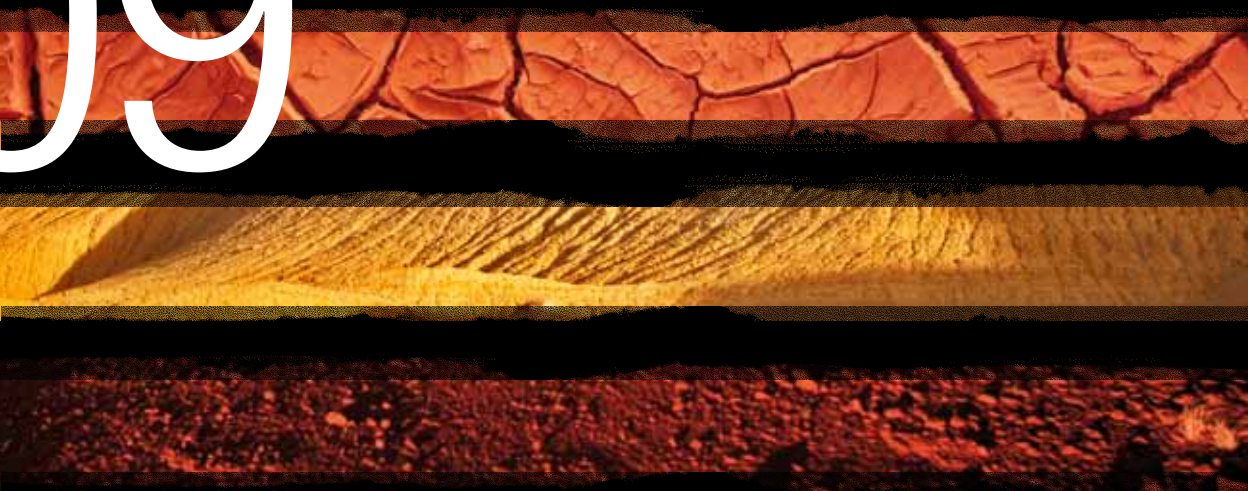


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Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
ANNUAL REPORT



Yamatji Marlpa
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

The Hon Jenny Macklin MP
Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

15th October 2009

Dear Minister,

Letter of Transmittal

In accordance with section 203DC of the Native Title Act 1993, we have pleasure in presenting the annual report of the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, together with the organisation's audited financial statements for the financial year ended June 30, 2009

Yours sincerely,



Roy Bellotti
Co-Chairperson
Yamatji Region



Mrs Doris Eaton
Co-Chairperson
Pilbara Region

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for the Traditional Owners of the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia.

We represent 24 native title claim groups, all with their own culture, language and traditions. Our representative area covers over 1 million square kilometers, with offices in Geraldton, South Hedland, Karratha, Tom Price and Perth.

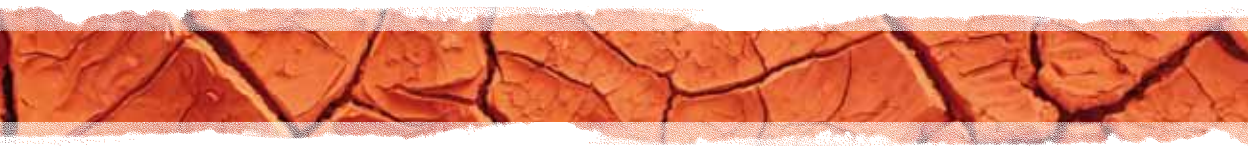
YMAC is run by an Aboriginal Board of Directors to protect Yamatji and Marlpa country. We do this by providing a range of professional services to Traditional Owner groups.

Our work includes:

- Legal representation and research to assist with native title claims
- Negotiating land use agreements
- Heritage protection services
- Community, economic and environmental projects

YMAC operates under the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and the Corporations (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander*) Act 2006.

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Directors' Report

We've come a long way over the past twelve months and the Board of Directors thank management and staff for a year that has delivered real outcomes for Traditional Owners and their country.

During the reporting period, the Board of Directors completed extensive consultation with members to enable compliance with the new governing legislation *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act*. This has resulted in our new rule book and a new name; Yamatji Maripa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC). Our new name reflects the cultural diversity and partnership between both regions represented by the organisation.

Funding from the Commonwealth for the Pilbara Connection Project has enabled YMAC to fast-track a significant amount of native title claims. As a result, we are now coordinating one of the largest projects in native title history, which we hope to see culminate in determinations over large parts of the State. Although the project has been Pilbara-specific, it has allowed us to focus resources on the Yamatji region, with substantial research undertaken in relation to the Wajarri Yamatji, Nanda and Gnulli claims.

While this is great news for Pilbara and Yamatji Traditional Owners, we are conscious that this demand for consultants has seen a strain on the industry nationally. If native title is to proceed at a rapid pace, the shortage of quality consultants needs to be addressed.



Doris Eaton,
Pilbara Chairperson



Roy Bellotti,
Yamatji Chairperson

Yamatji Highlights

In the Yamatji region, the Thudgari connection report was accepted by the WA State Government, with a determination expected to proceed in late 2009.

Western Australia's mining industry continued to expand southwards, with a number of native title groups affected by the development of mining and infrastructure projects in the region including the Oakajee Port & Rail Project and Sinosteel-Midwest's Weld Range Project.

In April, the Naaguja people signed an agreement with MGMP Ltd, incorporating financial benefits, employment and contracting opportunities. Negotiations with the Wajarri Yamatji people over the proposed Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) are progressing well, with the group finalising its Murchison Radio-Astronomy Observatory ILUA, a truly ground-breaking and long-term deal between Wajarri Yamatji, the State and Federal Governments, CSIRO and YMAC.

The Caring for Country Unit completed two major projects; the Audit of Priority Heritage Sites and The Engagement of Yamatji Traditional Owners in Natural Resource Management. In August, our new publication, Yamatji Business News, was launched promoting Indigenous economic development in the Mid-West.

