

**Melythina
Tiakana
Warrana**

Aboriginal corporation



Strategic Plan 2018-23

June 2018

1 – Overview

2 – Who we are

3 – Vision

4 – Values

5 – Purpose

6 – Priorities





Overview

Melythina Tiakana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation was founded in 2008. It is 1 of 22 ORIC registered community organisations in Tasmania. It currently operates as a not-for-profit voluntary organisation with operations centered on *Tebrakunna* Country (Cape Portland) *Trouwunna* (NE Tasmania). Its major annual community event is Mannalargena Day, celebrating the life of ancestral grandfather Mannalargenna, revered *Bungana* (leader) of the clans of the Coastal Plains Nation. MTWAC operates with a palpable commitment to best-practice governance. The corporation has managed to rise above the horror of its historic past. It has found a way to honour the ancestors and build goodwill between present-day Tasmanians regardless of their heritage.





MANNALARGENNA c 1775 to 1835

This arrangement of stones celebrates and honours
the life journey of a revered clan leader, formidable
warrior and powerful spirit man, Mannalargenna,
who belonged to Tetrakurna Country.



Unveiled on
1 December 2015 by
Hon. Elizabeth Price
the Hon. Michelle Keane
Hon. Catherine King
Hon. Catherine King
Hon. Catherine King



Who we are

Melythina Tiakana Warrana Aboriginal members (approx 300) belong to the *Pairrebeene/Trawlwoolway* people, **direct descendants** of Aboriginal Ancestors of the **Coastal Plains Nation** of northeast Tasmania who trace their heritage through the *Tyereelore* (Bass Strait women).

The Coastal Plains Nation clans include the *Peeberranger*, *Leenererter*, *Pinterrairer*, *Pairrebenne/Trawlwoolway*, *Pyemmairrenerpairrener*, *Leenethmairrener* & *Plennerremairemenner*.



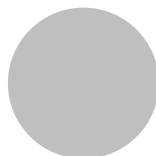
Board of Directors



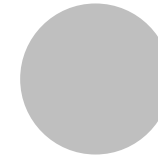
Nick Cameron
Chairperson
Director since 2012



Lyndon O'Neil
Treasurer
Director since 2019



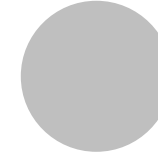
Rob Anders
Deputy Chair
Director since 2009



Barbara Rees
Director & Memberships
Director since 2018



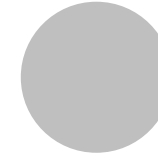
Jo Cameron
Contact Officer
Director since 2019



Grant (Tank) Shaw
Director
Director since 2021



Lorrinda Murray
Secretary
Director since 2020



Ben Sellers
Director
Director since 2021





Our Values



Collaboration: We listen to our people and work in partnership with others.

Respect: We respect others to earn their respect.

Self-determination: We are the traditional custodians of our Country and proud of our heritage. We control our destiny.

Trust: We work with integrity to instil trust.

Compassion: We practice empathy, don't judge and welcome diversity, and support our people.

Culture: Our Country, Culture and knowledge is precious and is our legacy to future generations.





Our Vision

We strive as Pairrebeene/Trawlwoolway people to have freedoms and equity to practice our culture, care for our traditional lands, waterways and Sea Country, to have equal opportunities, be treated fairly and with dignity and respected as valued members of Tasmania.







Our Purpose



Melythina Tiakana Warrana will preserve custodianship and pass on the diverse cultural traditions, practices and knowledges of our Ancestors, and conduct our business with cultural integrity.

Melythina Tiakana Warrana will operate on the premise of acknowledging that our Country is sacred, our Culture is precious, and we are a unique People.





Our Strategic Priorities





Our Priorities

Priority 1: A well-functioning organisation

Goal

To continue to develop and build a strong, flexible and efficient base for the organisations work.

We will:

- Recruit Board Directors with the skills, experience and capacity to support the work of MTWAC.
- Develop and formalise the organisations governance, operational policies and procedures.
- Recruit active volunteers and establish employment positions.
- Undertake a review of the MTWAC Constitution (Rule Book).
- Consult with the Circle of Elders on matters requiring Traditional Authority e.g memberships.

