

SEEDKEEPERS

Indigenous Seed Systems, Restoration and Enterprise Development

Australia Cannot Restore What It Cannot Seed

SeedKeepers works with Traditional Owners, Indigenous organisations, ranger groups, governments, mining companies and restoration practitioners to strengthen Indigenous participation and leadership across Australia's native seed and restoration sectors.

We support communities to establish seed enterprises, community seed banks, restoration programs and stewardship infrastructure that create pathways for employment, enterprise development and long-term care of Country.

Native seed is the foundation of ecological restoration. It is also a practical pathway for strengthening cultural knowledge, ranger capability, Indigenous leadership and participation in the emerging restoration economy.

Our work connects seed, knowledge, people and restoration outcomes.

The Challenge

Australia is investing billions of dollars into biodiversity recovery, mine rehabilitation, climate adaptation and landscape restoration.

Yet native seed supply remains fragmented, under-developed and frequently overlooked during project planning.

Without coordinated seed systems, restoration projects face increasing risks including:

- Seed shortages
- Delayed project delivery
- Escalating costs
- Poor provenance outcomes
- Reduced biodiversity outcomes
- Limited Indigenous participation
- Lost economic opportunities for Traditional Owners

Restoration begins long before planting.

It begins with seed.

Why Seed?

Every restoration project begins with seed.

Yet seed is much more than a restoration resource.

Seed collection creates opportunities for Elders, knowledge holders, rangers, students and community members to come together on Country. Through seed collection, people share stories, language, ecological knowledge and stewardship responsibilities while contributing to biodiversity conservation and restoration.

Seed provides a practical mechanism through which knowledge can be transferred, leadership can emerge and communities can participate in the active care of Country.

As investment in biodiversity, climate resilience and environmental repair continues to grow, native seed is becoming one of Australia's most valuable restoration resources. SeedKeepers works to ensure Indigenous communities are positioned to participate in and benefit from these opportunities.

What We Do

Indigenous Seed Enterprise Development

Supporting Traditional Owner groups and Indigenous organisations to establish and grow native seed businesses capable of supplying restoration, conservation and rehabilitation projects.

Services include business planning, market readiness, operational systems, seed supply strategies and enterprise development support.

Community Seed Banks

Design and establishment of community seed banks that support seed collection, processing, storage, restoration readiness, ranger development and local enterprise opportunities.

Community seed banks provide practical infrastructure that supports both restoration and long-term community capacity building.

Seed Production Areas

Development of seed production systems that provide reliable, scalable supplies of priority native species for restoration and rehabilitation programs.

Ranger Training and Workforce Development

Training programs supporting seed collection, provenance and genetics, seed processing and storage, restoration planning, ecological monitoring and enterprise development.

Restoration Readiness

Assessment of restoration capability, seed supply requirements, species priorities and project readiness for Traditional Owners, governments, mining companies and restoration practitioners.

Bush Maps and Ecological Mapping

Development of landscape-scale ecological maps that support seed collection planning, restoration design, cultural landscape mapping, stewardship planning and community engagement.

Bush Botanics and Nature-Based Enterprises

Supporting communities to explore enterprise opportunities based on culturally significant species including traditional medicines, bush foods, essential oils, natural skincare products, native fibres, handmade paper and cultural tourism experiences.

SPIRIT Digital Platform

Seed Provenance Intelligence and Restoration Information Technology.

A digital platform supporting provenance management, seed inventories, ecological monitoring, restoration planning, climate resilience assessment and knowledge governance.

Mining and Rehabilitation Support

Supporting Indigenous participation in rehabilitation planning, seed supply systems, restoration delivery and long-term stewardship outcomes across mining and infrastructure projects.

Building Indigenous Seed Leadership

Australia's restoration future depends on a reliable supply of high-quality native seed and the people capable of collecting, managing and applying it.

SeedKeepers works to strengthen Indigenous participation and leadership throughout the native seed supply chain.

Through seed enterprises, community seed banks, ranger development, restoration projects and enterprise pathways, we help communities build the capability required to participate in and benefit from the growing restoration economy.

Our focus is not simply increasing seed supply.

Our focus is increasing Indigenous leadership within the native seed and restoration sectors.

Our Approach

SeedKeepers integrates:

- Indigenous knowledge systems
- Cultural governance
- Native seed collection and production
- Provenance and genetics
- Restoration planning
- Ecological mapping
- Ranger training
- Ecological monitoring
- Nursery development
- Bush Botanics
- Enterprise development
- Digital stewardship systems
- Climate resilience planning
- Long-term stewardship infrastructure

We believe successful restoration requires investment in the people, knowledge, infrastructure and cultural authority that make restoration possible.

Knowledge is carried forward through participation.

By creating opportunities for communities to participate in seed collection, restoration, monitoring, enterprise development and stewardship activities, Indigenous knowledge remains active, relevant and transferable across generations.

Key Focus Areas

Indigenous-Led Restoration

Building community capability, leadership and long-term participation in restoration and conservation activities.

Biodiversity Recovery

Supporting healthy ecosystems through appropriate species selection, seed supply and restoration planning.

Climate Resilience

Strengthening landscape resilience through locally adapted plant communities and long-term restoration strategies.

Restoration Economy Development

Creating pathways for employment, enterprise development and Indigenous participation within the growing restoration sector.

Community Seed Infrastructure

Establishing seed banks, nurseries, seed production areas and systems that support restoration at scale.

Knowledge and Leadership

Supporting Indigenous leadership, cultural knowledge transfer and long-term stewardship through practical participation on Country.

Why SeedKeepers

SeedKeepers combines practical experience across Indigenous land management, native seed systems, ecological restoration, horticulture, enterprise development, ranger programs and community capacity building.

We understand that seed is not simply a product.

Seed is a biological, cultural and economic asset that underpins future landscapes.

By strengthening Indigenous participation and leadership in the native seed sector, communities can create employment, develop enterprises, support biodiversity recovery and maintain the knowledge systems required to care for Country for future generations.

Our Vision

A national network of Indigenous seed enterprises, community seed banks, ranger programs and restoration leaders supplying the seed, knowledge and capability required to restore landscapes across Australia.

Seed is where restoration begins.

Through seed, communities create opportunities for employment, enterprise development, biodiversity recovery and the long-term care of Country.

Restoration begins with seed.

Seed begins with Country.

Country begins with people.