Pilbara Highlights

A highlight for the Pilbara this year was the recognition of the Nyangumarta People's native title rights to Country. The determination, held on 11 June, gained national attention and we congratulate Nyangumarta on more than a decade of hard work to achieve this outcome for their people and country. The Kariyarra connection report was also accepted by the State, with a determination expected to proceed in 2010.

Despite the global financial downturn, mining agreements continued to progress at a strong pace. In December, the Njamaal People and Atlas Iron negotiated a groundbreaking agreement in only six weeks, raising the bar for compensation payments in the Pilbara. In April, Innawonga and Bunjima signed a land access deed with Iron Ore Holdings, featuring a strong commitment to agreement implementation. Kurama Marthudenera finalised mining and heritage agreements with Citic Pacific Mining and were also successful in proving that Mineralogy had not negotiated with them in good faith over mining tenements on their country.

In April, the Aboriginal Communities Charitable Organisations Inc was launched, an initiative of YMAC's Business Development Unit. Its first project has been a food distribution centre, delivering inexpensive foods to low-income families. We look forward to supporting other local initiatives to help close the gap in our communities.

CEO's Report

The 2008/09 financial year was one of the organisation's most successful to date, with strong claim progress, culminating in the recognition of the Nyangumarta people's native title rights in June.

Despite the global economic downturn, WA's mining industry continued to dominate the work of the organisation. For most companies it was 'business as usual' with YMAC conducting 376 native title group meetings in the reporting period; 148 meetings to progress native title claims and 228 to negotiate mining agreements.

The political landscape changed significantly, with a new Liberal State Government elected in September 2008, and the current Federal Government announcing new initiatives and legislative changes with the potential to affect our members. YMAC engaged with government at local and national levels, and made formal submissions on a range of issues including the Federal Working Group on Native Title Payments, the National Indigenous Representative Body, Amendments to the Native Title Act, The Pilbara Mining and Water Plan and the Australian Human Rights Consultation. YMAC contributed to government discussions through the National Native Title Council, and the Federal Attorney General's Native Title Consultative Forum. YMAC's Pilbara Regional Manager, Nyaparu Jeffries was also selected as one of 100 Indigenous leaders to participate in the National Indigenous Representative Body Workshop.



*Simon Hawkins,
Chief Executive Officer*

Conference, allowing over one hundred Traditional Owners, industry and government representatives to discuss what will be an increasingly important issue in the West. YMAC was also represented at industry and public forums including the National Native Title Conference and the Negotiating Native Title Conference.

In July 2008, YMAC underwent a smooth transition into our new corporate structure, bringing the heritage and research units together to ensure knowledge about culture and country is shared and protected. Our future acts and legal units were also combined to bring a strategic approach to agreements and negotiations. During the reporting period YMAC's recruitment costs reduced by 70%, and the successes of 08/09 are a reflection of a stable and dedicated workforce focused on the delivery of professional services to Traditional Owners. Financially, we have seen our sixth consecutive clear external audit, and thanks to additional Commonwealth funding, we were able to also refurbish the Geraldton office and our new office in Tom Price. New payroll systems and a major IT network upgrade were also put in place to allow increased productivity throughout the organisation. The year ahead will see video-conferencing used to assist business processes, lower travel costs and reduce the organisation's carbon footprint.

Over the next twelve months we anticipate the resolution

of several native title claims and the finalisation of the Rio Tinto Iron Ore negotiations. The impending Right to Negotiate decision between the Puutu Kunti Kurrama & Pinikura People and Fortescue Metals Group has the potential to have a negative impact on Traditional Owners rights and interests nationally. An unfavorable decision will affect Traditional Owners' ability to have constructive input into development on their country and to benefit from opportunities to close the economic gap. It should also be noted that most mining companies are using the Right to Negotiate as an opportunity to form constructive, long-term relationships with Traditional Owners.

In the year ahead we will also concentrate our focus on alternative approaches to native title issues and will be encouraging government to work with us to provide support for Prescribed Bodies Corporate, agreement implementation and other post-native title issues.

On behalf of the Board and Management, I thank and congratulate our members and staff for their dedication and work throughout the year. I look forward to YMAC building on this momentum, bringing greater outcomes for Yamatji and Pilbara Traditional Owners in the years to come.

Overview

July 08

Tribunal win
for PKKP

In July, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura native title claim group and the Wintawari Gurama Aboriginal Corporation successfully proved that the mining giant Fortescue Metals Group failed to negotiate in good faith and fulfill its obligations under section 31 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The matter was over a proposed mining tenement application, 65 kilometres west of Tom Price encompassing 4,320 hectares of traditional land and waters. FMG launched a Federal Court appeal against that decision, which was upheld in February 2009. YMAC is now seeking advice in relation to taking the matter to the High Court.



YMAC Deputy Principal Legal Officer, Shaz Rind, congratulates Pilbara Regional Manager, Nyaparu Jeffries on the PKKP win.

August 08

Pilbara elders
give evidence at
Federal Court hearing

In August, Aboriginal elders in the Pilbara recounted ancestral knowledge of their laws and customs at a Federal Court hearing in order to strengthen their native title claim. The hearing, held at Mount Stuart in traditional Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura country, was presided over by Judge McKerracher. Preservation evidence can include information about the native title group's traditions, laws, customs, language, family history and places of cultural significance.

YMAC Geraldton staff with copies of the recently launched 'Yamatji Business News'.



September 08

New publication
unites Mid-West
Indigenous business

In September, YMAC launched the first issue of Yamatji Business News, promoting indigenous economic and business opportunities in the Murchison, Gascoyne and Mid-West. The initiative, driven by YMAC's Economic Development Unit, aimed to establish Yamatji Business News as a focus point for the Aboriginal community, government agencies and other stakeholders.

October 08

Support for Attorney-
General's Changes to
Native Title System

In October, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation publicly supported Attorney-General Robert McClelland's announcement that the Federal Court will assume a more central role in the management of native title claims. YMAC's Chief Executive Officer, Simon Hawkins said, "Many claims have now been in the system for up to fifteen years and YMAC supports any initiative that will see native title resolved more efficiently. We hope the Federal Court's new role in mediating claims will encourage the State and other respondents to move towards consent determinations at a faster rate."