Priority 2: A sustainable organisation

Goal

Develop the capacity of MTWAC to operate for the benefit of our members into the future.

We will:

- Pursue appropriate funding opportunities.
- Explore and establish appropriate commercial enterprise initiatives.
- Secure premises for the organisation.
- Secure tenure of traditional lands and Sea Country to establish commercial enterprises.
- Obtain Deductible Gift Recipient Status.



Our Priorities

Priority 3: Community engagement

Goal

To promote a deeper understanding of the services we offer and the contribution we make to our community.

We will:

- Deliver a Mannalargenna Day celebration each year.
- Participate as an active member of the Tasmanian Regional Aboriginal Communities Alliance (TRACA).
- Actively communicate and consult with our members, government and other stakeholders.
- Engage and work with other regional first peoples communities.
- Engage with members through our social media platform.

Priority 4: Culture and heritage

Goal

Identify, protect and manage our unique cultural heritage (tangible and intangible) and sacred land and sea Country.

We will:

- Continue cultural traditions and practices on traditional lands.
- Pass on knowledge of culture and heritage to future generations.
- Provide a voice for our members to government on Aboriginal cultural and heritage matters.
- Seek land return and access to Sea Country resources.
- Participate in the dual naming and land return process.
- Explore joint management and partnership opportunities.
- Support the training and employment of MTWAC members as Aboriginal rangers and heritage officers.



Our Priorities

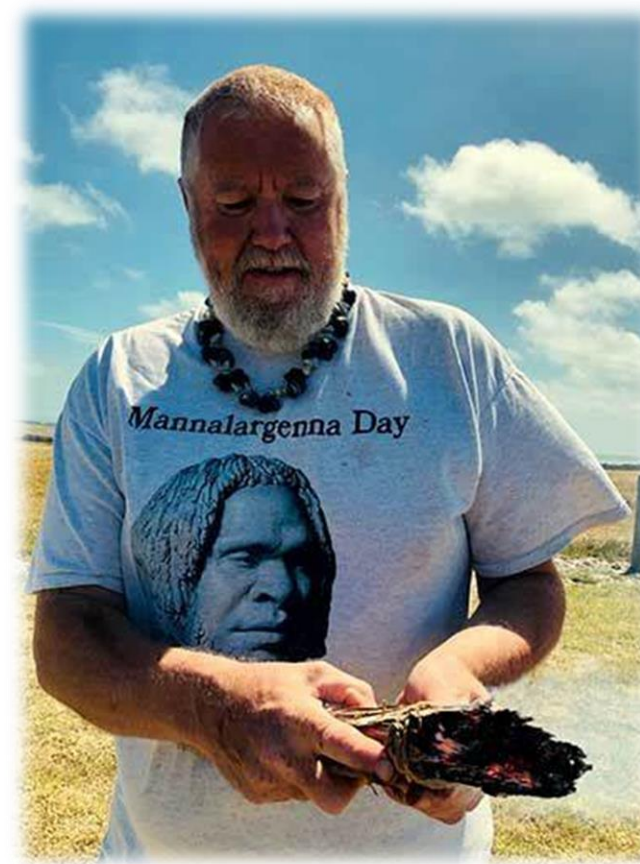
Priority: 5 Healing and wellbeing

Goal

Facilitate a safe environment for healing and wellbeing to occur.

We will:

- Actively challenge the culture of lateral violence in our communities.
- Participate in current debates (reforms) that affect our communities. Current examples include, a Treaty and the date of Australia Day.
- Actively support positive outcomes for our members experiencing social justice and health issues.
- Develop and deliver on Country healing and wellbeing activities.
- Actively support people to reconnect with their Country, culture and identity.
- Actively support the reconciliation process.





“This morning I developed my plans to the chief Mannalargenna and explained to him the benevolent views of the government towards himself and people. I informed him in the presence of Kickerterpoller that I was commissioned by the Governor to inform them that, if the natives would desist from their wonted outrages upon the whites, they would be allowed to remain in their respective districts and would have flour, tea and sugar, clothes, etc. given them; that a good white man would dwell with them who would take care of them and would not allow any bad white man to shoot them, and he would go with them about the bush like myself and they could hunt. He was much delighted.”

Robinson's journal dated the 6 August 1831 – Little Musselroe Bay