

# LAND Acquisition

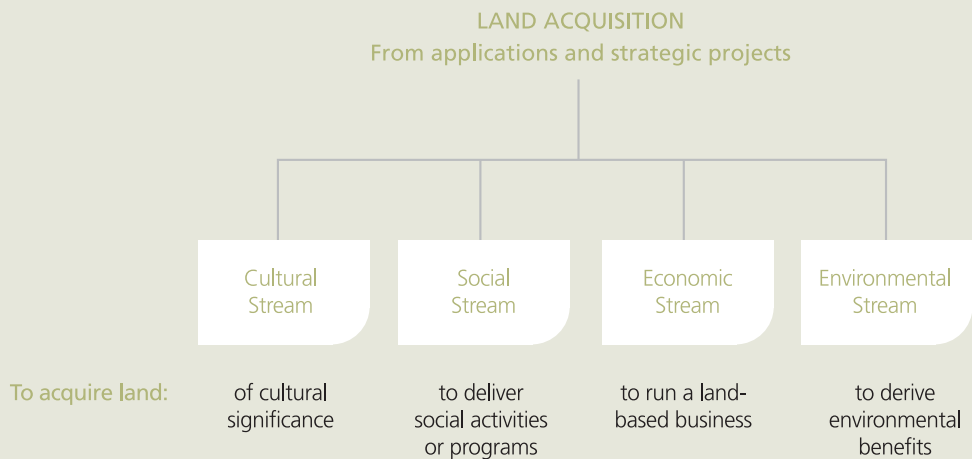
## Objective

*The Land Acquisition Program aims to assist Indigenous people to acquire land to achieve sustainable economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits.*

## Program Structure

The Land Acquisition Program has four streams of assistance: economic, environmental, social and cultural, relating to the main land use, and the types of benefits that will be achieved. Education, training that leads to employment, and collaboration with other agencies and the private sector are priorities.

Figure 4: Land Acquisition Program Structure.



## Program Implementation

The ILC recognises that land ownership and land management are complex tasks that require business management skills, commitment, good governance and a sustainable income source. The ILC is committed to acquiring land for Indigenous groups that have these skills.

After acquisition, the ILC ensures that the property is in sound condition, and conducts repairs and limited capital development where required.

The ILC then leases the property, at no cost, to the applicant group for up to three years. During the lease period, the group is responsible for:

- Managing and maintaining the property;
- Delivering benefits through implementing the land use; and
- Conducting activities according to a work plan, including undertaking training and submitting progress reports;
- Developing a comprehensive property plan; and
- Ensuring that they remain compliant with their regulatory responsibilities.

Work and property plans help the group to fulfil their landholding responsibilities and plan for the future management of the property. The ILC also develops an Environmental Management Plan for ILC-held properties with environment and heritage values to describe how these values will be protected and potentially adverse effects avoided.

During the lease period, the ILC monitors the group's capacity and commitment to managing the property and delivering benefits. When the Indigenous group has demonstrated its ability to fulfil its landholding responsibilities and to deliver benefits, the ILC grants the property to the group.

- *Workers install a water tank at Windidda Station which received land management assistance in 2007–08.*



## Land Acquisition Benefits Summary

The ILC analyses its effectiveness by monitoring the benefits achieved and accrued by Indigenous groups that have received ILC assistance.

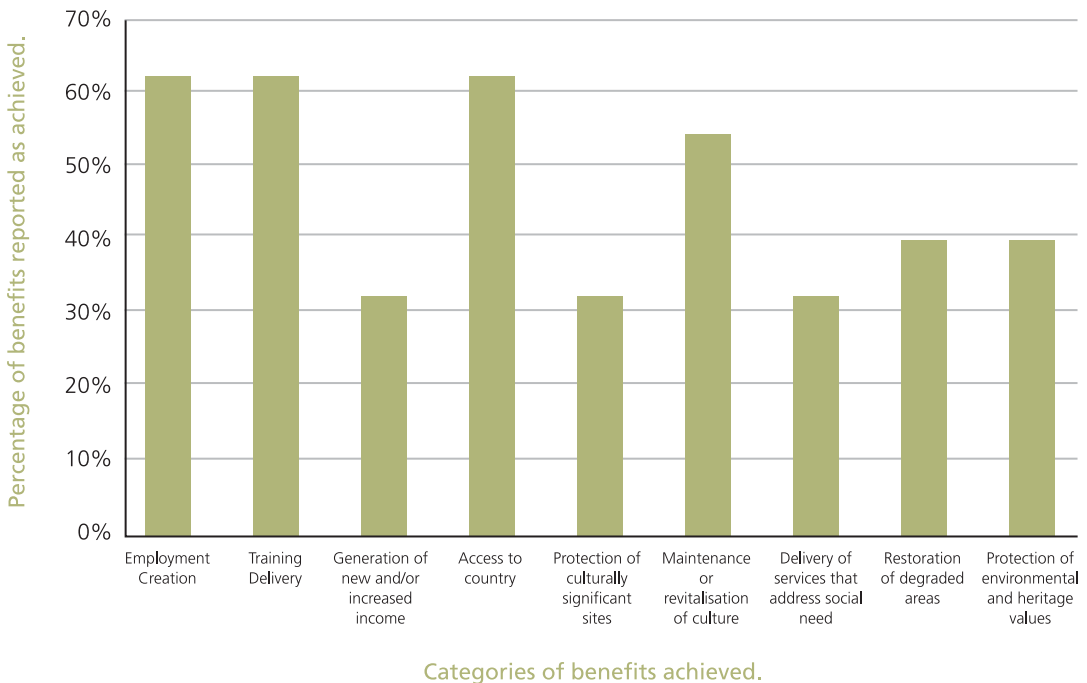
In 2007–08, 13 groups were surveyed regarding the benefits achieved from land acquisition assistance. Ten groups reported achieving more than one category of benefit. The greatest benefit came from training, employment and access to country. Statements from applicant groups illustrate some of the benefits reported and highlights of the year.

