



# Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation

*Maximising the Benefits of Native Title*

# Introduction

The Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation is looking for strategic partners, joint ventures, and sponsors to work with us to deliver cultural, economic and social outcomes for the mutual benefit of the Mithaka people and the wider community and region.

Guided by the Mithaka Strategic Plan (2017-2021) these partnerships will lay the foundation for sustainable economic and cultural development and maximise the benefits that Native Title can deliver in our region.

To ensure all our partnerships are transparent and productive, the goals outlined in the Mithaka Strategic Plan are specific and focus on outcomes that can be monitored, measured and celebrated.

We invite you to explore the opportunities presented here and join us in creating a mutually beneficial and sustainable future for our Country, Culture and the region.

**“Mithaka People wish to strengthen our individual and collective cultural identity and language, to successfully participate in local and wider society, grow sustainably into the future, and care for our Country and Culture”.**

*(Mithaka Strategic Plan 2017-2021)*

# Partnering to Deliver the Strategic Plan

The Mithaka Strategic Plan (2017-2021) established 7 key goals to ensure the leaders entrusted with authority carry out their roles responsibly, appropriately and effectively. Each goal provides opportunity for stakeholder support and engagement that will deliver dividends for the partnership, the people and the region. The opportunity exists to support these goals through strategic partnerships, joint ventures and sponsorships.





## Governance

### GOAL

Build and manage the resources and capacities of the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation to implement our mission and to support and protect the rights and interests of Mithaka People, Country and Culture.



### OPPORTUNITIES

- Funding to support the appointment of a Chief Operating Officer to oversee the implementation of the strategic plan and work with all stakeholders.
- Support to establish the Mithaka Office and Cultural Centre.
- Education and training in Corporate Governance to support the transparency, implementation and success of the Mithaka Strategic Plan.

## Stakeholder Engagement

### GOAL

Establish successful and sustainable partnerships that support Mithaka People and utilise our strengths for the benefit of the region and broader community.



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# Research

## GOAL

Seek the truth to understand the past and present for our journey forward.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Support to develop research that is evidence-based and validated, creates base line data for future research, and fills gaps in current research.
- Support to develop and promote innovative research that traverses and benefits western and traditional knowledge.
- Support to produce research that provides meaningful knowledge and educates Mithaka People and the broader community.
- Support for research to define economic opportunities for Mithaka People.

# Native Title and Cultural Heritage

## GOAL

Confirm Native Title Holder rights and interests to protect and manage Cultural Heritage.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Funding for preservation and management of sites of significance, artefacts and traditional Knowledge.
- Support to record and map sites of significance.
- Build capacity to support and promote Mithaka rights and interests in Cultural Heritage through training including training and employment of Cultural Heritage Rangers.
- Support for ongoing Native Title claims.
- Support to establish the Mithaka Cultural Centre.





# Economic and Business Development

## GOAL

Deliver services and programs that support sustainable economic and business development for Mithaka People and communities across the region.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Support and develop cross Industry training and employment for Mithaka People.
- Engaging Mithaka tradespeople, suppliers and workers.
- Providing apprenticeships for young Mithaka People.
- Funding or employing Mithaka cultural officers across industries, including pastoral, mining and tourism.
- Support for Mithaka start-up businesses.



# Language and Culture

## GOAL

Ensure learning and appreciation of language and Culture for all.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Support for language learning and tools in local schools.
- Support to publish language and cultural materials for schools, tourism and the broader community.
- Support to preserve and promote Indigenous landmarks and places of importance in the region.
- Support to create Indigenous language signage across towns, at tourist points and across the regions.
- Support to establish the Mithaka Cultural Centre Language and culture festivals.

# Sharing Success

## GOAL

Share and celebrate our Culture and successes with our broader communities to foster greater awareness and pride in Mithaka Culture, Country and our People.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Support for cultural celebrations that involve whole of community.
- Support for innovative communication tools to engage audiences.
- Support to establish the Mithaka Office and Cultural Centre.

