



Westport **Noongar Opportunities Strategy**

2022 – 2024



Our shared commitment

The Westport Office recognises the Traditional Custodians and ongoing connections of the Whadjuk People and Gnaala Karla Booja Noongar People on the land and waters on which Westport takes place. We pay our respects to their Elders, both past, present and emerging and thank them for their continuing connection to country, culture and communities.

Implementing this Strategy requires a shared commitment between Noongar communities and Traditional Owners with Westport. We share their vision for the future. In partnership we can ensure the delivery of enhanced place and project outcomes through cultural contribution and participation.



Hon Rita Saffioti BBus MLA
Minister for Transport;
Planning; Ports

“On behalf of the Noongar community, the Westport Noongar Advisory Group support Westport in striving to build a deeper relationship between Noongar Peoples of Western Australia and the State Government. We work together to ensure respect, honesty, and transparency.

As Noongars of Western Australia, we are connected to country through sea, spirit, land, family and culture. We seek ongoing commitment to self-determine our own futures and are empowered to deliver solutions that improve lives of future generations for our people.

We are united in ensuring Westport is a successful project that recognises the historical impact of colonisation and marginalisation, and provides outcomes that connect our culture and environment, build cultural collaboration and social unity, and build economic and capacity building.”

Westport’s Noongar Advisory
Group members

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About Westport

Westport is the State Government's long-term program to investigate, plan and build a future container terminal in Kwinana with integrated road and rail transport networks.

We have a once-in-a-century opportunity to design a new port and connecting road and rail networks to benefit the community, industry, and Noongar people.

The Noongar Opportunities Strategy will guide the program in achieving our vision, enabling opportunities to ensure benefits are maximised for Noongar communities with the development of the port and supply chain infrastructure.

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about Westport



In early 2022, Westport commissioned Peter Farmer to create an artwork about the journey of both Westport and the Noongar Community. Westport came together with the Noongar Advisory Group for guidance on the inspirations for the artwork.

Artwork by Peter Farmer

“The three lines throughout the artwork represent our journey together through the ‘past’, ‘present’ and ‘future’. It includes strong Noongar Totems for each of the canvases. This includes the Yonga for resilience and tenacity. It also includes the special Noongar Ocean Totems that are of great significance to the region and the Noongar people.” – Peter Farmer

