

# Dharriwaa Elders Group

## ***Advice Service***



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**Need to meet with Walgett Aboriginal Elders?** Do you want to: Introduce yourself? Promote your services? Build or repair your relationship with the Walgett Aboriginal community? Negotiate service protocols? Plan how to work in Walgett? Understand issues, needs and strengths of our community? Discuss a proposal?

## About DEG's Advice Service

Dharriwaa Elders Group ("DEG") finds that it is "consulted" and visited by agencies and organisations regularly. Because DEG is not funded holistically and its services have been greatly reduced by governments, the organisation is now forced to monetise its services that have value to those with funds. If you are required to and/or find it useful to visit Walgett and talk with its Elders to better perform your responsibilities, we ask that you prepare your budgets accordingly, and plan your visit with us well in advance of your arrival. Advice packages can be purchased as below. In addition to the listed services, DEG can design other packages to suit your purpose. We are flexible and innovative. All quoted package prices exclude GST.

### Facilities

The Dharriwaa Elders Group Elders Centre has a data projector and screen, large reversible whiteboard on wheels, kitchen and BBQ, 2 toilets and private areas. Wheelchair access is available.

### Written Advice

DEG can prepare written advice including policy submissions. See our website for examples at [www.dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au](http://www.dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au).

Morning tea yarn 1 hr	\$250 with minimum 2 Elders
3 hr focus group	\$500 plus \$200 per participating Elder plus \$15 per participant for catering.
Pre - focus group workshop if necessary	\$500 plus \$200 per participating Elder plus \$15 per participant for catering.
Preparation of written advice endorsed by Elders Council monthly meeting	Staff research and policy drafting time \$80 hr, \$200 per participating Elder per session, \$8 per participant for catering. Elders Council decision-making currently attracts a fee of \$200 per requested advice resolution.

## **“Guwaala-y winanga-y ngiyani” - we’re talking and understanding**

We hope that you will find our Advice Service useful and leave feeling that you have made new friends while gaining insights that will assist you.

The Dharriwaa Elders Group (DEG) believes this service will support fruitful relationships and provide greater understandings to enable you to meet your obligations and provide better services in our community.

### ***Our story***

Our group was born 20 November 2000 after working together on projects since 1998. We took our name from one of our sacred sites - Narran Lakes - Dharriwaa (common meeting place) and our full members are Aboriginal people over 60 who live in Walgett. The Dharriwaa Elders Group has a 16 year history in Walgett of benchmarking governance, including financial accountability and inclusivity. DEG combines the traditional values of its members with the willingness to work together with government and other stakeholders to achieve real outcomes for the Walgett community.

### **Written advice**

DEG has prepared many reports from workshops it has conducted including Walgett Aboriginal Women’s Priorities, the NSW Alcohol Summit, a Framework for NSW Land Management, NSW Native Vegetation and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage legislation.

*In DEG’s Advice Service, Aboriginal Elders, supported by DEG staff, receive and present information and respectful advice in safe, familiar surroundings. Our personal experience and advice are offered in the spirit of goodwill.*

*Our advice offers guidance and recommendations for prudent action. It has costs and is valuable.*

## What stakeholders say...

*"DEG is a hub of valuable Aboriginal cultural knowledge that needs to be known and applied to better manage our Country".* Geoff Simpson, Senior Scientist, Office of Environment & Heritage, NSW.



*"It has been my pleasure to work with members of the Dharriwaa Elders Group over the past two years assisting with family tree research, Aboriginal tracker history and the collection of evidence for several Native Title claims. The DEG are the most engaged and enthusiastic elders group that I have encountered while travelling throughout NSW over the past two decades. Collectively, they hold an immense amount of traditional knowledge and I have always been impressed by their commitment to working with younger members of the community to ensure the ongoing vitality of their culture. Long may the DEG continue."* Dr Michael Bennet, Senior Historian, Native Title Services Corp.



*"Building a rewarding research relationship with the Dharriwaa Elders Group and learning from the knowledge and expertise of Aboriginal Elders was central to the success of the research project conducted with the Walgett Aboriginal Community".* Elizabeth McEntyre, Aboriginal Researcher, University of NSW.