### TRAINING TO EMPLOYMENT

*“The ILC approved funding for renovations at the Haggup St Property. This provided an opportunity to place clients with the Industry Department. Over a period of four to six weeks these clients were monitored and assessed by the Industries Manager and Case Management team for suitability to enter into part-time employment at Goori House. All four clients were employed on a part-time basis with one going onto employment in a full-time position as Case Manager.” Goori Original, QLD.*

The graph below depicts the percentage of groups who have received land acquisition assistance and reported achieving benefits of each category.

Graph 1: Land Acquisition achieved benefits.



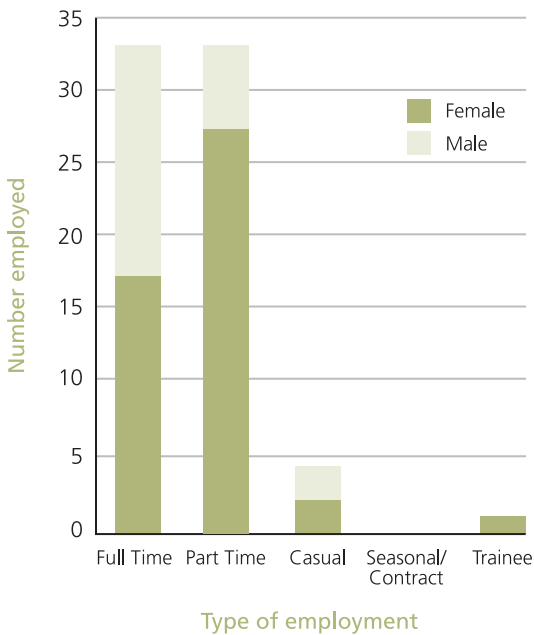
**EMPLOYMENT**

- In total, 73 jobs were gained by the six groups;
- Of these, 30% were new jobs created by the acquisition of the property. The remaining 70% were existing jobs sustained through acquisition;
- 71 of the 73 jobs engaged Indigenous people;
- 45% were full-time equivalent and 45% were part time; and
- The table below shows the number and type of employment opportunities gained by Indigenous males and females.
- One third of the jobs created were funded by a collaboration between the ILC and another organisation, the remaining two thirds were directly funded by other organisations.

**TRAINING**

- 62% of groups reported achieving training benefits.
- In total, 23 training courses were attended by members of, or clients of, groups receiving ILC assistance.
- Training was funded through three mechanisms: the ILC directly funded four courses; a partnership between the ILC and other organisations funded one and the remaining 18 were funded solely by other organisations.
- 40 Indigenous females, 59 Indigenous males and two non-Indigenous females participated in training activities.
- Of the 62% of groups reporting training benefits, around 60% were employment related and 40% were non-employment related.
- Employment-related training included a variety of TAFE and workplace-based courses such as:
  - Certificate III Governance;
  - General construction training both on and off the job;
  - Health and Community Services training; and
  - Financial and Strategic Planning;
- Non-employment-related training included:
  - Governance and organisational need;
  - cultural site works; and
  - Social and community services.

Graph 2: Types of Employment held.



## ACCESS TO COUNTRY

Having access to country holds significant meaning and generates flow-on benefits to groups; 62% reported the benefit of having access to country.

Culpra Milli Aboriginal Corporation reported that the benefits arising from access include

*“being able to live on country, hunt and gather traditional foods and to share with other family members as well as being able to participate in education programs that cater for individual needs, and that they feel comfortable participating in.”*

Kerrooleet Aboriginal Corporation said improved access was helping to protect sites.

*“ILC has given Kerrooleet members access to country that might never have been possible without our current partnership. It has helped in our maintenance and revitalisation of our culture and protection of culturally significant sites.”*

Kerrooleet, Victoria.

## ECONOMIC

*“The Lake Gorrie Property is at present running 120 steers on part of the property which was previously cleared for agricultural use. This has enabled community members to gain skill in stock management and now 80 steers have so far been fattened on the property and sold for a profit.”*

Winda Mara, Victoria.

- 31% reported generation of new and/or increased income.

## Properties Acquired in 2007–08

In 2007–08, the ILC acquired seven properties at a total cost of \$15.7m, constituting an area of 97.54 hectares. This brings the total number of properties the ILC has acquired since its inception to 221 at a cost of approximately \$216 million and a total area of 5,934,161 hectares.

Six acquisitions this year resulted from applications from Indigenous organisations, and one was an ILC-initiated strategic purchase with the full support of the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal community.

Table 4: Properties acquired 2007–08.

Property Name	State	Stream	Project Type
Goori Halfway House	Qld	Social	Application
Mt Belmont Youth Camp	Qld	Social	Application
Sister Kate's	WA	Social	Application
Mossman Gorge Road#	Qld	Economic	Strategic
Coolibah Drive	WA	Social	Application
Wurangura Street, Newman	WA	Social	Application
2 Ambleside Street, West End	Qld	Social	Application

# Approved by ILC Board with settlement date of 9 July, 2008.

## SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

In October 2007, the ILC acquired a property for Milbi Incorporated, an Indigenous-owned and operational youth crisis and crime prevention centre. Milbi reported success in supporting and rehabilitating young offenders.

