



K A R T A
INDIGENOUS SERVICES



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

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Empowering Communities, Building Futures
Karta Indigenous Services is dedicated to creating
opportunities for Indigenous Australians in the civil
construction industry.

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ABOUT US

In 2021, Jeff Kealy, a skilled Mechanic and Trainer, partnered with John Buttrose of Buttrose Earthmovers to address the lack of opportunities for Indigenous individuals in the construction industry. With the support of the reputable Buttrose Earthmovers, Karta Indigenous Services was established to create pathways for meaningful participation and growth.

Karta focuses on delivering challenging projects with precision while fostering an inclusive and collaborative workplace. By prioritizing mentorship, professional growth, and skill-building, we empower individuals to excel in the construction sector. Our commitment to excellence, diversity, and innovation drives us to shape a workforce that reflects the strength and potential of the communities we serve. Through this vision, Karta Indigenous Services is paving the way for a more equitable and dynamic future in construction.



WHAT WE DO

At Karta Indigenous Services, we provide expert solutions in plant hire, civil construction, road construction, and bulk earthworks. Our modern fleet of well-maintained equipment, operated by skilled professionals, ensures reliable and efficient project delivery. From constructing intricate road networks to executing large-scale bulk earthworks, we bring precision, innovation, and expertise to every task. Committed to safety, sustainability, and tailored solutions, we partner with our clients to deliver high-quality outcomes that meet their specific needs and stand the test of time.



+ BULK EARTHWORKS

With over 56 years of expertise through Buttrose Earthmovers, Karta is exceptionally equipped to manage all aspects of bulk earthworks. We specialize in delivering large-scale projects, from initial bulk stages to final trims and civil phases

+ CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

Karta brings extensive experience to civil construction projects, offering tailored solutions for metro and remote areas. With advanced GPS and millimeter GPS technology, we ensure cost-effective and timely delivery.

+ ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Karta specializes in road construction, offering services for full-scale design, upgrades, and maintenance. With GPS/UTS-equipped plant and expert teams, we deliver top-quality results efficiently.

+ PLANT HIRE

Karta Indigenous Services offers reliable dry and wet plant hire with modern equipment and skilled operators, ensuring efficiency, safety, and exceptional support for civil construction and infrastructure projects.



Augusta Quarries is proud to partner with Karta Indigenous Services, combining expertise and resources to deliver high-quality quarry products across South Australia. This partnership strengthens the supply of premium materials, including DIT-spec aggregates, to support critical infrastructure and road construction projects. Together, we prioritize sustainability, precision, and exceptional service, ensuring reliable solutions tailored to diverse client needs.



+ QUARRY PRODUCTS

Karta provides premium DIT-spec quarry products from our Mambray Creek quarry, ideal for road construction and infrastructure projects. Our materials are meticulously tested to ensure durability and reliability, meeting the highest industry standards. With a consistent supply and a focus on quality, we deliver solutions tailored to the specific needs of every project.

+ AUGUSTA QUARRIES

Augusta Quarries, established in 2016, is a privately owned South Australian company. Located 45 km south of Port Augusta in Mambray Creek, it produces aggregates and rubbles, including screenings, concrete aggregates, ballast, crusher dust, and river pebbles. With road train and B-double access, Augusta Quarries efficiently supplies materials for regional construction projects.



MEET OUR TEAM



JEFF KEALY

— director / Founder

Jeff, proudly Nyungah from the Swan Valley region of Western Australia, has built an extensive career spanning military service, technical expertise, and community leadership, driving impactful contributions in every role.

He served in Special Forces from 1978 to 1989 as an Assault Trooper, earning qualifications in urban warfare, demolition, small arms, machine guns, and reconnaissance. One of only two Indigenous individuals in this elite unit, he demonstrated exceptional skill and leadership. Post-military, Jeff held key roles including Managing Director of a vehicle conversion company, ballistics technician fitting bulletproof systems to aircraft and VIP vehicles, and Load Master for Mission Aviation Fellowship in PNG, ensuring safe cargo operations.

Jeff has led initiatives supporting Indigenous communities and infrastructure projects, including managing workshops, community programs, and large vehicle fleets. At the PW2PA Alliance, he implemented a robust plant and vehicle induction system and trained 16 Indigenous locals in civil construction, earning respect as a mentor and advocate.

