

DAMBIMANGARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Member Roadshow | 2025





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WELCOME TO OUR 2025 MEMBERS INFORMATION ROADSHOW

In October 2024 I was asked to support Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation for a period of eight weeks as its Interim CEO, pending the outcome of a recruitment process for a new CEO. Whilst in the temporary role it was great to meet so many of the Corporation's members at the 2024 Information Day and Annual General Meeting at Mowanjum. I very much enjoyed the experience of sitting with Corporation members to see the outcome of the 2024 work activities of the Dambimangari teams and to observe the keen interest that members took in the work of the Corporation. Long story short: when in January 2025 the Board offered me the opportunity to stay a little longer, as CEO, I was delighted to accept. I look forward to renewing acquaintance with many I have met since my appointment during the 2025 Roadshow.

As I've settled in over the past 7 months, I've been working closely with the Board and the team to understand the key priorities that need to be delivered. As always, during the Roadshow we will be speaking with you about some upcoming projects like the Compensation Claim, the Cultural Database, the Tourism and Visitor Plan, Economic Development and Koolan and Cockatoo Islands. You will also find further information in this booklet and I encourage you to discuss with your family and get in touch with us if you have any feedback or questions.

Under the Board's guidance, we have been employing new staff to work on these projects. They bring new energy to our team and already their impact is having a positive effect. Hopefully you will meet with many of them over the course of the year. We have some introductions in the pages that follow.

Your Board has also been working hard since the AGM, with meetings including:

- 12 days of Corporation and Trust meetings
- 3 Finance Subcommittee meetings;
- The first official Cockatoo Island Mining ILUA Committee meeting;
- The first official Crestlink ILUA Committee meeting;
- Appointing a working group to finalise the strategic plan;
- A series of Koolan Island Post Mining related meetings;
- Representing Dambimangari interests during a site visit to Tasmania with Tassal.

It's still early in the year, and we have lots more we wish to accomplish before this year's AGM.

Finally, I remind everyone that it is an election year. If you are thinking of nominating to be a part of the Board of Directors, you will need a Director ID. Please contact our office if you require assistance.



Photo of Board members and CEO arriving in Tasmania for the Tassal site visit.
Left to right: Cecilia Umbagai (Director), Pete O'Connor (Director and Head Cultural Ranger), Paul Morgan (CEO), Leah Umbagai (Vice-Chairperson), Ric Davies (Native Title Consultant).



**AS ELECTED AT OUR 2024 AGM, YOUR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE:**

Gary Umbagai (Chairman)
Leah Umbagai (Vice-Chair)
Kallum Mungulu
Kirsty Burgu
Marilee Liddell
Rowena Mouda
Cecilia Umbagai
Francis Woolagoodja
Pete O'Connor
Stamatis Skiadas

MEET OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS



Paul Morgan
Chief Executive Officer

What does Paul do at Dambi? I stepped into the role of Acting CEO at DAC on the 14th October 2024 and since then have taken on the role in a permanent capacity. My vision for the corporation, supported by the Board of Directors and team of professional staff, is to successfully lead Dambi's strategic objectives and vision forward to have a positive impact for Dambimangari people for generations to come.

How do you contact Paul? The best way to contact Paul is via email ceo@dambi.org.au, call the Derby office and ask for him or contact Rebecca Barratt, Executive Assistant via email ea@dambi.org.au.



Kim Cream
Garaan-ngaddim (Horizontal Falls) Project Officer

What do I do at Dambi? As the Garaan-ngaddim (Horizontal Falls) Project Officer, I am responsible for developing culturally appropriate tourism experiences that reflect and uphold Dambimangari values. I work closely with Traditional Owners, the DAC Board and staff, community members and key stakeholders to lead the planning, coordination and delivery of tourism initiatives at Garaan-ngaddim. My role also includes supporting the successful launch and long-term management of these experiences, ensuring they align with cultural protocols and community aspirations.

How do you contact me? You can contact me via email at GNPO@dambi.org.au or by phone on 0472 624 124.



Jordie Rieniets
Tour Guide Coordinator

What do I do at Dambi? My role at Dambimangari is the Tour Guide Coordinator. I work alongside commercial tour operators and as cultural tour guides to provide a unique cultural experience to visitors travelling through Dambimangari country.

How do you contact me? I can be contacted via TGC@dambi.org.au or you can come and see me in person in the Dambimangari office.



