

Gomeroi Narrabri People Charitable Trust Fund



In December 2007 Narrabri Coal Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal) entered into a Native Title agreement with the Gomeroi Narrabri People. This agreement enabled mining operations to be conducted on traditional lands and in return, Narrabri Coal provide funding for the benefit of the Gomeroi Narrabri People. Details of this agreement were initially explained in an Ancillary Deed between the parties.

This led to the formation of the Gomeroi Narrabri People Charitable Trust Fund. Directors of the Trust include three members of the Gomeroi Narrabri People, one person from Narrabri Coal and an independent Chairperson.

Directors of the Trust have a responsibility to administer the trust funds inline with the terms of the Gomeroi Narrabri People Charitable Trust Deed.

Generally, the trust funds are to be used for the benefit of Indigenous Australians, including the Gomeroi Narrabri people, located in the Narrabri Shire to:

- Relieve persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress by reason of social and economic circumstances,
- Advance education, including children attending early childhood development, primary school, secondary school and tertiary school education,
- Advance the religion, spirituality views, culture and traditional customs of Indigenous Australians for the benefit of the public,
- Protect and preserve art, culture, dance, history and traditions of Indigenous Australians,
- Promote good race relations and harmony between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians,
- Provide employment training or assistance to find employment,
- Preserve and safeguard of persons in danger of becoming dependent upon drugs, alcohol and other addictive substances.

Additionally, funds can be used in a manner that supports the Gomeroi Narrabri Aboriginal Corporation (GNAC) vision to be:

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THAT SUSTAINS AND NURTURES
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EMPLOYMENT AND OUR KIDS."

[GNAC Vision](#)

The purpose of this guideline is to promote the existence of the trust, to explain what the funds can be used towards, and to provide a transparent mechanism for applying for the funds.

The criteria for assessing applications will be reviewed by the Trustees at regular intervals to ensure that they are effective and they continue to benefit the Gomeroi Narrabri people.

Applications are sought for funding by the Trust.



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Application process

Applications may be made by resident members of the Aboriginal Community by service providers, organisations or groups who provide direct benefit to the Aboriginal community.

Only one application can be made by an individual or organisation each year. In order to receive funding, applications must meet the following mandatory criteria:

- show how the project/proposal will achieve outcomes that assist the Aboriginal community to move towards achieving the GNAC Vision;
- outline the experience and skills of the person who will manage the project/proposal;
- highlight any financial or in kind support the project/proposal has received from the applicant or other groups or government agencies and whether this support is agreed in principle, or paid and received;
- demonstrate measurement of progress and outcomes of the project proposal;
- if funding is for business development opportunities, detail the benefit for the broader community, for example, the number of jobs created;
- if funding is for education, training or scholarships, detail how the Aboriginal community will benefit and highlight the potential for employment at the end of the training or scholarship;
- detail how the project/proposal will assist to develop and strengthen relationships within the community;
- highlight opportunities to collaborate with existing projects to create a bigger project that avoids duplication and competition.

In addition, applications should attempt to address the following optional criteria:

- detail any research that has been done on the viability of the proposal, how the proposal will be implemented and expected outcomes;
- detail how the project will be sustained once Trustees funding is finished;
- highlight any other groups or sections of the community currently supporting the proposal; and
- any other information that may strengthen your application and that the Trust may find useful.

To proceed, an application form must be completed explaining how the proposal meets the funding criteria. Members of the Gomeroi Narrabri Peoples Trust or GNAC can assist with the application if required.

Applications should be submitted to the Trust for consideration.

All applications must be approved by the Gomeroi Narrabri Peoples Trust Board and be in accordance with the Trust's Strategic Plan.

All applications are determined by the Trust as a whole and not by individuals. The Gomeroi Trustees and the Independent Chairman do not receive remuneration for their work on the Trust.

Applications will be dealt with as soon as possible, however may take up to three weeks to process. The Trustees will try to assess applications within three weeks of receiving all the required information. Please do not contact any of the Trustees after your application has been submitted. After the three weeks, if you would like an update on the status of your application, please email gomeroi@whitehavencoal.com.au

All communication should be through the Trust's email address.





Eligible applicants are seen as those who:

- can demonstrate they can make effective use of the funds to benefit Gomeroi Narrabri people;
- are willing and able to measure the performance of the project; and
- can work with the Trustees.

Funding may be provided for projects that are in accordance with the Trust's Strategic Plan.

Applicants cannot apply for funding of:

- Native title matters;
- Cultural heritage management matters;
- Purchase of major capital items such as cars and major items of plant or equipment;
- Permanent positions;
- Interstate or overseas travel; or
- Issues to be dealt with or considered by legal process.

Proposals funded by the Trustees cannot be used as supporting material in any legal process.



Examples of Eligible Projects may include:

Aboriginal business development

- Support to develop a business plan or feasibility study to establish a business
- Funding for business training
- Enabling access to professional advisors.

Educational programmes

- Assistance to provide or undertake extra curricular educational opportunities at secondary school
- Assistance to undertake tertiary educational programmes.

Culture and heritage

- Support to roll out educational programmes (e.g. for local schools)
- Sponsorship of NAIDOC Week events
- Research programmes (e.g. ethno-history work for whole of community benefit)
- Development of cultural heritage interpretative materials.

Training and employment

- Assistance to undertake pre-employment training.

Community development

- Support for specific projects the community has not been able to achieve through government or other funding sources.

Health and wellbeing

- Sponsorship of projects that will deliver tangible benefits for community health and wellbeing
- Assistance by way of scholarship for outstanding young sports people
- Sponsorship of Aboriginal role models to promote sport and sporting achievement.

Welfare

- Assistance in cases of genuine need of financial assistance.

Other projects agreed to by the Trustees

- Assistance to leverage government or other funding sources
- Projects that have compelling and significant benefit for the whole Narrabri Shire Aboriginal Community.



Application form

All applications are determined by the Trust as a whole and not by individuals. None of the Trustees receive any remuneration for the work they perform on behalf of the Trust.

Applicant or Organisation Name/s

Contact Person for the Application

Apical Ancestor

Address

Suburb

Postcode

Contact Number

Email

Funding Amount Requested

Project Name

Project Summary

Please attach funding proposal, including details of how the project meets the funding criteria.

Please provide bank account details to receive funding, should your application be successful.

Account name

Account number

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Submitting your application

Please send completed application form and funding proposal to:

Gomerioi Narrabri Peoples Charitable Trust Fund

PO Box 563, Narrabri NSW 2790

or to gomerioi@whitehavencoal.com.au

Application form available at

whitehavencoal.com.au/indigenous-engagement