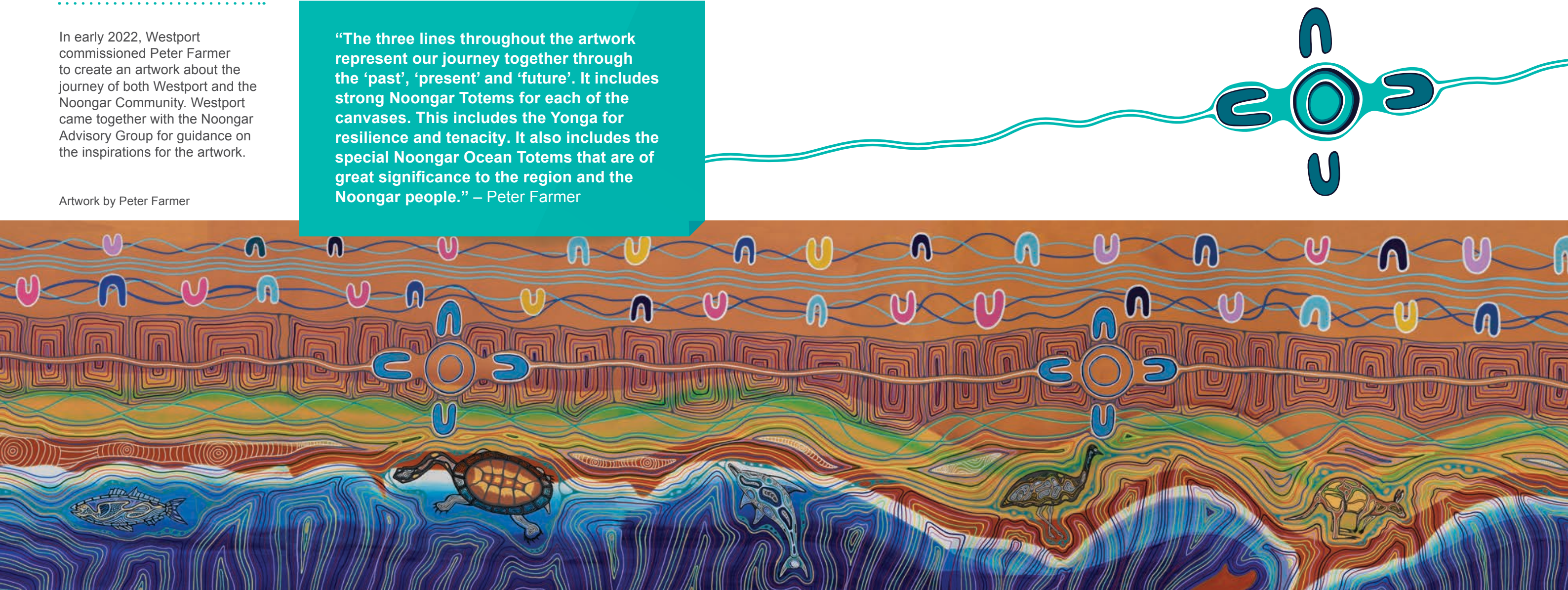
Our partnership

This strategy is not Westport's strategy for Noongar people. It is Westport's and the Noongar Advisory Group's shared strategy for how Westport and local Noongar people should develop together.

The Noongar Advisory Group is made up of Traditional Owners, Elders and Leaders of local Noongar people elected by Noongar communities. The Group was formed to ensure Westport was guided appropriately by Noongar people with the authority to provide cultural advice. The Noongar Advisory Group brings together Noongar people from across the Perth Region, including members of Gnarla Karla Booja and Whadjuk Regional Corporations. The Noongar Advisory Group requests that they be acknowledged as 'Noongar people' in this strategy, rather than as Corporations, to recognise their unity in a shared vision for Westport.

The Noongar Advisory Group helps Westport by:

- Providing cultural advice.
- Identifying, prioritising, and helping to design actions and initiatives to implement this strategy.
- Facilitating partnerships and co-investment on shared actions agreed between Westport and the Whadjuk and Gnaala Karla Booja Noongar Corporations.



Noongar Country

The Westport Program footprint extends into Whadjuk and Gnaala Karla Booja Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs).

Beyond the physical footprint, the port and network of road and rail will reach across our State and provide a gateway to domestic and international trade.

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LEGEND

- Proposed freight corridor
- Existing roads
- Existing freight rail network
- Whadjuk Region
- Gnaala Karla Booja Region

