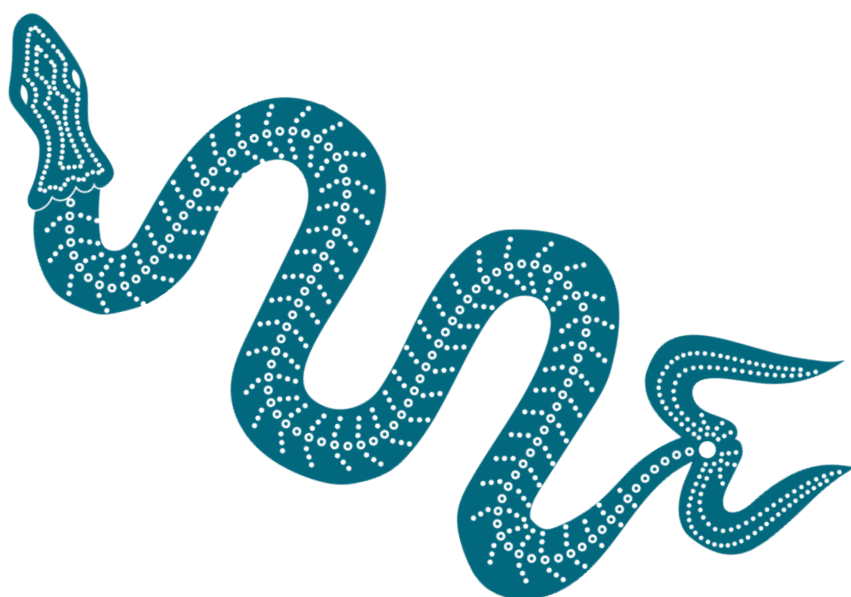




PARTNERSHIP PROSPECTUS

RIVERSLEIGH CULTURAL VALUES INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT



OVERVIEW

The Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (WNTAC) is seeking proposals from suitably qualified cultural heritage professionals to join as project partners to co-deliver the *Riversleigh Cultural Values Investigations Project*, funded by the Australian Government's First Nations Heritage Grant program.

This is an exciting opportunity to partner with an Indigenous-led organisation and Waanyi traditional owners to further the recognition, protection and management of cultural heritage within the Australian Fossil Mammals Sites (Riversleigh) World Heritage Area.

The project is suited to archaeologists or other cultural heritage professionals who have substantial experience in the field of First Nations cultural heritage and expertise in the application of Australia's National Heritage and/or UNESCO World Heritage listing criteria. Regional expertise will also be highly regarded.

Project partners must be able to travel and complete fieldwork between April - August 2026 and commit to delivering all milestones by 30 November 2026.

PROPOSALS

As a minimum, proposals should outline:

1. Reasons for wanting to partner with WNTAC
2. Relevant qualifications/experience/knowledge/expertise
3. Capacity to deliver within timeframes
4. Proposed methodology
5. Budget & schedule of fees¹

All proposals are due by *C.O.B. Friday 28 November 2025* and should be submitted to the key contacts listed below.

KEY DATES

28 NOVEMBER 2025 – PROPOSALS DUE
19 DECEMBER 2025 – PROJECT PARTNER ENGAGED
28 MARCH 2026 - BACKGROUND RESEARCH COMPLETED
31 AUGUST 2026 - FIELD RESEARCH COMPLETED
30 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DRAFT REPORT DUE
30 NOVEMBER 2026 – FINAL REPORT DUE

KEY CONTACTS

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¹ This is a non-commercial project funded by the Australian Government and WNTAC.

BACKGROUND

Located in Waanyi Country in north-west Queensland, Riversleigh is listed on the [Australian National Heritage](#) and [UNESCO World Heritage](#) lists for its significant natural values. In recent years, WNTAC successfully completed a project with the support of an Australian Heritage Grant that involved preliminary investigations into Riversleigh's cultural values, culminating in the launch of the online visitor experience: [Riversleigh Fossil Dreaming Tour](#). WNTAC has now been awarded additional funding under the First Nations Heritage Grant program to further its objectives of enhancing the recognition, protection and management of Waanyi cultural heritage.



Figure 1 - Project location

Riversleigh covers an area of 10,000 hectares on Waanyi native title lands and within Boodjamulla National Park (Aboriginal Land). WNTAC is the prescribed body corporate for Waanyi native title lands and has co-management responsibilities for the national park, which was handed back to the Waanyi people in 2023. WNTAC is also the recognised cultural heritage body for Waanyi Country in Queensland.

PROJECT SCOPE AND DESCRIPTION

WNTAC and the project partner will lead a research program to investigate and document the First Nations heritage values at Riversleigh. The project activities include collation and analysis of existing cultural heritage research, and field surveys and consultations with senior Waanyi knowledge holders. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan that establishes recommends protective measures and further monitoring and research, will be developed. Assessment of the cultural values against the National Heritage criteria will also be undertaken.

