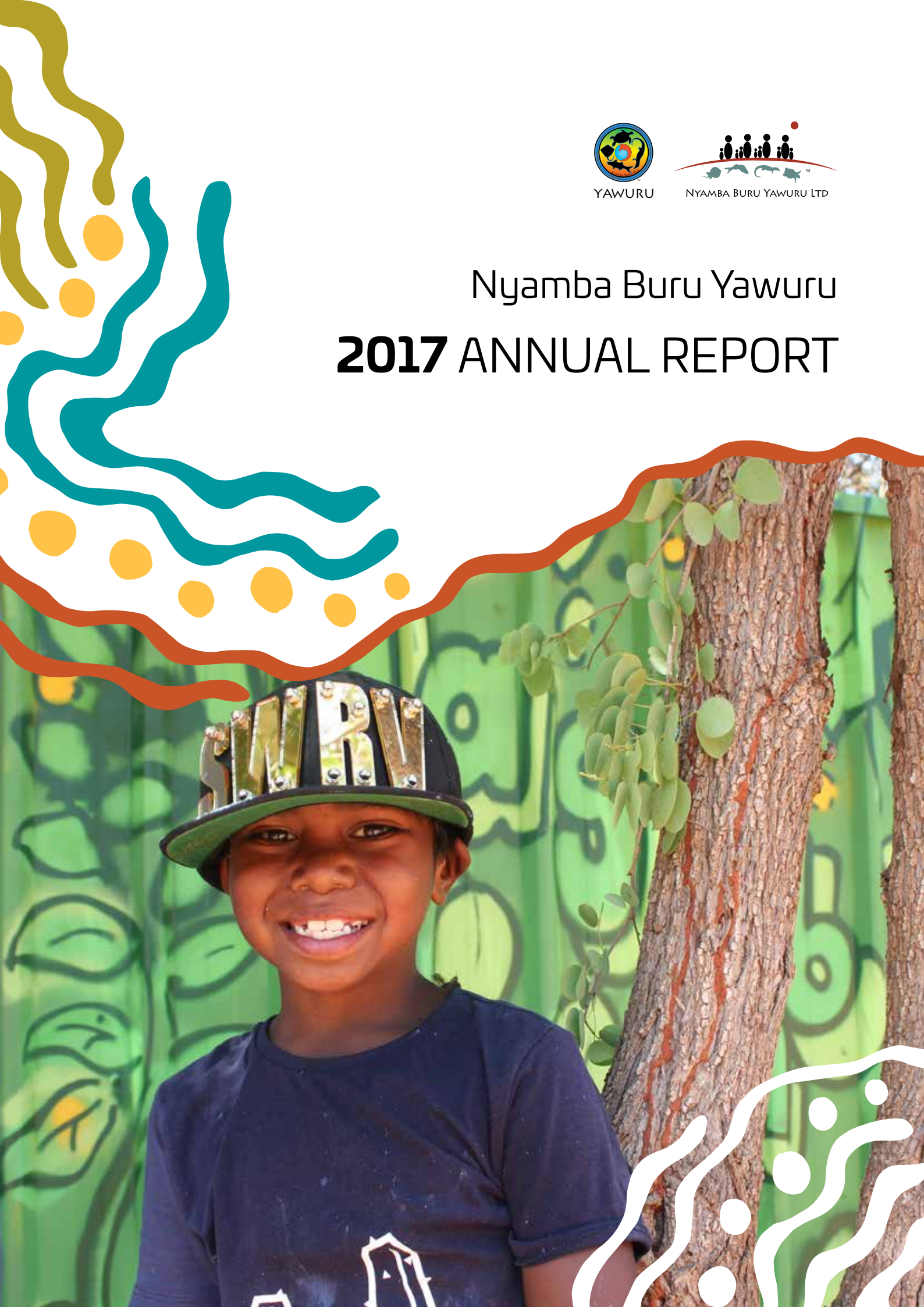




Nyamba Buru Yawuru **2017** ANNUAL REPORT



“MAKING MABU LIYAN REAL FOR ALL, ALWAYS”

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INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRS

Ngaji gurrgin,

2017 has been a busy year for Yawuru with a number of highlights that have built our capacity and our reputation.

NBY is half way through its three year plan and there has been a strong focus on economic development this year. Yawuru's strategic and economic position is strengthening as a result of this concerted effort to diversify our projects, partnerships and investments.

A highlight of the year was the Dedication of the Yawuru Indigenous Protected Area after many years of planning and hard work. It's one of the many projects assisting the revitalisation of country which is of great value to the ecosystems on Roebuck Plains and has increased scientific and cultural knowledge for Yawuru people.

The visit from Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was an honour and an opportunity to share with him the philosophy of mabu liyan that enables Yawuru to support our members and contribute to the broader Australian community. NBY also welcomed Premier Mark McGowan, the UN Special Rapporteur for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the WA Coroner's inquest into youth suicide in the Kimberley.

As we close the year construction is starting on the Liyan-ngan Nyirrwa Cultural Healing Centre on Bernard Way. This is a major milestone that has been in planning for a few years and it's great to see it becoming a reality. The centre will increase NBY's capacity to deliver social and cultural programs that are grounded in the philosophy of mabu liyan to improve the wellbeing of Yawuru people.

The Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC), Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY) and Murra Mala Yawuru (MMY) Boards continue to set the direction for the Yawuru Corporate Group, building on our strengths and working towards an innovative and sustainable future.

