



OUR HOME, OUR COUNTRY

Murrawarri Sovereign Nation

Vision Statement

The Nation's vision is to provide for the freedom of our Nation and our People by becoming Self-Determining and Self-Governing.

Mission Statement

The mission is for the Peoples Council to provide positive changes through the development of Legislation, Policy, Procedures and Programs, whilst working with the Australian, States Governments and international partners on a Nation to Nation basis, in a culturally appropriate manner that is in the best interest of the Nation and its Peoples.

In achieving the Vision and Mission Statement, we need to ensure cultural sensitivity and cultural safety protocols are established and adhered to in a manner that protects all Nation Sovereign Data, Cultural Property, Intellectual Property and Copyright.

Our Strategic Development Goals and Priorities

Governmental Goals and Priorities

- Reform the Murrawarri Peoples Council
- Establish the Peoples Administration
- Refurbish and update website
- Develop online citizen register
- Scope out a business case for the establishment of an administration and cultural centre at North Bourke
- Develop a number of Murrawarri Information, Cultural and Language centres with permission from the various First Nations in areas with populations of Murrawarri People
- Develop policy and programs to achieve our aspirations
- Establish the Murrawarri Sovereign Trust
- Establish Diplomatic relations with other First Nations and State and Federal Governments
- Develop partnerships with philanthropic and other organisations
- Develop Diplomatic relationships with other International First Nation groups
- Continue to push for inclusion on the United Nations Decolonisation List
- Continue to be a member of the Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations Union of Sovereign First Nations
- To continue to observe the Murrawarri obligations under the Northern Basin Treaty of Unity
- To work with NBAN Nations in the advancement of the articles of the Treaty of Unity

Cultural Goals and Priorities

- Develop a back to country program to reconnect our people to country
- Develop education programs which enables us to keep our stories alive and keep our culture alive
- Develop a healthy country healthy culture program
- Develop a cultural exchange program with other First Nations

Spiritual Goals and Priorities

- Assist Murrawarri people to be free to choose our identity of who we are and where we come from
- Reconnect and maintain the connection with our ancestor in the sky camp
- Maintain our belonging to Murrawarri country
Maintain Murrawarri cultural practises on country and in the wider world

Social Goals and Priorities

- Establish processes that can see our people being able to live in two worlds
- Establish a data technology platform which connects our people no matter where they choose to live
- Develop an Murrawarri appropriate education system within the Nation
- Develop and integrated language program across a number of mediums

Economic Goals and Priorities

- To develop Murrawarri native food horticulture industry in the Nation
- To develop Murrawarri cultural and tourism opportunities in the Nation

- To approach IL&SC to purchase properties and water within the Nation
- To establish a Murrawarri Sovereign Trust Fund
- To establish intra Nation and International Trade
- To establish Murrawarri owned nurseries and fish farms
- To establish individually based enterprises for Murrawarri people
- To establish Murrawarri Credit Union

Environmental Goals and Priorities

- Write environmental legislation that included water for the Murrawarri Nation
- Develop environmental policy and programs to achieve a healthy environment within the Nation
- To develop Murrawarri water policy to ensure water runs through the Nation on a regular basis
(Cultural Flows)
- To work with other First Nations and the State and Federal Governments to create healthy environments and waterways for our current and future generations
- Work with State Governments to manage the nations parks and nature reserves under a Murrawarri cultural management program
- To create programs so our people can look after country
- To work with our partners to be resourced to look after our country
- To work with other First Nations to ensure First Nations water laws are observed and maintain (i.e. Water running through our country at least four times a year)
- To own and manage all of the protected areas within the Murrawarri Nation

Our Aspirations

- **Develop and maintain good government and governance of the nation through transparent and ethical leadership:** Good leadership is the key to good government and Leadership. Strong leaders have good ethics and transparency. They must be there for the People and the Nation. We aim under this aspiration to develop and maintain good legislation, policy and programs that will benefit the Murrawarri people and our Nation. We aim to achieve this through the Peoples Council and Peoples Administration, and later through the Murrawarri Parliament.
- **Maintain a strong and healthy Murrawarri culture for our people and nation:** Our identity is defined by our culture and our wellbeing is dependent on having a strong and thriving culture within our community, and to have our Murrawarri culture valued by the wider community.
- **Reinforce our strong and valued spiritual connections to our country and spiritual world:** Spiritual elements cannot be seen, such as belief, integrity, responsibility, respect and recognition that we as individuals and family groups practise unknowingly, to strengthen our tradition and cultural values and activities, our connection to country, and our spiritual beliefs. As Murrawarri people, we can have a holistic wellbeing of mind, body and spirit.
- **Maintain and further develop our strong social environment for the Murrawarri nation:** The social fabric of a nation is its most important asset. We need to build and maintain a very strong social environment for the Murrawarri peoples and the Nation. This include the social interaction with other Nations Governments and their peoples.
- **Provide for sustainable economic development opportunities within and outside the nation:** Economic development and sustainability are the cornerstone to any Nations development and prosperity. We aim through this aspiration to develop a vibrant economic environment for the Nation and our peoples through innovative legislation, policy, programs and partnerships.
- **Develop and maintain a healthy environment for our people and the nation:** A healthy environment is good for the country and the people. We have lived with and cared for the environment for thousands of years. A healthy environment requires a commitment from the Murrawarri peoples to the rights of mother earth the environment and landscape created for us by our creator Pitangulu (Bida-Ngulu). We aim through this aspiration to replenish our waterways, take over the management of our National Parks, and work with the people, the Commonwealth, and State Governments to restore and look after our environment our way.