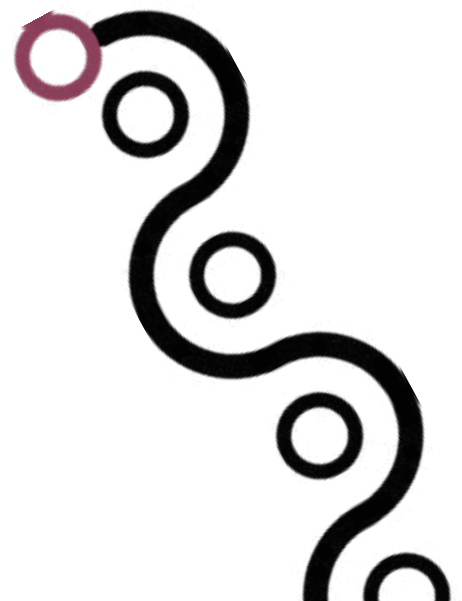
**45 meetings
held in Perth
and the Pilbara.**

Including our 2021 AGM, Banjima Decision Making Committee and Elders Council meetings.



**65 meetings with government
and mining representatives**

for the protection of Banjima's
Native Title Rights and Country.



Throughout the Financial Year 2021-2022, BNTAC evolved as a team to improve the management of its PBC responsibilities against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact life in our communities.

With this ongoing situation, as always, the health and safety of BNTAC Members, staff and community took priority. This meant that some key events were impacted, including cancellation of the General Meeting in February 2022 and The Karijini Experience 2022. However, the latter is now on schedule to be reinvigorated with Traditional Owners having greater prominence in the event to be delivered in July 2023.

Despite these large events being affected, the PBC still managed to conduct a full schedule of meetings to support the Banjima community making decisions about their native title. And importantly a great deal of 'early work' has begun to progress the goals set out in the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan.

BNTAC's Member Services team continued to carry out the contract to distribute the MIB Healthy Living Policy and supported members in every day needs by taking calls and distributing community programs. The team also conducted a survey to get Member feedback on how they are performing and Members' suggestions of beneficial changes.

Overall, the year saw the membership of BNTAC grow to now be just under 600 Members by 30 June 2022. This membership strengthens the Banjima community who are interested in having connection and involvement in their country, culture and community.

The year also marked the opening of two major mining projects on Banjima Country:

BHP's South Flank mine opened in October 2021 and Rio Tinto's Gudai Darri mine opened in June 2022. While these operations will both be paying royalties as compensation for mining Banjima country, there will also be ongoing work to ensure Banjima culture and heritage is respected, and decent working relationships are held between proponents and community.

The Banjima Trustee for past years has been Australian Executor Trustees (AET), which is audited annually by KPMG. The term for AET was due to expire in June 2022, requiring Members to elect a Trustee for future years.

Due to health concerns over holding large face to face meetings during the peak period for the COVID pandemic, the Trustee did not hold Community Meeting for this purpose. As a result, AET is the default Trustee for the BMS for another 12 months.

2021-2022 highlights

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1) Banjima dancers at the BHP South Flank mine opening. 2) BNTAC's Tom Price office was reopened for regional Members to get face to face advice and support. 3) A traineeship program between BNTAC and BHP has helped Banjima people gain experience in rehabilitation and revegetation.

Bottom, left to right: ▼

1 & 2) Banjima Elders and people joined with Traditional Owners and their supporters to protest the design of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill – photos courtesy of Luke Sweet/Aboriginal Heritage Action Alliance. 3) Banjima dancers at RTIO Gudai Darri mine opening. 4) Banjima Elders with RTIO CEO Simon Trott at the official opening of the Gudai Darri mine.





Our 2021-2022 work

Country • Community • Culture





Our 2021-2022 work

Strengthening foundations

Work has begun to consolidate structures to work efficiently together. This included commencing a BMS review to develop a Banjima BMS wide strategic plan.