Esekia Bradshaw
Cultural Tour Guide

What do I do at Dambi? I provide a unique cultural experience for visitors to Dambeemangaddee Country

How do you contact me? Get in touch with me via the Tour Guide Coordinator Jordie at the Dambi office or email tgc@dambi.org.au



Healthy Country Dambimangari Rangers – 2025



Chelsea Osborne
Cultural Tour Guide

What do I do at Dambi? I provide a unique cultural experience for visitors to Dambeemangaddee Country

How do you contact me? Get in touch with me via the Tour Guide Coordinator Jordie at the Dambi office or email tgc@dambi.org.au



Kate Sutton
Media and Communications

What do I do at Dambi? My role is to help staff and members more effectively communicate messages from the corporation. I also help manage media wanting to access and record Dambeemangaddee people, culture and Country to ensure all protocols are adhered to and messaging is managed and communicated correctly.

How do you contact me? I am based in Margaret River. I travel regularly to the Kimberley and can be contacted via email media@dambi.org.au



Corbin Bedford-Dolby
Dambimangari Ranger

What do I do at Dambi? I work with the other rangers together to manage our land and sea country.

How do you contact me? Call the Dambi office, or contact Ranger Coordinator Tom Gill via email: rco@dambi.org.au



COMPENSATION CLAIM

BACKGROUND

Yampi Sound Training Area (YSTA) covers an area of 5,660 square kilometres. It comprises three (3) former pastoral leases (Kimbolton, Oobagooma and Terraji). These were compulsorily acquired in late 1978 by the Commonwealth of Australia for the purposes of defence.

Pastoralists were compensated at the time as provided for in that Act. We do not know how much was paid by the Commonwealth at the time by way of compensation to the pastoralists.

The Commonwealth and State Governments did not think they had to pay any compensation to Aboriginal traditional owners of land or waters for their dispossession until the Mabo decision was handed down by the High Court in June 1992. However, the Mabo High Court judges determined that Aboriginal traditional owners of land were not entitled under Australian law to be compensated for that took place prior to 31 October 1975, the day the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 started. Those dispossessed after that date are compensable.

DAMBIMANGARI ENTITLEMENT TO NATIVE TITLE COMPENSATION

The Board of Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation has long considered there is a viable claim for compensation against the Commonwealth for economic and cultural loss arising from the Department of Defence's occupation of Dambimangari territories.

The Board, at its meeting in April 2025 agreed to ask the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) for assistance to complete the compensation claim. The KLC has experience in the management of compensation claims. In advice to us from the KLC we understand it will take about 6-12 months before the claim is filed and maybe another 1-2 years for a resolution to be achieved. Any compensation received as a result of our claim will be managed by the Board of the corporation for the benefit of its members.

A compensation claim subcommittee will be appointed by the Board at its June meeting. The subcommittee will include representatives of the families affected by the Department of Defence's occupation.

CULTURAL PROGRAMS – DIGITAL CULTURAL DATABASE

Creating a Cultural Database Information System is a request from Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation (DAC) members. It serves as a space to store information about elders, trips on Country, Dambeema, genealogies, plants and animals, places and sites, traditional knowledge, language and Lalai. The project is being developed and co-designed with Right Geo Place, Dr. Kim Doohan and Dambimangari Traditional Owners (TOs).

This data base is not the same as other databases. It has been created specifically for DAC Traditional Owners and is a private database with rules about accessing and using the data.

PHASE 1 – PROJECT SCOPING AND CO-DESIGN, COMPLETED

In April 2024, we held the first workshop with Dambimangari TOs to determine how the information should be displayed in the database system. This was also an opportunity to review protocols, permissions, restrictions and security measures.