Trefoil Island Indigenous leasee Vaun Stonehouse reported that land management work had greatly improved the living environment.

*“My self and my crew are over the moon about our new generator, shower and toilet block. No more boiling coppers for hot water and pulling shower buckets. Thank you.”*

- 31% reported protection of culturally significant sites;
- 54% reported maintenance or revitalisation of culture; and
- 31% reported delivery of services that address social needs.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- 38% reported restoration of degraded areas;
- 38% reported protection of environmental and heritage values

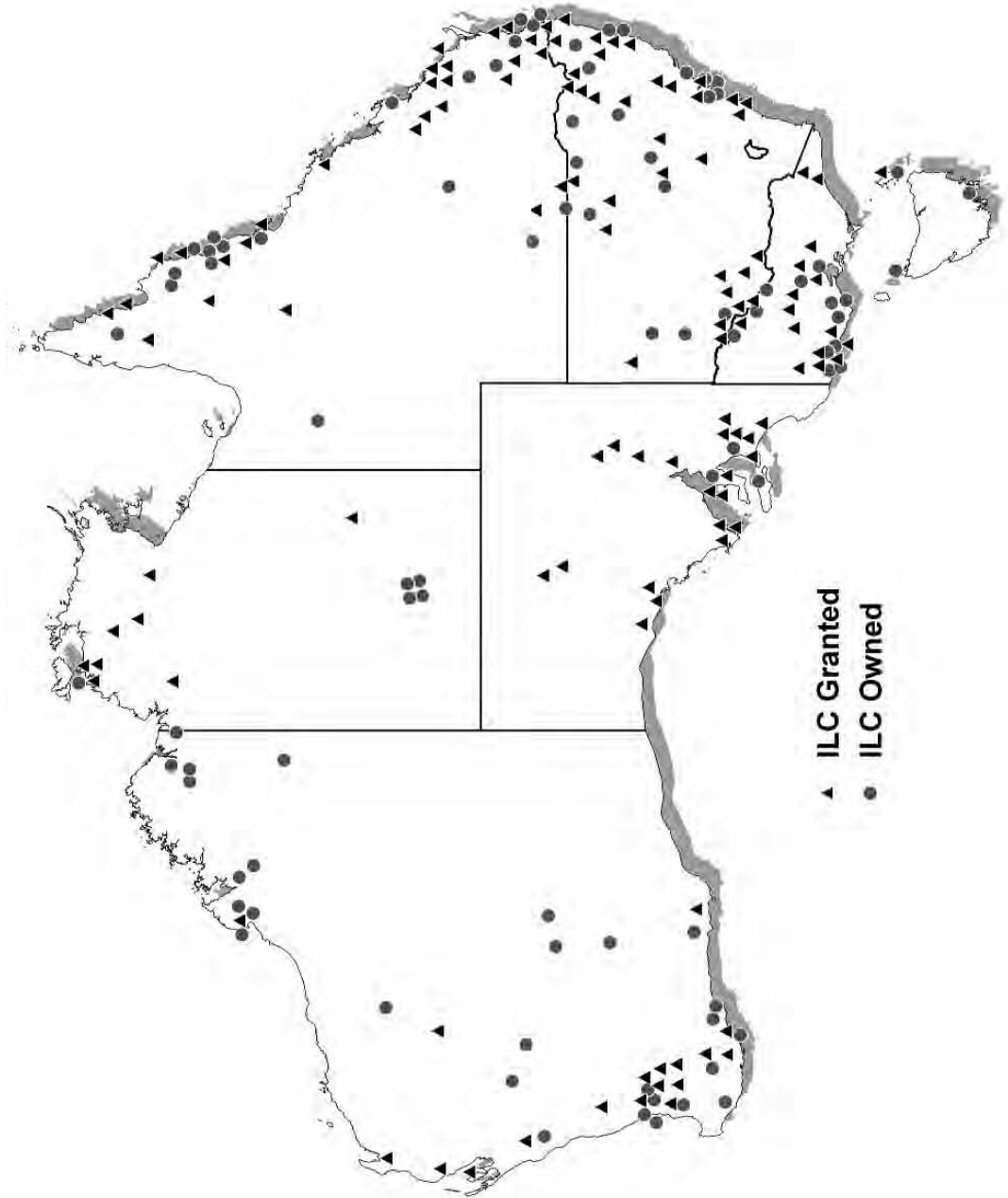
• Herding sheep at Murrayfield Station on Bruny Island, Tasmania.



Table 5: Land Acquisitions, Purchase and Land Grants to June 2008.

ILC Region	Total Properties Acquired	Total Properties Granted
<b>NSW</b>		
To 30/06/07	50	29
2007–08	0	2
Total	50	31
<b>NT</b>		
To 30/06/07	14	8
2007–08	0	0
Total	14	8
<b>QLD</b>		
To 30/06/07	45	25
2007–08	4	2
Total	49	27
<b>SA</b>		
To 30/06/07	26	21
2007–08	0	0
Total	26	21
<b>TAS</b>		
To 30/06/07	5	1
2007–08	0	0
Total	5	1
<b>VIC</b>		
To 30/06/07	30	19
2007–08	0	0
Total	30	19
<b>WA</b>		
To 30/06/07	44	18
2007–08	3	0
Total	47	18
<b>Total</b>		
To 30/06/07	214	121
2007–08	7	4
Total	221	125

Figure 5: Land Acquisitions and Grants to 30 June 2008.



