

Supporting the Nation

The Bibbulmun Fund

Invests in targeted community projects that are run by community members and have support from local leaders. The Bibbulmun Fund encourages, supports and inspires Aboriginal communities across Australia.

The Bibbulmun Fund designs and delivers programs around entrepreneurship, education, numeracy and literacy. This includes scholarships, work-ready programs, reclaiming culture and language courses, youth diversionary programs, elder camps and leadership programs.

Since the establishment of the Bibbulmun Fund in 2015, we are incredibly proud to have contributed more than \$1,500,000 towards Aboriginal community projects across Australia.

About the Bibbulmun Fund

The Bibbulmun Fund is a community-based fund established by two commercial entities; Kulbardi Pty Ltd and Kooya, two Aboriginal-owned businesses designed to 'give back' to the Aboriginal community right across Australia.

Although founded in WA, the Bibbulmun Fund has extended its reach to the broader Aboriginal community across Australia.



The Fremantle Foundation

The Bibbulmun Fund is held in trust by the Fremantle Foundation (ABN: 23 992 104 836), a community foundation that supports and administers family, individual and corporate giving.

HISTORY

Doornjil Yoor-dininy - 'Coming together to create and sustain partnerships for mutual growth'

While establishing Kulbardi, Australia's largest Aboriginal-owned stationery supplier, Kim Collard had the vision to go beyond corporate outcomes and into the realms of social and economic Aboriginal community development. Kulbardi's Community Investment Model showcases corporate best practices, where a percentage of all sales from Kulbardi flows into a fund aimed at investing in Indigenous communities.

The name 'Bibbulmun' represents 1 of the 14 clans of the Noongar Nation of the southwest of Western Australia and the Bibbulmun peoples' dialect belongs to the oldest linguistic clan.

Bibbul means 'paperbark' in the Noongar language. It is reflective of the life-giving connection between our ancient land and its many uses; in this instance, paperbark represents the closest thing to stationery in a contemporary context. While the Fund's name, Bibbulmun, originates in WA, the founders recognise the rich tapestry of connection across our nation.

VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Our Vision

To generate new possibilities in the way Aboriginal enterprise and entrepreneurial leaders do business.

Our Mission

By supporting Aboriginal-owned projects that promote meaningful outcomes and collaboration in all stages of enterprise development.

Our Values

Aboriginal ownership - Projects are designed, owned and delivered by Aboriginal Australia, for Aboriginal Australia.

Meaningful outcomes - Innovative projects that have long-term sustainability, impact and regional relevance.

Collaboration - Inclusive and co-operative projects that leverage support from collaboration partners.

The Bibbulmun Fund aims to open new possibilities for Aboriginal enterprise and foster entrepreneurial leadership by supporting Aboriginal-owned and delivered projects which focus on real outcomes and collaborative approaches toward economic development.

It is led by an advisory board that approve support for regionally relevant initiatives that facilitate positive impact throughout Aboriginal Australia.

The Board

Advisory Board Members



Kim Collard

Chair of the Bibbulmun Fund Board



Sharna Collard

Co-Chair of the Bibbulmun Fund Board

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The Board, Chaired by Kim Collard and Co-Chaired by daughter Sharna Collard, has agreed that 75% of the Bibbulmun Fund supports three key themes – Enterprise, Innovation, and Leadership. The remaining 25% is at the discretion of the Board in supporting cultural, sporting, health, educational, and entrepreneurship programs.

How We Select Projects

The Bibbulmun Fund prioritises projects which support:

Leadership, Entrepreneurship & Environment Projects

Projects offering new opportunities for Aboriginal Enterprise, Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Environmental Sustainability.

Aboriginal Education/Scholarships

Projects that are designed to support education, curriculum development (STEM) and scholarships for Aboriginal students right across Australia.

Community Health Projects

Innovative health projects that have long-term sustainability health outcomes, and have local impact and regional relevance.

Emergency Relief Projects

Designed to provide immediate financial support to Aboriginal communities who require emergency relief funding.