Whadjuk People Native Title Claim

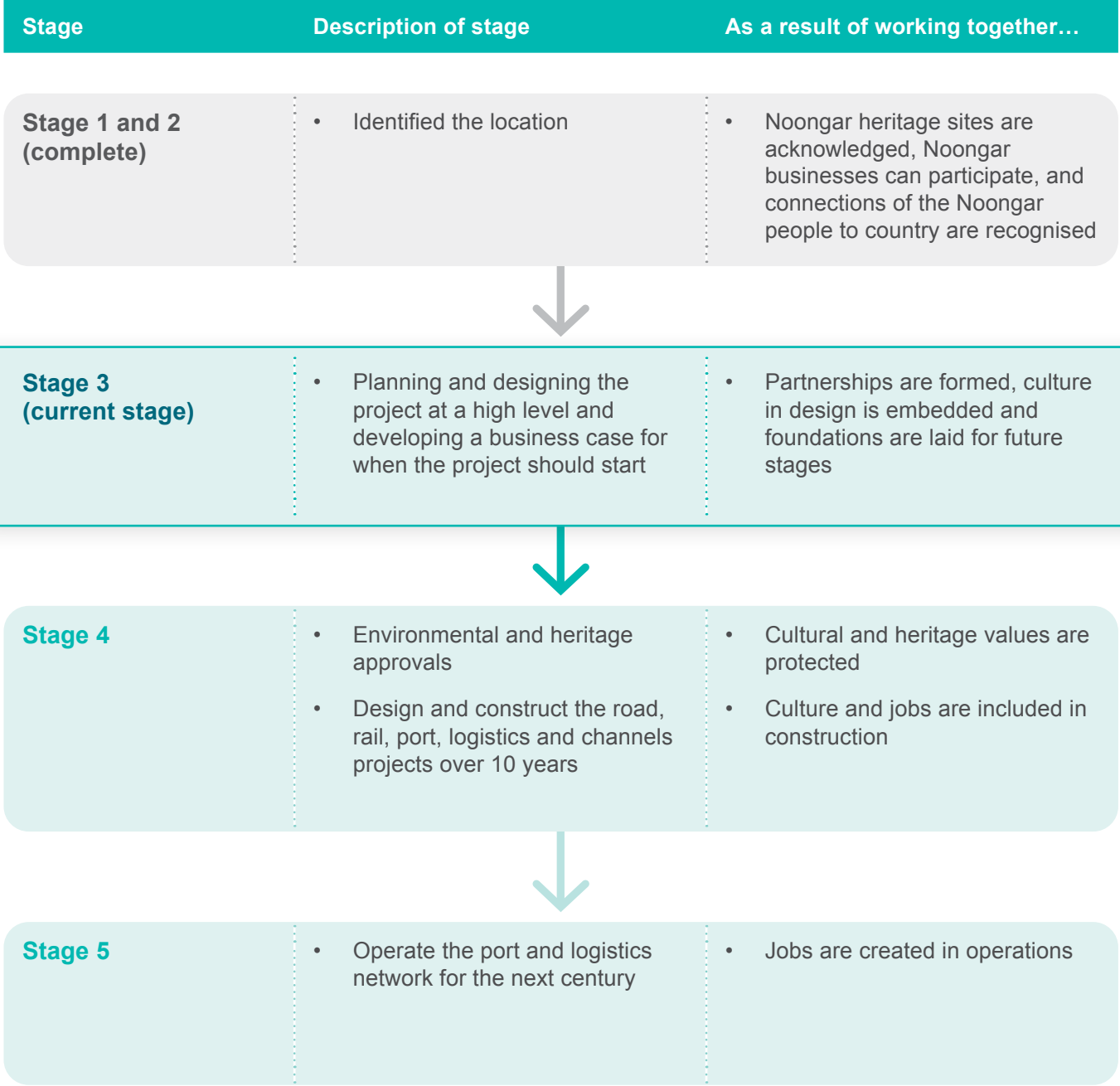
Whadjuk is the name of the dialectal group from the greater Perth area. Under the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA) the Whadjuk People’s native title covers the Perth metropolitan area and surrounds. As a registered claim this gives Whadjuk People, under the NTA, procedural rights to be consulted over activities that occur within their claim.

Gnaala Karla Booja Region

The Gnaala Karla Booja region refers to the Noongar language or dialectal groups of the Binjareb/Pinjarup, Wilman and Ganeang. The Westport footprint includes some areas of the Gnaala Karla Booja ILUA region. Due consideration must be given to the range of significant sites that are present to this day.

Indicative only

The Westport and Noongar Journey



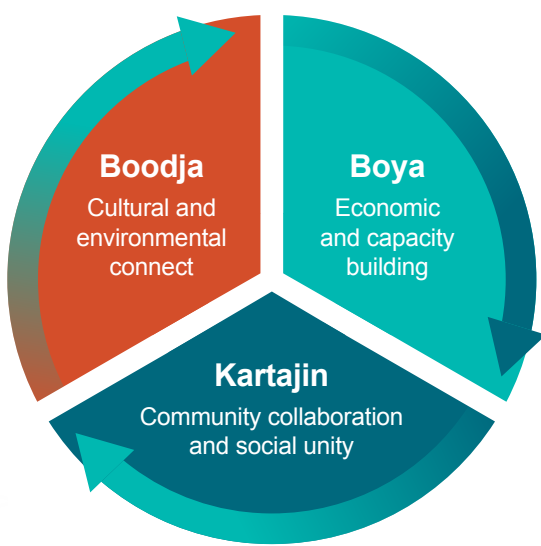
Strategy for Stage 3

Our shared vision for Noongar Opportunities

A port and trade network, shaped by country and culture, that benefits Noongar people as well as wider communities.