November 08

Special General
Meeting for
CATSIA Changes

In November, the organisation held its first joint meeting at Cardabia Station in Coral Bay. Over 50 Traditional Owners travelled from as far as Port Hedland, Tom Price and Karratha to vote on changes to the organisation's constitution. Members also voted on shortening the corporation's name to Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation. Pilbara Chairperson, Mrs Doris Eaton, was proud to see so many Traditional Owners from both the Pilbara and Yamatji regions at the meeting. "It's important that we have our say on the way our organisation is run and it's been fantastic to meet up with Traditional Owners from other regions."

Members of the Njamal community with YMAC and Atlas Iron at the signing of the native title commercial agreement.



December 08

Native title agreement sets new benchmark

In December, a unique deal signed between the Njamal native title claim group and Atlas Iron Limited set a new precedent for mining companies throughout Western Australia.

The agreement was negotiated in three meetings over a six week period and combined strong protection of Njamal country with a mining compensation package well above the current benchmark.

It established an innovative framework to accelerate the heritage survey process, while at the same time recognising the importance to Njamal people of their cultural sites through ethnographic "exclusion zones".

Njamal Traditional Owner, Rodney Monaghan, said the community was happy the agreement balanced the protection of their country with commercial realities.

"Atlas presented us with an agreement that not only supports the protection of our cultural sites, but offered us an opportunity to enter into an enterprise business with the company. As a community it's important that we build a strong future and maintain and protect our heritage, laws and customs," said Mr Monaghan.

December 08

Traditional Owners host Uranium Conference



Allen 'Boyo' Mitchell, Rodney Bellotti, Frank Walsh and Toby Smirke attend the Uranium and Native Title Conference.

In December 2008, YMAC hosted its Uranium and Native Title conference, in response to the WA State Government's decision to lift the ban on uranium mining. The event attracted over 100 delegates from native title claim groups, the mining industry, government departments, environmental groups and other representative bodies.

Roy Bellotti, Yamatji Chairperson said, "Today has been important for us to get information about the pros and cons of uranium mining, but we still need to learn more to make the best decisions for our people."

Mrs Doris Eaton, Pilbara Chairperson said, "I want to meet other people who have had uranium mining on their country. What has been the impact on the land, the trees and birds? We need to learn things before we sign things, to make sure we can protect our country for the future."

The conference was followed by a proactive education campaign from YMAC in 2009, including a regional education roadshow and a trip to meet with Northern Territory Traditional Owners about their experiences of uranium mining on country.



Yamatji Marlpa
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

January 09

Announcement of
Our New Name

The organisation started 2009 with a new name - **Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC)**. This decision was voted on by members at a Special General Meeting at Cardabia Station, Coral Bay.

Our new name reflects the equal standing and diversity of both regions we represent; those being 'Yamatji', the Aboriginal people of the Murchison, Gascoyne and Midwest; and 'Marlpa', used by Traditional Owners to denote the Aboriginal people of the Pilbara.

February 09

YMAC All
Staff Conference

In February, YMAC staff travelled to Perth for three days of 'Teamwork and Communication' training, followed by a Mining Law Course for legal and future acts staff.

The conference allowed staff to meet face-to-face and share ideas about their work for Yamatji and Marlpa members. Through a series of workshops staff gained insights to help foster collaborative working environments and innovative approaches to native title services.

Homeless Support workers Donita Larry, Clem Taylor and Bethwyn Ryder, ACCO Chairperson Nyaparu Rose, YMAC's Cris Olegario and Chris Ball from Linfox with the first shipment from Foodbank WA.



March 09

Nyaparu Jeffries selected
for National Indigenous
Representative Workshop

In 2009 Australian Government announced plans to setting up a National Indigenous Representative Body to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a voice in national affairs and policy development.

YMAC's Pilbara Regional Manager, Nyaparu Jeffries, was selected as one of 100 Indigenous leaders to attend a national workshop to talk about how the representative body could work.

"YMAC represents thousands of Traditional Owners in WA, and I'm glad we have participated in these discussions. I'm looking forward to what this could mean for Aboriginal people." said Nyaparu Jeffries.

April 09

New Aboriginal
Organisation makes
first delivery to Pilbara

In April, the newly-formed Aboriginal Communities Charitable Organisation Inc. (ACCO) was officially up and running following the delivery of three pallets of non-perishable food to Port Hedland.

With the support of Foodbank Inc, Newcrest Mining, and Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, the Aboriginal Communities Charitable Organisation (ACCO) will soon supply Aboriginal families with inexpensive groceries through a distribution outlet in South Hedland.

KM representatives Joan Evans, Naomi Bobby, Matthew Sampl, Georgina Bobby, Neil Finlay, Jean Lockyer, Elaine James and Valerie Alexander.



April 09

Pilbara mining deal finalised over cultural land

In April, Kuruma Marthudunera (KM) announced the finalisation of its agreement with CITIC Pacific Mining (CPM). The KM people have traditional rights to a large area of the Pilbara, south-west of Karratha. The Cape Preston area in particular is culturally significant, with a high density of sites and artifacts.

To make sure the agreement works in practice, the KM and CPM formed a Relationship Committee,

to review progress. Areas of discussion for the committee include employment, training and business opportunities, matters of cultural heritage, environmental and land access issues.

KM Elder, Elaine James, said, "The most important part is that companies have started to recognise the importance of working with our Elders."



Greg Young (YMAC), Bill Mackenzie and Peter Jones (MGMP) with Naaguja representatives Ross Councillor, Lindsay Councillor, (seated) Keith Councillor and Yvonne Radcliffe.

May 09

Naaguja sign native title agreement over mid-west pipelines

Mineralogy 'fails to negotiate in good faith' with Traditional Owners

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) found that mining giant Mineralogy Pty Ltd failed to negotiate in good faith with Kuruma Marthudunera (KM) native title group regarding an exploration license.

