



KWT Inc

Philanthropy Our Way

KWT PROGRESS UPDATE
JUNE 2024

KWT



5 key highlights

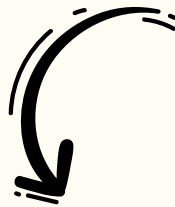
KWT Incorporation

In late 2023, KWT received its incorporation certificate, making it officially a First Nations run Organisation. Our next step is to ensure we register for DGR1 status.



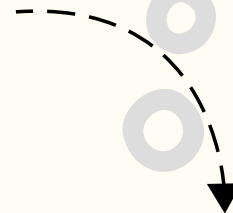
Success of Micro-Grants

The success of the three micro grants rounds across Victoria provided KWT with informative data of the needs and complex presentations from community members who accessed the grants. KWT hopes to make this round of grants part of its annual grants program.



KWT Give Together Luncheon

The Give Together Luncheon was held at the start of 2024 with the aim to build awareness and build support for KWT fundraising. This inaugural event brought together First Nations community members and the Philanthropic Community to celebrate the work of KWT across Victoria.



Holding Space - Women's Wellness Gathering

A post referendum healing and wellness gathering was held for First Nations women and non-First Nations women in Torquay. The day focused on the impacts YES vote not getting through and the increase cases of racism toward First Nations communities and individuals.



Review of our Strategic Plan & Cultural Framework

KWT has engaged a consultant to support its process to review its current strategic plan and cultural framework, with key actions to strengthen its growth and work over the next five years.



INCORPORATION UPDATE

KWT INC

The process of incorporation was achieved with pro bono legal support from Wisewould Mahony. The team at Wisewould Mahony reviewed KWT's structure as a granting organisation in 2021, and advised that KWT fell under the DGR category of a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI). A PBI is a registered charity that is an institution whose main purpose is to provide relief of poverty, sickness, disability, destitution, suffering, misfortune or helplessness. Under a PBI registration, KWT Inc will receive a DGR1 status.

In late November of 2023, Koondie Woonga-gat Toor-rong received its incorporation certificate, this was highly regarded by the KWT Committee. The KWT Inc Committee and Management celebrated the news of its Incorporation informally at our end of year meeting in early December 2023. With plans for a more formal acknowledgement of our incorporation to be planned for a later date in 2024.

NEXT STEPS

Now that Koondie Woonga-gat Toor-rong is an established incorporated organisation, we are now in the process of registering for DGR1 status.

This, as we learned in our journey in building KWT Fund, is yet another step we need to go through to ensure that we are set up as a charitable community organisation to meet the needs of our First Nations communities across Victoria through our grant work, forums and fundraising events.





KWT MANAGEMENT

OUR WORK

Since our first grant round in 2019, KWT has maintained a steady growth in our grant work. The increase in awareness of KWT Inc and what we offer has meant that we received requests from First Nations communities across Victoria.

The three Micro-grants rounds that were offered by KWT Inc to community members during covid has also meant that community now reaches out to KWT for support and enquiries regarding our micro-grants. The increase in enquires is due to the no fuss process of our granting applications and the support offered by the KWT Committee and Management to ensure access to our grants are culturally informed and safe.

Furthermore, KWT continues to develop and update our policy and procedures ensuring that we are building on good work and cultural practices to support our work. KWT are also developing culturally appropriate communication materials for distribution via our website, socials and community networks.

CURRENT WORK

KWT continues to develop its policy and procedures, events, forums and projects.

Current work include:

- Travel and Accommodation policy.
- Grant giving policy.
- Grant marking sheet.
- Financial control, momentary compliance and management policy .
- Event safety check list.
- Organisational risk assessment.
- Event safety policy.
- Public liability claims procedure.
- Event planning and approval procedure.
- Emails and social media policy.
- Reports to KWT Committee and Funders.
- KWT Giving Tree Forum 2024
- Accessing grants education and awareness building initiative

Review and development

- KWT Strategic Plan Review
- KWT Implimentation Review
- KWT Forum Planning
- KWT Cultural Engagement Plan
- KWT Prospectus Development
- KWT Communications materials
- KWT Website Mangement
- KWT Fundraising Capabilities and Engagment Strategy



OUR GRANT WORK

KWT has seen an increase in grant enquiries and requests for support from community members and groups across Victoria. This increase in service enquiries are largely due to the work of KWT Committee and Management working closely with their communities, our social media platform and word of mouth.

Our grant application progress has undergone a review to ensure that KWT is meeting community needs.

Grant Awareness

During our grant rounds in late 2023 to early 2024, KWT received grant enquiries via emails, social media, calls and texts (includes messenger, instagram and WhatsApp).



72 NEW ENQUIRIES

2023-2024 - KWT received new grant enquiries from individuals and groups across Victoria.



