

2021-22
Annual Report



**Indigenous
Desert Alliance**
Keeping the desert connected

Image of Anangu Luritjuku and Walungurru Ranger Teams from the Central Land Council on a trip to Muruntji - Cleland Hills on Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust.

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Keeping the desert connected

The Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) is a member based organisation that plays a vital role in securing the future health of the Australian desert and its people. It does this by strengthening the existing connections between desert people, empowering Indigenous groups to look after their country and by promoting the importance of the Australian desert.

We work with over 60 ranger groups from across the desert to support in our role ‘Keeping the Desert Connected’ to empower a united voice for the desert.



Chairperson's Message

The IDA continues to bring together ranger groups from across the desert to collaboratively look after country in the traditions of our old people. We all come from the desert, it connects us and we have a shared desire to work together to keep our desert home strong for a long time to come.

It has been a big year of collaboration at the IDA. I look back and see Traditional Owners and rangers all on the same journey together. We have collectively dealt with the uncertainty and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and for the first time, many of us are talking about how we are going to deal with a changing climate.

The IDA ranger team exchanges and our program of forums and workshops continue to enable us to share knowledge, strengthen connections and talk about these global challenges, along with our healthy country priorities and aspirations.

I am proud to see rangers stepping up on their leadership journey and learning from their elders and each other through the Ranger Development Program. The IDA remains committed to ensuring all of our work provides opportunities for knowledge to be shared and passed down.

The 10 Deserts Project and Right Way Desert Fire program has also enabled many ranger teams to share resources and burn country at a scale seen nowhere else in the world. It's a big job to look after Threatened Species and carefully burn country the right way but our culture depends on it and desert rangers are working hard to stand up for country and culture.

I am proud to say that the IDA has become a strong organisation, with 21 staff working with over 60 desert ranger groups. Thank you to all the IDA members, rangers, directors and staff for showing up and speaking with a united voice for the desert this year. Whether it's a global pandemic or climate change, our care for each other keeps us going. Desert mob have 65,000+ years of wisdom and leadership, our eternal goals for looking after country are as strong as ever. The world is looking to Traditional Owners and Indigenous rangers to lead the way forward on protecting country, so it's important that we stay connected, support each other and continue to put the desert on the map.

M. Rose

Nyaparu Rose
Chairperson

Image of Anangu Luritjuku and Walungurru Ranger Teams from the Central Land Council camping near Muruntji - Cleland Hills on Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust.

CEO Report

Over this past year, the IDA has grown beyond its crucial network function and into an organisation with growing operational capacity. Tending to and growing the IDA network of rangers (more than 60 groups across the desert) continues to be core business for the IDA with our annual conferences and other events drawing rangers from all over the desert in large numbers.

In 2021/2022, we have developed an operational arm of the IDA with experienced staff regularly working alongside ranger teams to support the delivery of fire programs, providing ecological and field support, and ranger mentoring and development.

Over the course of the year, with new opportunities for growth and new partners and funding secured, we initiated an operational restructure into three discreet arms of the organisation focused collectively on delivering on our three pillars of the strategic plan:

- Strong and United Voice
- Strong Ranger Teams
- Strong Organisation.

Our inaugural two year strategic plan coincides with the end of this reporting period and I can say with confidence that we have followed it closely and delivered on it fully.

Our IDA network continued to bring rangers together to unite and strengthen their voice, to share information, build relationships and to enable the peer-to-peer learning network across the desert to thrive.

Our new major projects arm focused on delivering the massive and complex 10 Deserts Project to the highest standard possible, as well pioneering the world's largest Indigenous-led fire management program – Right Way Desert Fire.

The Ranger and Sector Development arm of the organisation has grown considerably with new positions coming on to work on the formation of long term financing mechanisms for the desert, expanding the Ranger Development Program across the four wards of the IDA and working on solutions to recruitment and retention in the developing Indigenous land management sector.

At the end of this reporting period, the IDA has grown into an organisation with 21 staff with offices in Alice Springs and Perth and staff working in Broome, Geraldton and Adelaide. Our growth as an organisation while fast, has been deliberate and matched by a focus on ensuring that all necessary systems and processes and long-term strategic and financial plans are being developed to match this growth.

Looking forward to next year, the IDA team will be finalising a new five-year strategic plan that will build on and enhance the strong outcomes that we have achieved in our first three years of operations.

It has again been a privilege to work with and learn from our committed and passionate staff and directors. Your commitment to ensuring that our members are central to our business and the care with which you hold the IDA is fundamental to our success.

Our relationship with our members is the lifeblood of the IDA and as they have been in 21/22, so will they continue to be alongside us on our journey, guiding our development in order to support their own. Our vision continues to be for a strong and professional Indigenous land management sector in the desert.

Lindsey Langford

Lindsey Langford
Chief Executive Officer



Highlights

Ngurrpa Rangers working with Ngurrara Rangers on a biodiversity survey at Kurlku - October 2021



Ranger Development Program

Ngurrara Rangers at a Ranger Development Program regional workshop in Fitzroy Crossing - November 2021



IDA Online Conference

IDA Online Conference hosted by IDA Chair Nyaparu Rose and Sam Murray, Ranger and Sector Development Manager - November 2021

Strong & United Voice

In 2021-22 we have continued to practice an advocacy approach that empowers our member's voices. While we have made some important submissions to government and participated in panels and steering committees, our primary advocacy driver is our annual conference.

In 2021, we again went online for our annual conference. A decision was made to restrict attendance at this conference to ranger teams. This more intimate approach enabled rangers to have longer periods of engaging on their terms entirely and had the effect of reinvigorating their voice and priorities for the desert. It enabled the IDA to refocus on the key areas where rangers want support. They spoke and we listened.

We have been active in many areas of advocacy including:

- Developing supportive networks through which to amplify the voice of the desert such as piloting the Desert Conservation Partnerships Network (DCPN) and participating regularly in national and global networks i.e. Ampliseed, Australian Lands Conservation Alliance, Australian Environmental Grantmaker Network and Indigenous Carbon Industry Network.
- Representing the desert on the steering committee for the Western Australian Aboriginal Ranger Program.
- With member support, writing pre-budget submissions on ranger funding to the federal government and on policy e.g. in respect of the emerging biodiversity markets.
- Writing a submission on the NIAA Draft Indigenous Ranger Sector Strategy 2022-2028
- Participated in consultations for the Federal Government's Threatened Species Action Plan 2022-32
- Staff speaking at and supporting rangers to speak at conferences:
 - Biodiversity Conference (Perth, September 2021)
 - Supported Karajarri to attend to talk about Fire Management and Biodiversity.
 - Supported KJ rangers to attend and talked about the results of 10 years of fire management around the Durba Hills.
 - Australian Land Conservation Alliance - Private Lands Conference (Online, March 2022).
 - Supported CLC to present on the 2021 fixed wing burning trip.
 - National First Peoples Gathering on Climate Change in FY20-21.
 - BCoE Forum and Landcare Conference are in FY22-23.
- Playing a strong role in the development of the Federal Government's State of Environment report.
- Finally, we have actively promoted our members media through our large network of supporter and followers, growing their audience for their important messages by growing ours.



Great Desert Skink Recovery Plan

Angas Downs Rangers from the Central Land Council surveying for Tjakura - December 2021



10 Deserts Project

Fire training at Australian Wildlife Conservancy Newhaven Sanctuary - April 2022



Ranger Team Exchanges

Nyangumarta and Kiwirrkurra ranger team exchange - August 2021



Right Way Desert Fire

Yilka ranger team ground burning operations - April 2021



Climate Story

Ltyentye Apurte Rangers inspecting an area with soil erosion and buffel grass weeds - June 2022



Sector Development

IDA and Central Land Council Staff - May 2022

Strong Ranger Teams

The IDA has continued to deliver on its mission to 'Keep the Desert Connected' in 2021/22 through supporting and developing strong ranger teams. The IDA has had a year of growth and consolidation – formally bringing together the IDA network through meetings and exchanges; developing and operationalising our ranger and sector development projects and strategies; and taking on the management of significant at-scale projects (including the 10 Deserts Project).

It has been a year which has seen the IDA enshrine itself as an essential organisation in the broader Indigenous land management (ILM) sector.