NNTT's Deputy President Sosso handed down his decision on 17 April - only the third time the NNTT has found that a mining company has failed to negotiate in good faith.

"There were never any real negotiations", said Member Sosso.

The Naaguja native title claim group announced the finalisation of a native title commercial agreement with MGM Pipelines Pty Ltd (MGMP). Compensation and benefits to the Naaguja people under the agreement include financial benefits, employment and contracting opportunities and Aboriginal cultural awareness training for MGMP employees.

Yvonne Radcliffe, Naaguja Elder said, "We thank MGMP for their good spirit and respect for Naaguja peoples and our ancestral lands. It was a pleasure to see the goodwill and patience taken by our guests to walk with us and see the Naaguja people's vision for our future generations."

June 09

Nyangumarta
celebrate recognition
of Country and Culture

On June 11, the Nyangumarta People celebrated the Federal Court's recognition of their culture and country. The Nyangumarta native title determination application was filed in 1998 and covers approximately 33,843 sq kms along the Eighty-Mile Beach area and extending east into the Great Sandy Desert region.

Nyaparu Rose, Nyangumarta Traditional Owner, believes the recognition of her people's rights to their traditional country is not only important to her community, but to Aboriginal people all across Australia.

"We come from Nyangumarta Country and we speak for the land. Native title is very important to us because it has allowed us to get our country back, to protect our spirits and sites, to go camping, hunting and fishing. Before native title we never had any recognition as Traditional Owners, we had no rights in our own country. Now we feel empowered."

Janet Stewart, Nyangumarta Elder said, "Before native title we knew that we owned our Country, but nobody else recognised that. As part of the native title process we've developed a good relationship with the pastoralists so that

in the future we can both look after the country together."

Plans are now in effect to establish a community at on Wallal Downs and the Nyangumarta people have established an Aboriginal Corporation called, 'Niyamarri Pukurl' to administer their business.



Organisational Structure

Members

YMAC membership is open to all adult Yamatji and Marlpa people, including people who live in other areas but who have a traditional connection to Country. Members are entitled to vote at Annual Regional Meetings and Special General Meetings.

Working Groups

Each native title claim represented by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation has an elected representative body called a working group.

A working group is composed of Aboriginal people with the cultural knowledge, understanding and recognised status to have authority in matters affecting Country. Our working groups are a powerful voice for Traditional Owners to participate in decisions that affect their country and communities. They have proven their success through achievements in native title negotiations; they have also gained the trust and backing of native title groups and their communities.

The advantage of the working group structure is that it has already been established across much of Western

Australia. They provide a delegated authority group of representatives to further negotiations to a point where recommendations can be taken back to the broader Traditional Owner community. This has enormous implications for Government and Industry, when looking for new frameworks and opportunities for meaningful engagement with Aboriginal communities.

Regional Committees

The policy direction for YMAC on native title matters that are specific to either the Yamatji and Pilbara regions are provided by the two Regional Committees. Yamatji Regional Committee members were voted in at the Yamatji Annual General Meetings. Each native title claim represented by YMAC in the Pilbara nominates a representative to its Pilbara Regional Committee. Up until 15 December 2008, when YMAC's Rule Book was approved by ORIC in compliance with the new Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act), its membership also included the Chief Executive Officer, who acted as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

Our mission, vision and values

Our Vision

"Country"

Country is our mother, our provider and keeper of our cultural belongings. Culture and Country go together. You can't have one without the other.

Our Mission

To work with Yamatji and Pilbara Aboriginal people to pursue:

- Recognition and acceptance of Yamatji and Pilbara culture in Country
- A strong future for Yamatji and Pilbara people and Country

Our Aims

- Ensure an enduring Heritage and Culture
- Resolve Native Title Claims
- Seek outcomes that provide a strong legacy for Yamatji and Pilbara people

Our Values

- Respect
- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Loyalty
- Innovation

Yamatji Regional Committee

During the reporting period the members of the Yamatji Regional Committee were:

Committee Member	Meetings attended (out of four)
Roy Bellotti (Co-chairperson)	5
Anthony Dann	1 not re-elected after October 2008 AGM
Richard Oakley	1 not re-elected after October 2008 AGM
Peter Windie	5
Vince Jones	2
Brian Jones	1
Kathleen Musulin	4
Colin Hamlet	1 not re-elected after October 2008 AGM
Mavis Curley	5
Allen Mitchell	5
Fred Taylor	0
Vaughan Lane	1
Laurence Hodder	3
Wayne Warner	0
Doug Comeagain	0

Elected at October 2008 AGM

Elvie Dann	4
Merle Dann	4
Susan Oakley	4
Doug Ryder	4

The Yamatji Regional Committee held five meetings during this reporting period, four regular meetings and one joint meeting with the Pilbara Regional Committee to discuss constitutional matters.

Pilbara Regional Committee

During the reporting period the members of the Pilbara Regional Committee were:

Committee Member	Meetings attended (out of four)
Mrs Eaton (Chairperson)	4
Neil Finlay	0
Robyne Churnside	2
Nora Cooke	2
Darren Injie	3
Terry Jaffrey	4
Natalie Parker	3
Andrew Daulbin Jnr	1
David Wright	4
Toby Smirke	3
Les Stevens	1
Roy Tommy	2
Jill Tucker	1
Peter Limerick	1

The Pilbara Regional Committee held four meetings during this reporting period, three regular meetings and one joint meeting with the Yamatji Regional Committee to discuss constitutional matters. A fourth regular meeting was called but did not proceed due to lack of quorum.

Board of Directors

YMAC's overall policy direction is provided by its Board of Directors. The Board acts as an advocate for Traditional Owners in the wider Pilbara and Yamatji regions, particularly in relation to government activities affecting land as well as mining and development issues. Ultimately responsible for the performance of the organisation's statutory functions, the Board of Directors is also accountable to the members of the organisation.