58 FIRST NATIONS

Out of the 72 enquiries, 58 were from First Nations groups and individuals.

GRANTS

Total NAIDOC, COMMUNITY & MICRO-Grants

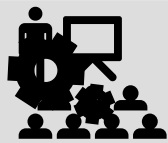


GRANT WORKSHOPS

From our engagement work with First Nations communities across Victoria, a question we get asked often relates to workshops on grant writing and acquittal processes. Many community members who apply to KWT have never engaged with philanthropy before or have not had good experiences. To support community, KWT is in the processes of planning workshops 2025, dates and locations will be formalised in early May. We hope to run these community workshops by engaging our allies in the philanthropy community to help us carry out this work. We will be seeking partnerships & collaboration.

OUR LEARNING

As a small First Nations granting organisation, much of what we do for our community is ensuring our processes offer opportunities for community members to build confidence and understanding to engage with philanthropy. In the space of three years, we have journeyed to change our granting process but also how we communicate and engage with our community. The four areas identified are where we need to build capacity to meet the needs of our communities.



EDUCATION

We have learnt that an education focused granting process meets the needs of our community as many have never engaged nor applied to philanthropy for grants. They need the support and information on how to apply for grants and how to provide an acquittal. KWT is planning to run workshops early next year to ensure our processes are clear and that community is informed.



COLLABORATION

KWT community fund continues to seek opportunities of collaboration to provide services to our First Nations communities across Victoria through our grant work, projects and forums. As we grow as a fund, we acknowledge that we need the support of our allies to enable us to meet the needs of our communities.



GRANT POOL

To provide a consistent granting program, KWT will seek to:

- develop a KWT Fund prospectus for potential donors and funders.
- develop marketing visibility of our 'Give Together' Luncheon event .
- build sustainable fundraising into the future.



WORKFORCE

To provide a responsive and effective service, KWT will:

- Seek funds for a business support role to work alongside the General Manager. This will ensure that we are meeting community enquires, projects, reporting and partnership building, events and fundraising activities.

PARTNERSHIPS



Glenda Morrison, FIL and Teron Hareko-Avaivilla, KWT Inc

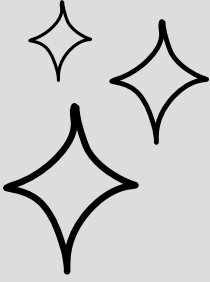
KWT Inc continues to focus on building our partnerships, networks and donor community. We continue our partnerships with strong allies who support our work as well as provide advice in our endeavours. A major part of our work at KWT is building opportunities for collaboration with partners and allies, ensuring cultural safety and walking together for change in the philanthropic space. Grantees have provided valuable feedback to KWT on some of the barriers to accessing grants and one of that is seeking appropriate auspice organisations to hold their funds. This year, KWT is working with some community based auspice organisations to fill this gap.

AUSPICE PARTNERSHIPS

- Establish partnerships with auspicing organisations to support First Nations grant seekers.
- Seek partnerships with Arts, Sports and Community projects auspice organisations.
- Provide information of auspice organisations on KWT website by end of 2024.

SUPPORT

We have learnt in our journey the difficulty for First Nations grant seekers to find an auspice, this is an access barrier that KWT is working to address with new collaborative partners.



WORKSHOPS

Currently in development, four workshops that cover:

- Grant Writing
- Acquittals and Reporting
- Seeking Grants
- Project Development



PARTNERSHIPS

A major focus for KWT this year is building strong sustainable partnerships that:

- Build First Nations confidence in access to philanthropic grants
- Build understanding of First Nations giving.

SUPPORT NETWORKS

We are committed to building a strong and sustainable network across Victoria that grows our fund.

- Develop a KWT prospectus
- develop network newsletter



OUR FOCUS



DGR1 STATUS

KWT is in the process of registering for DGR1 status by the end of 2024.

REVIEW

KWT Board and Management are in the process of reviewing.

- KWT Strategic Plan
- KWT Implementation Plan
- KWT Cultural Framework



EVENTS

One of our focus this year was to hold two events. The 'Give Together Luncheon' at the start of the year and our 'Giving Tree' forum coming up in October 2024. Both events give KWT an opportunity to showcase our work but also to build and share knowledge with the wider community about our giving space.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The current financial report is reflective of KWT activities across the three years.

ITEM	21-2022	22-2023	23-2024
Grants	\$179,530.00	\$124,000.00	\$186,000.00
Events / Seminars	NIL	NIL	\$50,544.72
Specific Projects	NIL	\$55,000.00	NIL
Expenses	\$119,373.00	\$94,108.89	\$136,084.26
TOTAL	\$298,903.00	\$273, 108. 89	\$372,628.98