Our operational restructure, implemented in the second half of 2021, around three main 'pillars' – Ranger and Sector Development, Major Projects and 'The Network' has served the IDA and its members well ensuring they are well-supported in their aspirations. Highlights from 2021/22 are as follows.



Ranger Development Program, north west ward, ranger teams at Mimbi Gaves, Gooniyandi Country

IDA Conference

In November 2021, the IDA facilitated its Annual Conference as an online event, after having to cancel its plans to run the event face-to-face at Yulara, and also then changing its plan to run the event with multiple hubs in each state. This decision was taken with safety at the forefront of everyone's mind, with variable borders and growing COVID-19 outbreaks at the time.

The event was curated with a focus on ranger attendance and ranger team participation and was again well supported across the four wards of the IDA – a strong endorsement for the IDA continuing to successfully foster connection. 23 ranger teams attended the event with approximately 120 rangers in attendance and another 40 or so attendees also joining in. This additional attendance was made up by a combination of ranger coordinators, program managers and IDA staff.

Ranger to ranger priority setting sessions, which informs the IDA's annual priorities and project development, continue to be the highlight of the IDA's events and this session was again effective. It was also the first IDA event fully hosted by Indigenous people (IDA Chair Nyaparu Rose and Sam Murray, Ranger and Sector Development Manager).



Rangers were asked for key words that summed up how they felt at the end of the event.

They included:

- Interested
- Inspiring
- Proud
- Awesome
- Learned a lot
- Encouraging
- Well planned
- Great information

This was an amazing response given the level of 'Zoom fatigue' being felt at the end of the year. The willingness of rangers to continue to connect via videoconferencing is somewhat unexpected. The lesson to share is that if there are genuine relationships and connections, then there will be success.



Ranger teams connecting at the online IDA Conference - November 2021

Ranger Team Exchanges

Ranger Team Exchanges were a highly successful feature of the 2021/22 year for the IDA with cultural knowledge shared, new skills learnt, and friendships made across the desert. The interest generated out of the reports and videos from the exchanges supported by the IDA has excited many groups across the desert and as a result the IDA is expecting even more exchanges to take place in the coming year. Some exchange highlights for the past year have been:

- **In July**, the Kiwirrkurra Rangers drove to the Gulf of Carpentaria (NT) to meet with the li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers. Li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers were proud to show Mumathumburu (West Island) to the Kiwirrkurra Rangers, to introduce them to a range of new bush tucker, and to demonstrate how they conduct small mammal surveys and deploy Felixer traps as part of their feral cat control.
- **In August**, the Nyangumarta Rangers travelled to Kiwirrkurra to participate in an exchange with 11 Kiwirrkurra and three Li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers over four days. Sharing of Tjalapa (great desert skink) identification and monitoring, Kakarratul (marsupial mole) survey techniques, cat hunting skills, and traditional & cultural knowledge exchange occurred on the trip.
- **In October**, the Ngururra Rangers participated in a ranger exchange with the Ngurrara Rangers at Kurlku. The rangers helped set up a new biodiversity survey site and learned all about small animal trapping and identification. Ngururra Rangers had the opportunity to teach Ngurrara Rangers (and ecologists present) about the night parrot work they have been doing and how to use song meters and good places to put them. Ngurrara and Ngururra Rangers made great connections with each other while on country, founded on shared family and culture.
- **In June**, the Gooniyandi and Walungurru Rangers travelled long distances to meet with the Kiwirrkurra Rangers and share knowledge about looking after the bilby (Gooniyandi: nyarku, Pintupi: ninu) and great desert skink. Rangers went tracking for feral cats which harm these animal populations and learned these skills.

"The tracking work done by the Kiwirrkurra Rangers was incredible. The rangers can identify whether the tracks of a bilby mean the animal is a female, male or if it is a bilby pregnant or carrying young."

"I learnt a lot off the Kiwirrkurra women rangers who had spent most of their life traditionally in the bush away from town. The Kiwirrkurra rangers also had excellent ways to manage feral animal populations. It was a great experience for all of us and we can't wait to host them on our country."

– Russel Chestnut, Gooniyandi Ranger Coordinator



Kiwirrkurra and li-Anthawirriyarra ranger team exchange video



Nyangumarta and Kiwirrkurra ranger team exchange video



Ngururra and Ngurrara ranger team exchange video

Ranger Development Program

The Ranger Development Program (RDP) is a cultural, personal and professional development program that creates tailored ranger development pathways and builds leadership skills through practical, project-based learning. Rangers themselves determine the skills they wish to develop and the projects by which they wish to develop these skills and IDA RDP Officers then work to support this development.

The RDP is in the process of being delivered and developed across three of the wards of the IDA – North-West (NW), South-West (SW) and South-East (SE). Support for rangers in the NW ward through this program has been in action for over three years with inspiring results leading to the securing of funding for roll-out in the SW ward commencing in November 2021 and the SE ward in March 2022. Ranger teams involved in the program are currently supported through small project grants up to \$20,000 from the IDA to facilitate the skill development process. Teams sign up to the RDP with a 'Working Together Commitment' pledge, undertake skills development planning and undertake a project planning process. This process is underpinned by a schedule of regional workshops which allow rangers to share, develop and learn together.

The following teams are part of the RDP:

- NW Ward: Ngururra, Ngurrara, Nyangumarta, Karajarri, Warnpurru, Kumirriki and Paraku
- SW Ward: Yilka, Birriliburu, Matuwa Kurara Kurrara Rangers
- SE Ward (prospective teams – just commencing operations): Far West Coast Rangers, 2 x Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara teams (specific teams TBC)

The following highlights from the program are noteworthy:

North-West Region

- The Ngururra Rangers 'Engaging young women in ranger work' project funded through the RDP small grants program was led by rangers in May at Yagga Yagga. Thirteen women were part of the women's camp which included on-country media training through Camera Story.
- Supporting head Nyangumarta Ranger Lynette in completing the RDP small grants fund application for their 'Transfer of knowledge by elders and rangers to school kids' project.
- Supporting the Ngurrara Rangers in co-designing a two-way science project with Yakanarra and Djugerari schools.
- Supporting the emerging Warnpurru Rangers on a recent back to country trip.
- Supporting the rangers from RDP Teams to attend the inaugural Kimberley Land Council Women in Fire Workshop in Broome
- Joining Warnpurru Rangers on return to Country trip to continue introduction of RDP to the team.

South-West Region

- Working with the Birriliburu Rangers to connect them to the RDP program and engage with the team on other IDA sector development initiatives through trips to their country.
- Meeting with Matuwa Kurrara Kurrara (MKK) Rangers to introduce the RDP.
- Joining the MKK Rangers connecting to country trip at Ullala to develop relationships with the team and further explain the Ranger Development Program.
- RDP process for planning and budgeting completed with MKK Rangers.
- Working with the IDA Desert Fire staff to run a joint RDP/Fire trip with Yilka Rangers in Cosmo Newbery.

South-East Region

- Supporting the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (FWCAC) Cultural Mapping project and trip to explain and introduce the RDP with this emerging team.
- Liaising with FWCAC, Yalata and Kokatha Ranger teams and supporting organisations (Alinytjara Wilurara, Parks SA) to organise and prepare for a trip to deepen relationships explain the RDP to new rangers.

Thank you to Lotterywest for supporting the Ranger Development Program



RDP Regional Workshop November 2021

In November 2021, rangers came together for a two-day workshop in Fitzroy Crossing to learn more about the RDP and plan out projects that will help build the skills rangers want to work on.

Rangers felt these projects would help build confidence and skills in taking the lead on trips, two-way knowledge, planning, being a good leader and role model, recording cultural knowledge, presenting, public speaking and much more.

We look forward to the continued growth of the Ranger Development Program across the desert as it consolidates in the NW and continues to establish itself further in the SE and SW regions.

The IDA Network

IDA Website indigenoussdesertalliance.com

The launch of the new IDA website has been a major achievement, providing a reliable information source for members, the Indigenous land management sector and the general public. It has been designed as a public face for 'our network' as well as a members-only function where information can be shared and members can connect with each other. The members only page is currently in development and will be launched in late 2022.