Deb Pigram
Chair Nyamba Buru Yawuru

Thomas 'Unda' Edgar
Acting Chair Yawuru PBC



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- JAN

NBY Office renovations for the new year.
- FEB

Mr Naguib Sawaris from Egypt visits NBY to discuss tourism investment through Austrade
- MAR

Visit from The UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- APR

The Yawuru combined board forum mandates the drafting of a Yawuru Futures and Asia Connect Policy Paper
- MAY

Peter Yu attended the National Constitutional Convention at Uluru

Pritchard Francis Industry Forum in Darwin

'Beyond the Common Gate' exhibition presented for the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum.
- JUN

Jawun Executive Visit

Peter Yu speaks at the ANU Crawford Leadership Forum
- JUL

Philanthropic Donation report provided to benefactor
- AUG

NBY hosts session for the WA Coroner's inquest into suicide rates in the Kimberley

Visit from the Prime Minster Malcolm Turnbull

Peter Yu visits Garma and appears on Q&A TV special on Constitutional Recognition

Peter Yu at the Northern Australian Ministerial Forum in Darwin

State Government Services Priority Review team consult with NBY

Debra Pigram, Peter Yu and Chris Forbes present to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Northern Australia in their public hearing
- SEP

Exploratory trip to Indonesia including meetings with Indonesian businesses, Ambassador Paulo Grigson and Austrade Commissioners

Meeting with Prime Ministers & Cabinet, Dept of Human Services, IBA, ILC and Austrade
- OCT

NBY hosts Premier Mark McGowan

GOVERNANCE

GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE SERVICES AND FINANCE



The Yawuru All Boards Forum August 2017

CORPORATION	FUNCTIONS	DIRECTORS	MEETING DATES
YAWURU PBC	<p>The Yawuru PBC represents the Yawuru community and holds their native title in trust and makes decisions about native title, country, culture and community.</p> <p>The PBC consults the Yawuru community to get their free, prior and informed consent about important decisions.</p> <p>The PBC is the only member of MMY and appoints its directors.</p>	Francis ‘Lulga’ Djiagween (Chair) Thomas ‘Unda’ Edgar (Acting Chair) Johani Mamid Dean Mathews Bart Pigram Rosemary Coffin Patrick Dodson Neil McKenzie Francis Bellou	9 March 27 April 29 June 7 September 19 October
MURRA MALA YAWURU	<p>MMY is the fence which separates Yawuru cultural land and assets from NBY. MMY is a holding company and is the only member of NBY.</p> <p>MMY appoints the Directors of NBY.</p>	Maxine Charlie (Chair) Darren Puertollano Leah Dolby Dianne Appleby	29 August
NYAMBA BURU YAWURU	<p>NBY is a Not For Profit organisation and registered charity.</p> <p>It delivers programs and services to Yawuru people and other indigenous people in the Broome area. NBY employs staff to support the Yawuru Corporate Group.</p>	Debra Pigram (Chair) Cara Peek (Deputy Chair) Shereena bin Hitam Jill Rudeforth David Puertollano John Hoon Roseanne Healy	23 February 22 May 17 August 5 October

CORPORATE STRUCTURE



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visiting NBY

GOVERNANCE

In 2017 Yawuru Directors took part in an ongoing Governance Improvement and Training Program which is delivered by external providers.

The program focused on the role, duties and responsibilities of directors, risk management, understanding of financial statements and decision making. Management also participated in the program with Directors. The training has successfully improved Board performance and the process of preparing and presenting board papers.

Yawuru directors and management also attended Joint Board Forums to discuss Yawuru strategy and other important cultural and corporate policies.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Four community meetings were held during the year. The 2016 Christmas party and the Easter Community event at Town Beach were popular get-togethers which connected families and created good lijan.

The Yawuru Community Showcase in July highlighted the work of NBY, as well as local Yawuru businesses. Community activities included basketball, a photo booth, music and food.

The October Community meeting informed interested community members of NBY and Yawuru's ongoing governance and economic direction.

PBC MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 1106 members of the Yawuru PBC. This is an increase of 68 members since the AGM 2016.

Genealogies of the Yawuru ancestors and their descendants are the foundation of Yawuru native title and membership of the PBC. The genealogies have been continuously updated during the year to ensure that they are accurate.

REVIEW OF YAWURU ILUAS

An extensive review of the Yawuru Indigenous Land Use Agreements is being undertaken together with the State of Western Australia. Negotiations with the State for a comprehensive agreement have commenced and are due for completion by June 2018.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

HUMAN RESOURCES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 2016-2020 Yawuru Corporate Group Strategic Plan was finalised in February this year with an annual operational plan guiding each unit's contribution towards strategic objectives. All NBY staff have individual work and professional development plans, created in collaboration with their Manager as part of our Janyba (sharing) time process, to ensure staff are working towards identified goals and have the skills to achieve them.

NBY currently has 108 staff including full-time, part-time and casual staff members. Of these, 76% are Indigenous, with 69% identifying as Yawuru.

2017 has been a year of strong and proactive leadership which has resulted in increased levels of engagement and lower levels of turnover of staff. Other key Human Resource and Organisational Development initiatives have included the implementation of NBY's Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) System and NBY's Health & Wellbeing program.

POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS

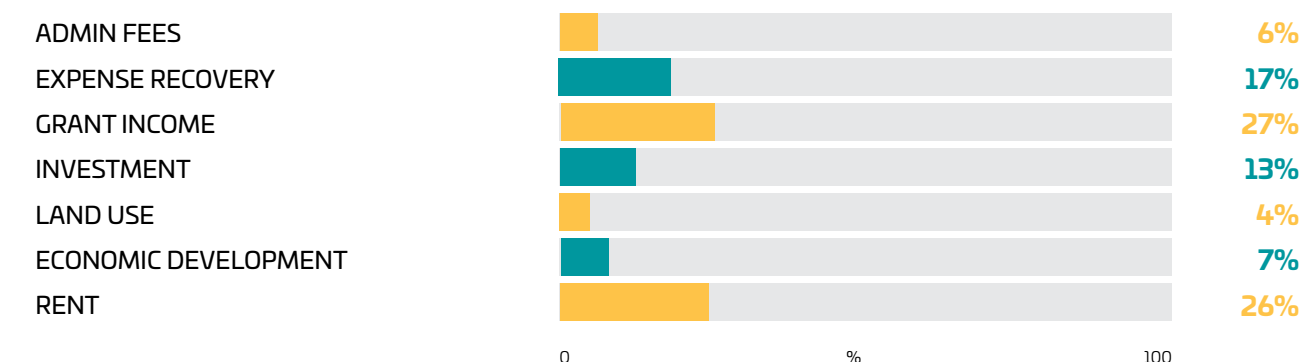
2017 has seen Yawuru engage at a high level with strategic planning, policy and national issues. Peter Yu is taking a leadership role on a range of state and local development working groups and participating in national debates including Constitutional Recognition, Northern Australia development and social/cultural issues. The visit from Prime Minister Turnbull shows that Yawuru is considered a nationally significant organisation.

