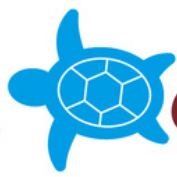


TORG

Traditional Owner Reference Group

Mackay • Whitsunday • Isaac



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Details

Name

Phone Number

Postal Address

Email Address

Language Group

Applying to become a **member representative** of which **language group**?

Applying to become a **proxy representative** for **whom** to represent which **group**?

Why are you interested in becoming a TORG member?

TORG Membership

Application Conditions and Expectations

Purpose: The Traditional Owner Reference Group (TORG) forms the basis for a coordinated, facilitated, forum for the open discussion of matters relating to the interests of Traditional Owners in the region including the development and implementation of projects or programs that are of interest to them. **The TORG is not the forum for discussion of Native Title issues.**

The TORG provides a forum for the facilitation and implementation of the goals and aspirations of Traditional Owners in relation to the management of natural and cultural resources across the Whitsunday Mackay Isaac Natural Resource Management (NRM) region. It provides the broader community opportunity to engage with Traditional Owners about activities, plans, events or other matters that may be of interest to the Traditional Owners of the region. It also provides an opportunity to promote and garner respect for the cultural protocols of each Traditional Owner Group within the broader community.

Membership Criteria: The group is open to Traditional Owners of the **Ngaro, Gia, Juru, Koinjmal, Yuwi, Widi** and **Barada** people. Both the member and their proxy must identify as members of at least one of those language groups, be acknowledged as members of such by the community and be approved by the TORG. Each of the seven language groups is eligible to have a maximum of two representatives, one member with voting rights and one proxy representative. Membership is limited to seven members and seven proxies. Preference will be given to people based locally.

Meetings: Meetings are held regularly (every 2-4 months) and the locations will change in order for all members to host outings on their country. Attendance of all members is mandatory at all meetings and strongly preferred for all proxies, except under exceptional circumstances and with prior notification. Members may attend via phone or video conferencing.

Should a member miss three meetings in a row, they will receive a written notification that their membership status has changed from active to pending. Should the member miss a fourth meeting, their membership will be immediately cancelled and they must reapply in order to have their membership reactivated.

Application Assessment: Each completed application will be entered into the application registry. If a membership position becomes vacant, the existing TORG members will consider all registered applicants for that language group and select a member from the candidate pool. Should there be no registered applicant for that language group, the TORG may, at its discretion, invite individuals to apply for the role. Applicants will be advised prior to the meeting should their application become eligible for consideration. If an application is approved, the applicant will be asked to review and accept the Terms of Reference as well as a Memorandum of Understanding between TORG members and Reef Catchments.

I agree to abide by the above listed conditions and expectations and submit my application for membership with the Mackay Whitsunday Traditional Owner Reference Group.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Application Date