# Dividends of Partnering with the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation

## EXPANDING CULTURAL TOURISM

Protecting and managing our cultural heritage under Native Title presents opportunities to create an authentic narrative for our region and develop cultural tourism in a way that benefits the wider region.

## HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

The social, cultural and economic benefits we can create in collaboration will help sustain and grow our communities and our region.

## BUILDING AN ACROSS INDUSTRY WORKFORCE

Building and sustaining an Indigenous workforce with generational knowledge and understanding across pastoral, mining, environmental protection, tourism and other industries.

## TRAINING THE FUTURE WORKFORCE

Working in collaboration to develop apprenticeships for young Indigenous workers, to meet the skills demand by Industry in remote regions.

## PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering with Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation presents an opportunity to maximise the benefits of native title and deliver social, economic and cultural outcomes that benefit, not just the Mithaka people, but all our communities across the region.

## INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

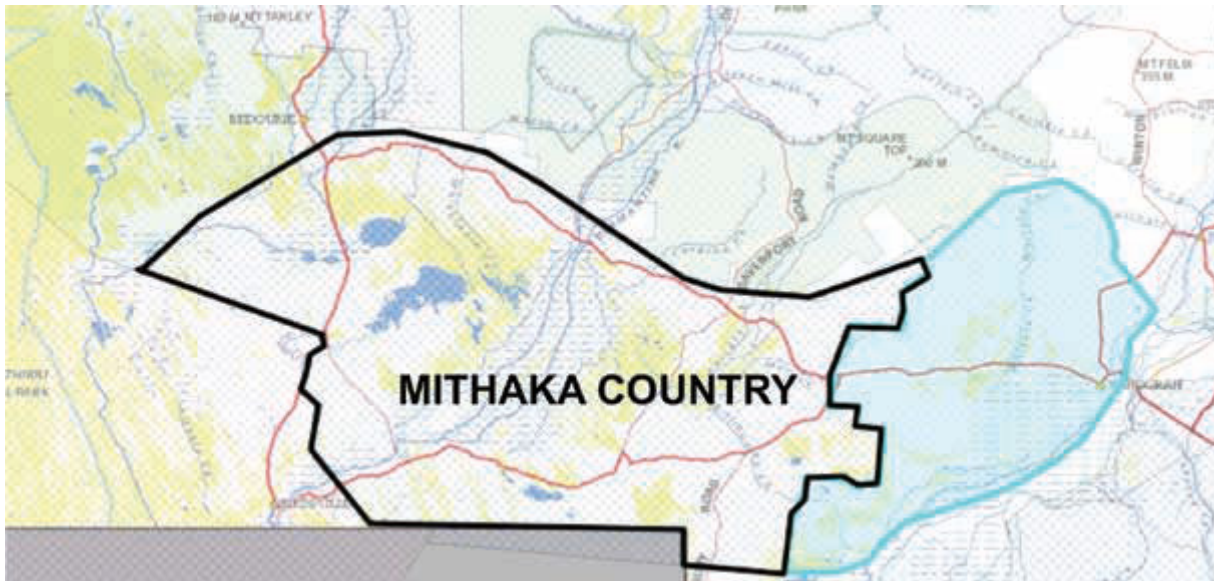
Native Title is not an impediment to industry and the development of our region. Working together we can map a smooth and mutually beneficial economic future.



# Mithaka Land

Mithaka Country is approximately 33,800km<sup>2</sup> of pristine rivers, rolling gibber plains and sandhills located in the Channel Country of SW Queensland. Mithaka Country falls under two Shire Council areas, Diamantina Shire Council and Braccoo Shire Council.

On 27th October 2015 the Mithaka People were awarded native title over a huge area of Queensland land and water that rivals Tasmania in size.



"Mithaka People want economic development in Outback regions but not at the expense of our land, culture, nor the existing industries. The rivers and floodplains are the heart of our country and culture as well as the pastoral and tourism industries. Our communities depend on them. They need to be protected from potential destruction and pollution".

(Mithaka Strategic Plan 2017-2021)

## Existing Strategic Partnerships

We are proud to have strong relationships that deliver mutually beneficial outcomes for all. Our relationship building and hard work has developed effective partnerships with:



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