More engagement, merchandise and events including better management of social and traditional media has connected Yawuru with a range of networks and Yawuru's public profile has grown.

The Yawuru branding project established a pro bono relationship with the University of Technology in Sydney. The UTS team managed consultation, research and reports on community and corporate perceptions and expectations of Yawuru. Design of logos and branding was undertaken in-house. A contemporary identity that connects Yawuru to its heritage and community has been developed which reflects Yawuru colours, values and lijan.

THE MONEY STORY

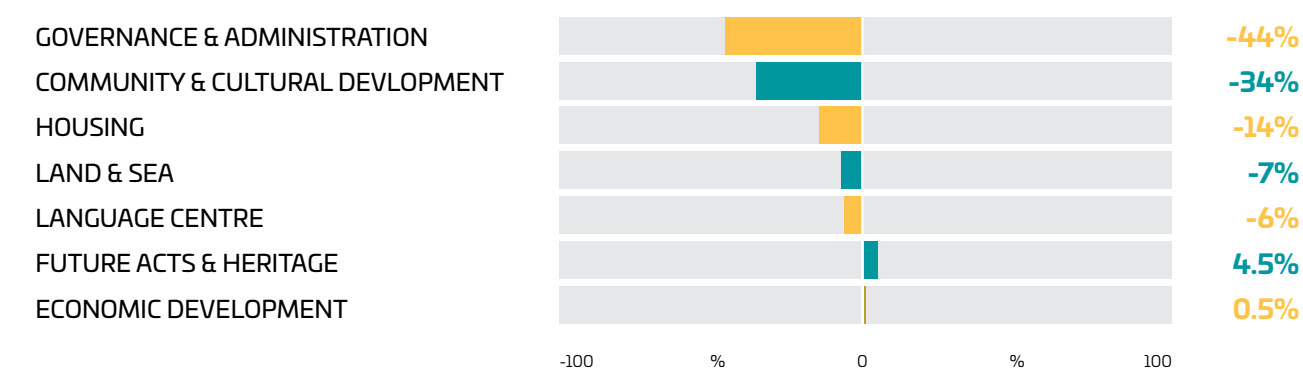
OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING RESULTS

The operating income for the financial year totalled \$6,208,179. The chart above illustrates the total operating income as a percentage. Major sources of income included grant income for various programs Inc. HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters), Language & Culture Programs, Nurlu & Heritage, NRAS and Directors Governance Training. Residential and Commercial rent included Roebuck Station, Marphyl & Manggala Apartments, has increased and continues to add value to the organisation.

CONTRIBUTION/COST BY DEPARTMENT



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Overall the Yawuru corporate group has grown, however the core operations are not yet self-sustaining. In the coming years we aim to maximise income by diversifying our revenue sources; maximising the benefits of our investment strategy and developing policy to enable new opportunities to be identified or confirmed. In addition, NBY continues to implement corporate efficiency measures that will reduce operational costs.

SUMMARY OF YAWURU'S CORPORATE GROUP PROFIT OR LOSS:

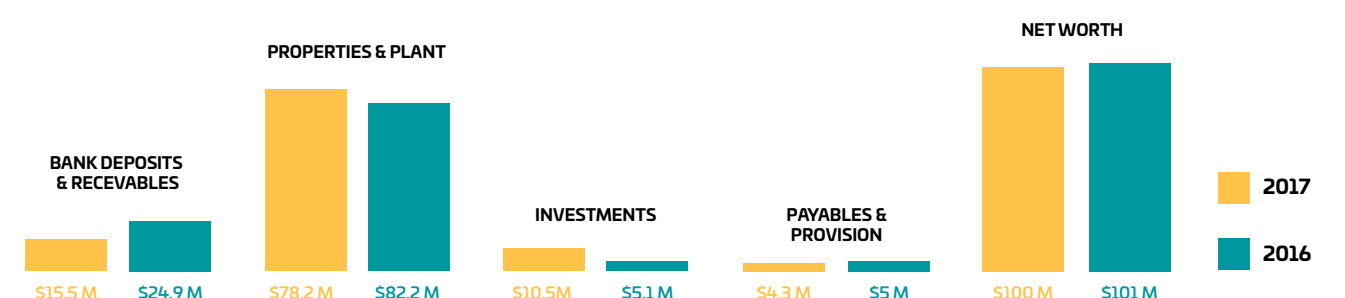
PROFIT OR LOSS	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
OPERATING INCOME	6,208,179	4,969,219	4,564,561
OPERATING EXPENSES	8,172,988	8,345,539	7,478,350
OPERATING LOSS	(1,964,809)	(3,376,320)	(2,913,789)
PROPERTY DEV. LOSS	(41,269)	335,972	533,735
OTHER GAINS	98,707	1,994,548	20,807,355
NET OVERALL PROFIT/(LOSS)	(1,907,371)	(1,045,800)	18,427,301

YAWURU'S CORPORATE GROUP

In 2016-17 the Yawuru Corporate Group had a net operating loss of \$1.9 million, which means that our operating expenses were \$1.9 million more than our operating income for the year. This has dropped from \$3.3 million in 2015-16 and \$2.9 million in 2014-15 respectively.

Yawuru received other non-cash and non-operating gains last year by acquiring at no cost properties such as Lot 250 Gubinge Road valued at \$1.6 million based on an independent valuation at no cost. These non-cash, non-operating gains reduced the overall loss to \$1 million for last year. However there were no such acquisitions in this financial year.

