



Mungalla Aboriginal Business Corporation

Healing Country –
Empowering Nywaigi
Futures



Our Story Begins with Return of Mungalla Station to my people- the Nywaigi People (2000)

- Mungalla Station returned to Nywaigi Traditional Owners in 2000.

- Originally founded in 1882 by Irish pioneer James Cassady.

- Mungalla Station is renowned blue-ribbon cattle and horse stud.



Strong Governance, One Vision

MABC – Business, operations, education, and tourism.

NLAC – Title-holding body for Mungalla lands.

WBRTNPBC – Cultural authority, Native Title and traditional governance.

Four Vision Pillars of a Strong Future for our children.

1. Cattle Operations – Droughtmaster stud & horse breeding heritage.



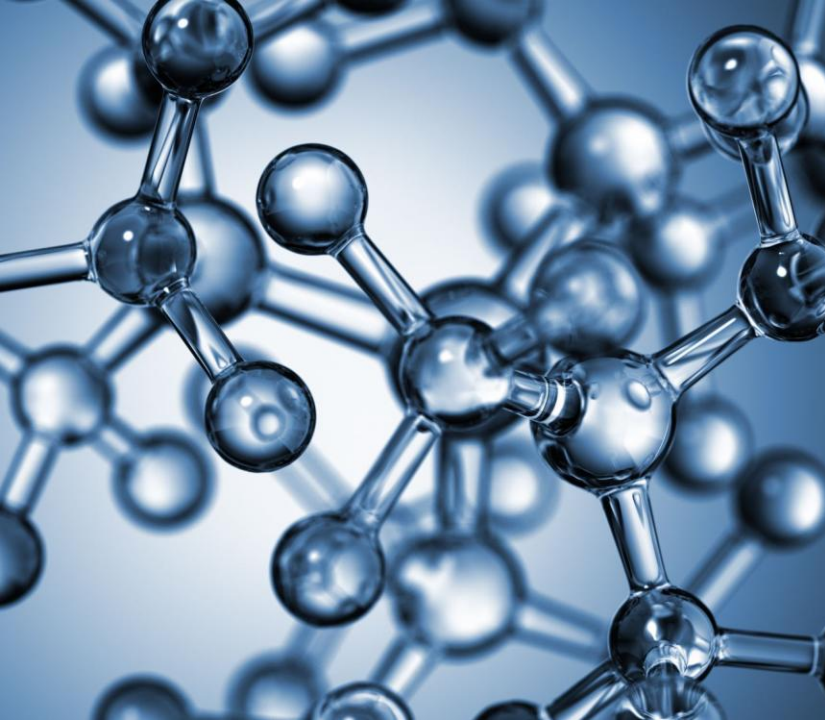
2. Land Management & Conservation – Caring for wetlands & biodiversity.



3. Training & Education – Adult education in tourism, hospitality, conservation.



4. Silverlining School – Over 50 HSC graduates in partnership with Silverlining Foundation.



From Restoration to Blue Carbon

- Partnership with CSIRO in 2012 to restore wetlands.
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- Today: Blue Carbon Project capturing carbon & revitalising biodiversity.

Inheritance of Bad Farming Practices

- Bunds walls put in to propagate ponded pastures – Hymenachne

- Salvina & Water Hyacinth WoNS.



- When the Magpie Geese flew up they blocked out the sun!





Success!!





More Birdlife Than Kakadu!

- • Mungalla hosts more documented aquatic bird species than Kakadu.
- • Supported by BirdLife Australia and global conservation partners.
- SOLAR SALINE SALTY BORES – BROUGHT BACK THE PAINTED SNIPE! Birdwatching-another tourism opportunity!



Culture and Science – One Story of Healing

- 50 years of biodiversity observation and climate change impacts.
- Traditional knowledge and modern science work together.

Part of a Larger Custodial Network

- Girringun represents nine Traditional Owner groups.

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- 1.2 million hectares managed as Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA).

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- Mungalla: one of two IPA freehold properties.



First Saltwater Group to Sign a TUMRA

- Nywaigi signed the TUMRA over 20 years ago.

- Model for co-management with Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

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A Centre of Excellence for First Peoples Training



● Building Indigenous youth pathways through education and employment.

● Mungalla emerging as a national centre of excellence in First Peoples training



Mungalla – Healing Land, Restoring Futures

- “When Country is healed, so are the people.” – Nywaigi Saying

Caring for Country – Recognition from FSC



- Acknowledging FSC's leadership in recognising First Nations rights.



- Supporting Caring for Country in certification standards.