IDA Ranger Coordinator Meetings

In late 2021 the IDA re-started Ranger Team Coordinators meetings as a way to keep this important network connected. These meetings have been well attended and provide a virtual support network for ranger team coordinators. They also facilitate a range of issues being discussed, where people from different organisations and from across the desert can learn from each other, share ideas and raise issues.

These meetings have continued to go ahead on a monthly basis since November, but quietened down during the busiest part of the field season, as is the case with much of this type of activity within the IDA. Meeting highlights:

- **November Ranger Coordinator (RC) Network Catch-up**
 - o 14 RCs in attendance
 - o Main discussion points around what RCs wanted out of catch-ups and potential Seminar Session topics for off-season
- **February Ranger Coordinator Network Catch-up**
 - o 16 RCs in attendance
 - o Main discussion points following Hamish Morgan presentation on 'Sector Development', followed by impacts of COVID on field season and other factors providing limitations
- **March Ranger Coordinator Network Catch-up**
 - o 17 RCs in attendance
 - o Main discussion points around 'What does climate change mean for ranger work?' following presentation by Jimmy Cocking, and climate adaptation
- **April Ranger Coordinator Network Catch-up**
 - o 4 RCs in attendance
 - o Due to low numbers (held Friday after Easter), became a generalised catch-up between those present and check on each other's well being
- **May Ranger Coordinator Network Catch-up**
 - o 9 RCs in attendance
 - o Main discussion points around 'Media and Comms in the Desert' following presentation by Luke Sweet, and the NIAA 2022-28 Indigenous Ranger Sector Strategy



IDA Website

Seminar Series

The IDA Seminar Series commenced early in 2022 as a means of discussing topics and sharing information relevant to all those working in Indigenous land management across the desert via videoconference. As there is significant geographical dispersion of members and ranger programs across the desert, this is a convenient and efficient way to bring groups together not only to discuss topics and share information but also to collect different and diverse views on important issues to guide the direction of the IDA.

The first year of seminars were well attended by members across the four wards of the IDA, with over 20 ranger teams represented. There is a desire for this activity to continue next year, following a similar schedule as the inaugural year.

Seminars held:

- **How satellite data can be used to help ranger work**
– Presenter: Hannah Cliff, IDA Senior Project Officer
- **What does climate change mean for ranger work?**
– Presenter: Jimmy Cocking, Senior Consultant to the IDA and former CEO Arid Lands Environment Centre and Rowena Bullio Indigenous Facilitator and CSIRO Research Technician
- **Managing for Great Desert Skink**
– Presenters – Rachel Paltridge (IDA Ecologist) who presented the draft recovery plan for the great desert skink, Tim McGrath (Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment), Birriliburu Rangers on recent field work surveying for the great desert skink and David Thuo (CSIRO)

Sector Development



Ngururpa, Ngurra Kayanta and Paraku Ranger teams – June 2022

The Indigenous land management (ILM) sector is growing in terms of investment, scope and sheer number of people and organisations engaged. Each of the employees, organisations and stakeholders are aligned to an underpinning theme of the sector – caring for country, culture and people. However as is the case with all maturing industries, capacity constraints emerge.

This has manifested in particular in the ILM sector with challenges around workforce development. An exciting and positive development in the IDA has been the employment of a Strategic Projects Coordinator to lead the compilation and delivery of our sector development strategy.

The IDA has also led the initial meetings of a group known as the **Desert Conservation Partnerships Network**. This network, seeks to:

1. Grow intra-sector relationships necessary to strengthen the sector and improve and sustain environmental, cultural and economic outcomes for desert Traditional Owners.
2. Promote best practice initiatives, methodologies, ways of doing business, and sharing of information.
3. Develop platforms for regional collaboration, for example, regional fire projects.
4. Consider sector wide initiatives to improve staff recruitment and retention, as well as skills and capacity.
5. Develop regional and long-term funding strategies for the desert
6. Discuss government and industry policies that impact the sector.

The inaugural meeting for this group was held in April 2022 and was attended by representatives of the IDA, Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Pew Charitable Trusts, Bush Heritage Australia, Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC), Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA) and Environs Kimberley. The group agreed that

working groups would be set up to meet and continue to discuss key sector-wide issues identified including workforce development and fire management.

Internship

The IDA has commenced the development of an IDA internship program, which seeks to address the needs of an emerging and growing ILM sector through providing a better pathway for talented and committed recruits to work in the sector.

Planning and design of the program is underway, and the project is on track with an expected trial of the internship taking place across 2023. The IDA is also working with member and kindred organisations to investigate innovative employment models to ensure there is a 'smoothing out' of the current challenges attributed to industry turnover and churn.

Long-term Financing Mechanism

The IDA and Social Ventures Australia have produced a draft business plan for a long-term financing mechanism for the desert. The financing mechanism aims to be reactive to resourcing needs that are pinned to eco-cultural patterns of the desert.

The IDA has employed a full-time development officer who has consulted widely with members and stakeholders, as well as seeking advice on our proposed model from a range of experts on comparative models and other insights.

This consultation process will continue as the business plan and model are refined to ensure they are fit for purpose. The development of the long-term financing mechanism will require IDA Board decision-making in the future ensuring its structure reflects the views of members. The IDA will then finalise the communications and marketing material for this financing mechanism with the view to seeking investment in mid-2023.

Major Projects



The 10 Deserts Project (10DP) has completed its first year under the management of the IDA. It has been an eventful 12 months, with many successes, opportunities and challenges to take on. The 10DP has been remarkable in its ability to attract support for some project streams and 2021/22 saw highlights including;

- The Right Way Desert Fire Project, which sits alongside the current 10 Deserts Fire Program, and supports what we believe to be the largest collaborative fire program globally.
- The continuation of research into developing a carbon methodology for the deserts, through a partnership with the ILSC, the Northern Territory Government, Charles Darwin University and others.
- The securing of funds for the IDA to work with partners towards the conservation of the great desert skink from the Australian Government. This on the back of drafting the Great Desert Skink recovery plan, is seen as a new way of engaging Indigenous people in the recovery plan process.



10DP and BCoE Desert Country Burn Guide

These projects add to the layers of connection between our partners, and the IDA's members. They show strength in the collaboration and buy-in from external organisations that can see the effectiveness of the work that is being undertaken. The work on the ground is not without its challenges. Partners have struggled to recruit through closed borders, and anecdotal evidence suggests individuals who would look to ILM work are being drawn to the increased wages of the mining sector, who are currently experiencing major recruiting issues themselves.

Some project areas have strong engagement and we are looking forward to how this will be reflected in the project evaluation. Those project areas that place the highest value on Indigenous engagement with country (Fire, Indigenous Cultural and Ecological Knowledge (ICEK) and emerging ranger teams) have had a greater uptake than those that are looking at threats to country (Feral camels, buffel grass management and tourism) or those that are a little abstract (carbon and biodiversity credits).



Nyikina Mangala Rangers - March 2022

Fire – Including the Right Way Desert Fire Project

10DP fire management work has expanded dramatically in its geographical and operational scope over the past year. The expansion of this work has been enabled by a significant increase in funding to the IDA in the form of a Commonwealth Government grant to implement the Right Way Desert Fire Project (RWDF).

The impact of increased strategic fire coordination in 2022 was perhaps best demonstrated with two collaborative and large-scale fixed-wing aerial burning trips, with a third scheduled for July.

- 2 trips
- 12 airstrips
- Over 30,000kms travelled
- Over 40,000 incendiaries used
- 14 Ranger Groups involved, including: Karajarri, Nyangumarta, Paruku, Kumirrk, Ngururpa, Ngurrara, Muru-warinyi Ankkul, Warlpiri, Kiwirrkurra, Nyinkina Mangala, Ngurra Kayanta, Murnkurumurnkurru and Northern Tanami Rangers.
- Over 80 Indigenous Rangers and Traditional Owners involved

In addition to facilitating these fixed-wing burning trips, 10DP has also supported helicopter based aerial prescribed burns with several Indigenous land management organisations including Nyangumarta, Ngurrara, Karajarri, Ngururpa, Ngurra Kayanta and Kiwirrkurra. Remote burning trips, regardless of how country is accessed, provide much more than the obvious outcomes of landscape scale fire management. Increased access to and familiarity with planes and helicopters enhances the ability of Indigenous land management organisations to maintain and transfer ecological and cultural knowledge of country that is difficult to access while broadening the operational scope of their land management activities.

