Karajarri Traditional Lands Association Inc   STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2017-2022

Where are we going?

Our Vision

Karajarri people living well, living on Country.

Karajarri people living on Karajarri Country

Improving the lives of our members through maintaining strong living culture, protecting Country, driving projects that create jobs and income, and fulfilling aspirations to sustain our futures on Country.

Our Purpose

Karajarri Traditional Lands Association was formed in 2002 and it manages more than 30,000 square kilometres of jurrar (coastal areas) and pirra (inland areas) in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Our people believe all forms of life and ecological processes, including the landscape, people, language and customs, are all connected to Pukarrikarrajangka, the Dreamtime. Karajarri country is the source of spirit, culture and language for our people. We understand that it’s crucial to both look after our country, and to create sustainable futures and opportunities for our people on country. The work of our Registered Native Title Body Corporate is directed by our cultural leaders and Karajarri Traditional Owners.

KTAL – Who are We?

Our Values

- Respect each other, our Culture and our Country
- Empowered people determining and directing our own future
- Acting on our plans to improve our lives, maintain our culture and protect our Country
- Understanding connections with people, stakeholders, our Country and our Culture underpins our success.

Key Strategies and Goals

- Pursue projects that work toward KTLA ownership of all Karajarri land
- Develop a strategy specifically for residential development on Country
- Support outstation sustainability and development
- Communicate long term vision and aspirations to stakeholders

Cultural protection and practice

- Engaging youth in Cultural practice, language and education
- Protecting Country through implementation of Healthy Country Program
- Providing opportunities for Cultural practice on Country
- Educate the public about Karajarri Country and Culture

Build organisational capacity and capability

- Source funding and resource KTLA to drive strategy implementation and perform PBC functions
- Build the skills of members to run KTLA and projects on Country into the future
- Develop partnerships, programs and people to achieve strategic goals

Economic & social development focus

- Increasing control and opportunity from all economic activity on Country including land and sea.
- Support sustainable business development on Country by members and KTLA
- Build financial independence of KTLA through owning and managing businesses, assets and investment
- Delivery of a range of social programs to achieve the vision
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KTLA – Who are We?

KTLA looks after Karajarri country, and creates sustainable futures and opportunities for our people on Country. It is the Registered Native Title Body Corporate and is directed by our cultural leaders and Karajarri Traditional Owners.

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“We’re feeling confident, looking forward, moving forward regardless, and we’re on the cusp of achieving what the old people dreamed of”

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Key Strategies

Goals

Potential Initiatives

Pursue projects that work toward KTLA ownership of all Karajarri land
Develop long term plan for residential development on Country
Communicate long term vision and aspirations to stakeholders
Support outstation development and sustainability

Develop a long term vision document/concept plan specifically for residential development on Country near Port Smith.
Ensure long term vision for residential development near Port Smith is considered in master-planning for Bird Park development.
Develop policies, funding plans for outstation support.

Engaging youth in Cultural practice, language and education
Protecting Country through Healthy Country Program
Providing opportunities for Cultural practice on Country
Educate the public about Karajarri Country and Culture

Identify a range potential funders from a range of sectors to fund cultural language, education and cultural practice initiatives.
Develop youth program on Country to share and celebrate culture.
Support and resource regular Cultural events.
Ranger programs run to highest standard and showcase/leverage success to get more fee for service opportunity utilising rangers.

Source funding and resource KTLA to drive strategy implementation and perform PBC functions.
Build the skills of members to run KTLA and projects on Country into the future
Develop partnerships, programs and people to achieve strategic goals.

Understand skills, capacity and aspirations of members through a skills audit.

Improve relationships with key stakeholders to identify, create and manage opportunities for training, employment and business.

Develop leadership and governance skills and appropriate business systems for KTLA.

Maintain a highly functional and consultative organisation.

Increasing control and opportunity from all economic activity on Country
Support sustainable business development on Country by members and KTLA
Build financial independence of KTLA through owning and managing businesses, assets and investments.
Delivery of a range of social programs to achieve the vision.

Strong levels of member and family group consultation, and focus on engagement with youth through program delivery.

Develop specific business plans to implement immediate tourism opportunities at Bird Park.

Focus on creating employment and enterprise development on both marine and land areas and at both individual and Corporation levels.

Explore potential of solar energy production.

Key Challenges

Native Title limitations and complexities
Lack of infrastructure to capitalize on natural resources
Lack of engagement of members in cultural learning
Inability to provide enforcement and compliance on Country
Poor relationship with Bidyadanga administration (BACLG)
Lack of finances, office, vehicles, staff and resources to implement strategy
Lack of freedom of decisions on Country - others making decisions on KTLA land
Sometimes misinterpretation/miscommunication where families ‘aren’t on same page’
Current capacity and lack of expertise.

Economic & social development focus

Build organisational capacity and capability

"Where are we going?" / "How are we going to get there?"