ASSETS & LIABILITIES 2017 VS 2016 (\$M)



THE INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The investment strategy put in place by the board in the last financial year has proved to be successful. The returns from distributions, interest and capital growth from the Perpetual Trustees & the National Australian Bank, have performed well and have made a significant contribution to the income for the financial year.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Directors believe that the Yawuru Group is in a strong, stable and liquid financial position to expand and grow in the areas of Economic Development to utilise our land holdings to benefit the Yawuru Corporate Group and community.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- NOV** Presentations at the Kimberley Economic Development Forum in Derby
Lodge grant funding application for pivot project on Roebuck Plains Station
- DEC** Attend Indigenous Business, Enterprise & Corporations Conference
WA Defence Conference in Perth
- JAN** NBY Office renovations for the new year
Received \$250,000 in grant funds for pivot irrigation project
- FEB** Singapore business delegation visit Broome
- MAR** Initial discussions to create Roebuck Plains Station JV with ILC
- APR** Flora & fauna survey undertaken for pivot irrigation project
- MAY** Discussions with NT traditional owner groups regarding potential development projects and government defence work
- JUN** Investigations for cold storage and logistics facility
- JUL** Research for solar power facility in Broome
- AUG** Prime Minister's visit and receipt of grant funds to construct Liyan-ngan Nyirwa Centre
- SEP** Executive scoping visit to Jakarta to develop networks
Meeting with IBA regarding funding for future projects
- OCT** Conclude NBY's first JV arrangements with H&M Tracey

PROSPERITY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Susan Bergersen, Peter Yu , Chris Forbes and John Hoon with Qantas representatives

The Joint boards strategic forum in March agreed to a long term development and investment plan, focusing on the possibilities of engaging with Asian economies. The Yawuru Economic Development Business Plan was recommended by the NBY Investment & Risk Committee and approved by the NBY board in May 2017. This comprehensive plan allows NBY to diversify its economic opportunities. NBY's investment strategy was amended in the last 12 months, and a managed investments portfolio was developed, which has shown excellent returns to date.

Northern Australian development is a key feature for the nation and Yawuru engagement is vital in ensuring that Yawuru and Indigenous people have a seat at the table as the economic future of the region is developed.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A slate of projects are currently underway including an irrigated agriculture pivot project that is undergoing due diligence to achieve flora and fauna and heritage survey clearances. Subject to clearances, NBY should obtain approvals to commence works early in 2018.

Negotiations with the ILC and IBA are progressing, increasing NBY's involvement in the commercial operations on Roebuck Plains Station. These negotiations will take some months, but the goal of achieving a greater involvement in the station operations is a priority for NBY.

NBY is working to establish a Joint Venture Agreement for building and other projects in the Kimberley. The Agreement will increase training and employment opportunities for Yawuru people, which is a key aspect for the JV. It also includes potential contracts under the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) in other parts of the country.

NBY is working with partners on clean energy solutions such as solar and battery alternatives to diesel power. This is an exciting and environmentally sustainable project.

Plans for a health hub on Yawuru land near Clementson Street will provide centralised and cost effective amenities to the Broome community. The hub will be developed to meet the specific needs of several government agencies, and negotiations will progress towards delivering these facilities during the next 12-24 months.

NBY continues to work with several major parties to undertake substantial commercial developments on Yawuru land and expects to advise further details within the next 3-6 months.

Changes to economic development staff includes a Business Development Manager appointed in June and Project Support Officer who started in August. Further human resources will need to be added in the near future as economic conditions improve, and NBY's business development activities over the past 12 months start to show results.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- NOV

IPA Co-ordinator commences with Native Title & Environmental Services
- DEC

Gunurru (Cable Beach Ghost Gum) survey around Broome with Environs Kimberley
- JAN

Notification by Commonwealth Government that the Yawuru IPA is Dedicated

Heritage surveys for proposed Town Beach redevelopment, Entrance Point boat harbour and carpark upgrade projects
- FEB

Vegetation survey and accuracy assessment on Roebuck Plains Station completed

Dampier Peninsular Fire workshop: collaborative approach to fire management

Weed control project- Bellyache bush (Weed of national significance)

Fee for Service Contract with DBCA for Bilby offset Plots Cape Leveque Road
- MAR

Country Managers feral cat trapping for the Kimberley Port Authority

Country Managers attend the Fitzroy Crossing Kimberley Bilby workshop
- APR

Weed mapping for Minyirr Park Weed Management Plan with Shire of Broome and Environs Kimberley

Schools program about role of Country Managers and caring for country

LAS Manager attends Ecosystem Services Forum in Queensland

Yawuru, Karajarri & Nyikina Mangala representatives meet KLC to discuss joint native title claim over the unclaimed area between the three determinations

Eco Beach ILUA negotiations
- MAY

Fauna Survey on Roebuck Plains Station for potential agricultural assessment

Fee for Service Contract with DBCA for bilby offset Plots La Grange

Eco Beach ILUA workshop with PBC Directors

Application for KLC assistance to prepare a new native title claim for areas left out of the Rubibi determination area
- JUN

Country Managers complete Cert II in Conservation and Land Management

Spectacle hare wallaby survey on Thangoo and Roebuck Plains Station

Prescribed burning with Charles Darwin University and KLC for development of carbon farming methodology

Part 1 IPA Monitoring and Evaluation framework workshop

Gunurru pamphlet published based on data collected

New position 'Cultural Liaison Officer' for NBN rollout

Heritage Protection Agreement negotiated with LandCorp for Speedway & MotorCross project
- JUL

Country Managers present at 12th International Mammalogical Conference

Water monitoring for Water Corp around wastewater treatment plant at DEMCO
- AUG

IPA Dedication celebrated on Roebuck Plains Station

Kimberley Ranger Forum Pender Bay

First infrared drone flights over culturally significant springs to monitor health
- SEP