## LAND ACQUISITION

### Case Study

# Mt Belmont Youth Camp, Etna Creek

Mt Belmont Youth Camp was purchased to allow Milbi Incorporated to run a youth crisis and crime prevention centre to service the Rockhampton, Woorabinda and Mt Morgan districts.



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program stream:** Social.

**Key activities:** Diversionary programs.

**Size:** 14.07 hectares.

**Infrastructure:** The property has a three-bedroom house. The land has piped town water, power and an in-ground septic system. Additional assets include a shed with cold-room storage, two greenhouses, two dams, three-phase power connection to the house, and a commercial kitchen.

### APPLICANT GROUP

**Name of group:** Milbi Incorporated.

**Number of members:** 26.

### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

#### Employment

Milbi employs five people, and has recently received funding to employ an additional eight staff to manage the programs run at Mt Belmont.

#### Training Conducted

In 2007–08, Milbi operated training and counselling programs on the property attended by over 120 Indigenous youths per year. Training included life skills, numeracy and literacy, and personal development programs to address issues related to alcohol and substance abuse.

#### Cultural and Social benefits

Mt Belmont provides urgent accommodation for homeless youth and is an alternative to custodial sentences. Its programs offer a way to fulfil Children's Court/Murri Court community service orders.

Up to 10 children attend the property each week for a range of activities including picking bush foods, cooking, yard cleaning, and making cultural artefacts.

### ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

- Essential maintenance and repairs: \$68,310.
- Land Management assistance: \$27,000.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES 2007–08

- Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing, Program Funding: \$675,000.
- Queensland Government Department of Communities: Operational costs for Mt Belmont Youth Camp – employment of full-time Youth Justice Court coordinator and administrative costs: \$83,000.
- Queensland Government Department of Justice and Attorney General – Employment of full-time Adult Murri Court coordinator, three child carers and administrative costs: \$243,000.
- Queensland Government Department of Child Safety – Employment of 10 casual child safety minders: \$438,000.

### LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

A three-year lease agreement between the ILC and Milbi Incorporated was executed on 13 December 2007. The ILC will consider granting the property at the completion of essential repairs and maintenance, subject to Milbi achieving milestones in its work plan.

## LAND ACQUISITION

### Case Study

# Goori Halfway House, Cleveland

The purchase of Goori Halfway House allowed Goori Original Ltd to relocate its return-to-community program from rented premises two kilometres away to permanent accommodation next door to its existing Goori House property.



The program is an intermediate step for Goori House residents who have completed its drug rehabilitation program. The property accommodates up to seven full-time residents with safe and secure housing while they are rehabilitated back into the community.

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program stream:** Social.

**Key activities:** Alcohol and drug addiction treatment programs.

**Size:** 809m<sup>2</sup>

**Infrastructure:** A house with three bedrooms and one bathroom.

#### APPLICANT GROUP

**Name of group:** Goori Original Limited.

**Number of members:** 5.

#### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

##### Employment

Goori Original employs 18 staff, 12 of whom are Indigenous.

##### Training conducted

A core element of the halfway house program is accredited training. Through Queensland TAFE, Goori provides training at Certificate II and III level in horticulture, landscaping and building.

All clients participate in a Community Jobs Plan program, which provides training in basic computer skills, resume writing and job application writing to assist them to find work.

##### Cultural and social benefits

Residents of Goori Halfway House develop independent living skills with the support of case management workers.

Fifteen of the 24 people admitted in 2007–08 completed the program successfully. They then returned to live with family, moved into their own accommodation, and/or re-entered the workforce.

#### ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Essential maintenance and repairs: \$29,900.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES 2007–08

- Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing's Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: Program funding: \$650,922.
- Queensland Government Department of Health: Drug Court Program: \$103,000.

#### LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

A three-year lease agreement between the ILC and Goori Original Ltd was executed on 30 November 2007. The ILC will consider granting the property at the completion of essential repairs and maintenance, subject to the Goori achieving milestones in its work plan.

- *The new Goori Halfway House at Cleveland.*



# LAND ACQUISITION

## Case Study

# 2 Ambleside Street, West End

The property was purchased on behalf of Brisbane Indigenous Media Association (BIMA) for conversion to a radio station and media training centre.



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program stream:** Social.

**Key activities:** Radio station and media training.

**Size:** 1929m<sup>2</sup>

**Infrastructure:** The building has two levels:

- Upper level: 645m<sup>2</sup>, open office area; strong room; garage; partitioned offices; toilets; kitchen; and
- Lower level: 475m<sup>2</sup>, large vacant space; store room; diesel electric generator.

### APPLICANT GROUP

**Name of group:** Brisbane Indigenous Media Association.

**Number of members:** 34

### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

#### Employment

BIMA employs 35 Indigenous people; 15 full time, five part time. There are 15 school-based trainees. Four non-Indigenous staff are also employed.

#### Training conducted

##### *Indigenous media training*

BIMA operates Triple-A Training, a media training company offering accredited training in broadcasting to certificate IV level.

Since achieving Registered Training Organisation status in 2000:

- 424 students (380 Indigenous) have enrolled;
- 108 have graduated;
- 86 have received paid work related to their training.

### Cultural and Social benefits

BIMA's radio station, 98.9FM (also known as 4AAA), operates a 24-hour radio service aimed at Indigenous audiences in Brisbane.

### ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Contribution towards fitout; Material change of use costs: \$500,000.

