



AUSTRALIAN ALPS NATIONAL PARKS

AAnp Co-operative Management Program Reference and Working Groups Terms of Reference

Context: For the three-year strategic plan period of 2026 - 2029, the Australian Alps Program will have three Reference Groups and two working groups. These groups are the:

1. Cultural Heritage Reference Group
2. Environment Reference Group
 - a. Feral Horse Working Group
3. Connecting People Reference Group
 - a. AAWT Management Group

Each of the groups will tailor their support to activities and projects that align with the **Core Values** and **Immediate Priorities** identified in the 2026 - 2029 Strategic Plan.

Reference/Working Groups (or other special task groups facilitating projects) have the following responsibilities:

- 1 To consider the *Core Values* and *Immediate Priorities* as specified in the 2026 - 2029 AAnp Program Strategic Plan.
- 2 To consider the purposes of the Memorandum of Understanding (AAnp Program) in achieving the outcome of the Reference Groups aligned *Immediate Priorities*.
- 3 To provide the AALC with advice on new and emerging issues related to the Reference Group's activities.
- 4 To advise on work plans for activities and projects in the triennium in light of the *Immediate Priority* issues listed in the plan, and the resources realistically available.
- 5 To consider linkages with the groups advising on other actions in this plan.
- 6 To consider the perspectives of Aboriginal people in contributing to the outcomes of the Reference Group's projects.
- 7 To encourage the involvement of agency personnel with an interest or role in the Reference Group's projects.
- 8 To be cognisant of the knowledge needs of the AAnp agencies and their staff, as well as those of the community.
- 9 To advise on knowledge transfer but not necessarily undertake this process directly.
- 10 To advise the AALC on the evaluation of the Reference Group's activities, its related projects, and progress towards achieving the strategic plan's outcomes.
- 11 To be involved where relevant in project management and delivery related to the Reference Group's approved projects.
- 12 Contribute to the enhancement of staff skills and management: Encourage staff to share and develop expertise and specialist skills in management of the Australian Alps national parks.
- 13 The Reference Groups will consider and recommend to the AALC appropriate additional strategies to achieve the objectives of the *Core Values* and *Immediate Priorities*.

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