To increase ranger and Traditional Owner participation, confidence and safety in burning activities, 10DP has supported three training events in 2022. These have delivered a suite of accredited training units in incendiary machine operation, working safely around aircraft and prescribed burning in Broome, Newhaven and Newman. The practical training delivery involved collaboration between multiple Indigenous organisations as well as private conservation organisations. These kinds of activities not only provided opportunities to upskill rangers so they can participate in future burning activities on the country they currently manage, but also elevated the mainstream acknowledgement as competent fire managers and a higher level of compliance to work on other land tenures in the future.

The impact of additional fire staff based in Western Australia and the Northern Territory has also become apparent through an abundance of fire-related activities right across the desert, some of which have been incubating for several years without any substantial action on the ground.

A long-running relationship between the 10DP and the Bushfire Centre of Excellence (BCoE), has led to the collaborative development of a 'Desert Country Burn Guide' that can be utilised by rangers in the field. This guide is largely pictorial, easily accessible and aims to provide rangers and support staff with a tool to guide fire management discussions.

The RWDF project has been pivotal and a game-changer for the desert. This project has been enabled by the 10DP's strategic focus on collaborative and people-centric fire management across the desert. The RWDF is the world's largest (by area covered) Indigenous fire management project being undertaken and aims to manage habitat critical to threatened species through the use of careful burning. We can see a long-term partnership being maintained with the Australian Government on this critical work, as well as with the range of stakeholders engaged in this project.



North Tanami Rangers preparing for aerial burning - May 2022



KJ & Birriliburu Rangers Newman Incendiary Machine Operation Training - June 2022



Jinkaji burning (far northern Tanami Desert) with Tennant Creek Muru Warinyi Ankuul and Daguragu Murnkurumurnkurru Rangers from the Central Land Council and Traditional Owners from Marlinja community- March 2022



The KLC Women in Fire Forum held in February in Broome.

Supporting Ranger Teams

At this point in the project, we are seeing the results of supporting emerging ranger teams on country. There has been variation in what the funding has provided, with some teams having accelerated their development over the course of the project, successfully leveraging off the seed funding provided by 10DP, and becoming fully fledged ranger programs in their own right. Other teams have just started to hit their stride, with longer lead times needed to secure consistent progress. The emerging ranger team funding remains an important source of funds for many teams, including some that are moving towards a fee-for-service model, as it has enabled the presence of senior cultural leaders to attend work where they are not seen by the contracting agency as having a core role.

The Central Land Council supported teams are now fully funded, with the remaining 10DP support being used to bridge the gap before the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA) funding secured by the CLC arrived. Though there are many factors in these teams securing ongoing stability, the 10DP is happy to have played a role through providing seed funding and working to adapt that funding throughout the course of the project to secure opportunities for these teams. We look forward to working with them in the future.

The cluster of teams in the North East of the desert that are managed by the KLC (Paraku and Kimirrk) and DSS (Ngurrupa and Ngurra Kayanta) have had several significant opportunities to work together over the course of the last year. Notable achievements have been around a state NRM funded and 10DP supported night parrot project which was secured by the KLC and DSS.

In February, members of these emerging ranger teams were supported to attend the KLC facilitated 'Women in Fire Forum', and/or an incendiary machine operator course, both in Broome. This has enabled further participation in this year's fire program by the women involved in this training. Collaboration is also building the skills and experience of teams in the southern portion of WA, with Warnpurru and Wakamurru both spending time on country with the established Birriliburu ranger team. They are gaining skills and experiences through regional workshops, training, and those on-country trips.



Warnpurru planning at Patjarr



AMY Healthy Country Plan working group with artwork by George Cooley

In South Australia, the success story has been the Oak Valley Ranger team, who formally advised Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board (AWLB) and the 10DP team that they no longer required the remainder of the funding allocated to them as they secured seven years of funding through NIAA. On the recommendation of AWLB, this 10DP funding was reallocated to assist Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara (AMY) to develop a Healthy Country Plan for their lands. Previously work on this country has been extremely ad-hoc with no formal land management program or ranger team in this area. The facilitation of the Healthy Country Plan will allow TOs to have direct input into the prioritisation of works on their Country and provide AWLB with the ability to apply for funding on behalf of the AMY TOs. The draft Healthy Country Plan has been finalised and is currently with the AMY Aboriginal Corporation Board for consideration, feedback and approval.

Indigenous Cultural and Ecological Knowledge (ICEK)

ICEK remains an important pillar of the 10DP. Valuing the importance of knowledge exchange between elders, rangers and the younger generations on country will always be a driver of the work that Indigenous land management organisations do. While ICEK opportunities exist through all project activities, dedicated ICEK funding from the past year has enabled a series of large-scale return to country trips with opportunities for knowledge transfer from senior TO's and rangers to students through trips with local schools. Access to cultural information through the development of online databases and other hard-copy cultural resources has been expanded through these trips.

Several highlights include:

- Karajarri visited Yilpi in August and focused on cultural and traditional burning and monitoring the water level and condition of native plants and animals in the area. This site still has old artefacts, stone and grinding tools and shells used for carrying water and bush tucker. As part of this trip, camping areas, stories, photos of artefacts, tools and country were recorded in the database for Karajarri people and to access into the future. A second trip in April, was to Malupirti. A key objective of this trip was to ensure the rangers understand where the Pulany (Karajarri creative spiritual being) is at the springs. Elders directed new visitors in how to carry out Kuwaiyinjala (waterblowing ritual) which new people need to do to introduce themselves to the Pulany in the area.
- On Martu Country, KJ facilitated a nine-night trip with 59 people (including 5 elders) to visit Rarrki as well as a series of other important cultural places. Stories of that country were shared and recorded, water sources visited, mapped and cleaned, and knowledge was passed between the generations. Additionally, KJ facilitated a three-night women's camp, bringing together 25 Martu (including 5 elders and 13 children) to share specific knowledge surrounding traditional bushfoods and medicines.
- On Birriliburu, the Freddie Family Finding Yilji Soak Trip visited three important sites over eight days, with some family members (including 12 children) visiting these areas for the first time. At each site, locations and information about these places was recorded, and will be added to the existing Birriliburu Information Management System.
- Ngurrara Rangers and elders embarked on an eight-day trip, taking 40 people deep into the Great Sandy Desert, to Japirnka and Tangi Jila. Here, the rangers worked with the senior Traditional Owners to record stories, song and traditional knowledge of country, and practiced Jila ceremony and law.
- Over the past year the Central Land Council's Yitaki Mani (Reading the Country) project has progressed strongly. The Yitaki Mani project is working to identify, develop and refine specialised tools and resources to help fast track the ability of kuyu pangu (master trackers) to pass on vast amounts of accumulated tracking knowledge to rangers and younger people who haven't had the same opportunities to learn from family while living on-country. A week-long intensive workshop held at Newhaven provided an opportunity for the Yitaki Mani project team to road-test some of the learning products they have developed.



Karajarri ICEK trip - Malupirti water ceremony.

Karajarri's ICEK return to country trip visiting Yilpi.



Buffel Free GVD

It has been a busy year for buffel grass surveillance and control, with flooding summer rains driving grass growth over many desert areas. In April, a Yalata staff member contacted the AW Landscape Board (AWLB) about an isolated buffel infestation he found off an old track on the Nullarbor at the very edge of the Great Victoria Desert (GVD). This area is Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (FWCAC), Yalata and Maralinga Tjarutja people's country, about four hours from Ceduna.

The new patch of buffel is not a good story – but the joint effort to control it is. It's a good example of all the different groups and people working together on ground to keep buffel from spreading in this part of the GVD – especially important for isolated patches/outliers like this that could spread very quickly if left unchecked. This on-ground collaboration comes from a strategic approach with good partnerships, and through supporting AWWLB, this is what the buffel free GVD project supports.

Though the focus on buffel has been in the GVD, other regions are recognising the threat to sites, bushfood and culture. Amplifying the voices of those regions that have already been subject to severe buffel infestations and sharing that story may be the key to protecting large parts of the desert from this pervasive weed.

