



## **SECRETARY-TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

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Please refer to the attached Financial Report for the 2017/18 financial year.

It has been a year of increased activity for the GAPA Committee, resulting in a busy time for all committee members, including the Secretary and Treasurer.

### **Funding Applications**

GAPA was once again successful in securing funding for 2018 NAIDOC events, and we are pleased to report that the total funding amount of \$1500.00 was acquitted to the satisfaction of both the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

GAPA also received funding in the 2017/18 financial year to stage the Yumba Reunion held in September 2018. Full acquittals for this funding will show up in the next annual financial report 2018/19.

### **Insurance**

GAPA still maintains full insurance cover for the organisation which we pay on a monthly basis – annual amount for 2017/18 was \$1287.14. The insurance cover is mandatory for holding lands in trust and for receiving grant funding.

### **Memberships**

The take-up and renewal of GAPA memberships continues to be an issue for GAPA, with only 37 people electing to apply for or renew GAPA membership in the 2016/17 financial year. Full membership support would enable the Committee to progress some of the initiatives that Gunggari people have indicated are important to them.

### **Income received through Cultural Heritage Activities**

As indicated on the attached Financial Report, Gunggari people are able to secure a small income from various stakeholders wishing to conduct activities on land held by, or under claim by Gunggari people under native title. This is possible because of existing Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) between stakeholders and Gunggari people.

### **Confirmation of Cultural Identity Certificates**

During the year, GAPA issued 24 certificates to members wishing to purchase certificates for themselves or their family members.

### **Governance**

GAPA's Strategic Plan is due for review and this will be undertaken during the current financial year. Reviewing the plan will provide the Committee and all members to think about future directions for GAPA and ways in which the organisation, in partnership with the Gunggari Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, can best meet the aspirations of the Gunggari people as a whole.