Country Managers looking after country on Roebuck Plains Station GTV commercial

Completion of land management and cultural heritage database of on country work

Part 2 Monitoring and Evaluation workshop with senior Yawuru people
- OCT

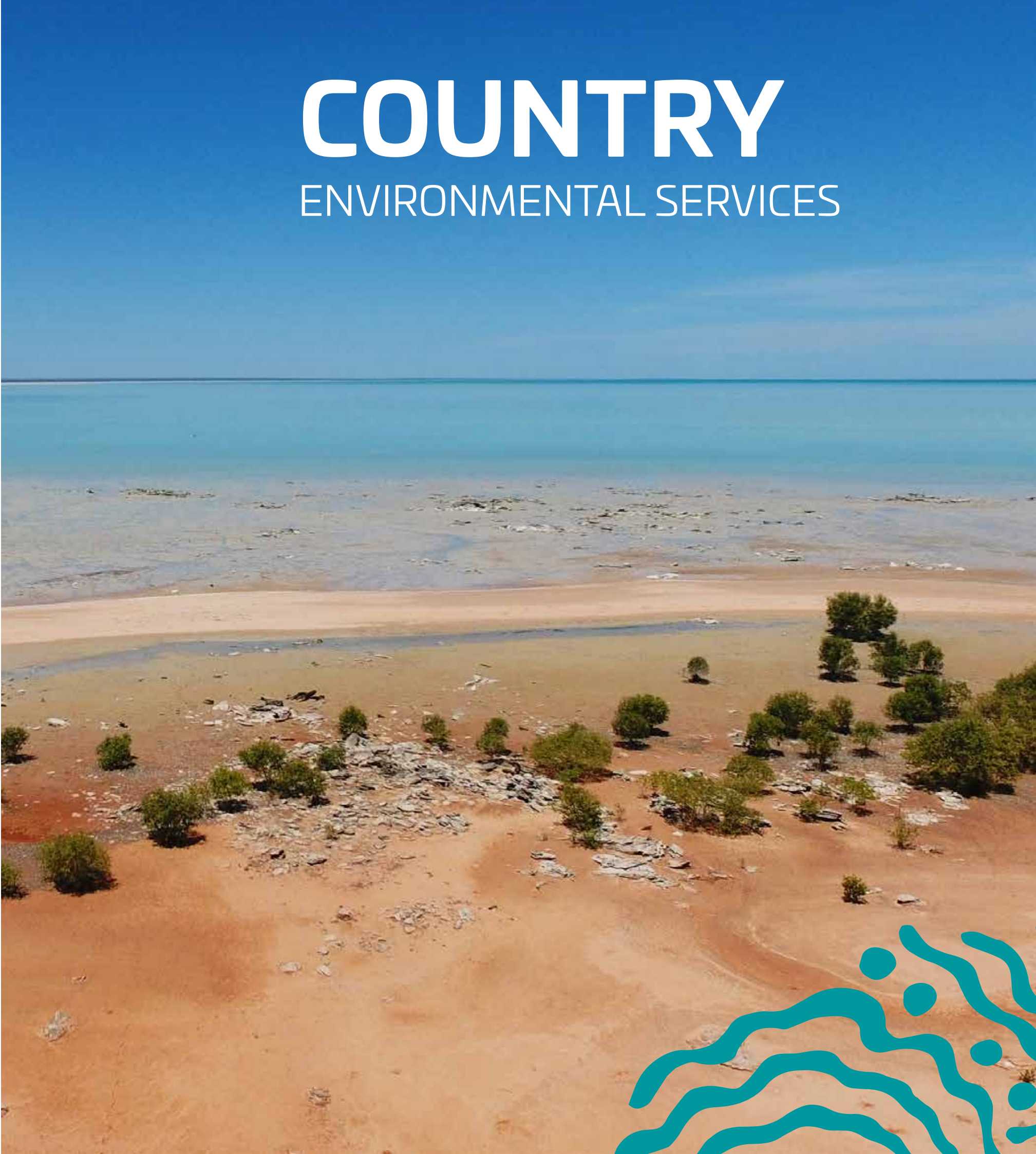
Fencing completed at Lake Yidarr to protect wetlands and sustainable grazing plan for the IPA.

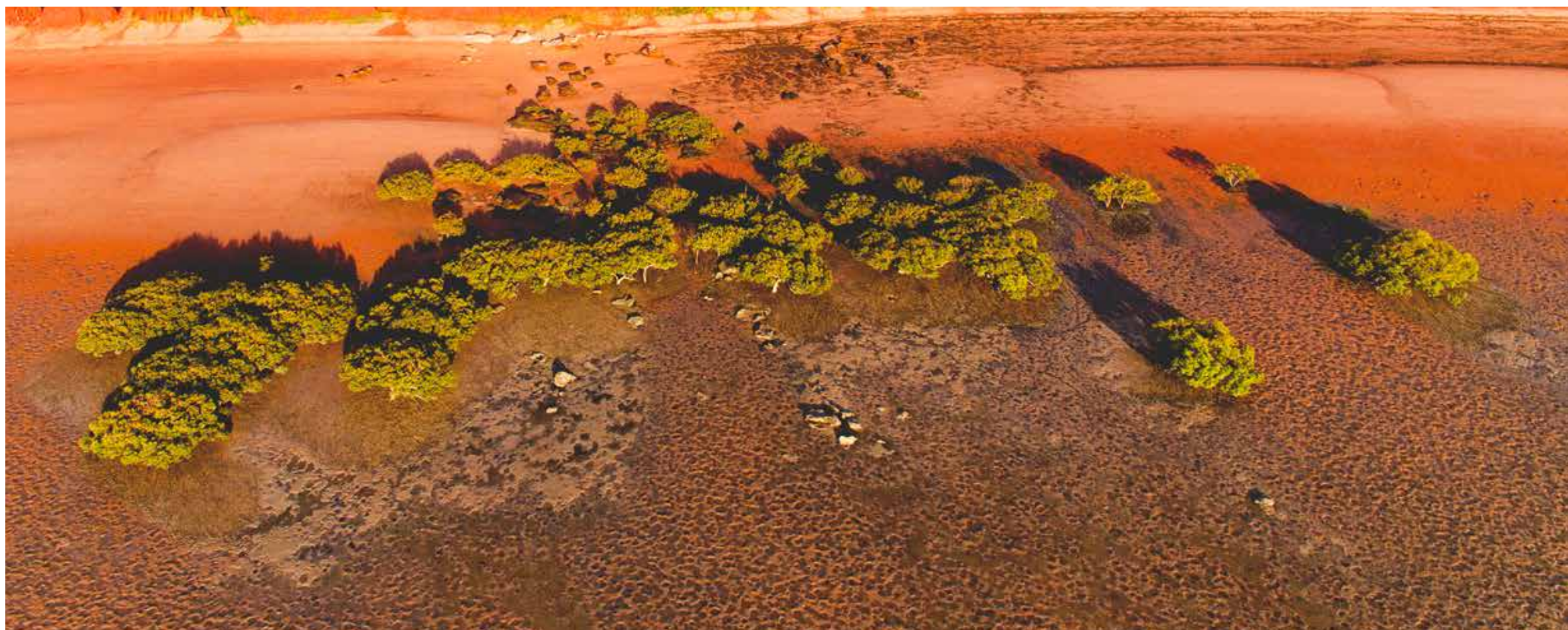
Cultural use and occupancy mapping commenced

Yawuru, Nyikina and Karajarri senior representatives agree to work together on a single joint native title claim over the unclaimed shared country area

COUNTRY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES







Spectacled Hare-wallaby

COUNTRY MANAGERS

The five Country Managers gained their Certificate II qualifications in Conservation and Land Management and are progressing into Certificate III.