- Parties involved in this project include BNTAC, the Trustee, BCT DMC and Council, B1 DMC and Council.
- To date two (2) workshops have been held: First one in Karratha and the second in Perth.
- A SWOT analysis was developed to help identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to Banjima.
- Subsequent to the development of the SWOT, a strategy map was developed aimed at key points of focus for the Banjima people which will form a strategic plan.
- There will be further workshops held with BNTAC present to formalise and finalise the strategic plan which embodies the strategy map focus points.

Last financial year BNTAC established protocol with miners for full cost recovery plus 30% margin on all consultation meetings. This aligns with BNTAC's goal of diversifying funding to reduce our reliance on Banjima Charitable Trust (BCT) funds.

- In 2021/22 BNTAC negotiated a higher rate which again reduces reliance on trust funds.
- The Native Title Operations Team was created to service the mining agreements and safeguard the compliance requirements of agreements. The roles in this team are largely cost recoverable from proponents.
- A priority within this department is to hold proponents accountable to heritage and environment values for Traditional Owners. A dedicated role for an Environment and Heritage Project Officer was filled for this purpose, and increasing capacity in this area has been identified as essential.



BNTAC entered discussions with Hancock Prospecting Propriety Limited (HPPL) regarding a new project in the Mulga Downs area (Mulga Downs Iron Ore Project – MDIOP).

- BNTAC has formed a strong negotiation team including technical experts and Banjima Elders.
- All costs for the negotiations are charged back to HPPL.
- Negotiations are at an early project scoping stage, where the team is gathering information for community to learn about the project.
- The first priority of the negotiations is to ensure Hancock understands the importance of water, heritage and country for Banjima people.
- All Banjima people will be consulted about the project and be able to influence if and how the project should develop.
- Should the Banjima community choose to proceed with an agreement, all Banjima people will benefit from the royalties paid.

Directors and Governance of BNTAC remained at the forefront of the PBC and will continue to.

- As you are aware, BNTAC cancelled the General Meeting that was scheduled to take place in February this year due to risks associate with COVID-19.
- As a result, the normal way BNTAC Directors are elected could not to proceed and it was necessary to appoint Casual Directors to satisfy governance requirements to bring the Board to seven (7) Banjima Directors.
- The BNTAC Board selected three (3) people from the nomination list to be appointed as Casual Directors. The term for these three (3) Directors will expire at the next AGM (usually November 2022), where Members will be able to vote to confirm their positions as Directors of BNTAC board. The three Casual Directors appointed for the period were Maitland Parker, Paula White and Roddesa Mitchell.



Our country and culture

Advocating for the Banjima community to be recognised, heard, and feel connected was high priority in the last financial year and this focus will continue as part of the Strategic Plan.



Banjima continues to fight for the clean up of Ngambigunha Gorge

Ngambigunha (Wittenoom Gorge) clean-up campaign gathered momentum

- Banjima Elders submitted a petition to WA State Parliament in October 2021. It sought to identify who was responsible for the clean-up.
- Repeated media coverage on the fight was achieved in print, radio, online, TV
- BNTAC sought and gained a meeting (held in August 2022) with the new Minister for Lands who is responsible for the area which is designated as Crown Land.



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage co-design workshop

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021

- Prior to the Bill being introduced in parliament, BNTAC and community Elders participated in statewide protests for proper consultation on the bill.
- BNTAC Chair, Slim Parker's statement on the Bill was read in Parliament when it was introduced. It sought to clarify the misrepresentation put forward by the then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Premier that Aboriginal people had been engaged in the design of the bill. The Bill was passed by the Govt in December 2021.
- BNTAC initially participated in phase one of the design of the regulations to present to the government the impact that their decisions will have on PBCs and Traditional Owners.
- Banjima was also requested by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to be involved in the Marandoo Repeal Act for the areas of Banjima country disturbed by the Marandoo mine and infrastructure.



BNTAC has welcomed becoming the owner of The Karijini Experience

Communications channels for community connection

- The ways in which information is given and shared by the PBC to stakeholders has increased during 2021-2022. This has occurred via social media platforms – Facebook and LinkedIn to enable the timely sharing of covid updates, opportunities, and general news for members. LinkedIn is used to grow awareness of advocacy aims.

