



Gibalee
'Coming Together'
Biannual Cultural Event

Caring for Country Funding Application

Funding Application Prepared in Accordance with
Section 6.5 of the Oceanic Coal Australia Limited
West Wallsend Colliery Continued Operations Area
Caring for Country Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
(Umwelt 2019)

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Disclaimer

All monies detailed in this proposal have been supplied as estimates only. Budgetary line items have been supplied as key indicators and may be subject to revision. ATOAC reserve the right to reallocate monies between project elements to ensure the future success of this project.

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1. Introduction

The Awabakal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (ATOAC), together with members of Awabakal and Guringai Pty Ltd (A&G Pty Ltd) have identified the need to establish a knowledge exchange mechanism to help educate and better inform our broader family members on matters that affect Aboriginal Culture and the management of our cultural heritage. To meet this need, ATOAC propose to allocate their entire *Caring for Country* funding to establish a bi-annual (Autumn and Spring) on-Country information sharing project to be known as Gibalee (*Gib-are-lee*).

Gibalee will be run as a three day on-Country event based in either the Watagan Mountains or Sugarloaf Range. A&G Pty Ltd has commenced discussions with the Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) to find a suitable location for this event and to identify the relevant permit application system.

ATOAC aims to structure this event in such a way as to provide a space to deliver the following activities for a maximum group size of approximately 50 people:

- Core values sessions to discuss key social aspects of our culture such as the meaning of kinship, our individual roles and responsibilities to each other, and how we apply our unique cultural values in a contemporary social context
- Provide for multi-generational interaction
- Provide opportunity for quiet contemplation time
- Provide opportunities to share memories and stories
- Deliver short language revitalisation sessions
- Work to understand and record specific cultural values of Country
- Understand traditional food and resource procurement strategies
- Learn traditional art and tool manufacture
- Undertake community based archaeological training and cultural site visits to:
 - Familiarise all family members with local archaeological sites
 - Update existing AHIMS site cards as required
 - Record unregistered sites as required
 - Appreciate the whole of landscape perspective required to adequately manage cultural heritage.
- Share specific event activities with a select group of interested non-Aboriginal people
- Produce on-going archival recordings of Gibalee events.

Additionally, ATOAC hope that Gibalee will work to:

- Promote responsible land-care practices such as
 - Removal of pest species
 - Seed collection and raising
 - Reintroduction of endemic species
- Develop a better understanding of endemic ecological communities
- Record remnant old-growth tree stump densities as an indicator of past habitat structure
- Develop future learning outcomes and ways to better support our mob.

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2. ACHMP (Umwelt 2019) Assessment Criteria

Section 6.5.2.3 of the Draft *West Wallsend Colliery Continued Operations Area – Caring for Country Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (ACHMP – Umwelt 2019) details specific assessment criteria for all proposed Caring for Country funding applications. ATOAC's response to each listed criterion is detailed below:

- **Are the aims of the project culturally appropriate?**
Yes. The aims and execution of this project will be governed by an Aboriginal community steering committee composed of senior community members.
- **Are their appropriate skills available to undertake the project proposed?**
Yes. The broader A&G community contains all the necessary skills required to design, mobilise and execute the event as detailed in this document.
- **Is the project consistent with NPWS requirements for works within SCAs?**
The project will be undertaken in direct cooperation with FCNSW and in accordance with all statutory requirements as deemed necessary.
- **Is it a project that will overlap substantially with a project proposed by another registered Aboriginal party?**
Currently Unknown.
- **Is the budget appropriate for the project?**
Yes. ATOAC will work to ensure that the current budget allocation will provide for the design, infrastructure and running of the first two Gibalee events. ATOAC will also support any additional contributions (financial or in-kind) that any other stakeholders may wish to make to ensure the continued success of this enterprise.
- **Is the timeframe appropriate for the project?**
Yes. If successful, ATOAC plan to implement the first two Gibalee weekends in October 2020 and May 2021. Initial lead-up time is therefore nine months which is adequate to identify, manage and execute the key project elements detailed in **Section 3** below.

