

# Kororoit Institute Proponents and Supporters Association Inc.

Our aim is to establish an independent and interdisciplinary research institute focused on complex systems while immersed in, engaged with and leveraging the exceptional growth of Melbourne's western metropolitan region.\*

A generation on, we look for guidance to the example of Santa Fe Institute which pioneered an interdisciplinary approach to the study of complex systems.

Establishing a fully fledged research institute in Australia which can work with, but is independent of, established universities is no trivial task.

The Kororoit Institute Proponents and Supporters Association was incorporated on 15 April 2011 with immediate objectives to facilitate and prepare for the establishment of "Kororoit Institute, however named":

1. Recruit participation of organisations and individuals.
2. Prepare and pursue a detailed strategy for establishment of the Institute.
3. Initiate and support research, training and consultancy services of the kind envisaged for the Institute at levels appropriate to a professional association.

That third objective is effectively to make the Association a Pre Institute.

The Association has been formed by academics from various universities and practitioners with wide industrial and community experience who have worked together in various combinations over several years.

These founders resolved that the Institute and thus the Pre Institute should have a "research focus crossing emergence, systems, complexity, organisation knowledge management, community consultation, service corridor and public land use planning, and facilitating information technologies."

The name Kororoit was chosen and domain names registered because it is distinctive and it applies to significant geographic and cultural features of Melbourne's western region, the heartland of current and future urban growth.

Across many scales we see regions as providing an important human and natural unit for focusing our research on communities of interest.

Members of the Santa Fe Institute and others involved in the disciplines of physics, biology and sociology have identified complex and chaotic systems as self-organising.

The Kororoit Proponents seek to extend this early work with multidisciplinary applied studies, informed by the general principles of complex systems through practical approaches to regional issues.

The Proponents seek a more holistic approach to avoid current tendencies in science to over-specialise, whilst retaining commitment to evidence based practice and transparent analysis.

\*Our identification of this opportunity was confirmed by social demographer Bernard Salt's presentation of Victoria University's inaugural Chancellor's Lecture delivered on 19 April 2011.

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