BNTAC ownership of The Karijini Experience (KEX)

- BNTAC is now the event owner of KEX with the appointment of an event management company to carry out the services to run the event.
- Costs will be completely covered by sponsorships and ticket sales.
- The 2022 event was cancelled due to the risk on COVID-19 to the community.
- The 2023 event will be held during NAIDOC Week in July with an even greater focus on Pilbara Aboriginal content.

Our country and culture



Banjima trainees in the Yandi Tree Nursery

Tree nursery collaboration between BHP and Banjima trainees created a pathway for future rangers.

- The Banjima Site Rehabilitation project combines trainees to help set up the Yandi Tree Nursery and propagate seeds and growing plants for land rehabilitation
- The trainees get the opportunity to start a Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management with TAFE
- The BHP traineeship is open to Banjima members and is expected to recruit up to 12 trainees per year

BNTAC appointed a Community Services Manager to support the above work and more opportunities for other training and employment for Banjima people to reinvigorate the Country Management Plan. Results from this appointment will begin to flow in the following reporting year, including work towards joint ranger programs.

Pilbara Cultural Land Management Project (PCLMP) partnership has strengthened the opportunities for BNTAC to reach Country and Culture goals of the Strategic Plan.

- The PCLMP is a 5-year project that has been funded by multiple grants for Pilbara Traditional Owners to take the lead in keeping their Country, culture, and people strong. Outcomes include developing projects focusing on agreed priorities identified by the Pilbara organisations and TOs.
- These include coming together, learning together, and supporting each other; cultural knowledge transfer, data management and protection, mapping, and planning; land use and access mapping; land, water and sea management partnerships and ranger program start-up support



BNTAC Chair Slim Parker interviewed by NITV Living Black on cultural heritage and other issues.

RTIO’s Local Implementation Committee (LIC) and BHP’s Implementation Committee (IC) are made up of Banjima people (elected by the community), Directors and DMC members, to meet with the Mining representatives on a regular basis. They discuss matters such heritage, environment, employment, training, mine closure planning.

- Social Surroundings Assessments (SSAs) were a large focus of both the Committees this financial year.
- Three trips of Social Surroundings fieldwork undertaken with consideration to many other already scheduled works.
- Traditional Owners travelled throughout Hope Downs Jan 2022 and South Flank June/July 2022 development areas to consider Rio Tinto’s and BHP’s mining proposals.
- Recommendations from these trips will eventually be considered by mining companies who are required to produce Social Cultural and Heritage Management Plans and other documents under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act.

- Social Surroundings is a new concept that has been driven by Banjima to identify and reduce impacts to Country and is a first for BNTAC.
- In future, decisions regarding where SSAs are managed will sit with the heritage committees for each project/company to ensure the most appropriate are consulted on anything to do with land, culture and environment.

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BNTAC continued to work for the tenures for community and began investigating other tenures as directed by the DMC. This work will ensure Banjima people have access to their Country.

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Tom Price office was reopened to support Members needing assistance face to face in the region. A Field Officer is also based in the office to make visits on Country to communities as and when needed to provide greater connection and support to Banjima people.

Looking ahead...

At the core of BNTAC is the care for the Banjima community. Foundations have been laid to begin to progress the goals set in the Strategic Plan for Community development and benefit.

There is a commitment between BNTAC and the Trustee to conduct a member wide census to help inform target areas where support for communities is a priority.

Some exciting projects lie ahead that should deliver immediate change and outcomes for Banjima people. BNTAC will be working to ensure people living on country will benefit from the assets decommissioned for any operations.

This ability to live on country sometimes means a need also to work on country. Developing fee for service work programs via a joint ranger program and networking with businesses on Banjima country are some initial steps being taken in the new financial year.



As BNTAC enters its 10th year as a PBC the opportunity for a strategic check-up and reset of leadership has arisen. This presents an occasion to both reflect and refine what the corporation does for Members now and developments that need to be prepared for.

Activity on Banjima country is and will continue to grow. This will have a large impact on the environment and heritage, along with native title and cultural rights. BNTAC recognise that increasing our resourcing and capacity to hold proponents accountable in this space will be paramount.