Projects on the IPA and in the joint-management areas included weed-mapping and bio security training. They undertook a full Fauna Survey on Roebuck Plains Station with Ecoscape as part of assessment for a potential agricultural project. As part of the Protecting the Wetlands Project Country Managers have undertaken a massive fencing effort of significant areas of wetland, protecting them from the impact of cattle.

The Country Managers also worked with Karajarri, Nyikina and Mangala Ranger groups to research endangered species, the spectacled hare-wallaby and bilby. Three Country Managers travelled with the IPA Coordinator to the 12th International Mammalogical Conference in Perth. They presented in the plenary session and Ed Maher presented at the poster pop up site and shared the findings about the spectacled hare-wallaby with a broad audience.



Survey work for the Water Corporation



Country Managers Edwardo Maher, Vaughan Lee, Pius Gregory, Jacob Smith and Johani Mamid.

NATIVE TITLE, FUTURE ACTS AND HERITAGE

NATIVE TITLE

The Native Title team is currently working with KLC on four projects to ensure that Yawuru's native title rights are also recognised in identified areas beyond the Yawuru determination. These areas include the unclaimed area north of Rubibi; the Edarrbur (Rubibi #18) "Stock Route" claim that includes Lake Eda and Deep Creek; those areas left out of Rubibi but that lie inside the determination area and the unclaimed area between the Yawuru, Nyikina Mangala and Karajarri determined areas where the three groups are working on a single, joint claim.

FUTURE ACTS

During the last year NBY has received notifications from Gundara Enterprises, Sheffield Resources/Thunderbird and Operations and Amco Civil for proposed mineral exploration licences. NBY always ensures strong heritage protection permits are in place before any licences are granted on Yawuru country.

CULTURAL MONITORING AND SURVEYS

Throughout the past year there have been a number of heritage surveys undertaken by the Cultural Monitors to ensure integrity of country is maintained and Yawuru heritage is protected.

The GIS database system is now used at the front end of each future act project to identify the location of disturbance and the location in relation to native title, DAA registered and unregistered sites, previous Yawuru survey areas and Yawuru's internal cultural site database. This also aids in planning on-ground cultural heritage surveys.

The heritage surveys undertaken include the proposed Town Beach redevelopment, the Shire of Broome's proposed (new rubbish tip), the proposed boat harbour facility at Entrance Point, car park upgrade at Entrance Point, the proposed relocation of the Speedway and Motorcross and the Chinatown revitalisation project. Surveys were also done for Main Roads on proposed new gravel pits - one on Thangoo Station and the other in the unclaimed area north of Rubibi.

Cultural monitoring jobs included the Crab Creek Road upgrades for the Shire of Broome, Water Corp's Broome wastewater treatment plant and Gubinge Road pipeline and Yawuru monitors also oversaw the Department of Housing works on the BASSA site.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- NOV

NBY representation at the Healing Centre Gathering in Canberra
- DEC

Yawuru Community Christmas party at Town Beach
- JAN

Appointment of Senior Project Officer TTW and new HIPPY staff

Continuation of the Walalangga Yawuru Ngan-ga adult language course
- FEB

Semester 1 Yawuru Transition to Work Skillz Program

Seven new HIPPY families recruited

'Lustre: Pearling & Australia' exhibition opens in Sydney
- MAR

RNLD Professional development training for Walalangga trainers and students

Transition to Work hosts Aboriginal Justice Program Open Day

National Youth Weeks events 'Plant a Promise'
- APR

Yawuru Easter Community event
- MAY

Careers Week: Transition to Work hosted workplace visit and Careers Expo

Keystart information session

'Beyond the Common Gate' exhibition for the 1967 referendum 50th anniversary
- JUN

NAIDOC: Mabu Yawuru Ngan-ga Open Day

Mabu Yawuru Ngan-ga wins NAIDOC Award for Contribution to Culture and Heritage

Annual compliance inspection for YHOP program

Transition to Work Staff case Management Training with NR TAFE

Skillz participants created Pop up Space

National Transition to Work Forum in Melbourne
- JUL

Transition to Work Hosts Cultural Awareness Breakfast with BCCI

Yawuru Skillz Cultural Development Program
- AUG

Liyan-ngan Nyirrwa funding approved by Building Better Regions Fund

Jiril Mingaran housing program moved into Transitional housing

National Children's Day HIPPY community event
- SEP

'Marra' Pop up space officially named and opened

'Jetty to Jetty' activation events during Shinju Matsuri

Mabu Yawuru Ngan-ga public language lessons during Shinju Matsuri

Staff attendance at Jalalay KALACC Festival
- OCT

Community information event

TTW and BCCI Sundowner held to encourage Indigenous employment

Turning the soil event for Liyan-ngan Nyirrwa



PEOPLE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Suzie Albert working on the art project



Arnold 'Pudding' Smith's artwork

LIYAN-NGAN NYIRRWA

After years of planning, the Liyan-ngan Nyirrwa Cultural Healing Centre will become a reality with confirmation of \$2.944 million Federal funding through the Building Better Regions Fund. This complements the initial Lotterywest funding and contributes to the \$6.4 million total budget. Construction is beginning and there is a twelve month schedule of works that is designed to have minimal disruption on NBY's day-to-day work.

The centre will be a significant wellbeing facility that provides NBY with the ability to deliver a range of community development programs that are centred around the concept of mabu liyan.

One of the first areas of Liyan-ngan Nyirrwa to begin work is the public art project. A group of Yawuru artists developed sculptural works that will be part of the building and the grounds. These all reflect Yawuru cultural values and stories and will create a beautiful environment.



Designs for the Liyan-ngan Nyirrwa Cultural Healing Centre



The Walalangga Staff and students

"You are doing a fantastic job and are creating a model that could inspire other groups around the country and the world to revive their languages."
 Andrew Tanner, DRIL Trainer, Resource Network for Linguistic Diversity

MABU YAWURU NGAN-GA

Mabu Yawuru Ngan-ga (MYNg) has promoted Yawuru language across the Broome community by using and sharing language in public and administering Yawuru language requests. This year MYNg has been involved in community events and programs including NAIDOC week, Community open days with activities and stories shared and told, the Corrugated Lines Festival of Words and language lessons during the Shinju Matsuri Festival. The program has also continued to support the Broome schools and their language programs.

