

## **BOONTHAMURRA PEOPLE UPDATE**

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### **NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS**

The Boonthamurra People are the Native Title Holders of the lands and waters within the Boonthamurra native title determination area (shown in the map below). All Boonthamurra People are Native Title Holders and hold native title within the Boonthamurra native title determination area.

The Boonthamurra People are the descendants of one or more of the following people:

- (a) Kangaroo; or
- (b) Dick Ray

Our traditional law and custom determine who identifies and is accepted as a Boonthamurra person.

# The Boonthamurra Native Title Aboriginal Corporation

Boonthamurra Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 8237) (BNTAC) is a prescribed body corporate which holds native title rights and interest on behalf of the Boonthamurra People. BNTAC's vision is to represent the best interests of all Boonthamurra people and our Country.

#### **BNTAC's Mission**

BNTAC's mission is to advance the Boonthamurra People's cultural, social, and economic aspirations by:

- Leveraging our Native Title Determination;
- Implementing well-planned initiatives that benefit our people and our country;
- Engaging and communicating strongly inside our group and across broader society; and
- Working in a collaborative and transparent fashion with all internal and external stakeholders and partners.

#### **Board of Directors**

BNTAC Directors are appointed for a term of three years, and may be eligible for reappointment upon conclusion of three years. BNTAC's current Board of Directors include:

- Barbara Bond Rosie Jacobs
- · Mark Wallace Kitty Ray
- Michael (Mickey) Ray Mickey Ray
- Shane Hooper Alex Jacobs
- Anthony (TJ) Jacobs Johnson Murray Jacobs
- Clinton Docherty George 'Docherty' Ray
- William Docherty Senior Ronald Ray 'Pontius Pilot'



# SUCCESSION PLANNING

The current BNTAC Directors have been committed to developing a succession plan to ensure future generations have the skills to actively participate in the Corporation. A succession plan has now been established by the Directors and involves the Board inviting two 'Succession Directors' to each meeting.

The Directors have been working with QSNTS to develop a robust policy in relation to succession planning so there is a clear process and understanding on what the role of Succession Directors include. The Board will continue working with QSNTS to develop a formal policy in relation to the Succession Directors process to ensure all interested in being involved are considered.

The development of a successful and robust Succession Plan ensures that the Corporation will be in capable hands well into the future.

# BNTAC'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025

In 2022, the Boonthamurra People, led by the Board of Directors and QSNTS facilitated the development of the Corporation's updated Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan came into effect in 2022 and will run until 2025. The Strategic Plan outlines the objectives of the Boonthamurra PBC and describes the actions to be completed, their priority, achievability and timeframe to achieve the objectives over the next three years.

The Plan objectives center on the categories of:

- Governance
- Leadership
- Engagement
- Cultural heritage
- · Land and Water Management
- Communication
- Finances

This Strategic Plan will be used by the PBC Board to ensure the successful enjoyment of the native title rights and interests of the Boonthamurra People.

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## BOONTHAMURRA WEBSITE

The BNTAC website provides information on Boonthamurra business, upcoming events and other important information to the Native Title Holders.

The website includes links to the BNTAC Rule Book, director information, strategic plans and membership application forms. Scan the QR Code below to visit the website.



# BOONTHAMURRA 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is happening in September, presenting a great opportunity for members to learn more about the projects BNTAC has been working on and ways to get involved.

Come along to the AGM on Saturday, 23 September at the Explorers Inn, in Roma. A formal notice with all the details is included with this newsletter.

The meeting will include the election of directors and all members will be able to nominate who they would like on the BNTAC Board to represent Boonthamurra Native Title Holders.



### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

The BNTAC Board is currently engaged in negotiations with the following proponents: the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries regarding various Indigenous Land Use Agreements, Santos and various small opal mining companies.

We continue to engage QSNTS as our legal representatives. QSNTS assist us with these negotiations to ensure we receive the best deal for all Boonthamurra People and our Country.



### YOUR QSNTS TEAM

Our previous QSNTS lawyer Thomas Scott moved on from QSNTS in April 2023. Thomas was involved with the Boonthamurra Board throughout his time at QSNTS and we duly thank him and wish him well for the future.

Members of the interdisciplinary QSNTS Team presently assisting BNTAC are:

- 1. Ricardo Martinez Principal Lawyer (Acting)
- 2. Craig Reiach Senior Lawyer
- 3. Richard Mosby First Nations Engagment Advisor

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4. Dan Acuil - Paralegal



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