Essential Repairs and Maintenance: \$104,650.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES 2007–08

- Queensland Government Department of Education, Training and the Arts: Funds for User Choice Traineeships and the Creative Arts Initiative: \$110,000.
- Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations: Cape York Media Training and Regional Radio Recruitment and Training Initiative: \$356,000.
- Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and Queensland Government Department of Education, Training and the Arts: Joint Indigenous Funding Initiative, Radio and IT skills training: \$256,000.

### LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

The ILC will consider granting the property to BIMA at the completion of the refurbishment, subject to the organisation achieving milestones in their work plan.

# LAND ACQUISITION

## Case Study

# Coolibah Drive, Kununurra

Coolibah Drive was purchased to provide a base for the Wunan Job Pathways Initiative, which provides programs taking Indigenous people through training to full-time employment.



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program stream:** Social.

**Key activities:** Employment and training.

**Size:** 0.35 hectares.

**Infrastructure:** Two-storey commercial building.

### APPLICANT GROUP

**Name of group:** Wunan Foundation.

**Number of members:** 12.

### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

#### Employment

The Job Pathways Initiative and other programs employ 3.5 FTE Indigenous staff. This is expected to grow to eight positions after the building is redeveloped and refurbished. Wunan assisted 41 Indigenous people into unsubsidised employment to June 30 2008, after moving into the property in February 2008.

#### Training conducted

- 140 Indigenous people took part in three work readiness programs, the Local Community Partnership and the New Connections program; and

• *Indigenous students taking part in the New Connections program at Wunan.*



- Wunan began a new program, Workaway, to assist people in remote communities to move to larger centres of employment.

### ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

- Essential maintenance and repairs: \$133,000
- Capital development: \$125,000
- Capacity development: \$10,000

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES 2007–08

The Wunan Foundation is supported by the Commonwealth and State governments, and the business and philanthropic sectors to deliver training and employment-related programs from the Coolibah Drive property. In 2007–08, this included:

- Ian Potter Foundation: \$45,000;
- WA Department of Industry and Resources; \$50,000;
- Department of Education Science and Training; \$300,000; and
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations – Connections Program: \$171,000;
- CDEP – \$500,000; and
- Structured Training and Employment Program: \$500,000.

### LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

A lease is in place until December 2010. Grant of the property is expected before then, subject to the group's achievement of milestones in their work plan.

## LAND ACQUISITION

### Case Study

# Sister Kate's, Perth

Sister Kate's was purchased for aged care housing and a healing centre for the benefit of members of the stolen generation and their descendants.



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program Stream:** Social

**Key Activities:** Aged care and healing

**Size:** 4.2388 hectares

**Infrastructure:** Administration/caretaker memorial cottage; chapel, and kindergarten building.

### APPLICANT GROUPS

Sister Kate's Children 1934–1953 Aboriginal Corporation (SKAC): 112 members

Sister Kate's Home Kids Aboriginal Corporation (SKHKAC): 70 members

### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

#### Infrastructure

When fully redeveloped, the site will have 28 independent aged care living units; a six-bed aged care hostel; a healing centre; and existing buildings will have been restored and refurbished. The ILC will contribute \$1.2m towards capital development, restoration and refurbishment; the Department of Housing and Works (DHW) will spend \$12m on the independent living units; Lotterywest has agreed "in principle" to provide \$1.9m for construction of the healing centre; and it is proposed to source funds for the six-bed aged care hostel from the Department of Health and Ageing.

#### Management and Sustainability

The property vendor, the Uniting Church, has placed 50% of the sale proceeds (\$4.5m) in two equal amounts into the respective trusts established by SKAC and SKHKAC. Proceeds generated by the respective trusts will be used by SKAC and SKHKAC to fund the ongoing management of the property.

#### Employment

Future employment is expected to be 14 full-time and 26 part-time positions in health, caring, tenancy management, caretaking and maintenance.

#### Training

Accredited training will be conducted through TAFE in areas including trades, carer and professional healthcare training and through arrangements with universities, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and Marr Mooditj Aboriginal Health Training College.

#### Cultural and Social benefits

The property will provide a culturally significant place for elderly members of the stolen generation and their descendants, supported by health care and professional trauma counselling services. These benefits are consistent with recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report into the separation of Indigenous people from their families.

### ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

- Total of \$1.2m allocated to the project.
- Operational and minor essential maintenance and repairs 2007–08: \$3,000.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES 2007–08

- DHW total of \$12m allocated to the project. Planning and design, and preparation of Development Application to the City of Canning – 2007–08.
- Lotterywest in principle support of \$1.9m for the healing centre – 2007–08.

### LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

Divestment will take place after construction has been completed.

## LAND ACQUISITION

### Case Study

# Mossman Gorge, Mossman - major environmental initiative

The ILC Board approved the purchase of an eight hectare parcel of former sugar cane land at the entrance to Mossman Gorge to develop a world class eco-tourism visitor and interpretive centre which will provide Indigenous training and employment in the local tourism industry. Settlement was scheduled for 9 July, 2008.



Mossman Gorge, a Wet Tropics World Heritage site, is a popular tourist destination within the Daintree National Park, located approximately 80km north of Cairns and three kilometres west of the town of Mossman.

