



## Overview and process for developing the Strategic Plan

The Great Victoria Biodiversity Desert Trust (the Trust) is completing its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operations, and it's an opportune time to review our achievements and establish a strategic plan (the Plan) that sets the priority directions for the next five years.

The Plan (this document) establishes three priority directions for the Trust as well as an initial list of key projects and activities that are consistent with those priority directions.

A half day workshop was held involving members of the Trust's Management Panel and Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) to develop the Plan.

The Chair of the Trust used the outcomes of the workshop to develop a draft Plan, which was circulated to Management Panel members for comment.

A final Strategic Plan was endorsed at the November 2023 meeting of the Management Panel.

### Priorities and actions for 2024-2029

1. Communicating our work better and more broadly. The Trust has produced some very useful data and documents, and these should be made more widely available, including as academic papers. Part of this should include demonstrating the effectiveness of our work.
2. Engage more directly with Traditional Owners groups to build strong working relationships. This includes co-designing the Landscape Conservation Initiative. Explore other programs and projects that would meet the Trust's objectives and provide benefits for Traditional Owners.
3. For any new projects, the preference will be to work with, and build relationships with, research and other organisations who have a long term interest in the better management of biodiversity in the Great Victoria Desert rather than consultants. Consider partnership with Curtin for a major ARC grant.

### Specific projects

1. Develop a specific project to celebrate 10 years of the Trust activities.
2. Service camera traps and collect SD cards.
3. Continue with the Curtin Biodiversity monitoring program.
4. Continue with the Indigenous Desert Alliance project and include more direct involvement of the Trust to build our relationships with the Traditional Owners groups.
5. Mallee fowl – establish a program of monitoring some mounds using ranger groups and engage with the Traditional Owners groups to consider LiDAR surveys over additional areas.
6. Ground truth the high-resolution habitat suitability model for Sand Hill Dunnart once completed.
7. Consider expanding the Landscape Conservation Initiative to include feral animals, in consultation with Traditional Owners groups.
8. Increase Traditional Owners direct involvement in the Trust – for example, membership of the Management Panel or the TAP or establishing a specific advisory committee. Consider a special training program for selected Rangers to represent their Mob with the Trust.
9. Consider specific training programs for Rangers to enable direct participation in Trust funded projects.
10. Make data from the weather stations more widely available.



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