Waanyi
NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC

Newsletter
November 2026

Welcome to our Latest Update

Dear Waanyi Common Law Holders and Members,

There has been a lot of good things happening at the PBC over the last 18 months. We have come a long way. We are stronger now. We are looking after our Country, our culture, and our people better.

This newsletter tells you the good things we have done. **These wins belong to all of us.**

Key Achievements

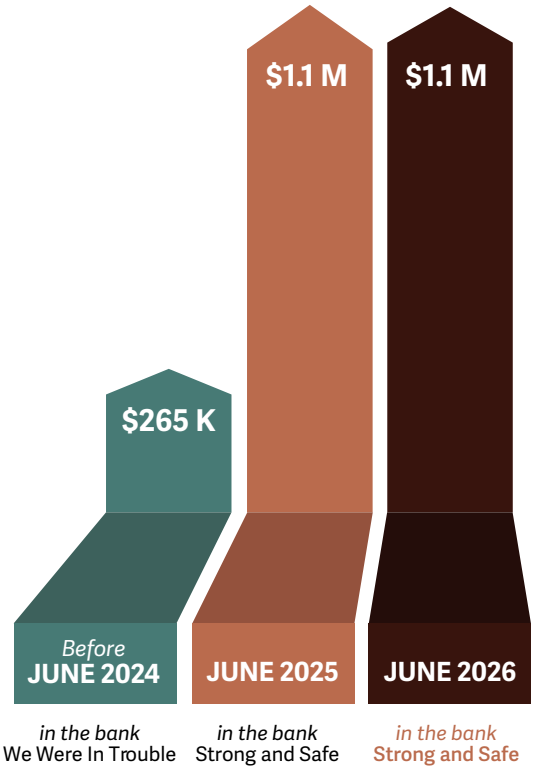
What we have done together 2025-2026

Getting Our PBC Strong Again

In 2024 our PBC was put under Special Administration. This means the government helped us fix problems. On 14 February 2025 that finished. Our own Directors took back control in mid-2025.

We now have a strong Board. Hayley Iles is our Chairperson. The Board Directors are Warren Smith-Chong, Everyl Johnny, Perry Bell, Byron Diamond, Dawn Aplin, Anthony Saltmere, Edwin Jacob, Sheryl Hedges and Hugo Johnston.

Anthony Whitfield is our new CEO/Business Manager. The Waanyi PBC Team is Boyd Simpson (Operations Manager); Conor Harrington (Heritage Manager); Tyrone Hookey (Community Engagement Officer) & Jonathan Hall (Administration Officer).



We now have better systems to look after our money and keep good records. We also made a new 5-year plan for 2025 to 2030.





Getting Our Country Back – Boodjamulla

One of the biggest wins is getting more of Boodjamulla National Park back.

November 2025

167, 400 ha

Returned to Country

247, 000+ ha

Total Country now returned

September 2026

Handback Celebration

Big celebration on Country

The park reopened in July 2025 after the big floods in 2023.

On 4 September 2026, we held a big celebration at Boodjamulla. Elders, families, young people and Rangers all came. It was a proud day.

This is the result of many years of hard work by our Elders. Now we must look after this Country for the next generations.

Looking After Culture and Making Jobs

We have given many Waanyi people work looking after cultural sites.

106 Waanyi Monitors employed	**1,200** Days worked on Country	**$950,000** Wages paid to Waanyi people
24 Cultural sites protected	**49** New sites recorded	**900+** Sites now in our database





- Our Monitors worked across 10+ different projects including mining exploration, national parks and government infrastructure.
- We organised 5 cultural heritage surveys to protect Country.

Grants and Projects

We have won $2 million in funding to support important work:

$250,000
Cultural work at Miyumba (Riversleigh)

$75,000
Renewable energy feasibility for Bidunggu

$160,000
Rehabilitation of flood-damaged sites on Gregory River

$230,000
Boodjamulla celebration and land handbacks

$100,000
Training & ranger base development in Gregory

$930,000
Boodjamulla National Park management and support

$20,000
Language Work

$250,000
PBC capacity and support

We organised 3 on-Country trips to Musselbrook and Elizabeth, Riversleigh and Boodjamulla NP, including a Waanyi women's trip, for our people to visit and look after important places.









Culture, Language and Bringing Things Home

- We brought old artefacts taken away in the 1970s back to Waanyi Country.
- We are still talking with the Queensland Museum about bringing more things home.
- We helped members get copies of old family voice recordings.
- We are asking governments to use the Waanyi name Miyumba for Riversleigh.

Working with Community

$60,200+

Hardship support in 2026
for medical travel & sorry business

32

New members welcomed
to the PBC this year

- We helped 165 Waanyi people who needed hardship support for medical travel and sorry business.
- We held regular community meetings in Gregory, Doomadgee and other places.
- We had 100+ Waanyi people attend the last AGM (held May 2026 in Gregory).
- We sent regular newsletters and posted regular updates to our Facebook and LinkedIn pages.

- We managed Boodjamulla National Park website.
- We talked with Santos, Century Mine, Burke Shire Council, Mount Isa Council and others about Waanyi peoples' rights and interests on Native Title land and waters.
- We helped people to make important decisions about Eligible Bodies under the Gulf Communities Agreement.

Looking Ahead

Our PBC is now stronger. Our money is safer. We have more Country back. We are looking after culture and making jobs.

We will keep working on our 2025–2030 plan – more jobs, support for young people and women, and looking after Country. We will work closer with the Ngumari Waanyi Rangers and develop a base at Gregory.

Getting Boodjamulla back is a big win. It is also a big responsibility. We will look after it together.

Always Waanyi.

Stay Connected on Socials

Our community is strong, proud, and always moving forward. To help keep everyone connected and informed, Waanyi PBC has launched an official Facebook page — a new way to share updates, opportunities, and stories that matter to our people.

This page is for our mob — to share news, support each other, and stay strong together. Use your mobile to scan the QR Code to follow the page and stay connected.

We have also launched a Waanyi LinkedIn page, which is a platform to share our work with partners, organisations, and supporters. Follow us there if you're on LinkedIn and want to see how Waanyi is leading in land management, cultural governance, and economic development.

Help us spread the word and encourage family members to follow too. The more connected we are, the stronger we grow together.

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