



Barra-gi
Giving you wings to fly

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BARRA-GI CONSULTING PROJECTS

Barra-gi Consulting are delighted to share with you our services and projects we have been working on through-out 2024. This booklet contains information on some of our projects and how we are aligning our values with our project partners and First Nations communities.

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WELCOME MESSAGE



Rae Talbot

Managing Director

Barra-gi Consulting is a trusted and experienced First Nations business that specialises in providing authentic engagement and design opportunities for projects. With a focus on embedding Country, culture, knowledge, and language into projects, Barra-gi Consulting aims to elevate First Nations voices and create positive outcomes for Project Partners.

Our six pillars guide Barra-gi Consulting's approach, ensuring that First Nations communities are actively involved in projects and that their voices are heard and respected. By prioritising the representation of First Nations perspectives, Barra-gi Consulting contributes to the preservation and thriving of culture for future generations.

Our proven success and strong commitment to First Nations communities set us apart in the industry. Our expertise and dedication enable us to deliver projects that not only meet the needs of Project Partners but also contribute to the empowerment and enrichment of First Nations communities.

With a focus on authenticity, inclusivity, and collaboration, Barra-gi Consulting is an ideal partner for organisations seeking to engage with First Nations communities and incorporate diverse perspectives into their projects. Our comprehensive approach ensures that projects are culturally sensitive, sustainable, and contribute to the overall well-being of the communities involved.

In conclusion, Barra-gi Consulting is a reliable and dedicated First Nations business that prioritises the representation and empowerment of First Nations voices. Our commitment to authenticity, trust, and communication makes us an invaluable partner for organisations seeking to create positive outcomes in projects while respecting and honoring First Nations culture and heritage.





ABOUT BARRA-GI

Barra-gi Consulting is a dynamic and purpose-driven organisation, dedicated to empowering First Nations communities and facilitating their positive influence on outcomes that resonate through generations. The company firmly believes in the significance of embedding the rich connection to Country in modern-day practices, ensuring the continuous sharing of stories, history, and knowledge for the benefit of future generations and the broader community.

Founded and led by Rae Talbot, Barra-gi Consulting is driven by a genuine passion for creating and nurturing relationships. Rae, a passionate Walbunja and Kwiambal descendant, possesses a deep commitment to strengthening long-term bonds between First Nations communities and project partners. With a profound understanding of the power of authentic grassroots relationships, Rae is an ardent advocate for incorporating First Nations voices in all aspects of the co-design process, resulting in projects that truly reflect the values and aspirations of the communities they serve.

At the heart of Barra-gi Consulting's approach lies a resolute commitment to inclusivity and collaboration. The company works tirelessly to ensure that First Nations voices are not only heard but also actively incorporated in shaping the strategies and frameworks of projects. As a 100% Aboriginal-owned and managed organisation, Barra-gi Consulting brings the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to the decision-making table, fostering an environment of understanding and mutual respect.

Barra-gi Consulting's extensive experience in building robust relationships with First Nations communities across Australia has been instrumental in forging its reputation for excellence. The company employs best practices, notably workshops and consultations, to engage with stakeholders effectively, ensuring that all perspectives are valued and integrated into project outcomes.

OUR GOAL

Our vision is to raise First Nations voices and assist in embedding Country, culture, language and knowledge into current and future projects, to allow First Nations community voices to be heard, seen and felt in future projects.



The company's comprehensive suite of services reflects their dedication to cultural awareness and community engagement. From offering cultural awareness training to facilitating cultural walks on Country, Barra-gi Consulting provides immersive experiences that promote a profound understanding of First Nations' heritage and traditions. Their expertise in workshop facilitation empowers diverse voices to contribute actively and meaningfully to the projects, fostering an environment of collaboration and synergy. Barra-gi Consulting stands as a shining beacon of empowerment, bridging the gap between First Nations communities and project partners. Under the visionary leadership of Rae Talbot, the company's commitment to co-design processes, community engagement, and inclusivity sets them apart as a transformative force in building a brighter future for all. With a clear focus on authentic relationships and cultural preservation, Barra-gi Consulting continues to forge a path that honours the past, enriches the present, and inspires the generations to come.

