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## **Dhimurru Board signs a new Tourism and Land Management Agreement for Designated Recreation Areas in the Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area**

The Dhimurru Board has recently signed a new Tourism and Land Management Agreement with the Aboriginal Land Trust and the Northern Land Council. The new 20-year agreement continues to provide Dhimurru with the delegation to issue permits for visitors to access and stay in Dhimurru Designated Recreation Areas, undertake cultural and natural resource management activities on country and issue licences to Commercial Tour Operators visiting Dhimurru Designated Recreation Areas.

The Dhimurru Board are very happy to announce the signing of this agreement, as it provides certainty for the future of Dhimurru, landowners and visitors that Yolngu welcome to their country. The Board have worked hard behind the scenes to negotiate the agreement which spans the next twenty years and are looking forward to implementing the new arrangements.

For the first time, Yolngu landowners, will benefit from revenue generated through the new arrangements and as always Dhimurru will utilise some of the funds to support its work and help manage the recreation areas for everyone's enjoyment.

Over the next six months visitors will start to notice changes on the ground in our recreation areas and on our website ([www.dhimurru.com.au](http://www.dhimurru.com.au)).

- The General Permit will be replaced with a **Visitor Access Permit** (required for day use and to book camp sites).
- A new **Camping Permit** will be introduced. Bookings for all camp sites will be required across all recreation areas. Fees will be \$15 per adult per night and \$6 for children under 15.
- Camp sites will be identified and numbered so that once you have booked online, your camp site will be allocated to you.

- A new online booking system is being developed to replace our current aging system. All permits will be available through the new online booking system. Using the new system visitors will be able to easily pay for the permits and access their booking and permit information.

If you would like to have your say, please leave your comments at [www.dhimurru.com.au](http://www.dhimurru.com.au). We ask you for your patience as we introduce the changes. Dhimurru will provide updates as we progress and more information about the changes to the permit prices are to follow.