



Outback Stores
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What is Outback Stores?

Outback Stores is a company that manages remote stores on behalf of Indigenous communities.

It was set up by the Australian Government in 2006 in response to a need for functional and viable shops that were able to meet the health and nutritional requirements of Indigenous populations.

The company is run as a not-for-profit organisation by re-investing any surplus to benefit the community. It is a non-government enterprise with an independent board.

It does not own the shops but is engaged by the owners (in most cases the communities) to manage them on a fee-for-service basis.

All profits are returned to the communities.

Outback Stores has four key goals:

- To ensure remote Indigenous communities have access to constant and affordable food supplies, in the same way people in cities can buy food in a supermarket;
- To provide fresh fruit, vegetables and nutritious food to improve the health of people living in remote communities;
- To ensure stores are properly managed and become commercially successful, so they don't need any more government money; and,
- To increase Indigenous employment opportunity through local recruitment and training.



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