PUBLIC ART CULTURAL CONSULTANT

We work alongside our clients to assist in creating strong connections with First Nations artists, Knowledge Holders and community members to create public artwork for all cultures and generations to experience and interact with. We work through phases of the project in a collaborative effort to bring a continued storytelling process that First Nations peoples have done for generations.

We provide guidance through the following processes:

- Public Art Strategy
- Artwork Brief & Artist selection
- Design Assist

We assist in creating and facilitating workshops along with one-on-ones to create a First Nations narrative and principles to ensure an authentic and thorough co-design process whilst ensuring ICIP and IP remains the property of First Nations people and communities.

We work closely with First Nations communities to ensure appropriate materials are used and permission is granted so stories can be creatively retold.





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Mt Druitt PCYC - First Nations Lead

Barra-gi Consulting are the First Nations Lead for the architectural design for Mt Druitt PCYC, working alongside AJC Architects. We are actively engaging and leading the design workshops to ensure cultural knowledge, understanding and development of design principles through the Walk on Country and First Nations engagement plan are positively embedded into design outcomes. We are continually developing strong relationships with the Dharug Led Design Panel to ensure their voices are heard and ensuring we are creating opportunities for their guidance to be embedded into the design.

UNSW - First Nations Lead

Barra-gi Consulting have been engaged by AJC Architects as the First Nations Lead to create strong opportunities to embed a strong sense of Country, culture and knowledge into design outcomes. We are working alongside Bidjigal and Gadigal First Nations community members and project partners to create opportunities of learning, sharing and inclusion. We are assisting the project team to positively understand how wayfinding, art and education can be culturally integrated with the assistance of local businesses, Knowledge Holders and artists through positive co-design opportunities. Through an organised Walk on Country community had the opportunity to discuss materials, special requirements, cultural integration how the landscape can create connecting spaces throughout the campus.



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Berrys Bay - First Nations Engagement

We have been engaged by Design Inc - Sydney to undertake engagement with First Nations community members to follow up on previous work completed through a Connecting with Country process for this site. Our ability to connect community members and the project team has allowed for community to elevate their voices and influence design outcomes through collaboration and creating a sense of inclusivity.

Green Loop Design Guide - First Nations Engagement

Barra-gi Consulting have a strong working partnership with COLA Studios and were engaged to undertake First Nations engagement with the Dharug community to identify design opportunities and outcomes for the Green Loop which is located in Bradfield City, NSW. Community members discussed colour palettes, signage, wayfinding and opportunities for sharing knowledge, culture and history . Community members were invited and encouraged to participate as we provided a culturally safe space for voices to be heard.



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Kellyville & Bella Vista Precinct - Designing with Country

Barra-gi Consulting were engaged by COLA Studios to undertake First Nations engagement as part of the Connecting with Country process. We created a culturally safe space to assist in understanding Country and how design outcomes can benefit from the First Nations community members who attended the Walk on Country, workshops and one-on-one consultations.

Rosebery Seniors Living - First Nations Engagement Specialist

Barra-gi Consulting were engaged by Djinjama as First Nations engagement specialists to undertake First Nations engagement, we conducted one-on-ones to ensure we were able to hear Elders, Knowledge Holders and locally connected community members to hear stories, wayfinding opportunities and how First Nations engagement can influence design outcomes.



ADDED **SERVICES**

Employment pathways

Barra-gi Consulting are committed to creating opportunities through out the lifecycle of projects. We utilise our expertise and knowledge to bridge gaps and create First Nations employment pathways to create higher rates of employment and participation. We source candidates and provide opportunities of training to ensure participants are job ready.

First Nations mentoring

We understand the barriers First Nations people face and have created relationships with First Nations community organisations to provide wrap around mentoring services to assist in creating higher rates of retention and providing support to over barriers and create strong foundations of trust between employees and employers.



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