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Dear Common Law Holders, Members and Community

Status of Gooreng Gooreng Directors and participation in Board Meetings

As you are aware, Luke Watson and Neville Johnson were elected as the Gooreng Gooreng representatives on both the PCCC Ltd and PBC Boards. This communicate is to inform you of the current status of those appointments to the Boards as there appears to be misinformation circulating in the community regarding their status and ability to participate in Board meetings.

In relation to the PCCC Ltd Board both Neville and Luke have been appointed and **both Neville and Luke attended the last Board meeting** and participated in the Board discussions and decision-making.

In relation to the PBC Board, Luke has been appointed and attended the last Board meeting. Neville, however, was unable to be appointed due to his failure to provide a signed consent to become a director of the PBC. This is a legal requirement and all applicants were asked to provide it with their nominations. Neville has now provided the signed consent just this past Easter weekend but it did not include all the required information and legally he cannot be appointed until he has provided the additional information. The PBC has requested that information from him.

There was a meeting of the PBC held on Friday 31st May 2023 that Luke attended. Luke was not required to sign a confidentiality agreement to attend the meeting. However, all directors are under a statutory duty not to misuse information they receive as a director and that includes the requirement to maintain the confidentiality of confidential information received during Board meetings. Neville was given notice of the PBC meeting as a matter of courtesy as he is the director-elect of the Gooreng Gooreng people. However, as it was a meeting that only dealt with the current Court action against the PBC, to which Neville is an Applicant, he could not participate in the meeting even as an observer due to the conflict of interest this posed.

As soon as Neville supplies the required information he will be appointed to the Board. In the interim, he will continue to be notified of the PBC Board meetings and, to the extent he is not conflicted in relation to the Board discussions, is welcome to participate as an observer.



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Ongoing Court Proceeding

The PBC has made a formal application to the Court to have the injunction lifted that prevents the PBC holding the SGM to consider the Rule Book changes. This will be heard on Friday 14 April 2023.

To support its application the PBC has obtained affidavits from a number of Gooreng Gooreng elders who do not support the current court action. They provide these affidavits to express their views in respect of the court matters, and to express their knowledge of the Gooreng Gooreng people. Evidence from the former Gooreng Gooreng representative directors has also been obtained. It has come to our attention that certain Applicants in the case are circulating harassing posts on social media platforms aimed against the former Gooreng Gooreng representative directors, including disparaging comments made referencing their family and ancestors. The representative directors did not choose to be part of this court action but were forced into it as a result of the Applicants suing them personally as individuals as well as the PBC. The Applicants named the Gooreng Gooreng representative directors as well as the representative directors from the other three nations as Respondents to their court action. These individuals have been given no choice but to participate in the proceedings.

While there is an ongoing court action between the Applicants and the PBC, the proper place for this dispute to play out is in the court as this is the forum the Applicants chose over any other form of dispute resolution available. Of course, the PBC and its directors will ensure to conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner, whilst seeking to resolve these matters in court in the most expeditious way so that the good work being undertaken by the PBC can remain a top priority.

The form of lateral violence being shown against the directors as individuals who undertook their roles in good faith for the benefit of their communities and had this court action commenced against them personally without choice on their part should never be condoned in any form by anyone. In particular, the form of lateral violence that calls upon their ancestors and family to disparage them is both culturally inappropriate and a form of bullying and intimidation. It is this type of behaviour that creates an environment that benefits no-one and only serves to continue to oppress us all and prevent any form of advancement of our common rights and interests.

To make it clear for everyone the details of the court action are:

File No: QUD273/2022 in Federal Court of Australia

File Title: Veronica Cheryl Blair & Ors v First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda Peoples Aboriginal Corporation & Ors



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Applicants in the Court Proceedings:

Jeffrey (Toby) Accoom Leigh Blackman Veronica Cheryl Blair Desley Cox (Johnson) Janelle Evans Elaine (Margaret) Fisher Estelle (Marre) Fisher Felicity (Lane) Fisher Douglas Graham Allira Grant Robert (Noel) Gulf Bernice Henry Josiah Hollingsworth William Hollingsworth Winifred Ingra (Johnson) Christell Jarrett Anne-Marie Johnson Bernetta Johnson Gillian Johnson Jacqueline Johnson Lisa Johnson Matthew Johnson Neville Johnson	Nicole Johnson Yasmin Johnson Dorothy Kemp Rachel Kemp Wallabi Kuvinabar Ida Lammermoor Mary-Ann Lammermoor Beverly (Ann) Leisha Roger Leisha Donald McDonald Stephen McDonald Loretta (Rose) Miller (Dooley) Bronwyn Minniecon William (Joseph) Munns Karen Murphy Katherine Murphy Lynette Murphy Yasmine Murphy Merle O'Donnell Fiona (Joyce) Richardson Keenan (Warren) Richardson Reginald Roe Crystal Ross	Katiss Salam Kelli Salam Shirley Salam Neola Savage (Johnson) Wagwan (Mulona) Savage Steven Silvester Lynette (Philomean) Skeen Emma Smith Ethan Smith Lydia Smith Nigel Smith Stewart Smith Stewart (Hughie) Smith Kenneth Thompson Miriam Tilberoo Roxann Walsh Elijah Warde Delphine Williams (Kemp) Myffanwy Lyn Yow-Yeh-Nichols
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Respondents:

The PBC, Kerry Blackman, Shayne Blackman, Matthew Cooke, Lee-ann Dudley, Kristin Sarra, Marcia Morris, Norelle Watson, Christopher Thiesfield.

If your name appears on the Applicant list above and you did not agree to be part of the court action you may contact the PCCC Office on phone: (07)4167 0037 or email: reception@pccctrust.com.au for assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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