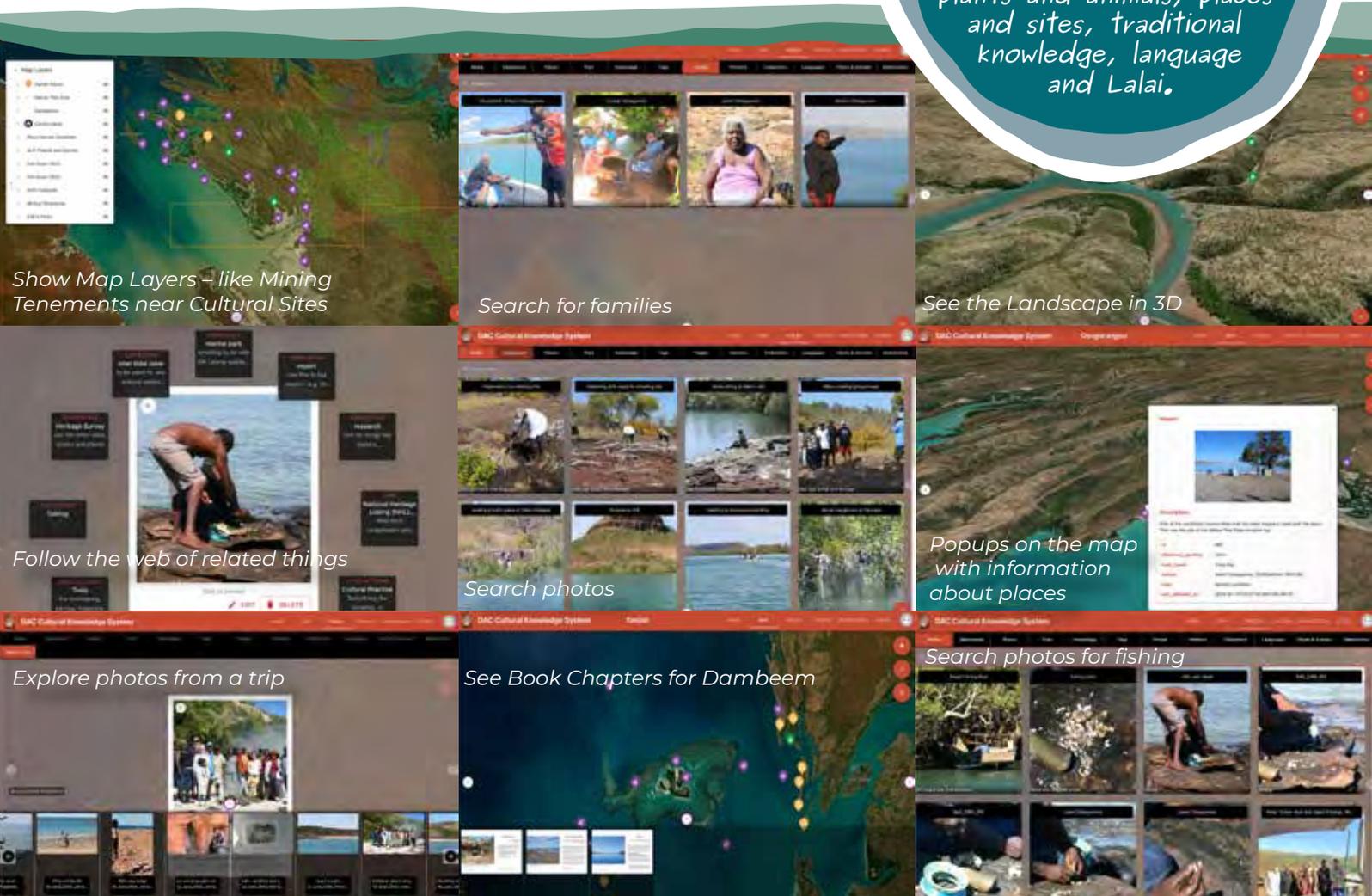
PHASE 2 – DEVELOPMENT PHASE, COMPLETED

From May 2024 to April 2025, we focused on engineering the system with the features requested by TOs and we began the data ingestion process by selecting archives and identifying the types of information available. A key achievement of the system is its media focus, which allows for the display of extensive audio and video material. During this stage, all archives need to be tagged for uploading. We also tested the system's speed and functionality while fixing any bugs. During this phase, we held two workshops at DAC, in December 2024 and April 2025.

PHASE 3 – TRAINING AND REFINEMENT PHASE

At this stage, the DAC team will receive training to access the system and continue uploading new archives. The database system will be displayed via a link on the Dambimangari website, with private login details in September 2025.

The Digital Cultural Database serves as a space to store information about elders, trips on Country, Dambeema, genealogies, plants and animals, places and sites, traditional knowledge, language and Lalai.



Show Map Layers – like Mining Tenements near Cultural Sites

Search for families

See the Landscape in 3D

Follow the web of related things

Search photos

Popups on the map with information about places

Explore photos from a trip

See Book Chapters for Dambeema

Search photos for fishing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

By Jessica Forrest Economic Development Manager

INTRODUCTION

It has been an incredible privilege to serve as part of the Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation for the past three years. During my time in this position, I have witnessed the corporation grow and evolve, and I remain committed to supporting the aspirations of our membership. This year has been a time of transition, as we have seen the departure of several staff members and welcomed new faces, including our new CEO. Despite these changes, we are entering an exciting period with a renewed strategic focus on delivering key outcomes that align with the aspirations of the Dambimangari people. I am enthusiastic about the future and the important work we have ahead of us.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS WITH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

One of the ongoing initiatives I have focused on this year is providing support to individual members interested in starting small businesses. This work aligns with our mission to empower the Dambimangari people economically and help them pursue their dreams of business ownership.



BUSINESS PLAN SUPPORT

Over the past year, I have assisted six members by developing detailed and tailored business plans. These plans provide actionable steps, helping each member navigate the early stages of starting a business. My support has included one-on-one guidance, helping members identify viable business ideas and engaging third parties offering specialised assistance.

