# **ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025**







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# Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation Annual Report 2024-2025

### 1. Chairperson's Report - Selwyn McIvor

This year has been one of both progress and challenges for Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation. We are proud of the strides made in advancing our land management projects and strengthening community engagement. Our achievements that have positively impacted our members and stakeholders include:

- Completed the Cape York Heritage Assessment Program Grant
- Installed an AES septic system at Mt Baird Station
- Completed the Must Have Values for our National Heritage Listing nomination
- Awarded the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program Round 2 grant
- Awarded the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation Future Industries Program grant to engage the Institute for Water Futures at the Australian National University.

Challenges such as the unprecedented number of deaths including our Binthi members Victor Gibson and Andrew Woibo, and Ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper have tested our resilience. We experience difficulties with engaging a concreting contractor to level the veranda at Mt Baird Station to close the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The challenges have also provided valuable lessons for future growth and sustainability.

We remain committed to our vision of preserving and enhancing our cultural heritage and economic opportunities for our community.

## 2. Strategic and Operational Updates

Throughout the year, we focused on several core projects aligned with our strategic goals:

- 1. **Land Management Initiatives:** Implementation of sustainable land use practices that protect our natural resources and honour traditional knowledge.
  - ✓ Submitted a Stage 1 application for the Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.
- 2. **Youth Programs:** Employing local workers to host on-country training camps for youth (Bithagurr).
  - ✓ Awarded \$841,065.41 for the National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA) Round 2 Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Program grant
- 3. **Partnerships and Collaborations:** Strengthening relationships with government bodies, funders, and other Aboriginal organisations to leverage support and resources.

These efforts have resulted in a grant variation for the NIAA Program grant and the engagement of Cape York Financial Management Services.

#### 3. Governance

Our governance framework continues to be a cornerstone of our operations. The Board of Directors, comprised of dedicated community leaders, met regularly to oversee strategic direction and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Management has upheld strong operational standards, maintaining transparency and accountability in all processes.

1. **Board Composition:**6 members with diverse experience and cultural knowledge.

- 2. **Meetings:** 4 meetings held during the year.
- 3. **Compliance:** Adherence to the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act* 2006 and other relevant legislation.

This robust governance ensures that Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation remains accountable to its members and stakeholders.

# 4. Financial Statements Summary

The financial year 2024-2025 saw prudent management of our resources:

- 1. **Income:** \$20,822 generated from gravel lease and grants.
- 2. **Expenses:** \$110,464 incurred, primarily in operating expenses.
- 3. **Assets:** Total assets valued at \$1,140,721 including land holdings, equipment, and financial reserves.
- 4. **Liabilities:** \$71,111 reflecting accounts payable, grants liabilities, GST, and superannuation.

A full set of audited financial statements is available upon request.

# **5. Mt Baird Station Stories and Highlights**











## **Looking Ahead**

As we move forward, Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation will continue to build on its achievements, address ongoing challenges, and pursue opportunities that benefit our people and preserve our heritage. We thank all members, partners, and supporters for their continued commitment and look forward to a productive year ahead.

For further information or to request the full financial report, please contact Ramona McIvor on Contact@binthi.org.au.

This report is prepared for the members, funders, stakeholders, and the broader community to provide transparency and celebrate the collective efforts of Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation.



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