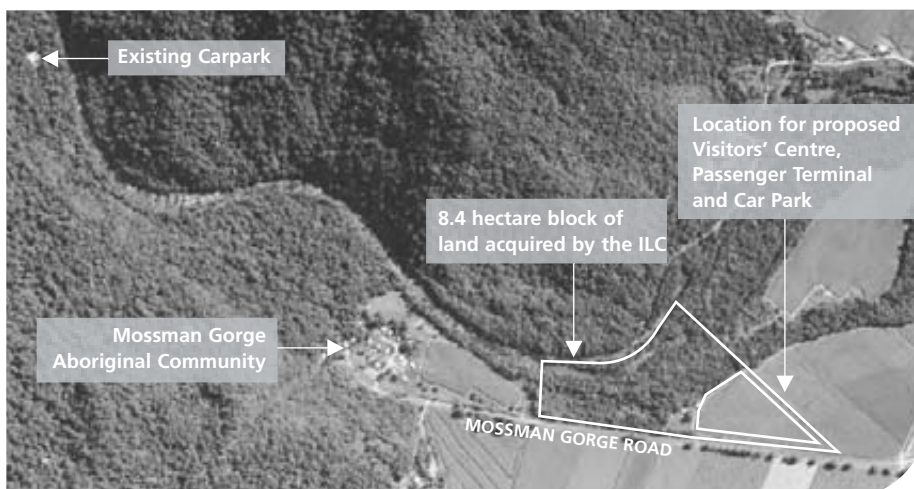
It attracts over 500,000 visitors annually. However, Mossman Gorge has a serious vehicle parking problem and there are safety and quality-of-life issues for the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal Community. An estimated 90,000 vehicles travel through the middle of the community each year on the way to the gorge.

In March 2008, the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, announced that the ILC

*"...plans to develop the site to international tourism standards to provide proper car and bus parking away from environmentally sensitive areas and to build an eco-friendly electric bus transit system to the gorge, an environmental and Indigenous interpretive centre and art gallery and café along with guided culture walks. This major eco-tourism plan will deliver significant economic benefits to the Mossman community and will provide training and real jobs in the tourism and hospitality industries to local Indigenous people."*

It is anticipated that the centre will open in early 2010.

• Aerial view of the land acquired by the ILC for the new tourism centre.



- *Concept plan for the new tourism visitor centre.*



- *Mossman Gorge Aboriginal community.*



## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program stream:** Strategic project.

**Key activities:** The provision of Indigenous employment and training opportunities in the tourism industry.

**Size:** 8.4 hectares.

**Infrastructure:** The ILC will construct an eco-tourism visitor centre, incorporating interpretive, bus and car parking and training facilities.

## APPLICANT GROUP

N/A – This is a strategic acquisition.

## BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

### Employment

When the centre is fully operational, it will provide up to 45 new Indigenous jobs throughout the year, and more than 70 jobs in the high season. Work opportunities will include tour guiding, administration, marketing, ticketing, bus driving, hospitality servicing, visitor management, maintenance, gardening and cleaning.

### Training

In addition to the visitor centre, the ILC plans to construct a residential tourism and hospitality training facility to cater for 20 Indigenous trainees each year.

## OTHER BENEFITS

### Cultural

- Increasing local, national and international awareness of the Kuku Yalanji culture through guided walks and local art and crafts.

### Social

- Supporting Australian Government welfare reform initiatives in the Cape York region; and
- Improving the safety and quality of life for residents of the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal Community.

## Environmental

- Protecting the environmental values of the Mossman Gorge World Heritage Area and National Park by managing tourist impacts.

## ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

- Land Acquisition: \$1.5 million
- In-principle allocation towards construction: \$8 million

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs [FaHCSIA] will continue to work with the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal Community to implement welfare reform initiatives; and
- Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations [DEEWR] will be providing the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal Community with training and employment assistance.

## PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

- Mossman Gorge Aboriginal Community;
- Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunki Incorporated;
- FaHCSIA;
- DEEWR;
- Queensland Government Environmental Protection Agency;
- Cairns Regional Council; and
- Queensland Tourism Industry.

## LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

The ILC will divest to an appropriate Indigenous title-holding body, representative of the Mossman Gorge Aboriginal community, in 10-15 years, when the tourism project is sustainable.

## LAND ACQUISITION

### *Case Study*

# Wurangura Street, Newman

The purchase of the Newman property will create employment and training opportunities in cultural based enterprises.



The ILC acquired a building in Wurangura Street, Newman, on behalf of the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC). The building will house WDLAC's Martu history and archive project, Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, which has created an important collection and record of Martu culture. The archive holds over 10,000 images, approximately 100 hours of film footage, over 200 hours of audio material, and many documents and items of cultural significance. The land acquisition secures a location for the archive, provides office space for administration, and a place for training, education and micro-enterprises based on Martu culture.

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**Program stream:** Social.

**Key activities:** Recording of culture and initiation of employment and training outcomes based upon cultural information.

**Size:** 0.0688 hectares.

**Infrastructure:** 110 square metre, four-bedroom dwelling.

### APPLICANT GROUP

**Name of group:** Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation. WDLAC is the prescribed body corporate set up after the determination recognising native title for Martu people in 2002.

**Number of members:** 240

### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

#### Employment

Full-time employment for five Indigenous people working on collecting, recording and digitising Martu stories, photographs and video.

Ongoing part-time employment for 50 Indigenous people conducting:

- Cultural awareness contracts with mining companies;
- Cultural heritage field consulting, such as research and mining surveys;
- Communication and language, for example translation and interpreting services; and
- Land management, return to country program, tourism, and conservation planning.

#### Training conducted

Training for work readiness, such as literacy, driver's licence, and basic computer skills provided for approximately 100 Indigenous people.

- *Using technology to help pass on cultural knowledge to future generations is an important part of the Martu archive project.*



#### Cultural and social benefits

Greater importance given to Martu culture, and social benefits from creating employment and income opportunities.

Safe storage and retrieval of archival material. The archive is an invaluable resource in passing on Martu cultural and social values.