The Board of Directors is made up of members of the organisation's two Regional Committees. Six members from each committee join to form the twelve-member Board of Directors, providing equal representation of the Yamatji and Pilbara regions.



YMAC Board of Directors.

Back, L-R: Terry Jaffrey, Nora Cooke, Toby Smirke, Nyaparu Windie.
Front, L-R: Natalie Parker, Mrs Doris Eaton, Roy Bellotti, Allen 'Boyo' Mitchell.
Absent: Anthony Dann, Darren Injie, Kathleen Musulin, Richard Oakley, Merle Dann and Doug Ryder.

During the reporting period the Board of Directors' members were:

Yamatji member	Meetings attended (out of eight)
Roy Bellotti (Co-chairperson from Oct 08)	8
Allen 'Boyo' Mitchell	8
Kathleen Musulin	5
Peter 'Nyaparu' Windie	7
Merle Dann	4*
Doug Ryder	4*
Anthony Dann	3*
Richard Oakley	1*
Pilbara member	Meetings attended (out of eight)
Mrs Eaton (Co-chairperson from Apr 08)	6
Nora Cooke	4
Natalie Parker	6
Toby Smirke	6
Terry Jaffrey	3
Darren Injie	4

*This Board member has not been part of the Board of Directors for all of the reporting period and therefore was not required to attend all meetings.

The Board of Directors held eight meetings during the reporting period; four regular meetings, one special meeting for the financial statements, and three for internal governance or operational matters.

Executive Management Team

Organisational performance management is the function of the Executive Management Team, which consists of six senior officers:

Chief Executive Officer

As Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Simon Hawkins is responsible for the implementation of the YMAC Strategic Plan and the overall management of the organisation, on behalf of the Board of Directors. As YMAC's public officer, the CEO is accountable to legislation that determines the responsibilities and conduct of the organisation. The CEO ensures that the policies and decisions of the Board and the Regional Committees are implemented; that the organisation observes its legal responsibilities and that it meets its obligations under agreements entered into with other parties.

In promoting the interests of YMAC and its clients, the CEO lobbies government and industry for policy change, as well as negotiate funding for existing and new projects. This includes making presentations on a range of topics affecting YMAC's clients. The CEO also promotes the organisation through conferences and other events.

Regional Managers

YMAC has two discrete regional divisions, the Yamatji (Mid West, Murchison-Gascoyne) and Marlpa (Pilbara) regions, under the direction of Regional Managers, Russell Simpson and Nyaparu Jeffries, respectively.

As Executive Management Team members, they work in partnership with the CEO, PLO, CFO and Director of Heritage and Research to provide direction, guidance and support to the Corporation's key focus areas, promoting activities within the region and our vision, mission and values.

Other key functions include developing and maintaining strategic alliances across all sectors; managing special projects; advocating and representing the native title rights and interests of Traditional Owners; overseeing regional operations, including managing the regional office and staff; and developing and monitoring regional budgets.

Principal Legal Officer

As Principal Legal Officer (PLO), Michael Meegan manages the legal operations of YMAC – in accordance with the rules of the *Native Title Act*. In this role, Michael advises on matters related to the NTA; associated legislation and other Commonwealth and State laws; and statutes affecting the interests of native title-holders in the Murchison, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions.

The position involves coordinating relationships between the organisation and claimant groups; intra-Indigenous mediation in relation to the claims process; preparation and lodgment, progress and resolution of native title claims and future act processes. The role also includes assisting in developing budgets and managing all legal and future acts staff.

Director for Research and Heritage

The Director for Research and Heritage oversees the progress of connection material research for the claims represented by YMAC. The role involves coordinating with native title claimants, anthropologists and government to provide evidence to show connection to land and sea country under traditional law and custom. The Director for Research and Heritage also manages one of the largest heritage survey programs in Australia, develops budgets and manages heritage and research staff.

The Director for Research and Heritage position was held by Kim Barber until March 2009 with Jane Mollan as Acting Director for Research and Heritage, for the remainder of the reporting period.

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Stan Stylianou, is responsible for overseeing the financial and organisational requirements of YMAC. The CFO provides financial and administrative advice to the Board and Committees as well as ensuring that organisational policies and procedures are developed and implemented so that financial and administrative obligations are met. The role also requires the supervision of staff within the Corporate Services unit which includes finance, administration and human resources staff.



YMAC Board and management at the Nyangumarta determination, including: Principle Legal Officer; Michael Meegan, Pilbara Chairperson; Doris Eaton, Director; Natalie Parker, Nyaparu Rose, Yamatji Chairperson; Roy Bellotti and CEO; Simon Hawkins.

Business Units

Caring for Country

Our Caring for Country program helps Traditional Owners with the protection of sites, and assists in the planning of Natural Resource Management (NRM) projects on their country.

Community Liaison

Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) and Project Officers (POs). These officers act as the bridge between Traditional Owners and the organisation, ensuring that cultural gaps are identified and addressed. Regional staff work closely with CLOs and POs in all aspects of their work. This includes receiving guidance in relation to cultural matters, as well as practical assistance when convening meetings and executing documents.

Communications and Policy

YMAC is committed to having the interests of Traditional Owners represented in public arenas and therefore provides appropriate information to members, stakeholders, government and the media.



YMAC's Nyaparu Jeffries, Nyaparu Rose and Cris Olegario.

Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Unit provides administrative services and support to YMAC and its operations. The unit consists of finance, administration, human resources and information management.

Economic, Business and Community Development:

Economic and Business Development creates community-based enterprises and assists Traditional Owners with economic development initiatives. YMAC help groups to identify their aspirations, assist with the development of business ideas, plans and job placement. This includes working to develop project plans and corporate structures for the management of their communities. YMAC also works with Local, State and Commonwealth agencies, resources companies and other organisations on future community development.

YMAC would like to acknowledge our Development Projects partners: Newcrest Mining Ltd, Indigenous Land Corporation, Mount Gibson Iron, Arc Energy Limited, Harmony Gold, the Water Corporation, Giralia Resources, the Shires of Greenough and Shark Bay, Indigenous Coordination Centres and the National Heritage Trust.

