

What are the benefits of collaborative governance of wet tropics country?

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Jobs and work

"**64** people as full-time, casuals, volunteer **employed** on country last financial year."

Traditional Owner

Overcoming passivity

"Aboriginal people are starting to be leaders, starting to be considered **powerful, influential**, undertaking mentoring."

Partner

Health

"We have **better** health **through connection** to country"

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Jobs readiness

"Our mob are mostly on the dole..through volunteer and casual work we have a **WORK POOL ready to go.**"

Traditional Owner

Money

"We've got a biodiversity project, a great big nursery and had people just **flocking in buying** trays and trays of plants."

Traditional Owner

Environmental protection

"We're actually doing the the rehabilitation of the acid sulfate soils they had **battery acid levels** in the water and now they're taken down."
"We've regenerated 2000-3000 plants in a few weeks."

Traditional Owners

Cultural renewal

"Walking tracks...are all culture, it's part of our culture. Our rangers have widened it, gone through and cleaned it, we can **walk our country** again."

Traditional Owner

Disaster response

"In Cyclone Yasi our Rangers were on the ground to help ... Notices went up everywhere saying thanks to Giringun Rangers. We have found our place, and **excelled** for the whole community."

Traditional Owner

Social Benefits

Economic Benefits

Cultural and Environmental Benefits

Political Benefits



Elders and youth

"The key to it, we've kind of stumbled across, is the young ones."

The Junior Ranger Program... gets all the adults sitting around and talk about how we can collaboratively work together."

Traditional Owner

From welfare to business

"I used to think that we're not going to **break the welfare cycle** in my generation but we're doing it here today."

Traditional Owner

Justice

"We work with the police and organisations and **deliver peace.**"

Traditional Owner

Reconciliation

"Need to acknowledge the change, how far we have **come together**... completely changed the community views about blackfella business in this community."

Traditional Owner

“People don't have a fridge, don't have a proper home, but they own a \$3 million cattle station. How do we capitalise on that asset, and bridge the gap, to get equitable social-economic benefits? We own this cattle station but our kids can't read .”

Traditional Owner



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The delivery of multiple benefits was investigated through a three and a half year co-research project involving Rainforest Aboriginal people, social scientists, spatial analysts, government and non-government organisations. The co-research found that Rainforest Aboriginal people face a complex set of social, economic and educational challenges that impede their initiatives. The results from collaborative governance are particularly important because through managing country, they have developed solutions to overcome these barriers and deliver benefits.

Collaborative governance of wet tropics country overcomes multiple barriers to deliver these multiple benefits!



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