

Traditional Owner Engagement Manager

Townsville, Brisbane or Cairns - QLD

The company

The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) is the lead charity for the Great Barrier Reef, dedicated exclusively to funding solutions for its long-term conservation.

Made up of 2,900 reefs along 2,300km of Queensland's coastline, the Great Barrier Reef is one of the largest United Nations World Heritage areas. It contributes over \$6bn annually to the Australian economy and generates more than 64,000 jobs.

GBRF leads the collaboration of business, science, government and philanthropy – groups who would not otherwise come together – for the benefit of the Reef. Their success is due to the quality of institutions and people they bring together – harnessing advances in science, technology and industry to ensure a future for this global treasure.

The role

This is a new role within the Traditional Owner Partnerships Team at GBRF that will develop and maintain strong relationships with Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners and assist in developing projects and partnerships across all components of the Reef Trust Partnership Agreement. The function of this role aims to deepen the understanding held by Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners about opportunities presented under the Reef Trust Partnership, as well as to raise the profile of Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owner groups; connect people, projects and programs; and keep culture strong by promoting, sharing and celebrating Traditional Owner stories. This will include travel to meet on country with Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef, at times this will occur on weekends and outside of core hours.

Key responsibilities include:

- Effectively engage with Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners and their key partners to provide accurate information about Reef Trust Partnership opportunities
- Develop effective communication mechanisms for Traditional Owners and their key partners to identify, report on and provide advice to the GBRF on relevant program matters
- Assist the GBRF Traditional Owner Working Group and Traditional Owner Partnerships Section coordinate the overall planning of regional workshops and local meetings with Traditional Owners
- Assist the Traditional Owner Partnerships Section develop a strategic communication and engagement plan that will provide overarching guidance on effective communication and engagement processes for appropriate involvement of Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners in the Partnership
- Provide advice on strategic reef-wide engagement activities ensuring a consistent and culturally appropriate approach is adopted for two-way information sharing between Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners and the GBRF

About you

In addition to being passionate about the Reef, you will be a highly skilled and experienced person who is an exceptional on-ground culturally grounded communicator with demonstrated effective networks. You will enter the role as someone who is already well respected amongst the Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef. You are able to demonstrate high order interpersonal skills and a history of operating effectively within a small cross-cultural team environment.

Ideally, you will possess:

- An advanced knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures, including a sound understanding of Traditional Owner decision-making and authorisation processes as they relate to the management of land and sea country.
- Have an ability to work across all Traditional Owners groups within the Great Barrier Reef to understand how bio-cultural ethics and Free Prior Informed Consent processes may best apply under the Reef Trust Partnership.
- Have a proven track record of successfully communicating targeted opportunities applied to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, which result in the successful delivery of Traditional Owner led/driven land and sea priorities.
- Superior skills and experience in the effective engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their key partners, including experience in educating for effective program delivery; and negotiating and/or brokering partnerships.
- Have a proven track record as a cohesive team player with an ability to support delivery of the broader functions of a section including project management including a working knowledge of planning, organisation, administration, monitoring and reporting.

The rewards

This new role in an amazing organisation provides the opportunity to work closely with Traditional Owners to help create positive pathways for a healthier Reef with improved resilience for future generations. The opportunity exists for a values driven Traditional Owner Engagement Manager who is passionate about culturally grounded engagement, consultations and negotiations undertaken with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners and their representative structures to create empowerment across one of the world's most important natural and cultural landscapes.

This full-time role is offered with flexible working arrangements, and whilst a Townsville based candidate is preferred, a Cairns or Brisbane location will be considered for an exceptional candidate. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are strongly encouraged to apply and will be highly regarded.

For a confidential discussion on the above position contact Nathan Kelly on 0418 742 529, alternatively click "apply" to submit your application now.

Talent Nation encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people of all cultures, abilities, sex and genders.

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