

# Summary of Achievements November 2025

# **Timeline (Key Events)**

1 July 2024 – Waanyi Joint Venture managing all Government Grants and projects end – Delivered directly
 by the Waanyi PBC under Special Administration

8 August 2024 - Employment of inhouse Anthropologist

**14 February 2025** – Special Administration ends. Member Directors and Specialist Independent Directors take office

17 March 2025 - Commencement of CEO - Michael Miller

25 March 2025 - Recruitment of Program Coordinator

May 2025 – Community Meeting, Gregory

June 2025 - On-Country BCMC, Gregory/Boodjamulla National Park

September 2025 - Community Meeting, Gregory

November 2025 – AGM & Community Meeting, Burketown

## **Financial Position**

30 June 2024 – Cash at Bank \$265,238 Monies owed to PBC \$219,304 - Total Current Assets – 484,542 - Debts owed by PBC \$530,954. Money owed greater than money held by PBC – PBC was not able to pay its bills when they fell due - Insolvent

**30 June 2025 –** Cash at Bank \$1,154,662 Monies owed to PBC \$168,530 - Total Current Assets – 1,323,192 - Debts owed by PBC \$181,602. Money owed less than money held by PBC – Solvent and thriving

## **Boards & Committees**

**PBC Board** 

Strategic Plan 2025-2030 delivered Governance training completed 12 CAG/Board meetings July 1 2024 to June 30 2025 4 Board Meetings – July 1 to 30 October 2025

**Boodjamulla Cooperative Management Committee** 

Governance training Waanyi Cultural Induction 10 meetings including two on-Country Riversleigh World Heritage Advisory Committee - 2 meetings

**Century Environment Committee** - 2 meetings

Boodjamulla Major Projects Board (re-development) - 6 meetings



# **Heritage Services**

Employed 75 Waanyi Monitors who spent a combined 900 days working on Country

Waanyi Monitors earned \$600,000 in direct income

Implemented five Heritage Protection Agreements

Coordinated eleven (11) cultural heritage surveys

Provided Cultural Monitoring services across ten (10) different projects

Visited 35 culturally significant sites

Documented 48 previously unrecorded cultural sites

Protected 50 cultural sites from mining exploration and development

Provided more than twelve (12) cultural heritage inductions

# **Boodjamulla National Park**

19 November 2025 - Stage 2 land hand-back completed – 167,000 hectares handed back to Waanyi

Flood recovery infrastructure reconstruction commences

Park re-opens to public (some areas still inaccessible)

**Natural resource management** workshop (April) and assessments (October) completed for fire, weeds, pests and threatened species

April 2025 – Completed the Australian Heritage Grant project and launched the Riversleigh Fossil Dreaming Tour on the Boodjamulla National Park website - https://boodjamullanationalpark.com.au October 2025 – The Fossil Dreaming Tour was featured in the University of New South Wales library exhibition 'Revealing Riversleigh'

2025 - Cultural Values Mapping Project

Held 3 on-Country trips to Riversleigh, Lawn Hill and Musselbrook/Elizabeth areas Continued the development of the PBC's cultural heritage database

March 2025 – wrote to the Queensland, South Australian and Australian Government Ministers requesting that the Riversleigh World Heritage Area be formally re-named to include the Waanyi language name 'Miyumba'









## **Other Projects & Initiatives**

April 2025 - Submission of Century training tender - Unfortunately unsuccessful

Submission of the NIAA Capacity Building Grant - ongoing

#### Language

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Feb 2025 - 200 copies of the Waanyi Plants & Animals book printed

**Nov 2025** – supported one PBC member's application to attend the Queensland State Archives First Nations Language Research Workshop in Brisbane

## **Cultural Heritage Repatriation & Stewardship**

**September 2025** – Returned post-contact artefacts collected from Boodjamulla National Park in the 1980s back to Waanyi country

May 2025 - Arranged Waanyi inspection of the artefact collection held at Century Mine

October 2025 – Arranged Waanyi inspection of suspected cultural heritage find at Boodjamulla National Park

**June 2025** – Arranged for Doomadgee school children to view artefacts from the gulf held at the Queensland Museum in Brisbane

**Ongoing** – continued discussions with the Queensland Museum about exhibitions and repatriation of cultural heritage

**Supported Waanyi members** to get copies of historical audio recordings of family from collections held in Canberra and South Australia

**Organised the return** of research reports, photographs, videos, and other cultural heritage information and added records of over 750 cultural sites and 1,000 photos to the PBC's cultural database

# **New Grant-Funding Received**

## June 2025 - Cultural Heritage Flood Impact Assessments

Awarded \$75,000 from the Queensland and Australian Government Disaster Recovery Fund to investigate the damage the March 2023 floods had on Waanyi cultural sites along the Gregory River. This project was successfully delivered.

#### October 2025 - First Nations Heritage Grant

Awarded \$250,000 from the Australian Government to deliver the Riversleigh Cultural Values Investigations Project at the Riversleigh World Heritage Area. This project will be delivered in 2026.

#### 2025 - Century Environment Committee

Awarded \$200,000 toward the development of infrastructure in Gregory for a training and ranger base.









# **Engagement & Communication**

### April 2025 - Stakeholder Day

Held a stakeholder day in Brisbane for mining and tourism parters to promote economic development opportunities on Waanyi Country

#### **Memberships**

Increased the number of Waanyi memberships

#### **Social Media**

Launched public Facebook and LinkedIn pages

**Took over the management of the Boodajmulla National Park website** (https://boodjamullanationalpark. com.au) and undertook key updates

Continued the publication of Newsletters for members and stakeholders

**Undertook a member engagement campaign** that included radio advertisements and local advertisements in Doomadgee Supermarket

#### **Native Title**

### **Ongoing: Santos negotiations**

Negotiated funding agreement for Santos negotiations and commissioned independent experts to complete environmental and socio-economic impact assessments

Arranged for Santos and Independent Experts to present to Waanyi Community Meeting in Gregory

**Feb 2025:** Provided support to Waanyi native title holders to respond to Stanbroke's non-claimant application over part of Augustus Downs West

Ongoing: Continued discussions with Burke Shire about the proposed ILUA over Gregory and Bidunggu

**Ongoing:** Commenced discussions with Sibanye Stillwater about the future of the Century Mine post-2027 and arranged for Sibanye to present to Community Meeting in Gregory

**Ongoing:** Commenced discussions with Mount Isa City Council about negotiating ILUA over quarries on Waanyi country

**2025** – Provided Waanyi community with information and opportunities to discuss and review the eligible bodies recognised under the Gulf Communities Agreement including at Community Meeting in Gregory