Recognizing barriers for Indigenous Australians entering the industry, Jeff founded Karta to create pathways for success. Karta reflects his vision for inclusivity and empowerment, bridging the gap for future generations.





EDWIN DAVEY

— director

Edwin has over 20 years of experience in the civil, mining, and infrastructure sectors, showcasing exceptional leadership and expertise. He has led significant projects for CPB on the Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Project (PW2PA) and is deeply committed to training Indigenous trainees of all ages, fostering growth and development within communities.

Major Projects:

- TGSPA: Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance (SA)
- FCA: Fleurieu Connections Alliance (SA)
- PW2PA: Port Wakefield to Port Augusta Project (SA)
- Metro Tunnel Project (VIC)
- B4 to B2 Brockman Project (WA)
- Tiger Brennan Drive Upgrade (NT)
- Inpex Project (NT)
- Connors to Moranbah Pipeline (QLD)
- Middlemount Coal Rail Loop (QLD)
- Wyaralong Dam Project (QLD)
- Coal Stream Alliance (QLD)
- Bromelton Off-Stream Storage (QLD)
- Copperbella Rail Duplication (QLD)
- BMA/BHP: Coal Mining (QLD)
- Burnett River Dam (QLD)
- ADRAIL: Alice Springs to Darwin Rail (NT)

Background:

Edwin is proudly Larrakia, hailing from the Northern Territory, and Kokatha, from Far North-West South Australia. His deep connection to culture and land informs his approach to community and project leadership.

Additional Contributions:

Edwin has worked nationally with numerous Aboriginal communities and corporations, furthering collaborative development and advancing opportunities for Indigenous Australians across various regions.





JOHN BUTTROSE

— director

John began his career straight out of school in 2006, securing an apprenticeship with Cavpower in Adelaide. During his four-year training, he spent the final two years as a Field Service Mechanic in remote South Australia, gaining invaluable hands-on experience.

In 2010, after earning his Certificate III in Heavy Diesel Mechanics, John joined the family business, Buttrose Earthmovers, founded by his father, Bill Buttrose, in 1968. For five years, he worked as a Plant Operator and Supervisor, while also contributing to procurement, recruitment, and driving the company's growth alongside Bill.

As the company expanded rapidly, John shifted his focus from operations to management and was appointed Operations Manager. During his two years in this role, he launched two additional businesses: Augusta Quarries, producing aggregates and rubbles south of Port Augusta, and Buttrose Landscape and Garden Supplies, a 5-acre yard in Williston with 110 bulk product bays, the largest in Adelaide's northern suburbs.

By 2019, John became General Manager of the Buttrose Group, overseeing three thriving companies. Under his leadership, the group has grown to employ over 90 South Australians, delivering major projects across the state with an annual turnover exceeding \$30 million.

Recognizing the need to create pathways for Indigenous Australians into the civil construction industry, John partnered with Jeff to co-found Karta. Together, they are building a platform to empower future generations and provide opportunities for Indigenous trainees to succeed in the industry.



WHY CHOOSE US



Karta Indigenous Services stands out as a trusted partner in the civil construction industry, backed by over 45 years of proven expertise through our partnership with Buttrose Earthmovers. We are committed to delivering exceptional results, utilizing advanced technology and innovative solutions to ensure projects are completed efficiently and to the highest quality standards. As a proudly Indigenous-led organization, we prioritize inclusivity and diversity, fostering meaningful social and economic benefits for the communities we serve. Our comprehensive range of services, from bulk earthworks to road construction and land development, is tailored to meet the unique needs of each project. With a customer-centric approach, we focus on building strong partnerships through transparent communication, timely delivery, and cost-effective solutions. At Karta, we integrate sustainability and uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, making us the ideal choice for clients seeking reliable and impactful results

+ MEETING DEADLINES

"Dedicated to delivering projects on time with precision and reliability."

+ PLAN FOR SUCCESS

"Strategically planning every project to ensure seamless execution and lasting success."

+ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"Committed to fostering growth through continuous learning, training, and professional development opportunities."

+ ATTENTION TO DETAILS

"Focused on meticulous attention to detail for flawless project outcomes."



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GET IN TOUCH



Contact Karta Indigenous Services to discuss your project requirements. Together, we'll craft tailored solutions that combine industry expertise, innovative practices, and a commitment to excellence, ensuring the successful delivery of your vision.

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