CHALLENGES AND PROGRESS

However, despite the support in place, it has been a challenging journey for many. Starting a business requires a significant commitment of time and resources, and many members face obstacles that hinder their progress, such as:

- **Fear of Failure:** Some members hesitate to take the first step, fearing that their business ideas may not succeed.
- **Personal Commitments:** Balancing family, work, and cultural obligations often leaves little time to focus on launching a business.
- **Lack of Confidence:** A recurring theme has been self-doubt, which has held some back from pursuing their goals. Out of the five members I've worked with, three made slow but steady progress, taking the necessary steps towards turning their business idea into reality. It is important to recognise that this journey is a long one, and for some, it will take time to gain the confidence and resources they need to move forward.



Tashka holding up sample product.



Koolan Island Cultural Centre - Spear .

LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, I plan to continue offering individualised support, alongside group workshops to foster peer learning and build a supportive community of aspiring entrepreneurs. By connecting members with successful business owners in the community, I hope to inspire more people to explore their entrepreneurial potential and overcome the challenges they face.

DAC COMMERCIAL ARM

OVERVIEW

Over the past few years, the development of a dedicated commercial arm for Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation has been a topic of discussion and interest. While progress has been slower than hoped, this has largely been due to the Board's need to prioritise other important matters that directly impact our members and operations.

However, under the strong leadership and renewed focus of our new CEO, we are pleased to share that formal steps are now being taken to register and structure the DAC Commercial Arm.

This marks an exciting and important turning point. Establishing a separate commercial entity will allow DAC to pursue economic development opportunities with greater flexibility and efficiency, while maintaining clear boundaries between our cultural, community, and commercial interests.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are expecting to make significant progress in this space. Once finalised, we will provide members with a full overview of:

- How the DAC Commercial Arm is structured;
- The purpose and reasoning behind its development;
- The types of commercial activities it will undertake;
- How it will create opportunities and long-term benefits for the Dambimangari people.

We thank members for their patience and look forward to sharing more in the near future as this important work moves forward.

DAMBIMANGARI SEED COLLECTION PROJECT

The Dambimangari Seed Collection Project has progressed significantly over the past 12 months, laying the foundation for a long-term, sustainable business venture that supports cultural knowledge, environmental rehabilitation, and economic development for Dambimangari people.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The initiative was developed in response to Mount Gibson Iron Ore's (MGX) requirement for native seeds for post-mining land rehabilitation on Koolan Island. Recognising the opportunity to establish a Dambimangari-led business that could supply these seeds—and potentially expand to other markets—DAC committed to supporting the development of this enterprise.

PROGRESS TO DATE

- **Approval and Support:** The DAC Board has endorsed the seed collection project as a long-term commercial opportunity for the Corporation and its members.
- **Seed Collection Activity:** A pilot collection has commenced on Koolan Island, led by Jodi and involving five engaged Traditional Owners. This work has helped identify viable species, refine collection methods, and develop safe operational protocols.
- **Business Development:** An initial operational business plan has been drafted, with a focus on:
 - Scaling up collection to meet MGX's target of 4,000 kg of native seeds.
 - Expanding collection areas to include mainland sites to ensure sustainability and meet volume requirements.
 - Structuring the business to create meaningful employment for Dambimangari people, with an emphasis on cultural knowledge, land connection, and long-term employment opportunities.



NEXT STEPS

- Finalise the business plan with input from the DAC board and presentation of the start up and operational budget.
- Start-up process purchase equipment, processing and storage area for the seeds.
- Formalise a commercial agreement with MGX to underpin the project's viability.
- Environmental assessments to confirm sustainable harvesting practices across target areas.



KOOLAN ISLAND CULTURAL CENTRE

One of the most exciting initiatives this year has been the continued development of the Koolan Island Cultural Centre. This project represents a unique opportunity to showcase the culture and history of the Dambimangari people and create a legacy for future generations.

OVERVIEW

The Koolan Island Cultural Centre is designed to serve as a cultural and arts destination, particularly for cruise ship passengers visiting the area. Its purpose is to promote and preserve the history, traditions, and art of the Dambimangari people, creating a space where visitors can experience and engage with our culture in a meaningful way. And more so a space for Dambimangari people to have ownership and a space to showcase to the older generation that their legacy will continue on in this space and a space for teaching and learning for the younger generations.

This project represents a unique opportunity to showcase the culture and history of the Dambimangari people and create a legacy for future generations.

PROGRESS

This year, we achieved several milestones:

- **Land Lease:** The Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation successfully secured the land lease for the Cultural Centre, which positions us to move forward with the project's development.
- **Building Modifications:** We have identified several necessary building modifications to enhance the Centre, including the installation of an external staircase, repairs to veranda decking, and improvements to interior and exterior spaces.
- **Steering Group:** A Steering Group of DAC members was formed to guide the development of the Centre's exhibition content. This group brings together individuals with cultural and artistic expertise, ensuring that the Centre's offerings reflect the Dambimangari people's history and values.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

In addition to the Steering Group's work, we have begun an exciting project to document the spear-making process. Five Traditional Owners will visit Koolan Island to identify trees for spear-making, which will be filmed and turned into a documentary for display at the Cultural Centre. The spears created during this process will also be featured in the Centre's exhibition.

LOOKING AHEAD

We have several exciting developments on the horizon for the Koolan Island Cultural Centre, including:

- **Finalising Exhibition Content:** Over the next five months, the Steering Group will continue to work with our curator and designer to finalise the themes, stories, and objects that will be featured in the exhibition.
- **Building Modifications:** An external staircase is currently being constructed, and internal modifications and the fit-out process will begin mid this year.
- **Tourism Development:** The Centre is expected to become a key destination for cruise ship passengers and other tourists, offering an immersive cultural experience.

KOOLAN ISLAND

The Koolan Island space has been very busy, hectic but business is moving along!

- Annual Cultural Activities
- Work Ready Program
- Labour Hire Opportunities – recruitment of:
 - Business/Contract Opportunities
 - Cultural Centre
 - Network meetings/workshops – Enviro team
 - Heritage Ranger Officers x 2 – based on site
 - KICD Committee meetings x 4
 - KIPM Advisory Group x 4

DAC TRADITIONAL OWNER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

ANNUAL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Elders Visit: 13th – 15th May 2025

NAIDOC: 1st – 3rd July 2025

Men's Visit: April

Youth trip to Koolan (school holidays) x 2 trips:
April & October 2025

WORK READY PROGRAM

- Recruitment of Project Officer
- Secured a Project Officer to commence late April 2025

Please contact the Dambi office to register your interest.

KOOLAN ISLAND – MGX

LABOUR HIRE OPPORTUNITIES

- Seed Collection and Weed Management – commenced last year June 2023.
- Aviation Opportunities commenced in March 2025.

These employment opportunities are available to Dambi members, please contact the office to register your interest.

BUSINESS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Seed Collection and Weed management Business venture.

Exciting business opportunity for Dambi! This information can be provided by Jess Forest.

CULTURAL CENTRE

Very exciting news! The Cultural Centre is moving along, and we are seeing great movements of improvements and modifications to the structure. An external stairwell is currently being constructed.

MINE CLOSURE INFORMATION – ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

In the Post mining Mine Closure space G Umbagai and J Humphries nominated to join the MGI Mine Closure working team. This will mean participating in workshops and meetings to develop an action plan to meet the vision and needs of both MGI and Dambi.



HEALTHY COUNTRY

2024 HIGHLIGHTS & WINS

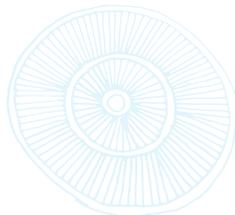
- Coastal Weeding Trip
- KLC Ranger Forum – Gnylmarung
- Coppermine Ablution Build
- Drone Dugong Training
- Men's Domestic Violence Workshop
- Kimberley Indigenous Women's Leadership Round Table
- ISWAG Forum
- SAREX
- Barge Construction
- Ranger 2 Construction
- Women's ranger team is growing!

RANGERS DELIVERED ALL PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Fire management
- Feral animal management
- Weed control
- Native plants and animals, threatened species
- Cultural heritage management
- Visitor management
- Sea Country management

TRAINING

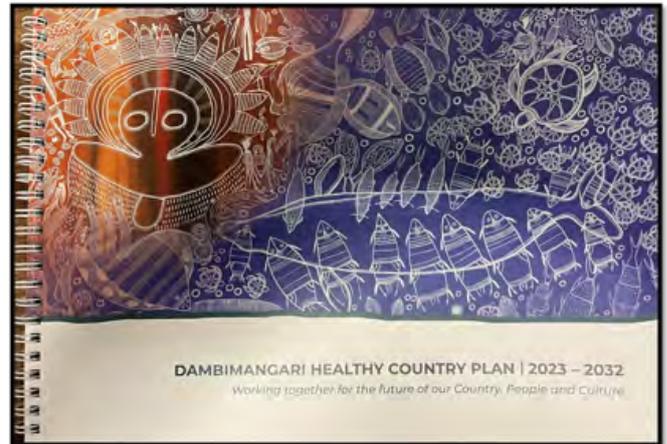
- Chemical Handling
- Cert 4 Planned Burning
- Cert 2 Power tools
- 4WD
- Forklift
- Remote First Aid
- Snake Handling
- Mapping
- Firearms



COPPERMINE ABLUTION BLOCK

- 2 x toilets
- 2 x showers
- Larger water capacity
- Large off grid solar system

INTRODUCING NEW DAMBIMANGARI HEALTHY COUNTRY PLAN 2022 – 2032



RANGER ACHIEVEMENTS

DAMBI RANGERS ARE NOW STEPPING UP INTO LEADERSHIP ROLES:

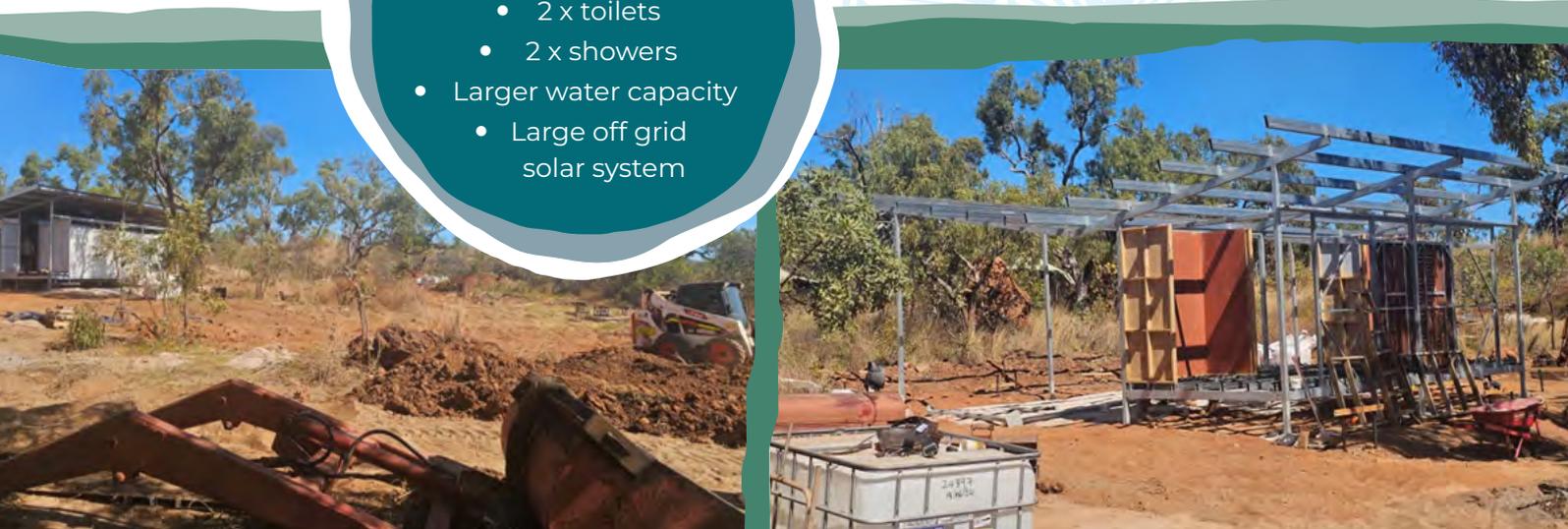


Azarnia Malay
Women's Ranger Coordinator

Raphael Matos
Head Ranger



Amelia Hurrell
Women's Head Ranger



DAMBI RANGERS TRAVELS!

BROOME

ISWAG INDIGENOUS SALT WATER ADVISORY GROUP FORUM
Amon & Amelia

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA SAVANNA FIRE FORUM
Pete, Amon & PC

FIRST NATIONS LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT FORUM
Frank, Olivia, AJ & Tom

DARWIN

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MAPPING WORKSHOP
Grace, Maria, Azarnia & Amelia

RePL DRONE TRAINING
Azarnia & PC

PERTH

GERMANY

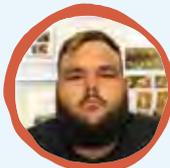
FROBENIUS EXHIBITION GERMANY
Pete

RANGERS OF THE YEAR
Azarnia Malay and Raphael Matos

LAND AND SEA TEAM 2024



Edmond Jungine
Senior Marine Park Ranger



Pete O'Connor
Senior Cultural Ranger



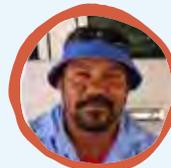
Phil Ngerdu
Ranger



Peter Cooper
Ranger



Allan Mungulu
Casual Ranger



Raphael Matos
Casual Ranger



Derek Oobaqooma
Ranger (AWC)



Frank Martin
Casual Ranger



Amelia Hurrell
Casual Biodiversity Ranger



Olivia Nulgit
Casual Ranger



Daphne Gilbey
Casual Ranger



Kirk Woolaoodja
Casual Marine Ranger



Kieran Bangmorra
Casual Marine Ranger



Kallum Mungulu
Casual Cultural Ranger



Folau Penaia
Casual Ranger



Rihanna Bangmorra
Casual Ranger



Michael Nulgit
Ranger Trainee



Levi Nevill
Ranger Trainee



Natashka Ozies
Marine Park Admin Trainee



Mariana Sampaio
Cultural Programs Coordinator



Sean Hunter
Healthy Country Manager



Leanne Ferguson
Sea Country Manager



Tom Gill
Men's Ranger Coordinator



Azarnia Malay
Women's Ranger Coordinator



Maria Sandoval
Marine Park and Joint Management Project Officer



Pam Jennings
Visitor Management Officer

GARAAN-NGADDIM (HORIZONTAL FALLS) PROJECT UPDATE – MAY 2025

Tourism at Garaan-ngaddim is going through big changes, as the State Government, tourism operators, and Traditional Owners work together to protect Country and culture while keeping tourism opportunities alive.