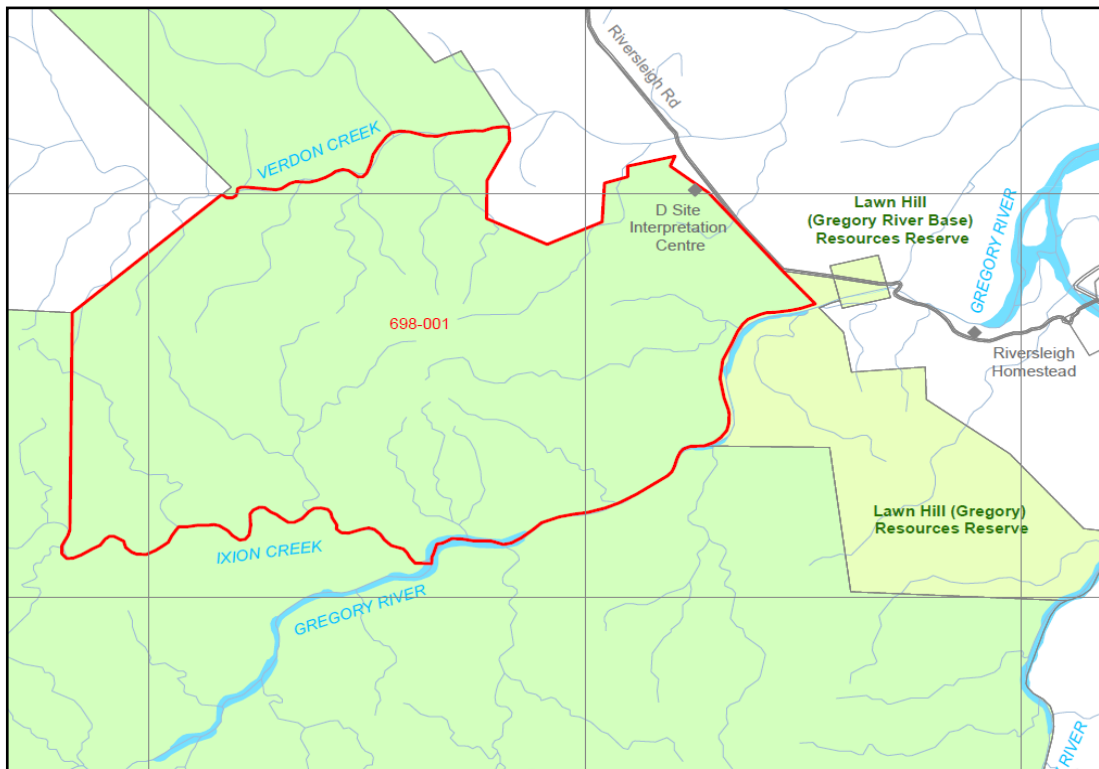


Figure 2 - Extract of Australian Government & UNESCO map of the Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh) (shown in red)

PROJECT OUTCOMES

The project is expected to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Identify new First Nations heritage values through field surveys and investigations.
2. Document and better understand known heritage sites.
3. Assess cultural significance using National Heritage criteria to support potential future listing.
4. Inform the Waanyi people of listing options and support possible future submissions.
5. Identify any threats and propose protective measures for heritage sites.
6. Develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for improved protection and management, documenting the Waanyi people's wishes.
7. Support Waanyi heritage efforts led by Traditional Owners and Indigenous Rangers.
8. Store all cultural data securely in WNTAC's Cultural Heritage Information Management System.
9. Increase public awareness of First Nations heritage at Riversleigh.

PROJECT MILESTONES

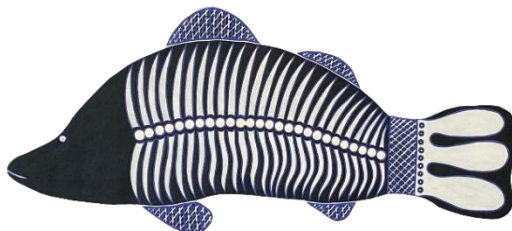
The project partner will be responsible for the co-delivery of all milestones, including:

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| 1. Preliminary research & engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop research methodology • Review and collate existing cultural heritage research • Undertake initial engagement with Waanyi and project partners • Schedule field surveys | 28/03/2026 |
| 2. Field research | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake 1-2 field surveys and consultations | 31/08/2026 |
| 3. Expert assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft assessment and recommendations against the National Heritage Criteria | 30/09/2026 |
| 4. Cultural Heritage Management Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter research data into the WNTAC Cultural Heritage Management Information System • Finalise CHMP • Present recommendations to stakeholders | 30/11/2026 |

WNTAC PROJECT RESPONSIBILITIES

WNTAC will be responsible for the overall delivery of the project, including:

- Grant administration & reporting
- Supporting the delivery of all milestones
- Providing access (where relevant and appropriate) to research materials
- Engaging appropriate Waanyi cultural advisors
- Coordinating approvals & logistics (including support from other project partners)



WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU