Preamble. This document is made in a spirit of mutual respect and appreciation. It aims to foster collaboration in scientific research within Jawoyn country by entering into collaborative research between the Jawoyn Association (representing the traditional owners of Jawoyn country as hosts) and Monash University (represented by the professional archaeology research team led by Dr Bruno David as guests). Both parties recognise and respect that Jawoyn cultural heritage belongs to Jawoyn traditional owners, and that Monash University has been invited by the Jawoyn Association, on behalf of Jawoyn traditional owners, to help research Jawoyn history using specialist archaeological skills and methods. In undertaking this research collaboration, both parties recognise and appreciate Jawoyn rights to their homeland, knowledge, history and cultural objects, and Monash University for their excellence in community-based archaeological research practice and professional standards. Both Jawoyn cultural protocols and Monash University scientific research and publication protocols are expected to be maintained in the carrying out of this research. This document sets out the guiding principles for research conducted in this collaboration. Implementation of collaborative research under this MoU will always be subject to available funding from external funding sources and subject to agreement in writing between the parties as to the work to be undertaken.
Understanding that the Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation requests assistance in field- and laboratory-based archaeological and related research within Jawoyn country, the Monash University archaeology team will when undertaking collaborative research activities contemplated by this MoU:

Research in Jawoyn Country

Undertake archaeological investigations, including excavations, rock art research, site mapping and analyses in Jawoyn country, subject to appropriate funding and scheduling being available.

Only undertake research in Jawoyn sites determined appropriate for such research by the Jawoyn Association.

Laboratory Research

Borrow for specialist analysis and reporting archaeological materials from Jawoyn country, to be returned to the Jawoyn Association upon completion of analysis.

Professionalism

Apply high professional and ethical standards to all research practices in Jawoyn country and on Jawoyn cultural objects.

Funding

Apply for funding to external sources to enable Monash University archaeologists and associated specialists to undertake scientific research within Jawoyn country. Such funding applications will be co-ordinated by Dr Bruno David and/or delegates, as appropriate opportunities and funding needs arise. Such funds will be administered by Monash University when grant applications submitted by Monash University are successful.

Include in its external research grant applications requests for short visits by Jawoyn representatives to the Monash University archaeology laboratories so as to help promote community awareness of research procedures on the studied Jawoyn cultural sites and objects.

Where allowable by the rules relating to such grants, include in its external research grant applications requests for funds for 2 representatives of the Jawoyn Association to participate in nominated conference presentations and associated attendance costs.

Recruitment of Professional Team Members

Assemble a team of specialists, as best determined by Dr Bruno David as Project co-ordinator for Monash University, to enable the appropriate scientific field and laboratory investigation of archaeological materials being studied.
Communicate promptly with the Jawoyn Association any requests for additional specialists to be involved in fieldwork being carried out, and follow appropriate Jawoyn Association advice and protocols on this matter.

Invite as team members only personnel who show respect for Jawoyn country, culture and history, and for Jawoyn rights to these. If members fail to show appropriate respect of this nature, their involvement in the Project may be terminated by the Monash University Project co-ordinator (Dr Bruno David) at short notice.

Training

Offer field employment and informal field training opportunities to Jawoyn representatives appointed by the Jawoyn Association to participate in the collaborative archaeological fieldwork, subject to appropriate funds being obtained through external grants. Such field training will typically be in the form of informal training opportunities between archaeologists and Jawoyn community representatives during fieldwork for this Project.

Field Logistics

Supply professional archaeological equipment during the agreed fieldwork, and freight at least 1 week in advance the field equipment required for the fieldwork.

Publication and Community Reporting

Promote community reporting of scientific findings by producing plain-English reports, in document, poster or other format, once results are confirmed by appropriate scientific research.

Promptly report on archaeological and related scientific findings in the scientific and popular literature following the confirmation of scientific results, and following appropriate scientific standards of research and publication.

Prior to publishing and reporting, the Monash University Project co-ordinator or delegate will ask the Jawoyn Association whether requested names or photographs of deceased members of the Jawoyn community can be included. Such advice will strictly be followed at all times.

Care and Respect of Jawoyn Sites and Cultural Objects

Take with their best professional and ethical diligence due care of Jawoyn cultural sites and materials, including excavated archaeological items, both in the field and in the laboratory.

Welcome Jawoyn delegations to Monash University to inspect Jawoyn cultural items being studied by Monash University.
Avoid wandering into sites within Jawoyn country without permission from the Jawoyn Association.

Keep confidential the precise location of sites unless advised otherwise in writing by the Jawoyn Association.

The Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation recognises and respects the willing assistance of Monash University into this research collaboration, and agrees to:

Research in Jawoyn Country

Allow Monash University to undertake archaeological investigations, including excavations, rock art research, site mapping and analyses in Jawoyn country, subject to appropriate funding and scheduling.

Guide Monash University Project team members to appropriate research sites.

Allow Monash University to borrow excavated archaeological materials for specialist laboratory analysis and reporting.

Communication of Cultural Protocols

Promptly let Monash University know of cultural limitations to undertake particular aspects of the fieldwork and laboratory analyses, so that only culturally appropriate work is undertaken by Monash University in carrying out this research.

Prior to commencing an excavation, the Jawoyn Association Elders or other Jawoyn representatives present will advise the Monash University Project co-ordinator (Dr Bruno David) of what to do in case human skeletal (ancestral) remains are found during excavation.

Professional Archaeology Standards

Promote the following of high professional scientific standards during excavation and laboratory analysis, cultural protocols notwithstanding.

Recognise that Monash University archaeology research team members will apply their highest professional standards to this research collaboration. In doing so, appropriate professional archaeological methods will be applied to the field and laboratory research.

Allow archaeological excavations to proceed until determined finished by the Monash University Project co-ordinator (Dr Bruno David), to ensure professional archaeological best practice. The Jawoyn Association will alert the Monash University Project co-ordinator of exceptions to this rule prior to the commencement of an excavation. The reason for this is that once an archaeological excavation has started, work needs to be carried out promptly to avoid sediment
collapses into the pit, and to ensure that the retrieved historical information is maximised without compromising the stratigraphic integrity of underlying cultural sediments.

**Personnel and Insurance**

Recognise that only personnel covered by insurance can participate in the field and laboratory work on this Project, as required of all Monash University research programmes. The reason for this is to ensure that Monash University is not liable for field or laboratory accidents.

Therefore, ensure that all personnel connected to the Jawoyn Association who are involved in any work with Monash University are covered by appropriate and adequate insurance.

Recognise that Monash University will need to assemble specialist teams for both field and laboratory work.

Allow Monash University to assemble appropriate specialists to undertake the agreed and funded archaeological and related research. This may require Monash University calling on the specialist collaboration of external individuals or institutions, but in all such instances Monash University will communicate this MoU to third parties who join the research team.

**Monash University Theses Research**

Allow advanced research students (Honours, Masters, PhDs) to undertake focused research investigations for their theses work as part of this Project, in the understanding that all such individuals will be supervised by Dr Bruno David and follow the appropriate Jawoyn and scientific protocols as outlined in this MoU.

**Field Logistics**

Assist wherever possible in the setting up of field camps prior to the arrival of the Monash University research crew, including taking pre-freighted Monash University equipment to field base camps.

Store Monash University field equipment (including camping equipment) free of charge in a safe location in Katherine, for use in subsequent field seasons.

**Funding**

Recognise that Monash University is not itself a source of research funding, and that Monash University Project members thus need to apply for external funds to make this research possible. Any activities to be carried out in the implementation of this MoU will only proceed if fully funded and agreed by the parties in writing as to the research activities to be undertaken.
Assist as appropriate Monash University to apply for funds to external sources for this Project. While it is expected that the Monash University Project co-ordinator will normally enter into direct communications with the Jawoyn Association prior to submitting such grant applications, in instances where submission deadlines are imminent the Jawoyn Association gives permission for the Monash University Project co-ordinator to apply without prior notice. In such cases, the Jawoyn Association will be notified of such applications shortly after submission.

Apply for funding to external sources to enable this Project to proceed within Jawoyn country. Such funding applications will be co-ordinated by appropriate Jawoyn Association staff, as appropriate opportunities and funding needs arise. Such funds will be administered by the Jawoyn Association when successful.

Compliance

Recognise that Monash University must at all times follow the laws of the Northern Territory and of Australia, including in obtaining relevant permits.

Health and Safety

Abide by all workplace safety regulations when in the field and laboratory, including Health, Safety and Security (HSS) requirements of Monash University.

Publication and Reporting

Support Monash University professional archaeologists and related team members to publish research findings at a time deemed appropriate by the lead author, recognising that in some cases publication may need to take place prior to reporting in the press.

Allow Monash University team members to put on their web page summaries of the work and activities undertaken in the implementation of this MoU.

Recognise that Monash University will be under work completion and reporting obligations to grant funding bodies, and therefore negotiate with Monash University prior to the commencement of field and laboratory work any limitations to the work and reporting.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

Allow Monash University researchers to present research results at National and International conferences and seminars. Monash University will request permission from the Jawoyn Association in the first instance, and collaborate with the Jawoyn Association to find funds for the participation of 2 Jawoyn representatives if deemed appropriate.
Allow Monash University researchers to present research results at internal Monash University seminars without restrictions, in the understanding that Jawoyn cultural protocols will be respected in the process.

Return of Jawoyn Cultural Objects

Where possible, give the Monash University Project co-ordinator (Dr Bruno David) 2 weeks notice in the event that cultural objects are required to be returned more urgently than originally anticipated.

Both the Jawoyn Association and Monash University agree:

Reporting to the Press

To consult each other prior to approaching the Press with scientific results produced by Monash University, to ensure that the timing and nature of such scientific reporting is scientifically accurate and culturally appropriate.

Respect and Follow Appropriate Cultural and Research Protocols

In undertaking the fieldwork and laboratory analyses, team members agree to abide by Jawoyn protocols (as determined by the Jawoyn Association) and professional and ethical archaeological standards (as determined by Monash University archaeologists).

Team Collaborations

That the current archaeology team, consisting of Dr Bruno David of Monash University, and Professor Jean-Michel Geneste, Professor Jean-Jacques Delannoy, Ms Patricia Marquet and Mr Bernard Sanderre of France, are welcomed as members of the Project team.

That the Monash University team will collaborate as deemed necessary with other researchers accepted for such collaborations by both the Jawoyn Association and Monash University, including Ben Gunn (rock art research).

Duration, Implementation and Modification of MoU

That for the implementation of this MoU, any specific work or activities will only proceed if fully funded from funding sources external to the parties and agreed in writing by the parties prior to commencing the work.

That any modification of this MoU can be made at any time with the mutual written agreement of both parties.

That this MoU remains active from 2010 to 2015 inclusive, and may be extended by mutual agreement there-after.
Signed by the parties on 4 October 2010.

Signed for and on behalf of Monash University by its authorised signatory:

Professor Adam Shoemaker

Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Education)

Signed for and on behalf of Jawoyn Association by its Chief Executive Officer, Preston Lee:

Signature

Signed for and on behalf of Jawoyn Association by Senior Jawoyn Elder, Margaret Katherine:

Signature

Witnessed by Nitmiluk Tours Chairman, Jawoyn Association, Wes Miller:

Signature of witness

Witnessed by Jawoyn Association Member, Sybil Ranch:

Signature of witness