Legal & Future Acts

Native title is a legal proceeding. Resolving native title is a complex and time-consuming process that involves the recognition of two systems of law; the traditional law and custom of Aboriginal people; and the Australian common law and statute law.

YMAC's legal teams service the 24 claims that YMAC currently represents. Lawyers take their instructions from native title claim working groups and are the legal contact point between native title claimants and YMAC. They prepare legal opinions, documents, appear in court, prepare briefs and provide general legal assistance to our members.

A 'Future Act' is a proposed activity that might affect country such as mining, exploration, fishing, tourism or other developments. Western Australia's resource boom has resulted in high volumes of Future Act work on Yamatji and Marpa Country. Under the *Native Title Act 1993*, includes the right to be consulted about development decisions on Country. YMAC's Future Acts staff provides legal and other professional services to assist native title groups with their Future Act negotiations.

Research & Heritage

The Research and Heritage unit comprises a range of qualified staff including Anthropologists, Archaeologists and other highly skilled professionals. Anthropologists work closely with the CLOs and POs, conducting research to progress claims towards determination. This includes genealogical research, cultural mapping and analysis of 'laws and customs' as outlined in the *Native Title Act*.

When a company wants to access Country for development or mining they must first undertake a survey to find out if there are any Aboriginal heritage sites in the area. Native title claim groups make the decision on heritage survey teams and who represents a particular area of country. As some of these services are not funded, heritage work operates largely on a cost recovery basis.



YMAC staff on Bunjima country.

Role and Functions

Facilitation and Assistance

YMAC strives to provide its clients with best practice standards in relation to representation of their native title claims and beyond.

In doing this, it meets and exceeds its requirements as a native title representative body to:

- Research and prepare native title applications.
- Assist native title claimants in consultations, mediations, negotiations, and proceedings relating to native title.

During the reporting period YMAC has focused on undertaking comprehensive anthropological research and the completion of connection reports with appropriate Anthropological and legal review. YMAC is committed to providing the best possible outcome to the Traditional Owners it represents by the resolution of native title claims in a certain and comprehensive manner.

Where appropriate, YMAC participates in mediation with the native title groups it represents with overlapping claims. Where necessary, YMAC has taken action to strike out or list matters for trial where it considers this is the most appropriate course of action to resolve outstanding native title claims.

Providing Assistance

During the reporting period, YMAC provided legal, research and mediation assistance to the 24 claims within the Pilbara and Yamatji region.

YMAC will not provide assistance to a new claim that overlaps with an existing assisted claim without the consent of the existing claim. Once assistance is approved, YMAC will assess its priorities which will, in turn, determine the direction of its activities. A number of new claims have been authorised by groups on areas where overlaps do not exist.

The type and level of assistance provided will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and will depend on a number of factors including:

- The need to comply with relevant Federal Court orders.
- The overall level of resources available to the organisation.
- The ranking assigned to each claim through the claim appraisal and review process.

Certification

As part of its role as a native title representative body, YMAC continues to provide assistance with certification of native title claim determinations, as well as regarding the certification of Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) registrations. Specifically, its functions include to:

- Certify, in writing, applications for determination of native title relating to areas of land or waters, which are wholly or partly within the representative area.
- Apply for the registration of an ILUA which certifies that all the persons identified as having native title interests in the area have authorised the ILUA's making. YMAC has adopted a certification procedure in compliance with the *Native Title Act* – in particular, with section 202BE (2) of the Act.

Dispute Resolution

The process of gaining recognition of native title, future act and heritage matters all affect Traditional Owners deeply because of their relationship to Country. These processes often raise difficult issues for native title claimants to consider and make decisions about. Very often these matters involve argument, contestation and dispute and YMAC staff are called upon to assist with these matters.

During the reporting period, YMAC has been constantly challenged by the desire to honour each person involved in the native title process, while at the same time fulfilling its functions under the NTA to assist those persons who may hold native title.

Mediation Programs

During the reporting period YMAC has actively participated in mediation as part of its commitment to resolving native title claims. These mediations have occurred with staff, consultants and also with the assistance of the National Native Title Tribunal. The process of mediation in native title involves many parties. YMAC uses a range of strategies to assist in the mediation process including meeting separately with individuals and families at their homes or on country. This can include the participation of in-house and consultant anthropologists and lawyers and other alternative dispute resolution practitioners as required.

Native title mediation can be contrasted with mainstream mediation which often involves only two parties negotiating fairly discreet issues where there is common understanding of the issues, context and language. Native title mediation often involves a clash of culture as claimants struggle to understand and mediate issues relating to the resolution of native title claims often in circumstances where the Act fails to accommodate the complex nature of the traditional law, culture and country.

Prescribed Bodies Corporate

YMAC continues to provide assistance to Prescribed Bodies Corporate from time to time in accordance with its Native Title Act functions.

Corporate Governance

YMAC is governed by complementary frameworks to ensure the organisation is effective; delivers quality outcomes; and is efficient in its use of its resources to deliver services. Staff are employed to deliver outputs that align with the Strategic Plan and Operational Plans and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

Regular reporting to the Board, committees, stakeholders, management and funders ensures that the strategic direction is maintained. The YMAC constitution is strengthened by sound and clear policies and procedures which are consistently applied.

YMAC's governance was further strengthened in 2008/09 with the introduction of the organisation's new rulebook, framed to comply with the introduction of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act*. This new legislation enhances governance and accountability for Aboriginal Corporations.

YMAC has an effective and efficient financial management system and framework which is robust and transparent. Regular reporting within the organisation adheres to all applicable statutory requirements including the Native Title Act, all tax Acts and relevant State Acts.

We also adhere to Australian Accounting Standards, with the two senior finance personnel suitably qualified with continuing professional development obligations.

YMAC acknowledges support from FaHCSIA and the receipt of additional targeted funding for priority areas to counter the significant increase in input costs and to be able to meet the demands of progressing native title outcomes.

