Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC ICN 7448

POLICY ON CULTURAL PAYMENTS

1. How requests for cultural support payments are able to be made

- (a) Any Waanyi Person requesting funds from the Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC ('Waanyi PBC') for cultural support must complete the official 'Request for Funds' form.
- (b) However, if a Waanyi Person is unable to complete the 'Request for Funds' form and email to admin@waanyipbc.org, they can make a verbal application by contacting the Office on 0458-675-460, and Annie Brown Office Administrator will provide assistance.

2. When cultural support payments can be made

- (a) Cultural support payments will only be made where funds are available (i.e. the money is not required for payments of staff salaries, bills, or to be spent under a grant agreement that does not permit the payment of cultural support).
- (b) In accordance with the Waanyi PBC's delegations matrix, Cultural support payments that meet the criteria in this policy can only be approved by the Waanyi PBC CEO.
- (c) Cultural support payments will only be made to an organisation and not an individual's personal bank account.

3. Eligibility for cultural support payments

A person is eligible to receive a cultural support payment:

- (a) The person is a Waanyi Person; and
- (b) The person has applied for the payment in accordance with rule 1 of this policy.

4. Maximum payments

(a) The Maximum amount of money that can be approved by the CEO for a cultural support payment is:

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- Maximum of \$1,000 support to be provided for funeral support per deceased;
- Maximum of \$300 support to be provided for fuel to assist with medical treatment, fuel, and food;
- (b) Only one claim per person per year for each type of support.

5. Matters for consideration when approving cultural support payments

- (a) When deciding whether or not to approve a cultural support payment, the CEO **must** have regard to the objects and functions of the Waanyi PBC as set out in clause 6.1 of the Waanyi PBC's Rule Book.
- (b) When deciding whether or not to approve a cultural support payment, the CEO will have regard to:
 - The financial position of the person making the request;
 - Whether the person making the request has sought financial support from other sources before making the request (e.g. Pay the Rent); and
 - In the case of a cultural support payment for a funeral, whether other people have already received payments in relation to that deceased person's funeral.
- (c) The availability of other sources of financial assistance, such as but not limited to Commonwealth and State assistance.

6. Budgeting and reporting

- (a) The Board is responsible for setting a quarterly budget for cultural support payments.
- (b) The CEO is responsible for tracking cultural support payments against the budget, and providing monthly reports to the Board about the performance against budget.
- (c) The CEO is to provide the Board monthly itemised list of all cultural support payments made.

Approved by the Corporation Advisory Group of the Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC on:	30th May 2024
Signed by Special Administrator as a correct record:	1 mc 1 m 6/6/24