



# The Aborna Foundation: Rejuvenation and Regeneration

Rejuvenation and regeneration of the human spirit begins with the land.

Australian Indigenous culture recognises the importance of the land, plants and animals in the creation of energetic environments conducive to the healing and nurturing of the human spirit.

As the land is healed through replanting and sustainable wild harvest of species native to the area, the local fauna will begin to return and this will eventually lead to environmental conditions where the healing and strengthening of the human spirit can begin.

“We must be clear in our understanding that from an Indigenous perspective the land must first be healed and harmonized...the spirit cannot fully heal in barren and energetically disturbed land”, said Dr Richard Walley, Executive Officer.

The vision of the Aborna Foundation is to work in partnership with the National Trust of Australia (WA) and with the community, relevant Government departments and commercial interests toward creating micro climates within selected properties, to create environments which are healing and both spiritually and commercially sustainable.

A primary objective will be the creation of a trusted and recognized methodology of how the Aborna Foundation operates with the community and commercial interests, leading to sustainable (environmental, social and economic) outcomes and respect for Aborna Foundation projects.





# Aborna Foundation

## Charter

- To secure, manage and distribute resources for the Foundation objectives.
- To identify and protect the intellectual property of Indigenous people.
- To identify and foster opportunities for governments (federal, state and local), the private sector and the community to work together for indigenous people.
- To conserve and interpret indigenous cultural heritage for the long term social, economic and environmental benefits of country and communities.
- To create sustainable asset growth and employment for indigenous people.

## Projects

Aborna Foundation projects will benefit the Indigenous community and the environment. Projects will be implemented in different locations, using a range of native plant species and in partnership with different families.

## Government Support

Department of Indigenous Affairs  
Department of Industry and Resources  
Department of Agriculture  
Forest Products Commission  
Department of Environment and Conservation

## Other Support

National Trust of Australia (WA)  
Lotterywest





## Objectives of the Foundation

- **To strengthen the spirit of the land and people.**
  - Regeneration and rejuvenation of the environment of Foundation properties.
  - Relocation of local Indigenous families as custodians of the environmental and spiritual harmony of these properties whilst also creating a sustainable commercial venture.
- **To promote and support Indigenous spiritual and cultural environmental practices.**
  - Contribution by these properties in some form to the spiritual regeneration, strengthening, expression and rejuvenation of the human spirit of both the local people associated with this land and broader community through appropriate programs.
  - Cultural practices include:
    - Practices associated with the healing of the spirit of the land.
    - Practices associated with healing of the environment associated with this land.
    - Practices associated with healing of the human spirit associated with this land.
- **To promote the complementary linking of traditional practice with contemporary environmental practices.**
- **To raise community awareness of Indigenous cultural practice with these properties as living examples.**
  - Appropriate programs for the local community to assist and facilitate regeneration of land and spirit through connection to this land.
  - Linking the Indigenous community to the broader community through experience.



## **The National Trust of Australia (WA)**

Western Australia covers an area of more than 2.6 million km<sup>2</sup> (nearly four times the area of France) and has unique cultural heritage values. Since its establishment in 1959, The National Trust of Australia (WA) has been working to conserve and interpret these values for the benefit of the community. For more information about our objectives and programs, we invite you to visit our website at [www.ntwa.com.au](http://www.ntwa.com.au).

### ***Our Vision***

The National Trust of Australia (WA) will be the pre-eminent independent community body promoting the conservation and interpretation of Western Australia's unique heritage and educating the community about the use of cultural heritage (built, natural and Indigenous) for the long-term social, economic and environmental benefit of the community.

### ***Our Mission***

The National Trust of Australia (WA) will conserve and interpret Western Australia's cultural heritage.

## **Songman – Circle of Wisdom**

Songman –Circle of Wisdom is a Western Australian based National Aboriginal Corporation which is owned, operated, managed and controlled by Aboriginal people. It is a not-for-profit organisation that is committed to developing a new paradigm in commercial relationships that Aboriginal people wish to undertake.

### ***Certification***

All Aborna projects will undergo a rigorous audit and will be certified by Songman – Circle of Wisdom.

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[www.naturalheritage.org.au](http://www.naturalheritage.org.au)

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