However, in view of the continuing high level of activity, the organisation continues to wrestle to maintain or reduce cost levels in regions where the Consumer Price Index is well above the Australian average. Facilities and services such as accommodation, housing and travel have become more difficult to procure at a reasonable cost.

Planning

Both divisions of YMAC conduct planning sessions, which begin in February and culminate in May, when an annual operational planning document forms the main part of our submission to the Commonwealth for funding and approval of native title activities in the following financial year.

Reviews are performed in December, April and August and are submitted to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). Internal planning and operational reviews take place at the same time to ensure that our activities continue to be aligned to the Operational Plan. The operational plans are linked to the YMAC Strategic Plan, which is reviewed and updated every three years.

Reporting

Regular reporting on multiple levels both externally and internally ensures that the organisation is well managed, and that risks are identified and managed appropriately. A Policy and Procedure Manual, endorsed by the Board of Directors, provides a framework for effective governance including appropriate and conservative delegations. External auditors are appointed to give assurance to the Board that financial matters are performed to the requisite standard.

Risk Assessment

YMAC has monthly financial and operational meetings with relevant staff and managers to assess current performance and operations. From these meetings, possible risks are identified and action plans are made to mitigate against, or to eliminate, risk. These meetings are held at different levels, ranging from operational staff to senior management, with strategic risks taken to a Board level.

Complaints

The principal mechanism for dealing with complaints about the services provided by YMAC are the native title claim working groups, which act as a clearing house for most issues. On the few occasions when a complaint cannot be dealt with at a working group, or the complainant is not a current client of YMAC, then a formal complaint can be made to the organisation pursuant to current policies and procedures. Specific procedures exist in relation to clients or constituents seeking review of decisions made by YMAC, which are designed to ensure that the complainant is dealt with fairly and impartially. A two page document entitled "If you have a complaint / Application for Internal Review" is available at all offices for client's use. YMAC received eight complaints in 08/09, five of which are resolved and three pending.

Staffing Levels

The organisation has core long-serving staff with service of five to nine years, but generally staff turnover averages around 12 to 24 months.

In the reporting period, recruitment costs have reduced by 70%, turnover has decreased and there are more qualified and experienced lawyers, anthropologists and other categories of staff now available. The lack of infrastructure and increased cost of living means it continues to be costly and difficult to source staff for the Pilbara region, although this has slightly improved in the last six months as a result of economic downturn in the region.

Workforce planning takes account of YMAC's strategic and operational plans and its organisational structure. During this reporting period, the resource boom resulted in the employment of additional staff in order to meet the increasing workload in claims, future acts and heritage. At the end of the reporting period, YMAC had a total of 107 staff, with the following breakdown:

Full-time	89
Part-time	9
Casual	9
Professionals	38
Male	37
Female	70

Staff Education and Training

YMAC works to provide committee members and staff with appropriate training and educational opportunities, adding to the skills-base from which the organisation can draw.

Staff training included attendance of the 2009 Native Title Conference by selected staff; the YMAC All-Staff training in February 2009; and individual staff training and professional development, where necessary, to assist staff in the performance of their duties. A significant number of staff also participated in cross-cultural training held in the Yamatji region. In 2009 selected Indigenous staff also participated in leadership training and a coaching program. Legal staff are required to obtain Continuous Professional Development (CDP) points to renew their practice certificates each year. In response to this YMAC has achieved Quality Assurance status as a recognised provider of CDP training, and has been able to provide other NTRBs with CDP training for their staff.

Board of Directors and Committee Training

Providing training opportunities for Board and Committee members continues to be a priority for YMAC. In the reporting period, selected Board members and Regional Committee members attended a three-day ORIC-funded governance training workshop in Perth (March) and Karratha (April). Selected Board members also attended the 2009 National Native Title Conference held in Melbourne in June. The Pilbara Regional Committee attended governance training provided by FaHCSIA in February. Due to sorry business, the Yamatji Regional Committee was re-scheduled to attend governance training by FaHCSIA in August 2009.

Salary awards

The (then named) YMBBMAC Certified Agreement was ratified in November 2005 and the three year term finalized in November 2008. The organisation has commenced negotiations with the staff and union for a new collective agreement to succeed the 2005 Agreement. YMAC is under constant pressure to meet mining industry salary levels in order to secure experienced and qualified staff.

Salary levels

The salary structure of YMAC staff is based on the YMBBMAC Certified Agreement 2005, with the exception of some senior staff who are on negotiated salaries. The salary structure forms part of the negotiations for a new collective agreement to succeed the 2005 Agreement.

Occupational Health and Safety

There were no reported issues during the reporting period. 4WD and first aid training for new staff continues to be provided, with refreshers for existing staff. Individual training in Occupational Health and Safety was provided in this financial year. Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed to ensure compliance.

Codes of Conduct

The organisation has a code of conduct, signed by each member of staff as well as a policy and procedures manual, which contains YMAC's code of ethics.

Consultancy Services

YMAC actively pursues value for money for the provision of all its services and always seeks to obtain at least three quotes. Many corporate services are outsourced, enabling YMAC to reduce risk and to access specialist services. In the 2008/09 reporting period YMAC engaged 67 consultants to undertake consultancy work at a cost of \$5,847,978.70. Consultants are used when there is a requirement for specialised services which cannot be met by YMAC staff due to insufficient in-house resources, or where independent advice is required.



YMAC staff attend cross cultural training on Malgana country.

Native Title Claim Updates

Yamatji Region

Amangu

The Amangu native title claim covers approximately 27,388 kilometres of land and sea in the Gascoyne/ Murchison region. It lies in the City of Geraldton and the Shires of Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Greenough, Irwin, Mingenew, Morowa, Mullewa, Northampton, Perenjori, Three Springs and Yalgoo.

Native Title Claim Progress: At the start of the reporting period the Amangu claim was overlapped by the Naaguga, Taylor, Franks, Widi Mob, Widi Binyardi and Mullewa Wadjari claims. YMAC made significant progress during the year towards resolving some of these overlap issues.

