

# ON COUNTRY Yarn

EDITION 4

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE ABC FOUNDATION ON COUNTRY FOR COUNTRY

This is our quarterly Newsletter format called the On Country Yarn. Each edition will feature yarns from some of the key programs happening in our valued communities.

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## ALISON SENTANCE **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

*It's been a big few months for our organisation and our partners as we were busy closing out the end of financial year while launching new initiatives and supporting new and existing partners.*

*As we continue to evolve as a business, strengthening our own leadership, increasing awareness of who we are and what we offer showcasing our track record has been our focus. While also celebrating with our partners and delivering unique experiences for our communities.*

*In July we partnered with Adam Thompson and Outback Tracks, to develop two amazing videos with the community, firstly in Carnarvon with a focus on Respect and Youth and then over in Meekatharra showcasing and celebrating our Elders just in time for NAIDOC week.*

*We also launched our Native Tree Campaign on a mission to plant 500,000 trees, while offering services to support Ranger Development, Revitalization and Heritage Support Services, so I hope you enjoy the read and as I say to our team, my door (phone) is always open.*



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The music video is part of the River of Life program run by us to engage local communities, youth and children to come together through music.

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WATCH  
FOR OUR ELDERS

WATCH  
LIVING WITH RESPECT



## CELEBRATING GWEN CINCH

For NAIDOC week we were very proud to celebrate Gwen Cinch who has been caring and fostering over 150 kids over the past 40 years and has no intentions of stopping this wonderful act any time soon. At present, Gwen has 3 kids in her care – they are aged 10, 11 and 13. Not to mention, Gwen has also done this while raising 11 kids of her own.

Gwen was a foster child herself and her brothers and sisters were also in the foster system. Once she turned 21 and got married, herself and her husband got most of her siblings out of the foster system and cared for them. Unfortunately, two of her younger sisters were adopted out to another family and she never got to see them until they were adults and had families of their own. This is the reason Gwen started fostering children, and she would never separate siblings – so Gwens house was always full!

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# WE ARE ON A MISSION TO PLANT 500,000 NATIVE TREES

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**We recently announced we will be embarking on our own Indigenous led environmental planting project in Australia.**

We will be collaborating with Corporate Carbon, Reforest Now and the National Landcare Network to reintroduce native tree species across the country. The projects will work with private land owners and organisations who are looking to revegetate their land, contributing to Australia's net zero carbon goal while empowering Aboriginal people to lead a sustainable land and sea economy.

Alison Sentance, ABC Foundation Managing Director said "We're excited to be able to deliver this program which employs local Aboriginal people but also provides a significant impact to all future generations across Australia, contributing to the net zero carbon goal by 2050."

**Individuals and businesses are able to jump on board with the project by making a donation to contribute to the planting of the trees and support the goal of 500,000 trees by 2025.**



FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.abcau.com.au/plant-a-tree/](http://www.abcau.com.au/plant-a-tree/)

All donations at tax deductible.



## RAP Aligned

Contribute towards your Reconciliation Action Plan targets through our Indigenous led projects



## Reduce Carbon

Contribute towards Australia's Net zero by 2050 targets through supporting our reforestation activities



## Support ESG

Contribute towards your Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance responsibilities





# ON COUNTRY Yarn

## ON-COUNTRY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

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Traditional



Western



Contemporary

We have been busy delivering **Ranger Development Workshops, Heritage Management Consultations & Revitalization Services** across WA over the past few months. There is a growing number of organisations hearing about what we can deliver through our partnerships and how far we are willing to travel to help. From Halls Creek in the north, to Northampton on the coast, down to Kalgoorlie in the south, we are working with our community partners with a focus on caring for country through socio-economic development. We are listening and able to support across a wide range of Get in touch with us if you'd like us to find out more. **Email: [oncountry@abcau.com.au](mailto:oncountry@abcau.com.au)**

## RANGER PROGRAM SUPPORT:

Whether you are looking to start a Ranger Program, or need training and development of new or existing Ranger Programs, we can work with you! We can deliver accredited or non-accredited training, help with sourcing funding, develop plans and deliver workshops. Get in touch for more info. **Email: [oncountry@abcau.com.au](mailto:oncountry@abcau.com.au)**

## HERITAGE SUPPORT PROVIDED:

- Pricing and scheduling Heritage Project Works
- Booking and managing travel arrangement
- Identifying and coordinating Anthropological and Archaeological consultants
- Liaison with the primary industry companies
- Compliance, auditing and reporting

## REVITALISATION

Did you know we can work with your community group and/or Aboriginal organisation to revitalize your business, get you back on track and address any barriers you or your members might be facing. We come in, look into the business, check out your financials, work with the Directors and members and come up with a plan to help you succeed.



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# ABC ON-COUNTRY IMPACT

This is a snapshot of our achievements for the FY 2022/23.



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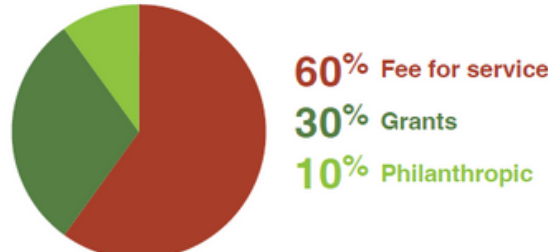


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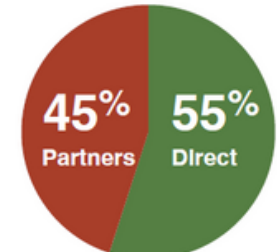
## COMPANY



## FUNDING SOURCES



## SERVICE DELIVERY



## EMPLOYMENT



Aboriginal people  
completed training



Aboriginal  
leadership  
positions held

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – Our Regional Footprint



### On-Country EDUCATION

Welcome Me 2 Country  
Ranger 4 Life  
Lifeskills 2 Leadership  
Custodianship  
Carnarvon/Mungullah,  
Meekatharra, Mt Magnet,  
Tom Price (R4L only)  
Indigenous language  
project  
Mt Magnet  
Kalgoorlie



### On-Country CARE

Food for the Mob  
Carnarvon/Mungullah,  
Meekatharra, Mt Magnet  
River of Life  
Carnarvon/Mungullah  
Meekatharra  
STREAM  
Mungullah  
Mt Magnet  
Don't Rubbish Country  
(Clean ups) Mungullah



### On-Country RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

AWRAE  
Kalgoorlie  
Alice Springs  
Ranger Development  
Meekatharra  
Mid-West  
Kalgoorlie  
On-Country Carbon  
Gascoyne  
Mid-West  
Goldfields



### On-Country ENTERPRISE

Containers for Change  
Meekatharra, Carnarvon,  
Exmouth, Shark Bay,  
Coral Bay  
Aboriginal Carbon  
Environmental Services  
Established 2023  
Head Quarters  
9 Bassett Way, Carnarvon  
Property acquired  
Revitalisation Support  
Northampton  
Halls Creek



### Building the community- controlled sector\*

Mungullah Community  
Aboriginal Corporation  
Yulella Aboriginal  
Corporation  
Goldfields Community  
Aboriginal Corporation  
Gnurra Yilla Community  
Aboriginal Corporation

\*National ClosingThe Gap  
Priority Reform Two (2)

Community Auspice  
Carnarvon - 2 groups



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