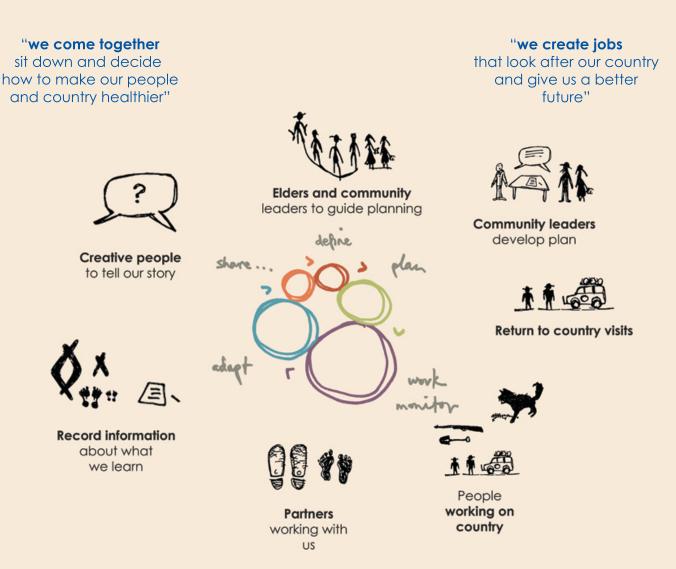


Healthy Country Planning (HCP) - Benefits



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.





"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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