3. Key Project Elements

The key project elements detailed in **Table 1** below have been identified by ATOAC to support the following key objectives:

- a) To successfully implement Gibalee as a bi-annual event,
- b) To identify key infrastructure requirements and purchase necessary equipment
- c) To successfully run the first two events in October 2020 and May 2021

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Table 1 – Gibalee Key Project Elements

Key Elements	Description	Responsibility
Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget allocation and oversight. Establish and coordinate Gibalee Steering Committee from ATOAC and A&G membership Coordinate all required permit/approval processes with FCNSW, NPWS, LMCC and Central Coast Council if required Coordinate invitations and responses 	ATOAC
Project Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Terms of Reference Develop event schedule Approve event content Identify key personnel and main event team Allocate core duties & responsibilities 	Gibalee Steering Committee
Project Logistics	<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate evacuation plan with local Emergency Services Site preparation Traffic control: Parking/Signage First Aid/St Johns Emergency comms Registration and Site inductions <p>Sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets Fresh Water/Water truck Washing/cleaning stations Food prep stations Garbage control Post event clean-up crew <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event layout design & implementation Teaching spaces Yarning spaces Central meeting space Camping areas <p>Catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBA <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable accommodation for elders <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group & Elder transportation Equipment transportation 	Main Event Team

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4. Interim Budget Considerations

Key personnel expenses are detailed in **Table 2** and general infrastructure expenses are detailed in **Table 3** below. A summary of total projected expenses is detailed in **Table 4**.

Table 2 –Key Personnel Expenses

Personnel	Unit Cost	Required	Total
ATOAC Project Management	\$50.00/Hr	50 hrs/event	\$5,000.00
ATOAC Purchasing Coordinator	\$50.00/Hr	100	\$5,000.00
Event set-up & pack down team (5 PAX)	\$50.00/Hr	20 hrs/event	\$10,000.00
St John First Aid participation/event	\$5,000.00	2	\$10,000.00
Marketing and future sponsorship	Fixed	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
Key Personnel Total			\$34,000.00

Table 3 –General Infrastructure Expenses

Item	Purchase	Rent/Hire	Estimated Cost
Secure storage facility		✓	\$4,000.00 (2 years)
Box trailer	✓		\$7,000.00
Event Lighting	✓		\$2,000.00
Generators		✓	\$2,000.00
Tents for elders	✓		\$2,000.00
Beds for elders	✓		\$1,000.00
Communication equipment:	✓		\$1,000.00
Garmin In-Reach GPS, E-PIRB & Satellite comms (including 6-month subscription)	✓		\$1,750.00
Festival Tent 15m x 10m		✓	\$6,000.00 (2 x events)
Sanitation Equipment and Consumables for two events	✓	✓	\$4,000.00
Meal Preparation and Catering equipment	✓		\$2,500.00
Meals Contribution for two events	✓		\$5,000.00
Event Insurance	✓		\$2,000.00
General Infrastructure Total			\$40,250.00

Table 4 –Cost Estimate Summary

Item	Cost Estimate
Key Personnel Total	\$34,000.00
General Infrastructure Total	\$40,250.00
Total Cost Estimate	\$74,250.00

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5. Event Timing and Proposed Funding Release Schedule

Subject to further consultation with key stakeholders and the Gibalee Steering Committee, ATOAC plan to commence event planning on formal approval of this funding application. Final infrastructure purchasing and hiring will be subject to the outcomes and directions of the Gibalee Steering Committee. ATOAC will hold & distribute all monies required to undertake both events as required.

ATOAC therefore propose the release of monies allocated to this project on an invoice basis, based on the following funding release schedule.

Table 5 –Funding Release Schedule

Item	Cost	Release Timing
Key Personnel Total	\$34,000.00	On approval of funding application
General Infrastructure Total	\$40,250.00	On completion of initial Gibalee Steering Committee meeting
Total Project Cost Estimate	\$74,250.00	