The strategy pillars

Our initiatives will be guided by our three strategic pillars; Boodja, Boya and Kartajin. These pillars are connected as are Noongar people's culture, country and economy.



| Pillar | Kartajin | Boodja | Boya |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Outcomes we want to see | Local Noongar peoples are helped to re-connect with culture and country | The port and landside design are shaped by country and culture | Noongar businesses have a significant opportunity in the project's development and operational stages |
| Key directions for implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wide-ranging engagement with Noongar communitiesSharing cultural mapping and science on totems with communitiesUnderstanding what local people want protected and enhanced | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mapping of storylines, song lines and heritage placesBuilding country and cultural features into engineering consultanciesEnsuring cultural values influence priorities for mitigation and offset programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Including Noongar people in Stage 3 projects (where possible)Building capacity for participating in the construction projectIdentifying jobs for the future operations and start training for the Noongar community |

Strategy context

Part of a bigger picture

Westport is a significant, long-term project, but is just one pathway to deliver outcomes for Noongar peoples. Our strategy and partnerships complement critical existing policy including:

- WA State Government's Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy
- Transport Portfolio commitments to Aboriginal participation
- *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) Southwest Native Title Settlement
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* (WA)
- *Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Act 2016* (WA)
- *Aboriginal Procurement Policy 2021* (WA)
- Whadjuk People Indigenous Land Use Agreement
- Gnaala Karla Booja Indigenous Land Use Agreement



Implementation of the Strategy

This Strategy provides the direction for Noongar Opportunities during Westport's delivery of Stage 3 – Business case and planning program. This strategy will be reviewed annually as design evolves.



Action Plan

Following the release of this Strategy, an Action Plan will be developed. The Action Plan will outline the specific planning activities and approaches that will be implemented to achieve the objectives. We will update the Action Plan annually in Quarter 3 as the planning evolves.

Reporting

To build trust and accountability, public reporting of actions and progress will be undertaken on a 6-monthly basis over the planning project.

Adoption into core business

The actions and approaches in the action plan will be imbedded into the Westport program through:

- Business case and planning program (2021-24) – the project will adopt and deliver the actions.

- Enabling program (2022-24) – the management of the enabling fund will consider this strategy in its planning and investments.
- Requirements for Development program (2025 onwards) – the Project Development Plans developed after the Business Case will include specific requirements for the development and procurement of each component of Westport in the next stage.

Governance

The Noongar Advisory Group will guide Westport in the implementation and review of this strategy and its action plan. Advice from this group will be considered by the already robust Westport Governance Framework and stakeholder engagement program.

Glossary of terms

| Western term | Aboriginal term | Definition |
|----------------|---|---|
| Noongar | Noongar also spelt Noongah, Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyoongah, Nyungah, Nyugah, and Yunga | The name for the Aboriginal people of the south-west of Western Australia. |
| Cockburn Sound | Derbarl Nara | The side estuary (Cockburn Sound). |
| Elders | Birdiya | The custodians of Aboriginal knowledge. Elders are chosen by their own communities. They are highly respected keepers of the knowledge and pass that knowledge on to younger Aboriginal people. |
| Country | Boodja | The term used by Aboriginal people to refer to the land to which they and their extended family belong. 'Country' for Noongar people is a spiritual and physical connection. |
| Culture | Kartajin | The customary and traditional ways of living, with a set of common understandings shared by members of a group or community. For Noongar people, this includes attachment to the land and the usage of it as well as language, identity, relationships, and ways of living and working. |
| Totems | Lore | A totem is a natural object, plant or animal that is inherited by members of a clan or family as their spiritual emblem. |





Further Information

To find out more about the Westport Program, our vision, and our goals visit www.westport.wa.gov.au