



**Healthy Country Planning focuses on social, cultural and environmental values, building a pathway together and creating real opportunities.**

The HCP process follows a cycle of **simple steps** which guide the way.

**"we come together**  
sit down and decide  
how to make our people  
and country healthier"

**"we create jobs**  
that look after our country  
and give us a better  
future"



*Adaptive land + sea management with those who care about the future.*



## "The right people working together in the right way"

There are many benefits from developing and implementing HCP's

Some of these include:

- Community values and issues are clearly part of looking after country.
- Uses language that is clear and relevant.
- Is simple and easy to understand while looking at complex issues.
- Incorporates Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal understanding of values and issues side by side.
- Provides a clear connection between values, concerns and actions.
- Focuses on priorities which helps support clearer actions.
- Outputs can have a strong visual style which gives identity and ownership to the content.
- Forms a clear basis for funding, job programs, and operations.



The Healthy Country Process includes:

### Elders guide the way

Important people are involved  
Knowledge is transferred  
Appropriate areas are identified  
Protocols are established

### Community leaders assist with detailed planning

People who can walk and talk in both worlds are involved  
The right people are involved to sign off on decisions  
People committed to the project  
bring their skills and energy

### Return to Country visit

People can visit their country to see if it is healthy  
Opportunities to share knowledge about places  
Spending time with family  
Practicing cultural activities

### Working on Country

People connected to country are caring for it  
Access to country is done in the right way  
Important places can be protected

### Partners working with us in the right way

Cultural values are respected  
People can work together to achieve mutual outcomes  
Opportunities for two-way learning

### Skills

Healthy Country Plans provide great opportunities to learn  
in many ways

### Recording Information

Knowledge is recorded and protected for future generations  
Skills are learnt in the process  
We can see if things are improving over time

### Telling our story

Creative people can express themselves  
Helping others to learn from us

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