#### ILC LAND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

- Essential repairs and maintenance: \$16,920
- Security measures and disabled access to the building: \$17,000
- Construct an additional toilet facility: \$4,600; and
- Archive humidifier and office furniture/equipment: \$29,700.

#### CONTRIBUTION/S/ FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- BHP Billiton Iron Ore: \$290,000
- Pilbara Development Commission: \$155,000
- Lotterywest: \$157,000
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies: \$65,000
- Department of Communication, Information Technology and the Arts: \$55,000
- National Library of Australia: \$47,000
- Department of Industry and Resources, WA: \$30,000
- Department of Culture and the Arts, WA: \$13,000
- Department of Indigenous Affairs, WA: \$10,000

#### LAND TENURE ARRANGEMENTS/PLANS FOR DIVESTMENT

- The property will be leased as a residential tenancy for 12 months pending rezoning approval from the Shire of East Pilbara; and
- A lease will be presented to WDLAC once rezoning approval has been gained and work can commence on the project milestones in preparation for divestment.

# LAND Grants

In 2007–08, the ILC Board approved seven properties to be granted to Indigenous corporations.

Table 6: Grants approved in 2007–08.

Property Name	State	Stream
Old Homebush Road	Qld	Cultural
Jubilee Park	Qld	Social
Cangai Creek Station	NSW	Cultural
Wattleridge	NSW	Cultural
Jimbour Street	Qld	Social
Dorionus House	WA	Social
Goori House	Qld	Social

## LAND GRANTS

### Case Study

# Old Homebush Road, Gowrie Junction

The ILC acquired Old Homebush Road in March 2003 under its cultural stream. Old Homebush Road has one of the most significant cultural sites in southwest Queensland.



• Corie Leslie from Gumingurru Aboriginal Corporation planting seedlings as part of a revegetation project on the Old Homebush Road property.

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The site is known as Gumingurru Stone Arrangements and includes a traditional Bora ring – an initiation site – and a number of significant stone arrangements depicting animals, plants, concentric circles, a human face profile and pathways. The site is largely intact and covers approximately 4.8 hectares of the 6.3 hectare property.

The ILC granted the property on 8 April 2008.

### APPLICANT GROUP

The Gumingurru Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) is a group of 38 members from the Western Wakka Wakka and Jarowair Traditional Owner groups. GAC's vision is to protect, maintain and preserve Old Homebush Road for future generations, and to empower Indigenous people to interpret their cultural heritage.

## BENEFITS ACHIEVED

### Employment

The Queensland Department of Employment and Industrial Relations provided a \$132,680 grant to employ 16 Indigenous jobseekers to build a training centre adjacent to the cultural sites. This project provided three months' employment in construction, horticulture and landscaping. The skills acquired enabled the 16 jobseekers to seek full-time employment in the local agriculture and construction industries.

### Training conducted

- GAC provides cultural and educational programs which involve eight Elders teaching young people the history of the cultural sites;
- Condamine Alliance provided training towards Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management for 13 Indigenous youths;
- The University of Queensland conducts studies of the Gumingurru Stone Arrangements in training Environmental Planners and Park Rangers;
- The Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE has developed a training package in site protection and maintenance. Which incorporates the Gumingurru Stone Arrangements; and
- The Queensland Department of Communities Youth Justice Service's Bungee Program provides work experience for Indigenous people on court orders. The program involves six Indigenous youths who participate in site maintenance twice a week.

### Cultural and social benefits

- GAC exercises ownership, control and protection of the Gumingurru Stone Arrangements;
- The property provides a gathering place for the Indigenous and non-Indigenous local community in the spirit of reconciliation;
- A primary school cultural program involving 17 schools. Children from years six and seven visit the property for cultural activities;
- Government and community organisations conduct cultural awareness programs on the property; and
- The Gumingurru Stone Arrangements attract tourists who enjoy a rich cultural experience.

### ILC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Essential maintenance and repairs: \$16,000.
- Building materials for training centre and excavation: \$42,500.
- Air conditioning and electricity: \$18,300.

### ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES

- Condamine Alliance – Environmental works and materials for training centre: \$37,000.
- Queensland Government Department of Employment and Industrial Relations – training and employment funds for 16 Indigenous people to construct the training centre: \$132,680.

- *Part of the Gumingurru stone arrangements on the site.*



## LAND GRANTS

### Case Study

# Jimbour Street, Dalby

The Jimbour Street purchase allows Goondir Health Services to build a medical centre, enabling expansion of their existing services. These include treatment, health promotion and education.



#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The ILC bought the 3000m<sup>2</sup> vacant block under the social acquisition stream in May 2007 and granted it to Goondir Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation on 2 May 2008. Construction funding will be provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

- *Diabetes coordinator Mel Aguinaldo tests Sarah Dodd at Goondir Health services.*



- *Goondir Health Services staff (from left) Danielle Beezley, CEO Floyd Leedie, Joanne Loader and Toni Hurlock.*



#### APPLICANT GROUP

**Name of group:** Goondir Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

**Number of members:** 36 members and approximately 4,800 beneficiaries.

#### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

##### Employment

Goondir employs 28 full-time, five part-time and three casual staff, of which 85% are Indigenous. At completion of the medical centre, a further four full-time staff will be employed.

##### Cultural and social benefits

The medical centre will allow Goondir to accept new clients for the first time in five years.

In addition to health services, the centre will provide training facilities and conference rooms.

#### ILC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Land acquisition: \$435,000.

#### ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES

- Australian Government Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health – funding for primary health care and Bringing Them Home program: \$9,206,500 (2007–2010).
- Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing – construction funding: \$5,118,630.