WHERE WE'RE AT NOW:

- **End of traversing the Falls by March 2028**
– By 2028 traversing the falls will be phased out and new Aboriginal Cultural Tourism Experiences will be established for visitors to experience this incredible country. We will still have tourism there, just in a new way that promotes safety and cultural protocols.
- **New Tourism Experiences in the Works** – We're working with government and tourism operators to create new, TO-led experiences to share the cultural and spiritual significance of Garaan-ngaddim.
- **Taking It Step by Step** – We are seeking a five-year commitment from the Government to make sure we get the balance right between tourism and protecting the Country and supporting TO led businesses to establish over this time frame.
- **Tourism is Still Open** – Visitors will still be able to experience the surrounding waters and airspace, with new cultural experiences being developed by the Dambi people.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW & WHAT'S NEXT?

The shift from adventure, thrill-seeking tourism to cultural appreciation is underway, putting TOs at the front of guiding visitors through Country and sharing their unique cultural stories.

STEPS TAKEN FOR TOUR GUIDES ON COUNTRY:

- In progress - Cultural Tour Guides will be based on the pontoon, welcoming visitors and sharing unique Wandjina Woongudd cultural knowledge in 2025.
- Cultural Tour Guide training program is in full swing. Up to eight new guides could be ready this season.

UPDATES ON PROGRAMS & PROGRESS:

- **On-Country Tourism Workshop (April 22-26, 2025)** – part of the DAC Garaan-ngaddim Concept and Feasibility will give family representatives a chance to discuss future tourism opportunities around Garaan-ngaddim.
- **Tourism Knowledge development trip in June** – Members of our Board will visit Indigenous tourism operations in Nitmiluk and Kakadu National Parks, where they have experienced similar tourism development concerns.

We will still have tourism there, just in a new way that promotes safety and cultural protocols.



WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

- Securing funding to support DAC Cultural Tour Guides with accommodation and transport on site.
- Proposal of more On-Country Trips for Dambi families to strengthen cultural connections and involvement in the area.
- Creating Business Opportunities for TO families, supporting cultural tour guides to work with DAC, and making sure Traditional Owners lead tourism experiences.
- The Garaan-ngaddim Working Group will provide advice to the State Government – due April 2025, to steer tourism development and investment in the region for Dambi people.

These changes will make sure Garaan-ngaddim is recognized as a place of cultural storytelling, with Dambi people leading the way for future generations.



Dambimangari Tour Guides

**For more information, contact Kim Cream – Garaan-ngaddim Project Officer
GNPO@dambi.org.au or 0472 624 124.**



TOURISM AND TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM ON DAMBEEMANGADDEE COUNTRY

- There are a couple of new positions within the tourism sector at DAC this year with the introduction of Jordie Rieniets as the new Tour Guide Coordinator and Kim Cream in the position of the Garaan-ngaddim Project Officer.
- We are currently in the process of hiring 8 new tour guides to begin running tours at the Garaan-ngaddim pontoons. The tours will happen with commercial tour boats throughout 5 different blocks during the tourist season.
- The guides will be involved in the upcoming 'sharing our stories' workshop as well as a field trip to experience a number of other cultural tours located within the west Kimberley. This will provide the guides with a great opportunity to see how other operators run their tours as well as gain knowledge and skills, which they can employ whilst out on country.
- Other training the guides will undertake is remote area first aid, cultural database training and completing several different tourism units through WA Tafe.
- Guides will be heavily involved in the delivery of cultural awareness training for the commercial tour operators that visit the Dambimangari coastline. These will predominantly happen throughout April and May with all of the commercial tour operators in Broome.
- The Dambimangari Country Visitor and Tourism Plan 2025 – 2029 has been completed and is available on our website. Copies are also available from the office in Derby.
- One of the actions from the Visitor Plan is to establish a Dambimangari Country Tourism Advisory Committee. Expressions of interest went out and the board is assessing the applications.

We are seeking expressions of interest for new tour guides to join the guiding team at DAC. Get in touch with Pamela Jennings (vmoo@dambi.org.au) at the DAC office if this is something that may interest you.