Feral Camel Management

Through the convening of multiple feral camel working group meetings in the last 12 months there have been reports of low, or very low camel numbers through much of the desert. Currently, it is being reported that even those areas that have historically had large congregations of feral camels, are now only occasionally sighting small numbers. These reports do not necessarily mean that the issue has gone away.

Experienced feral animal management professionals are anticipating that, due to current good conditions, an expansion of feral camel numbers is imminent. This isolated infestation will need monitoring and follow up treatment for years to come.

The Feral Camel working group has proposed that:

- The IDA maintains contracts with state agencies as a way of being able to facilitate funding if an issue is highlighted on Indigenous held land
- Educational materials should be refreshed (prompting the current development of a feral camel poster as well as a review of other related resources)

The conversation around threats to country needs to be maintained with Traditional Owners and Indigenous land managers across the desert. Shifting focus from individual threats to integrated land management programs that seek to maintain and enhance values of country is seen as vital to future land management success.



Buffel set-up



FWC Rangers treating Buffel with Alinytjara Wilurara on the ballast of the east-west railway.

Tourism

Kuju Wangka, or 'one voice', is a cultural and tourism management project which traces back to 2008 when the five native title groups whose country the Canning Stock route (CSR) crosses first met at Kitty Well to discuss how to manage the heritage sites along the CSR. The groups also wished to support visitors to access the stock route in a manner which minimises their environmental and cultural impact. In 2020 the CSR was closed to keep communities along the route safe from COVID, which in effect has deprived Kuju Wangka of any revenue sources.

In 2021/22 secretariat support provided by 10DP has supported and enabled a working group to meet 5 times via virtual meeting to consider a number of proposals to reimagine how the permit system is managed, take active steps in how a Kuju Wangka Working Group, (comprising of 5 PBC's), will manage the permit system and likely increased pressure from domestic tourism with the re-opening of communities.

Fresh energy from this secretariat support in 2022 has created strong engagement from Working Group members and their relevant Corporations, who are now meeting monthly.

In June 2022, the Working Group met to endorse the reopening of CSR Permit sales in a manner which supported and respected community safety. There has been significant pressure from the general public to reopen the CSR, which is regarded as one of the iconic four wheel drive trips in Australia. The Working Group is now monitoring the impact and number of visitors on communities, both positive and negative. The environmental pressures that tourists place on the landscape will continue to be discussed.

Climate Change

Rangers are on the frontline of climate change, working outdoors and witnessing the changes to their country. Rangers are being increasingly recognised globally as an important part of Australia's climate adaptation process. In early 2022, Jimmy Cocking from Northern Possibilities was contracted to consult with ranger teams to talk about climate change and produce resources to assist with communicating pathways forward for rangers.

Workshops with rangers in Central Australia (Atitjere Rangers, Tjuwanpa, Tjakura and Lyentye Apurte Rangers) were organised through the Central Land Council and presentations/workshops were held with Ranger Coordinators and the broader IDA network. Further workshops were planned but due to COVID, seasonal conditions and a busy field season, individual engagement with ranger groups was limited. A final report was presented to the IDA and based on this information, the IDA is developing a suite of climate change resources including posters.



Tjakura Rangers from Mutitjulu and the Tjuwanpa Men's Rangers participated on a group climate change discussion in Ntaria (Hermannsburg) - May 2022

Recommendations coming out of the climate change consultation for the IDA to consider are:

Be a climate leader

- Adopt a 'climate justice' approach – self determination is climate adaptive
- 'Tell the climate story for the deserts' - website, regular social media posts, make a 'campaign' film and regularly share relevant information with rangers
- Advocate for desert ranger groups and broader climate investments in the desert by all levels of government and philanthropic support for specific projects and programs.

Grow partnerships for climate action

- Build trusted relationships to support the facilitation of adaptation planning for ranger groups and communities
- Research partnerships to better understand the climate threats to country and monitoring and reporting impact of action
- Explore opportunities for carbon abatement and developing tradeable units to fund on-ground work
- Work closely with conservation partners and climate justice advocates to raise the profile of the deserts with their audiences both public and philanthropic.

Build capacity of rangers to mitigate impacts and adapt to climate change

- Continuous engagement of rangers to support growing climate leadership on the ground through regular communications, social media and conferences/forums
- Develop training opportunities to support adaptation pathways including technology training, indoor training over summer, addressing climate challenges and recording changes in the landscape, mental health and well-being and preparing for potential market-based opportunities.



The IDA produced an animated film with the support of the Purple House Pintupi Luritja Language Group to tell a story about climate change and a community taking action to adapt to it. The key message is that climate change is part of the story now and we all need to come up with our own stories and ways to deal with it.



Great Desert Skink Recovery Plan

The IDA has been commissioned by the Federal Government to undertake the compilation of the Great Desert Skink Recovery Plan. The IDA has employed a dedicated ecologist to undertake this work, ensuring rangers and Traditional Owners are at the forefront of the process of developing the plan to recognise culture is at the heart of conservation.

This is the first time an Indigenous-led organisation has been given this opportunity and we hope it is a model that extends across more conservation activities within government.



Angas Downs Rangers looking for great desert skink- December 2021



Saving Tjakura (Great Desert Skink) video



Tjakura (great desert skink) workshop- December 2021

Carbon

Work on the carbon methodology for the desert continues with Charles Darwin University recently completing their third field trip for the year, alongside Dutch University VUA, which are calculating emissions differences between early and late season fires to provide data for the development of a method based on the application of fire by traditional owners. We expect the research to be finalised by late in the calendar year, with the intention of submitting it to the Clean Energy Regulator for consideration.

The regulator has the Savanna Fire Method under review currently and submitting this research before the review closes will be critical to its inclusion in the current revision. The lesson from other method alterations is that this process has been rigid in its application and so the research meeting milestone is critical. Should this method be successful it will have the potential to generate Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU's) across the most flammable portions of the desert regions.

Healthy Country Credits™

Work is progressing strongly on the product development of our 'Healthy Country Credits'™. A key component of this work has been developing an externally recognised and scientifically validated framework that desert ranger groups can use to quantify the environmental benefits that result from their land management programs.

In developing this environmental accounting method, we have been working closely with Accounting for Nature® (AfN) and a group of independent scientific experts. We are confident that our method will be accredited by AfN and launched in the new financial year. Our efforts will now shift to focus on finalising frameworks that capture and quantify the cultural and social benefits associated with Indigenous land management programs, as well as communication and marketing.

Yilka ranger Amelia Westlake burning country



The IDA would like to thank all its members and partners for contributing images to this report.

Strong Organisation

IDA Board of Directors

IDA has an Indigenous-led Board comprised of representatives from the desert and supported by two independent skills based Directors. The Board of the IDA sets the strategic direction of the organisation and oversees an extensive governance framework which includes compliance and risk management systems.

The 2021-2022 Financial Year saw the commencement of IDA's new strategic planning process. The Directors incorporated a number of strategic planning sessions into their Board meetings allowing them time and multiple opportunities to reflect on where the organisation has come from, whether it has met its existing strategic objectives and where it is heading into the future.

Directors are also very aware of their responsibility to lead by example and individually and collectively they set a positive organisational culture that promotes ethical, accountable and responsible conduct at all levels.

The Board has implemented and reviewed a number of policies and procedures over the 2021-2022 Financial year to ensure that the IDA continues to operate in accordance with best practice, and, that policies are fit for purpose for an organisation that has grown significantly in the last 12 months. Policies implemented included HR and employment related policies contained in the Employee Handbook, Fire management Policy, Working from Home Policy and Covid-19 Management Policy. Policies reviewed and updated included Workplace Healthy and Safety, Zero Tolerance Policy and Delegations Policy.

Board and Committees

The Board meets at least four times a year, with a meeting schedule adopted early in the calendar year. At each meeting, the Board considers the IDA's performance against its strategic plan and monitors its financial position, risk management, work place health and safety systems and key operational activities. Detailed reports are provided to the Board by the management team.

Board Meetings

COVID-19 continued to be prevalent across WA, SA and the NT which resulted in border closures and travel restrictions. WA experienced its first real COVID wave in Q3 and Q4. Although this impacted the ability to meet regularly in person, the Board have used technology and developed processes to ensure that meetings are conducted in an efficient and engaging manner, acknowledging that meetings via Zoom can be a tiring and difficult process.

