



## WELCOME

This is the Guumbarr Trust's first newsletter to let you know what we have been doing. We called the trust Guumbarr because it has a significant meaning:

### "Guumbarr"

is a Jabirr Jabirr word for a stone, rock or pebble which were items or things used as currency to trade with other groups or each other. It is now commonly used by people to refer to money.

## What is Guumbarr?

Guumbarr is a trustee company set up to look after the money side of things for the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr Native Title Claim Group (GJJ) arising from the Agreement it signed about the Browse LNG project.

Guumbarr was set up in May 2012 and has a board of five Directors. There are three Traditional Owner Director positions and two Independent Director positions.

The Directors are responsible for looking after the money. Their job is to invest some money for the long term, and also make sure there is money available to fund projects for GJJ people. There are strong rules that the Directors must follow to do this work legally and properly for everybody.

As part of the Browse LNG Precinct Project Agreement, Guumbarr has to set up different trusts. Each trust has a specific reason and work to do.

The GJJ claim group's administration body, Waardi Limited, owns Guumbarr and is the only shareholder.

## Who are the directors?



**Lindsay Greatorex** is a Traditional Owner Director and works for Woodside as the Indigenous Employment Advisor. Lindsay is a former policeman and regional Kimberley sporting coach. Lindsay is passionate about Indigenous employment opportunities.



**Mervyn Maher** is a Traditional Owner Director and works for Kimberley Land Council as a Finance Officer. He has been involved in financial management of Indigenous organisations and communities for more than 25 years. Mervyn is using his employment background for the betterment of his people.



**Rosemary Wheatley** is an Independent Director chosen by the State. Rosemary is a retired lawyer and lives in the South West. Rosemary is passionate about educational opportunities for Indigenous people and in particular GJJ people as this the best way forward.



**Chris Guille** is an Independent Director chosen by Waardi Ltd. Chris is a Professional Trustee with more than 15 years' experience working with Indigenous trusts around Australia. Unfortunately, he barracks for the Crows!

The third Traditional Owner Director position is in the process of being filled. We will introduce this new Director to you in the next newsletter.

## What has Guumbarr been up to?

It takes a lot of work to establish a trustee company.

The Board of Directors have been working hard to get everything set up the right way.

They have met four times and have been very careful to make sure all the paperwork and legal work is done properly because once things are set up it's hard to make changes.

Under the project Agreement, Woodside will put money into the trusts once they are set up. The Directors have almost completed all the paperwork to get the trusts set up and ready to receive the first payments.

The Directors also have been working on the rules about how the money can be used the best way for GJJ people.

They have just finished working out the rules for the following programs:

- Education Program;
- Sporting and Arts Program;
- Funeral Program;
- Elders Program;
- Health Care Program;
- Emergency Relief Program;
- Cultural Activities Program;
- Living on Country Program;
- Training Program;
- Child Care Program; and
- Miscellaneous (or 'other') Program.

The Programs above are just for GJJ people.

Guumbarr will give GJJ people an update at the Waardi Annual General Meeting and tell everyone more about these programs and when people can start applying for assistance.



Guumbarr Board: Directors Lindsay Greatorex, Mervyn Maher, Rosemary Wheatley and Chair, Chris Guille

## What's next?

Guumbarr will be working with its CEO to make sure there are staff in the office who can help GJJ people apply for assistance under the different programs.

If the Woodside project goes ahead, there are funds for housing and economic development. The State Government also will make land available for housing and development.

The Directors are looking forward to working for the GJJ people.

Their job is to manage benefits that will come if the project goes ahead to offer better opportunities for everybody.



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