The focus of work continues to be the **Walalangga Yawuru Ngan-ga adult language training course** which began in October 2016. The course is bringing Yawuru language back into daily use as a family activity through comprehensive and immersive training.

NBY recognised that the increasing demand for Yawuru language teaching in schools and other organisations put pressure on the number of qualified language instructors. The Walalangga course is working with 12 Yawuru adults and is aiming to have 20 Yawuru language speakers by 2021. Students immerse themselves in language for 3 hours a day over the 2 year course. They are all gaining confidence and skills as well as cultural knowledge that contributes to their general wellbeing. A number of students have delivered Welcome to Country in Yawuru language throughout the year.

End of first year Assessments were conducted in early October to ensure students are meeting milestones as they work through the course.



Skillz Program



Smoking at 75th Anniversary of the Broome air raid

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

NBY is the supplier of the Australian Government's Transition to Work (TTW) program.

The TTW team have been working with 15 – 20 year olds for 18 months on a number of programs that assist them to re-engage with training or work. The program has met its targets, placing many young people in employment and certified training.

The Skillz program worked with 15 young people and has seen positive outcomes. Agunya has been a strong partner and one participant has completed a path internship, while another has done 4 weeks work experience.

Other participants have done work with the Red Cross and Goolarri Media.

Short courses such as Traffic Management have been run in collaboration with other local agencies, helping to increase capacity and improve participants' employability. The Certificate II Cultural Leadership course, run in conjunction with Goolarri Media Enterprises, used participants' knowledge and skills to tell stories that reflect on local history and they also learnt practical skills that will equip them for the workforce.

"I think the skillz program is a great course, it has helped me to think about and decide what career I would like to take".
Michael Shires

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

ELDERS AND SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT

The Elders Support Program is delivered across the community. Assistance includes maintaining social connections and trips on country to maintain and revive cultural connections. Practical home and garden maintenance is provided in conjunction with social security liaison and assistance.

Support is also available for those members with special needs.

THE BROOME COLLABORATIVE CARE INITIATIVE

Yawuru, BRAMS, the WA Mental Health Commission, WACHS, KAMS and Southern Cross Care are collaborating to develop a holistic approach to community care, based in the Clementson St area.

The proposal would establish a hub that incorporates aged care, mental health and disabilities. With a collaborative model there is the opportunity to vastly improve care, as well as increasing Aboriginal employment and professional capacity. The proposal will be considered by Ken Wyatt, Commonwealth Minister for Aged Care.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The **Youth Excellence Fund** has undergone a review and is now a scholarship program to improve the delivery of support to young people who are either high achievers in their field, or those seeking assistance to further their education or training.

NBY continues to support youth initiatives such as Midnight Basketball, Youth Week events and holiday programs that engage young people and encourage positive behaviours.

Tonii Skeen has led strong youth engagement over the year. She co-facilitated the National Youth Healing Forum which produced a Report for the

Healing Foundation. She now sits on the National Youth Reference Group, contributing to the Healing Foundation's planning and policies for young people. She also organised and co-facilitated the Kimberley Youth Suicide Prevention Forum with 30 young people. This has led to direct involvement for some young people in the Federal Government's Suicide Prevention Roundtable.

Tonii was invited to make a video submission to the WA Coronial inquest into Kimberley youth suicide and NBY hosted a session of the inquest exploring the critical issues facing young people.



Participants in the October school holiday program



3 on 3 at the Yawuru Showcase 2017



Tonii Skeen and Johnno Pearson



HIPPY participants

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)

NBY continues to deliver the internationally recognised HIPPY program for Yawuru families with pre-school aged children. The program is focused on parenting and preparation for school by encouraging parents to think of themselves as their child's 'first teacher'.

There are currently 22 families engaged in the program and two parents are now working as HIPPY Home Tutors who make home visits and hold group meetings with other families.

'Being part of HIPPY has been a great experience and given my child more confidence'.

HIPPY parent



Yawuru Housing family

HOUSING

Housing has always been an important focus for the Yawuru community. Housing is integral to building capacity of the whole community, offering stability, health benefits and creating wellbeing for families.

A review of Yawuru's existing programs was undertaken during 2017, involving a comprehensive asset audit of all NBY housing properties.

The review reinforced Yawuru's long held position that investment in housing for Yawuru people has been critically important in building Yawuru community and organisational capacity within an evolving understanding of the philosophy of mabu liyan.

NBY is not a permanent housing agency which sits alongside government to provide social housing, but through NBY's strategic investment over the past 6 years, Yawuru have successfully demonstrated a housing development model. This provides a housing pathway incorporating all stages of the housing continuum from social to home ownership.

In August an MOU with Department of Communities (Housing) was signed with NBY. This allows the parties to work together to improve housing opportunities for a cross-section of the community ranging from housing support to home ownership programs.



Nurlu performance

'Nurlu belongs to you and you belong to Nurlu, Nurlu is a spiritual journey from the Bugarrigarra, a creation story performed through song, art and dance. Nurlu is a living culture'. Di Appleby

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Yawuru cultural development is fundamental to Yawuru's group strategy.

Yawuru people continue to value time on country maintaining cultural practices, speaking language and sharing stories about places in Yawuru country. NBY's programs and projects have successfully engaged different sectors of the community who wish to participate in, share and learn Yawuru culture and traditions.

NURLU

Nurlu has been performed at a number of public events throughout the year as well as cultural functions. In total, there have been 15 Nurlu events including at the Yawuru community days, the IPA dedication and for the AFL Allstars visiting Broome.

Nurlu shares the cultural heritage of Yawuru while increasing the knowledge and skills of Yawuru people who are involved in the dance, singing, artefact production and painting up of the dancers.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND CULTURAL IMMERSIONS

The significance of a Welcome to Country for community, corporate and visitor events has continued to grow and NBY's cultural immersion program is sought out by the corporate and government sectors. It offers participants an insight into Yawuru cultural beliefs, values and the Yawuru community. It also offers a deeper perspective of Aboriginal history and is an important way to create understanding and new relationships with the broader community.