## LAND GRANTS

### *Case Study*

# Jubilee Park, Mt Isa

The property was transferred to the ILC in March 2005 following the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Jubilee Park is a sports complex eight kilometres north of Mt Isa, Queensland. It is used for a range of sports and recreational activities and as a community gathering place for Indigenous people of the Mt Isa region.

Jubilee Park is 38.8 hectares and incorporates two rugby league grounds and associated infrastructure.

The property has been improved with a besser-block building, which consists of a kitchen and canteen, first-aid room and two changing rooms with toilets and showers.

### APPLICANT GROUP

The Aboriginal and Islander Development Recreational Women's Association Mount Isa and District Incorporated (known as Mt Isa Women's Association) was established in 1985 to deliver domestic violence support programs.

The association now administers a wide range of programs including the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program, Indigenous Children Program, and the Sports and Recreational Programs for the Mt Isa and Camooweal Regions.

Granting of Jubilee Park to the Mt Isa Women's Association was approved in October 2007.

### BENEFITS ACHIEVED

#### **Cultural and social benefits**

Jubilee Park is the only Indigenous-owned sporting complex in central western Queensland. It provides direct benefits to more than 300 Indigenous people living in Mt Isa and the surrounding region.

The property and the Mt Isa Women's Association provide the following benefits:

- Participation by Indigenous people in sport and recreational activities;
- A focus on the special needs of Indigenous women and disabled people;
- Programs that target intervention and preventative strategies for at-risk and disengaged youth;
- Programs and services for the over-40 age group;
- Opportunities for career development and pathways for Indigenous athletes to achieve their full potential; and
- Opportunities for capacity building programs for community organisations managing local programs.

### ILC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Land management works: \$70,000.

### ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES

Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts – operational costs: \$11,000.

Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs – sports grant: \$10,000.

## LAND GRANTS

### Case Study

# Cangai Creek Station, Jackadgery

The ILC Board approved the purchase of Cangai Creek Station on 30 January 2002 on behalf of the Cangai Creek Aboriginal Corporation (CCAC).



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Cangai Creek is a 1,860 hectare property with a mixture of lush river flat pastures and heavily timbered hills.

The property is considered part of the traditional lands of the Jackadgery Gumbayngirr people. Its significance lies in its traditional cultural sites and those on nearby land. The station incorporates part of an initiation trail, which runs from Baryulgil to Nymboida, and is adjacent to a burial site and associated burial preparation area.

### APPLICANT GROUP

The CCAC consists of six members who represent approximately 180 descendants of the Jackadgery Gumbayngirr people.

CCAC's vision is to strengthen the spiritual and cultural traditions of its members by providing training programs and social activities. CCAC seeks to increase self esteem and develop a sense of pride in its members through the ownership of traditional lands.

- *Cangai Creek flows through the property.*



The objectives of the corporation include the establishment of a keeping place, a community centre and camping facilities for the descendants of Jackadgery Gumbayngirr ancestors and the broader local Indigenous community.

The Board approved the granting of Cangai Creek Station to CCAC in February 2008.

### BENEFITS ACHIEVED

#### Employment

CCAC plans to provide part-time employment to its members in running the property.

#### Training

CCAC will use Cangai Creek to enhance its members' land management skills, for example, machinery and chemical use. CCAC is also exploring a range of training options that will provide its members with various rural industry skills.

#### Cultural and social benefits

- Strengthening self awareness and maintaining cultural heritage and pride through gatherings on traditional land (camping, hunting, fishing and walks);
- Development of skills and abilities through training and practical experience in areas such as farming, animal husbandry and machinery operation; and
- Implementation of strategies to strengthen the extended family and foster positive behaviour.

### ILC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Essential maintenance and repairs: \$193,310.64.

## LAND GRANTS

### Case Study

# Wattleridge, Guyra

Wattleridge was acquired on 12 November 1998 under the cultural acquisition stream on behalf of Banbai Land Enterprises Incorporated.



### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Wattleridge is a 643.6 hectare property on the northern NSW Tablelands, 37 kilometres north east of Guyra.

The property has two houses, a worker's cottage, wool shed, machinery and other sheds, three farm-stay cottages and an ablutions block. The property was declared an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) in 2001.

### APPLICANT GROUP

Banbai Incorporated is made up of Traditional Owners of the region and was established to assist the Banbai people to preserve areas of cultural and environmental significance as well as aiming to create employment opportunities for its people.

In February 2008, the ILC Board approved the granting of Wattleridge to Banbai Incorporated.

### BENEFITS SOUGHT/ACHIEVED

#### Employment

The property provides part-time employment for four Banbai Incorporated members to perform a variety of land management tasks. Funding is provided by the Australian Government Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts' (DEWHA) Indigenous Protected Area program

#### Training conducted

- 15 Banbai members trained in land management through participation in a Green Corps Program on the property in September and October 2006, five participants went on to full-time employment; and
- 10 members trained in building and construction to Certificate IV level.

### Cultural and social benefits

Banbai Incorporated members can now protect culturally significant sites on the property, which include the only recorded axe grinding and art sites in the local area. Through the IPA, members preserve the property's unique flora and fauna.

### ILC ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Infrastructure repairs: \$89,484.
- Property Management Plan development: \$24,140.
- Corporate governance training: \$2,560.

### ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES

- DEWHA: Indigenous Protected Area funding: \$285,000.
- DEEWR Community Development Employment Projects program: \$58,200.

- *A guide shows visitors a rock art shelter on the Wattleridge property.*

