



DELIVERING OUTCOMES FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The North West Indigenous Pastoral Project (NWIPP) in South Australia's Far North involves eight important Indigenous-owned properties:

- Andamooka, Purple Downs and Roxby Downs Stations (Kokatha Pastoral Pty Ltd)
- Emeroo Station (Bungala Aboriginal Corporation)
- Mount Clarence, Mount Willoughby and Mabel Creek Stations (AMY Nominees Pty Ltd)
- parts of the APY (Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara).

The State Government, through Primary Industries and Regions SA, has invested almost \$2.9 million to NWIPP since its inception in 2015, with a further \$2.25 million committed over 2019-2021.

The project is run in partnership with the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC). The ILC has also provided more than \$800,000 in complementary grant funding and will commit a further \$600,000 for participant groups to undertake property management planning and for plant, equipment and infrastructure development to enable land to be brought back into production.



We are proud to have helped create new enterprises, on-the-job skills development and tangible employment opportunities for local Indigenous communities involved with the NWIPP.

Indigenous Land Corporation CEO John Maher

KEY FACTS



272,786 ha

returned to commercial primary production

75 Indigenous pastoral workers employed



Cultural and environmental values included in property plans

Weed management and feral animal activity recorded as part of NRM partnerships and projects



New business opportunities identified

such as agistment, land leases and solar energy

Properties now have new or repaired fencing, water bores, watering points and infrastructure, including homesteads and staff accommodation



PROJECT PARTNERS

The NWIPP continues to receive additional support from and collaboration with the following organisations and supporters:

- the Work for the Dole Program – collaborating with Bungala Aboriginal Corporation on employment and training.
- Natural Resources Alinytjara Wilurara – investing in APY Pastoral Management, land condition monitoring, feral animal management and a variety of national Landcare projects on APY.
- TAFE – providing accredited grader driver training for NWIPP pastoral workers.
- BHP – funding support for Kokatha pastoral development, has helped them undertake substantial infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

KEY OVERALL PROGRAM RESULTS

- 28 pastoral workers have transitioned into independent employment in mining, road construction, new horticulture and other pastoral businesses.
- An Aboriginal contract fencing business has been established at Emeroo Station with NWIPP pastoral trainees.
- Former participants, including those who have transitioned into other jobs, have become important mentors and role models for the program and in their communities, encouraging and supporting new NWIPP recruits.
- Establishment of the SA Aboriginal Pastoral Committee.

AMY Nominees

- Two major water points restored, allowing 60,000 ha of Mabel Creek Station to be returned to viable production.
- 12 km of new fencing and 87 km of fencing repairs have been completed, with additional work pending.
- New lease of all 11,500 square kilometres is currently being negotiated.

- AMY Nominees Pty Ltd has co-contributed \$461,000 towards the running of the NWIPP program on Mabel Creek Station.
- AMY Nominees Pty Ltd is progressing long-term goal of owning and managing their own cattle on their properties.
- Mabel Creek Homestead repaired and accommodation facilities refurbished for property employees.

APY Project

- An innovative pastoral model has been developed which uses Landscape and Livestock Management Centres (LLMCs) to train Anangu in best practice low-stress stock handling procedures in a culturally friendly environment.
- Natural Resources Ainytjara Wilurara (NRAW) has agreed to co-fund sustainable pastoral development on APY which includes the LLMC pastoral model.
- New workers' accommodation is now completed at Umuwa to enable the engagement of Anangu pastoral trainees.

Properties returned to primary production

Bungala Aboriginal Corporation's (BAC) Emeroo Station and Ostrich Farm have been transformed and brought back to life under the North West Indigenous Pastoral Project.

The 6386 ha and 4977 ha properties, respectively, have had more than 45 km of new or repaired fencing constructed, new water tanks, water bores and watering points installed or upgraded.