Cultural knowledge transfer continues to be high priority for future generations and to strengthen the leadership base to care for country and protect culture. In addition to supporting activities to preserve of knowledge and learning, BNTAC hopes The Karijini Experience will become not just an event, but a gathering that is designed and led by traditional owners to celebrate culture and knowledge on Banjima country.

We thank the community and Members for their support in the past year and look forward to working with and for you in the year to come and beyond.



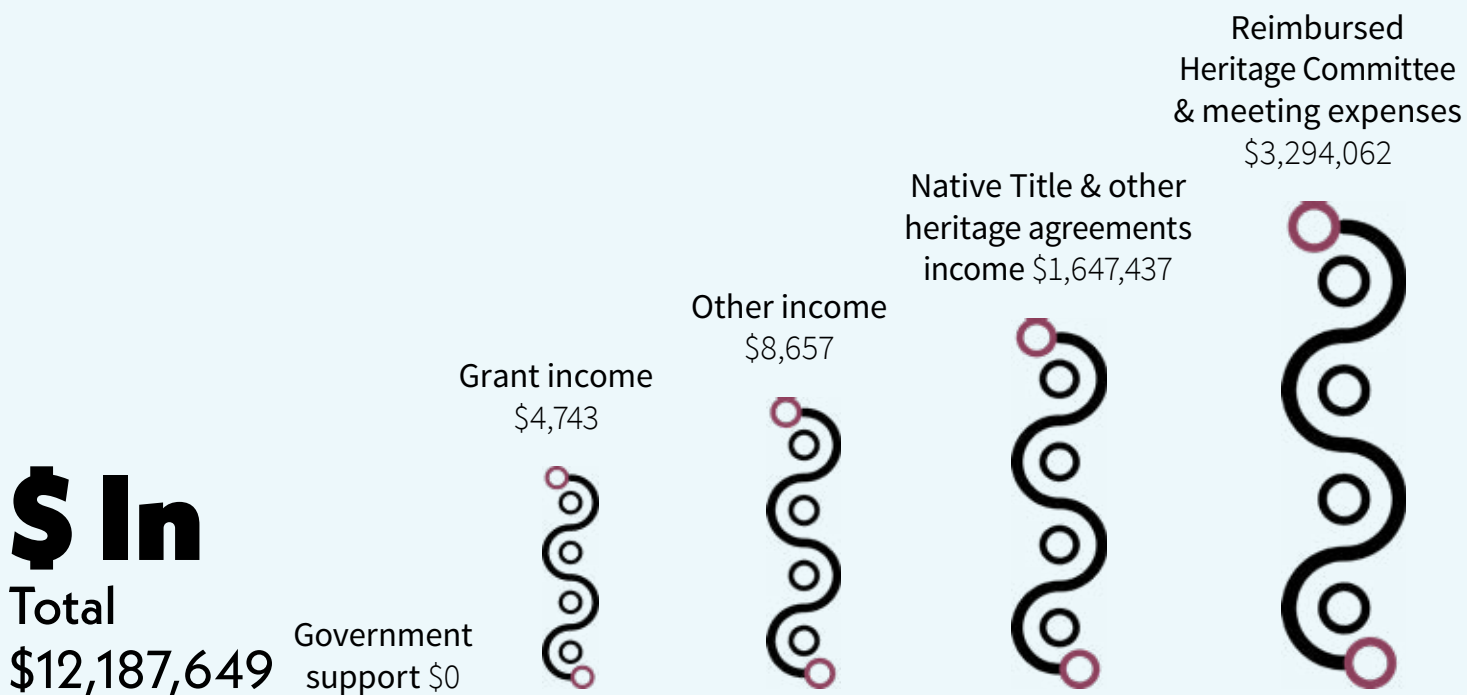
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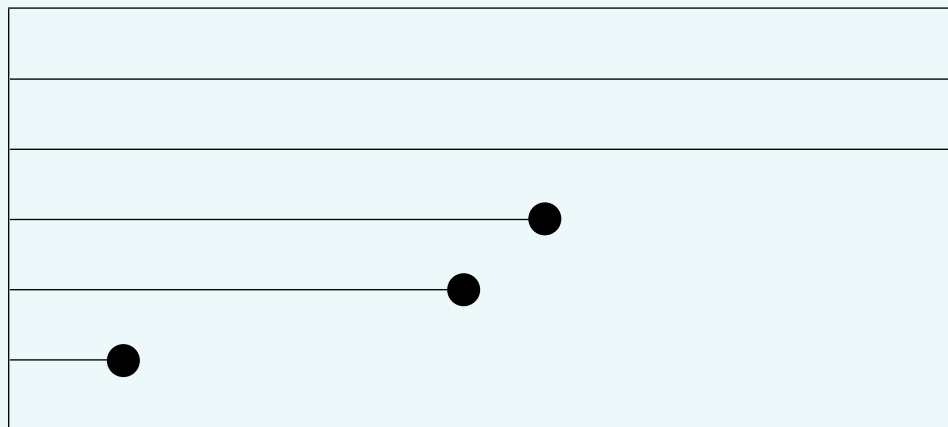