During the 2021-2022 Financial Year the Board met on:

- 11th & 12th of August 2021
- 13th of October 2021
- 23rd and 24th of February 2022
- 25th and 26th of May 2022

The 2020-2021 Financial Year Annual General Meeting was held on the 18th of November 2021.



The Board for the 2021-2022 Financial Year

North West Ward



Nyaparu Rose
Chair



Andrew Minyardie

North East Ward



Josephine Grant



Boyd Elston

South West Ward

Female and male positions vacant

South East Ward



Mick Haynes

Female position vacant

Independent Directors



Rob Carruthers



Stephen Moloney

Committees

The Board has also established committees to assist the Board by considering aspects of the business in more detail and providing recommendations to management and the Board.

Each committee has a Terms of Reference set by the Board which includes the committee's roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements.

Committees are in the following areas:

Risk Committee

The Risk Committee oversees the effectiveness of the IDA's Risk Management Framework. It performs its role through:

- overseeing risk appetite and risk tolerance appropriate to each business area;
- considering the risk policy and strategy;
- ensuring that there are adequate organisational processes and systems for identifying and reporting risks and deficiencies, including emerging risks;
- overseeing compliance with the stated risk appetite and policies and procedures related to risk management governance and the risk controls framework;
- monitoring the alignment of the risk framework to the organisation's growth, supporting a culture of risk taking within sound risk governance;
- having an overview of the key risk issues identified across the organisation and the wider network.

The Risk Committee is comprised of Board Members, Management and an external Risk Advisor.

Finance and Audit Committee

The Financial and Audit Committee was established to assist the Board in its oversight of the integrity of the IDA's financial reporting, including supporting the Board to meet its responsibilities regarding financial statements, the financial reporting systems and internal controls. It also monitors, on behalf of the Board, the effectiveness and objectivity of external auditors.

Its members include Directors, senior management and Paxon, IDA's external financial services provider.

Management team

The CEO has responsibility for the day-to-day management of the organisation via a formal delegation from the IDA Board. The CEO leads the IDA team in achieving the organisation's mission and objectives and ensures the implementation of the strategic and business plans.

The IDA has a senior management team comprising of the CEO (Lindsey Langford), General Manager (Emmanuel Hondros) and Legal & Governance Officer (Christina Araujo) who meet regularly to review the organisations performance, compliance with its various legal and contractual obligations and drive strategic operations.

The broader management team includes Major Projects Manager (Gareth Catt) and Manager, Ranger and Sector Development (Samantha Murray).

Risk Management

The IDA engages in regular and proactive risk identification, management and mitigation of strategic, financial, operational, reputational, legal, compliance and governance risks. It has implemented a range of processes to ensure that identifying and managing risk is an on-going exercise across all parts of the organisation.

The Risk Committee meets four times a year and benefits from advice from an independent and expert risk adviser. The Senior Management team and the Board also ensures that it keeps informed about new and emerging risks and implements strategies to address them. Two examples of this has been identification of climate change as a risk, and, the implications of the decision in ASIC v RI Advice Group Pty Ltd on directors oversight of cybersecurity risks.

Workplace, Health and Safety

Western Australia introduced reforms to occupational health and safety requirements through the new *Workplace Health and Safety Act 2020 (WA)*. The new legislation officially commenced in March of 2022 with the approval of the accompanying regulations.

In anticipation of the new legislation, IDA undertook an expansive review of all its workplace health and safety policies, procedures and practices with *EHSQ Management Solutions* to ensure that the IDA was not just compliant with the new requirements but is implementing best practice, recognising that at times, our activities are high risk and undertaken in incredibly remote locations. At the instruction of the Board, the senior management team have paid a particular focus to managing and, as far as reasonably possible, eliminating psychosocial hazards. The IDA has a comprehensive safety management system and a strong safety culture.

The IDA works with its Member Directors and Traditional Owner staff to ensure that the organisation and its offices operate in a culturally safe manner.



Members

As at 30 June 2022, the IDA has 18 members across its four wards. In the 2021-2022 it welcomed two new members: Yilka Heritage and Land Care Pty Ltd and Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board.

Membership of the IDA is subject to the requirements set out in the IDA Constitution. However, it is important to note that Indigenous ranger teams in the desert may access projects and services provided by the IDA regardless of whether or not their organisation is a member of the IDA.

Ranger Teams and Co-Management Boards

APY Land Management

- 1 - Antara-Sandy Bore Rangers
- 2 - Apara-Makiri-Punti Rangers
- 3 - Kalka-Pipalyatjara Rangers
- 4 - Walalkara Rangers
- 5 - Warru East Rangers
- 6 - Warru West Rangers
- 7 - Watarru IPA Rangers

Arabana Aboriginal Corporation

- 8 - Arabana Rangers

Australian Wildlife Conservancy

- 9 - Newhaven Sanctuary Rangers
- 10 - Ngaurrtju Sanctuary Rangers

Central Land Council

- 11 - Anangu Angas Downs Rangers
- 12 - Anangu Luritjiku Rangers
- 13 - Anmatyerr Rangers
- 14 - Aputula Rangers
- 15 - Akityarre Rangers
- 16 - Kaltukutjarra Rangers
- 17 - Ltyentye Apurte Rangers
- 18 - Murnkurrumurnkurru Rangers
- 19 - Muru-warinyi Ankku Rangers
- 20 - North Tanami Rangers
- 21 - Tjakura Rangers
- 22 - Tjuwanpa Rangers
- 23 - Walungurru Rangers
- 24 - Warlpiri Rangers
- 25 - Utopia Rangers

Coober Pedy Council

- 26 - Kanku-Breakaways Co-management
- 27 - Tallaringa Co-management

Desert Support Services

- 28 - Birriliburu Rangers
- 29 - Kiwirrkurra Rangers
- 30 - Kulyakartu Rangers
- 31 - Marputu Rangers
- 32 - Ngurra Kayanta Rangers
- 33 - Ngurrurpa Rangers
- 34 - Wakamurru Rangers

Dugalunji Aboriginal Corporation

- 35 - Lake Eyre Basin Rangers

Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation

- 36 - Far West Coast Rangers

Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation

- 37 - Gawler Ranges Co-management

Goldfields Land and Sea Council

- 38 - Goldfields Land Management Rangers

Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ)

- 39 - Jigalong Rangers
- 40 - Kunawarriti Rangers
- 41 - Parnngurr Rangers
- 42 - Punmu Rangers

Karajarri Traditional Lands Association

- 43 - Karajarri Rangers

Kimberley Land Council

- 44 - Kumirrk Rangers
- 45 - Paruku Rangers

Maralinga Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation

- 46 - Oak Valley Rangers

Ngaanyatjarra Council

- 47 - Blackstone Rangers
- 48 - Warakurna Rangers
- 49 - Warburton Rangers

Ngadju Conservation Aboriginal Corporation

- 50 - Ngadju Rangers

Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation

- 51 - Nyangumarta Rangers

Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation

- 52 - Spinifex Rangers

South Australia Co-management Boards

- 53 - Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management
- 54 - Nullarbor Co-management
- 55 - Yumbarra Co-management

Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation

- 56 - Wiluna Martu Rangers

Tjirilya Aboriginal Corporation

- 57 - Mt Willoughby Rangers

Tjiwarl Aboriginal Corporation

- 58 - Tjiwarl Rangers

Tjuwanpa Aboriginal Corporation

- 59 - Tjuwanpa Womens Rangers

Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation

- 60 - Nyinkina Mangala Rangers

Yalata Community Inc

- 61 - Yalata Rangers

Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation

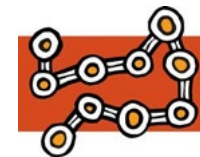
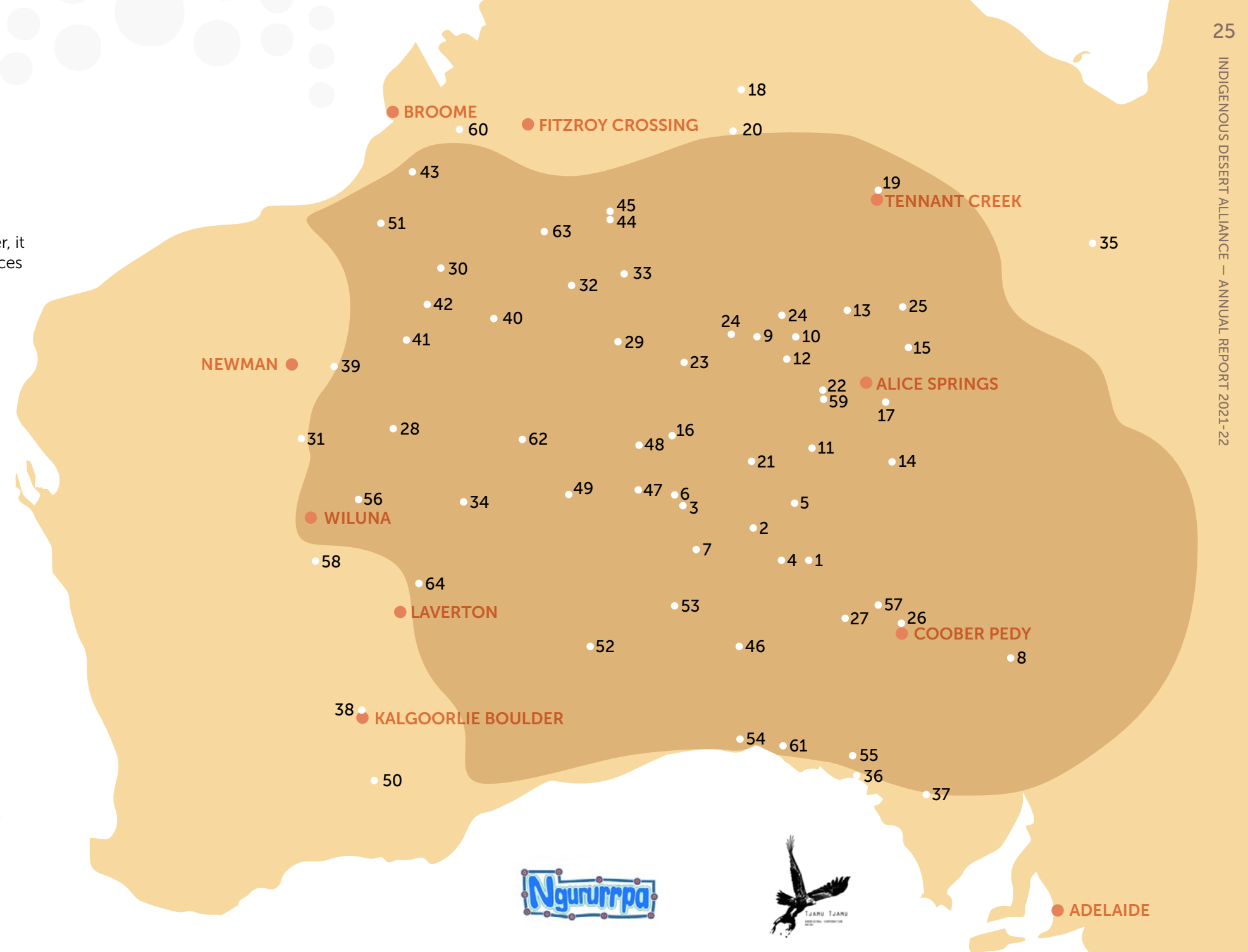
- 62 - Warnpurru Rangers

Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation

- 63 - Ngurrara Rangers

Yilka Heritage and Land Care

- 64 - Yilka Rangers



IDA Supporters



The IDA would also like to thank its generous philanthropic supporters.

Financials

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Indigenous Desert Alliance Limited, the directors of the company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out in pages 14 to 34 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - Comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year then ended on that date.
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Chairperson

M. Rose - Nyaparu

Nyaparu Rose
19 October 2022

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue			
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	4	7,521,193	439,146
Fees and charges	5	68,934	794,599
Interest received		1,045	654
Other revenue	6	465,557	408,832
		<u>8,056,729</u>	<u>1,643,231</u>
Expenses			
Employee costs		(1,770,491)	(642,941)
Materials and contracts	7	(3,768,798)	(680,685)
Depreciation	14	(80,528)	(31,761)
Interest Expenses		(1,467)	(3,313)
		<u>(5,621,284)</u>	<u>(1,358,700)</u>
Operating result for the year before income tax		<u>2,435,445</u>	<u>284,531</u>
Income tax expense		-	-
Operating result for the year after income tax		<u>2,435,445</u>	<u>284,531</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met		-	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		<u>2,435,445</u>	<u>284,531</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,291,243	1,398,687
Trade and other receivables	9	125,140	57,396
Total Current Assets		<u>5,416,383</u>	<u>1,456,083</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	10	318,013	-
Right of use assets	15	2,887	37,536
Total Current Assets		<u>320,900</u>	<u>37,536</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,737,283</u>	<u>1,493,619</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	1,081,809	517,785
Provisions	12	102,479	39,661
Lease liabilities	15	3,071	35,579
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,187,359</u>	<u>593,025</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	12	129,989	52,385
Lease liabilities	15	-	3,071
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>129,989</u>	<u>55,456</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,317,348</u>	<u>648,481</u>
Net Assets		<u>4,419,935</u>	<u>845,138</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings	13	4,419,935	845,138
Total Equity		<u>4,419,935</u>	<u>845,138</u>

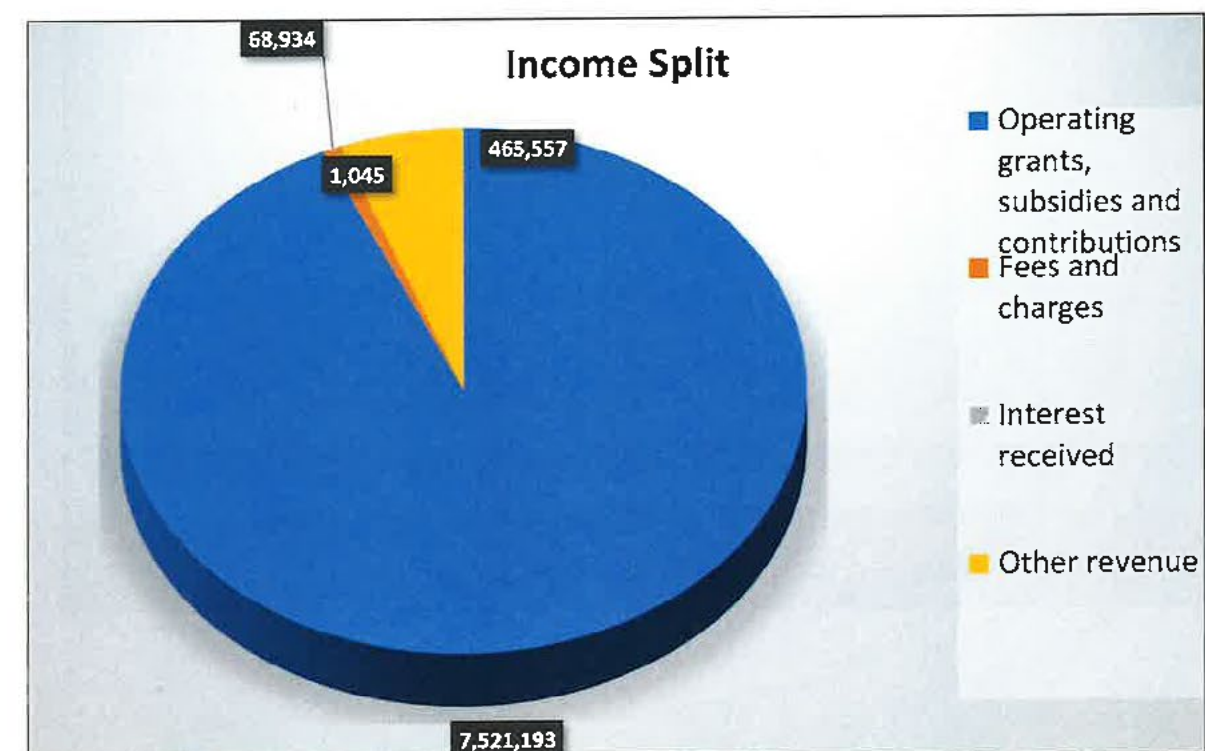
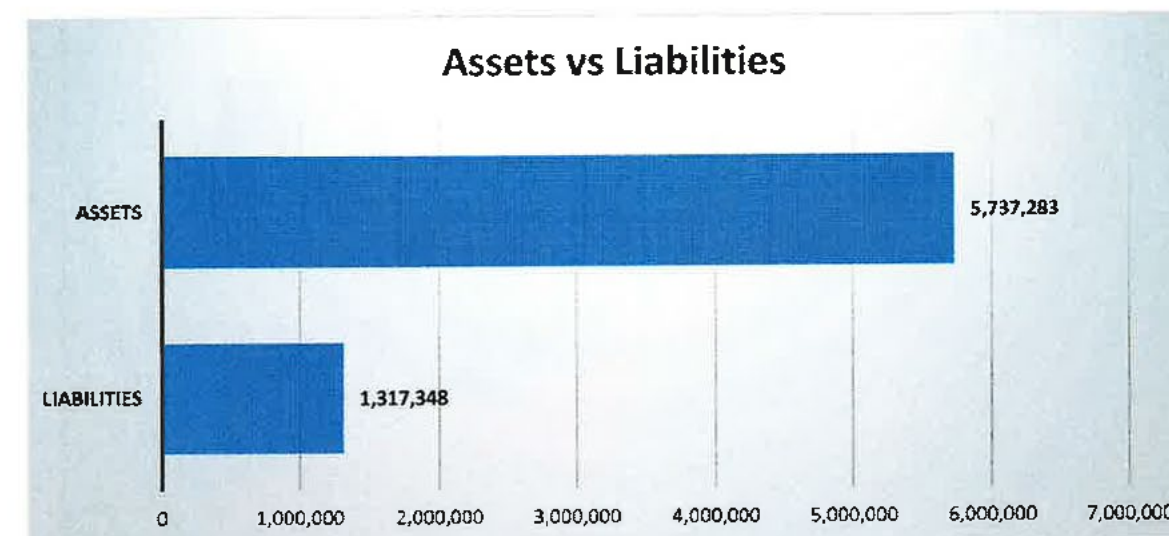
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the year ended 30 June 2022