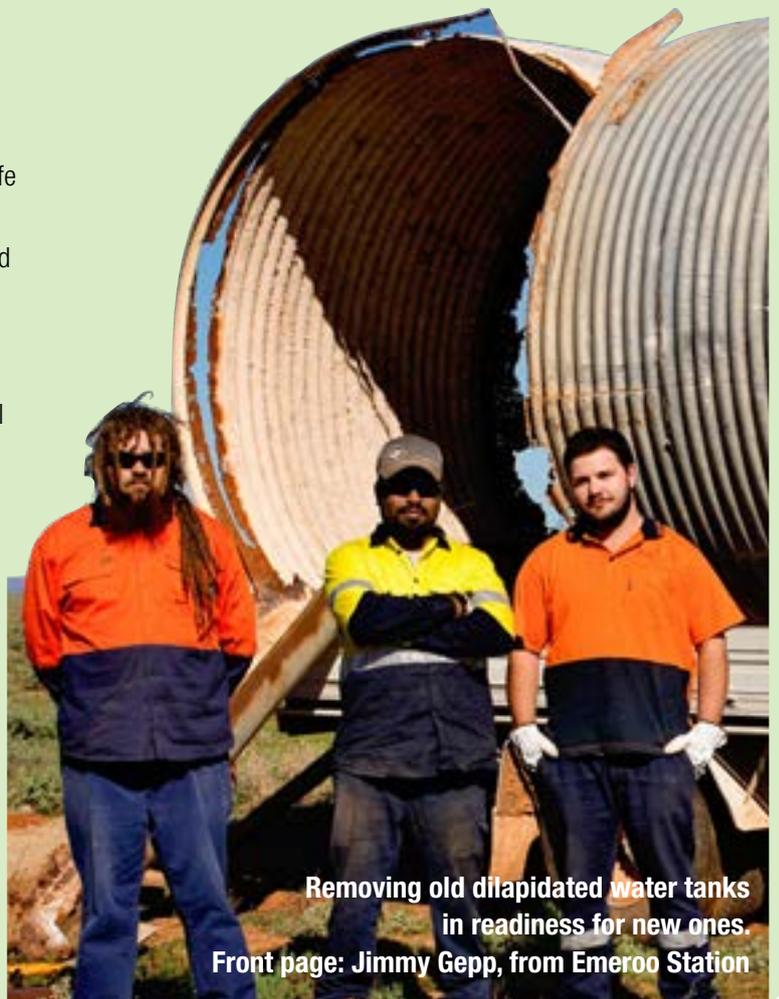
Emeroo Homestead and its gardens were also one of several buildings renovated by the pastoral trainees and property manager employed as part of the NWIPP project.

BAC chief executive officer Rob Laundry said the team are very proud of the results they are achieving on the properties.

"Emeroo Station is approaching economic self-sufficiency and the trainees are getting excellent on-the-job training," Mr Laundry said.

"They've also gained experience in concreting, machinery use, welding, first aid, and obtaining equipment licences and white cards.

"This program has contributed enormously to our efforts to protect and restore the pastoral heritage of our communities and this region."



Removing old dilapidated water tanks in readiness for new ones.
Front page: Jimmy Gepp, from Emeroo Station

- The APY Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan, which provides a practical long-term, sustainable direction for growing the cattle business across the APY Lands, is currently under review to reflect the positive pastoral developments there.
- APY currently hosts 12,000 cattle on agistment – new lease arrangements are pending.

Bungala Aboriginal Corporation

- New commercial opportunity developed – with 800ha leased to a solar farm company, which will generate additional and significant employment opportunities.
- The Bungala Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) is approaching economic self-sufficiency at its Emeroo Station.
- Fencing and water improvements to over 400 ha undertaken at Ostrich Farm. 150 pregnant ewes (now 240 sheep) purchased to teach the pastoral workers animal husbandry.
- NWIPP participants at Bungala (Emeroo Station) are frequently engaged with an independent contract fencing business, allowing new work-for-the-dole participants to join the NWIPP program.
- BAC has contributed approximately \$689,000 toward the running of the NWIPP program on their stations.

Kokatha Pastoral Pty Ltd

- The Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation is on track to be stocked with 2000 cattle by the end of 2019.
- New Kokatha Pastoral Environmental and Cultural Heritage Management Plan is completed, ensuring cultural and environmental values are protected.
- Infrastructure work across the three properties (Andamooka, Purple Downs, and Roxby Downs stations) includes new fencing, upgrading water bores and watering points, as well as improvements on property buildings.

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APY pastoral manager Michael Clinch with NWIPP employees Ricky Armstrong, Murphy Kenny, and Jason Kenny