Financial Statement Summary 2020-2021

Where our money comes from



Employee Expenses	\$3,233,420
Reimbursable Expenses	\$3,145,947
Meeting & Travel expenses	\$1,153,669
Other Expenses	\$1,074,547
Project Expenses	\$270,847





2020/21 Total funds at start of year: \$3,595,396 Net Surplus: \$395,465
2021/22 Total funds at start of year: \$3,990,860 Net Surplus: \$3,309,219

Funding from Banjima
Charitable Trust
\$7,232,751



Tangible Assets
\$220,010



Trade & Other Payables
\$1,327,435



Trade & Other Receivables
\$1,168,187



Cash at Bank
\$8,401,139

How we spent it

\$ Out
Total
\$8,878,430

BANJIMA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC
ICN 7971
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue and other income			
Revenue	4	16,036,498	6,463,642
Other income	4	3,307,461	1,956,750
Total revenue and other income		<u>19,343,960</u>	<u>8,420,392</u>
Less: Operating expenses			
Accounting and bookkeeping		9,470	13,905
Audit fees	6	39,269	26,910
Beneficiary benefits		7,156,311	3,130,579
Computer expenses		52,730	56,446
Consulting expenses		160,944	44,568
Depreciation and amortisation	9,10,17	103,704	206,740
Employee expenses		3,233,420	1,417,430
Insurance		49,498	28,787
Interest on lease liabilities	17	-	1,468
Legal fees		129,449	76,856
Meeting and travel expenses		1,153,669	1,135,518
Motor vehicle expenses		18,853	9,749
Office expenses		97,874	43,999
Project expenses		270,847	111,768
Property and occupancy expenses		167,515	70,052
Reimbursable expenses		3,145,947	1,594,093
Other administration expenses		245,240	56,060
Total expenses		<u>16,034,740</u>	<u>8,024,927</u>
Operating surplus for the year		<u>3,309,219</u>	<u>395,465</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive surplus for the year		<u>3,309,219</u>	<u>395,465</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

BANJIMA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	14	8,401,139	3,575,312
Investments	7	150,000	110,000
Trade and other receivables	8	1,168,187	614,258
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,719,326</u>	<u>4,299,570</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	220,010	250,923
Lease assets	17	-	-
Intangible assets	10	51,026	87,792
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>271,036</u>	<u>338,715</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>9,990,363</u>	<u>4,638,285</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	1,327,435	382,856
Unexpended beneficiary distributions	12	1,210,172	206,482
Provisions	13	152,676	58,087
Lease liabilities	17	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,690,283</u>	<u>647,425</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>2,690,283</u>	<u>647,425</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>7,300,080</u>	<u>3,990,860</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		<u>7,300,080</u>	<u>3,990,860</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>7,300,080</u>	<u>3,990,860</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.



**BANJIMA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BANJIMA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

(the "Corporation"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Corporation is in accordance with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2017*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the auditor requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (the "CATSI Act") and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the "Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Corporation's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Corporation are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the CATSI Act, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BANJIMA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC**

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Michael Fay

MICHAEL FAY
Executive Director
Perth, WA
22 September 2022

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF BANJIMA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL COPROATION RNTBC**

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 30 June 2022, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*; and
- No contraventions of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*.

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Michael Fay

MICHAEL FAY
Executive Director
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