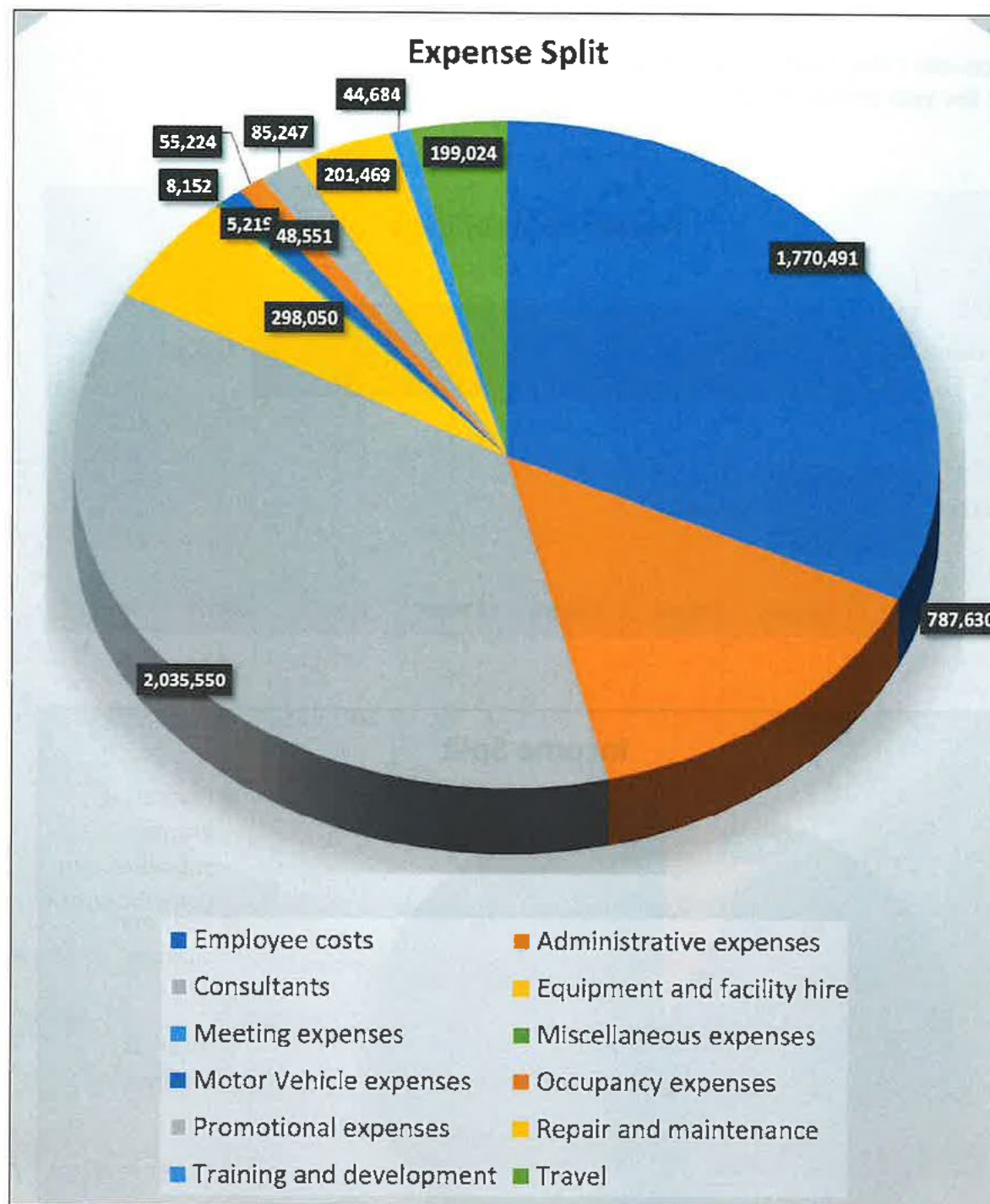
	Retained Earnings \$	Share Capital \$	Total \$
2021			
Balance at the beginning of the year	560,607	-	560,607
Operating result of the year	284,531	-	284,531
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>284,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284,531</u>
Balance at end of the year	<u>845,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>845,138</u>
2022			
Balance at the beginning of the year	845,138	-	845,138
Operating result of the year	2,435,445	-	2,435,445
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Unspent grants transferred from DSS	1,139,352	-	1,139,352
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>3,574,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,574,797</u>
Balance at end of the year	<u>4,419,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,419,935</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Receipts from operations		9,030,147	2,023,626
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,593,298)	(1,204,691)
Interest received		1,181	587
Interest paid		(1,467)	(3,313)
Net GST recovered (paid)		(144,536)	12,306
Net Cash from/(used in) Operating Activities	14	<u>4,292,027</u>	<u>828,515</u>
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Payments for purchase of fixed assets		(363,891)	-
Net Cash from/(used in) Financing Activities		<u>(363,891)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities		(35,579)	(30,647)
Net Cash from/(used in) Financing Activities		<u>(35,579)</u>	<u>(30,647)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		3,892,557	797,868
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		1,398,687	600,819
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	8	<u><u>5,291,243</u></u>	<u><u>1,398,687</u></u>

Appendix 1 Key Performance Items
For the year ended 30 June 2022





27th August 2022

Lindsey Langford
Executive Officer
Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd
87 Newcastle Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

By Email Only: lindsey@indigenousdesertalliance.com

Dear Lindsey,

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001**

As lead Auditor for the audit of Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2022,
I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, that there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the Auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, in the relation to the audit, and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This Declaration is made in respect of Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd during the period of the audit.

Paul Gilbert, FCPA MBA
Registered Company Auditor
Director, Macleod Corporation Pty Ltd



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Members of Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. The going concern basis of accounting is appropriate when it is reasonably foreseeable that the company will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of members taken on the basis of this financial report.

We have complied with the competency standards set by Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC). Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements, and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report, or if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.

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