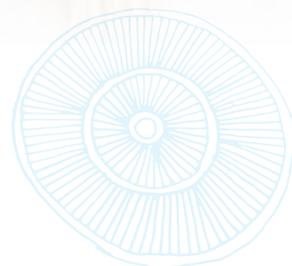
Left to Right: Robyn Mungulu, Esekia Bradshaw and Chelsea Osborne.

Cultural induction for Horizontal Falls
Seaplane Adventures in Talbot Bay.
Photo Pamela Jennings.

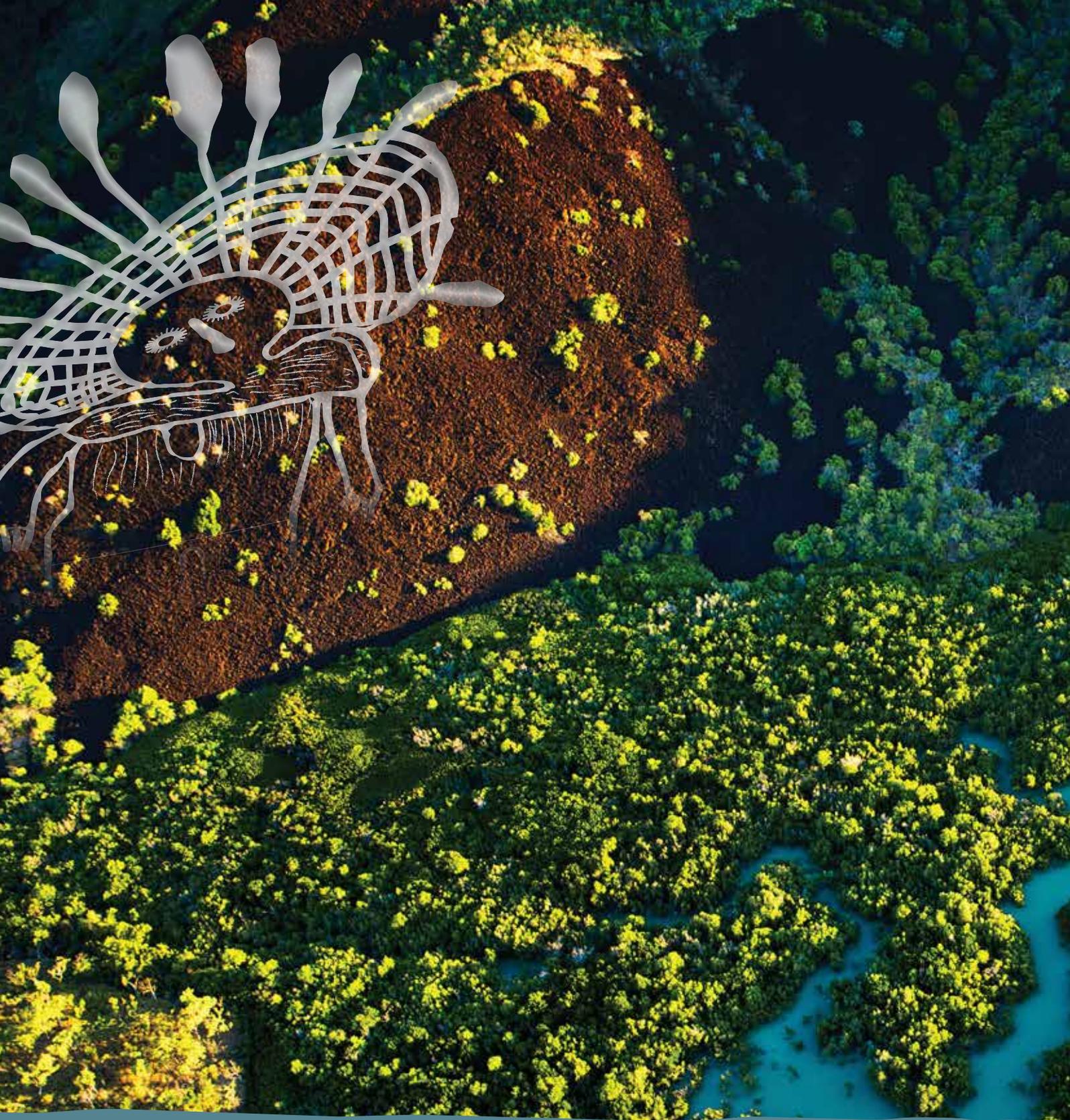


DAMBIMANGARI COUNTRY VISITOR AND TOURISM PLAN 2025 – 2029 INCLUDES:

- Purpose of the Plan
- Tourism guiding principles
- Priority tourism sites
- Delivery
- Action Plan covering:
 - Short term activities in 2024 – 2025,
 - Medium term activities 2026 – 2028
 - Long term activities – 2028 onwards



Cultural induction includes taking part in Wooloowa (smoking ceremony).



Lalang-gaddar
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