High profile clients include NBN Co, WHBO, the Broome Races, the Governor of WA and the Prime Minister. Since November 2016, 10 Cultural Immersions have been run and over 100 participants have taken part in the program. 45 Welcomes to Country have been performed over the year.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mangara means ‘forever’, and the aim is to create a cultural, environmental and historical collection for future generations of Yawuru people.

Projects are centred around the ongoing objectives of cultural maintenance and revival. The team includes two emerging Yawuru curators and current projects also include the Bugarrigarra Nyurdany exhibition project, Gwarinman memorial cemetery project, Yawuru Research database and protocols, the Kimberley Centre project. All projects are used as a way of developing Yawuru’s collection and capacity.

Partnerships with the State Library of WA, the State Records Office, AIATSIS, the WA Museum and other collecting institutions and individuals support NBY to collect and repatriate cultural, historical and other heritage materials. This year a database was developed to hold historical records, training staff in archival research.

Working with the Yawuru Country Managers, a herbarium is under development and the team continue to build a seasonal fauna and flora collection which is enhanced with site data.

The Bugarrigarra Nyurdany exhibition project is developing a collection of Nurlu objects, weapons, and other wooden artefacts.

The Jetty to Jetty project came alive again for Shinju Matsuri in three locations with storytellers, audio and light projections and live music. The project continues to impress and received a High Commendation for Aboriginal project in the MAGNA Awards.

Lustre: Pearling & Australia won a MAGNA Award for Best Travelling exhibition. In Sydney it was visited by over 122,000 people and it is currently on display in Townsville until January 2018

The 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum offered an opportunity to revive the Opening the Common Gate exhibition and look again at the heritage of reconciliation in Broome and the legacy of the last 50 years. With new content created, it was exhibited in partnership with the Shire of Broome as Beyond the Common Gate.



Carved artefacts by Arnold ‘Pudding’ Smith



Preservation and curatorship training with the State Library of WA

“My role as Trainee Coordinator Special Project Team will continue to develop programs/projects that aim to capture the importance of Yawuru people’s connection to country, as ‘The future of mankind depends on how mankind protects for the future’”. Lloyd Pigram

THE KIMBERLEY CENTRE FOR CULTURE, ART AND STORIES

As part of the Chinatown Redevelopment Project, Landcorp is funding a feasibility study for a cultural centre in Broome, hosted by Yawuru, to introduce visitors to Broome and the Kimberley.

The aim of the Kimberley Centre Working Group is to create a centre of excellence and a place of activation for story, art, performance and design that supports, not competes, with the art and cultural centres of the Kimberley.

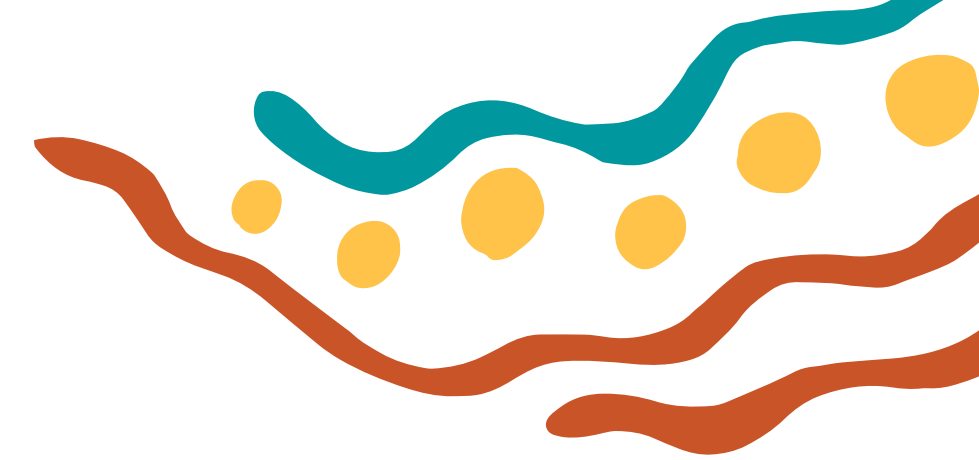
Extensive community engagement is underway to ensure the project supports existing arts centres of the Kimberley. Broome, as the gateway to the Kimberley makes it an ideal place to introduce visitors to the region, and provides opportunities for other places to market their story and products in Broome.

CULTURAL REFERENCE GROUP

The Yawuru Cultural Reference Group, which is a subcommittee under the authority of the Yawuru Native Title Holders (PBC), holds regular meetings. The group’s role is to service and facilitate the existing and developing cultural and heritage interest of the Yawuru Community.

The CRG provides advice to the PBC, NBY and any other entity as required from time to time, in the development of policies, protocols and practices that may influence or affect the integrity of Yawuru cultural and heritage practices and obligations.

There are 19 members, plus the PBC Directors always receive an open invitation, so altogether 30 members. There have been four meetings since November 2016.



LOOKING AHEAD

YAWURU FUTURES

The Yawuru Corporate Group is committed to leading transformational change by empowering Yawuru people culturally, economically and socially. There are many tracks to this objective, and they come together as one big road. Building a strong community, protecting and managing country and growing an inclusive economy are entwined. They cannot be separated.

The Liyan-ngan Ngirrwa centre will advance Yawuru cultural renaissance and build people's resilience. We are committed to building prosperity because we know from all the evidence that poverty has a crushing and debilitating impact.

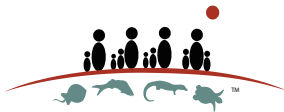
We are determined, with our partners, to build a world class cultural centre to help make Broome and the Kimberley region a global destination and the home of a vibrant tourism industry. We want to transform Roebuck Plains Station into a model of world best practice where a vibrant cattle enterprise can coexist with traditional cultural practice and conservation management.

The Yawuru Corporate Group is committed to a bold economic development agenda which will not only benefit Yawuru but all of Broome and the Kimberley region. But like all other regional entities NBY knows that development is not without its challenges. Northern Development is essential to Australia's future but it relies on infrastructure, the challenges of transport and labour costs, and engagement with Asia.

Yawuru plan to be at the forefront of sustainable horticultural development and connect to rapidly growing Asian markets. This is Yawuru leadership forging pathways into a new world by drawing from historical relationships.



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