On 24 June 2008, YMAC made submissions to the Federal Court in the then unregistered Taylor, Widi Mob and Widi Binyardi claims, pursuant to s 190F(5) and (6) of the Native Title Act. These sections were introduced into the Act by the amendments made in June 2007. YMAC's submissions referred to its discussions with the state and other parties about a proposed Alternative Settlement Agreement under s86F of the Act, to resolve native title claims in the Southern Yamatji region, and the potential impact of the unregistered claims on those discussions. On 12 November 2008, the Federal Court ordered that the Taylor, Widi Mob and Widi Binyardi claims be dismissed. The Widi Mob claim was subsequently given leave to file an amended claim.

YMAC made submissions to the Federal Court in relation to the Franks claim, pursuant to s84D of the Native Title Act. YMAC's submissions are in support of orders that the Franks claim provide evidence to the Court as to its proper authorisation. The Federal Court adjourned YMAC's application to enable the parties to explore a negotiated settlement. YMAC met with the applicants for the Franks claim in July 2009 and good progress has been made with a negotiated settlement likely. The Federal Court has adjourned the matter to 17 December 2009.

Future Act Developments:

There are a number of large negotiations underway in relation to infrastructure, including for the Oakajee Port and Rail and a mining company's proposed infrastructure for the mine.

During the reporting period, YMAC assisted the Amangu to negotiate both heritage, and comprehensive native title agreements in a range of matters including for mining, infrastructure and petroleum exploration companies.

Additional Progress: YMAC assisted the Amangu during the reporting period to prepare for the establishment of the Amangu Trust. It is expected an Amangu Trust will be established in the second half of 2009.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

23	Aug 2008	Community Meeting
27	Oct 2008	Working Group Meeting
28	Jan 2009	Community Meeting
26	Feb 2009	Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings:

8	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
18	Nov 2008	½ Day Working Group Meeting, ½ Day Negotiation Meeting
03	Dec 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Jan 2009	½ Day Working Group Meeting, ½ Day Negotiation Meeting
02	April 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting



Amangu country.

Amangu, Hutt River and Naaguja (Geraldton Claim Negotiation)

YMAC represents the Amangu, Naaguja and Hutt River native title claims, which cover an area of approximately 34,000 square kilometres in the Southern Yamatji region. The external boundary of the three claims extends from Northampton, south to Eneabba, and east to Perenjori and Yalgoo.

Native Title Claim Progress: YMAC has been in discussions with the State about the potential for an alternative settlement of the claims in this region under s86F of the Native Title Act. YMAC has conducted research relevant to the Amangu, Naaguja and Hutt River claims for the purpose of an alternative settlement.

In addition to the Amangu, Naaguja and Hutt River native title claims, there are five other native title claims that overlap parts of the Alternative Settlement area.

In May of this year YMAC received notice from the Office of Native Title stating that it was prepared to enter into negotiations regarding the Alternative Settlement. As part of the negotiations, a package of land and other benefits would be negotiated instead of native title.

YMAC has made substantial progress towards an Alternative Settlement Agreement during the reporting period, with further negotiations and meetings scheduled for 2009/10.

Badimia

The Badimia native title claim covers approximately 36,129 square kilometres of land in the Geraldton region. It lies in the Shires of Cue, Dalwallinu, Menzies, Mount Magnet, Mount Marshall, Perenjori, Sandstone, Yalgoo and Yilgarn in the Gascoyne/Murchison region.

Native Title Claim Progress: The State government advised YMAC that connection material provided to date did not meet the State's guidelines. However, the State indicated that with the provision of some "further targeted information" it was possible that the requirements for those guidelines may be met.

YMAC provided that further information in June, by way of an oral presentation to the State and the Office of Native Title (ONT) by YMAC's appointed anthropologist. Unfortunately, the State's reply to our final presentation was that the connection material we have provided still does not meet the State's guidelines and, accordingly, the State has refused to make a positive determination on the Badimia Native Title claim. YMAC will continue

to support and advise the Badimia claimants on available options and next steps.

Future Act Developments: During the reporting period, the Badimia applicants entering into seven "small-scale" mining agreements with various miners and prospectors. There is also a current mining agreement with the Asia Iron Holdings and Mt Gibson partnership, in relation to an iron ore mining project.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

19	July 2008	Community Meeting
13	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
14	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
03	Dec 2008	Working Group Meeting
04	Dec 2008	Working Group Meeting
18	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting
19	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings:

23	Jan 2009	½ Day Working Group Meeting, ½ Day Future Act Negotiation Meeting
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Budina

The Budina native title claim covers approximately 4,096 square kilometres of land in the Gascoyne/ Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: In June 2009, the group commenced connection research with a consultant anthropologist. The Budina claim group attended a scoping conference convened by the National Native Title Tribunal with the respondents to their claim, where they discussed entering into negotiations towards Indigenous Land Use Agreements with pastoralists.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

31	Oct 2008	Community Meeting
29	June 2009	½ Day NNTT Scoping Conference
29	June 2009	½ Day Working Group Meeting

Eastern Portion of Representative Area

Native Title Claim Progress: No work to date has been conducted in relation to this area. It is proposed to retain a consultant to conduct preliminary anthropological research on this area in the 09/10 financial year.



Gnulli

The Gnulli native title claim covers approximately 87,876 square kilometres of land and sea in Gascoyne/ Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: Gnulli have been looking forward to the commencement of their connection research. On the final day of the reporting period, YMAC's consultant anthropologist commenced his research trip.

Future Act Developments: The working group has been working hard to progress the steady amount of major and minor future acts that are taking place within the Gnulli claim. The Gnulli working group has consistently raised concerns for Aboriginal heritage protection and have also conducted a number of heritage surveys over the year.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

30	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
16	Oct 2008	Working Group Meeting
25	Nov 2008	Community Meeting
25	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings:

05	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
17	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
18	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
30	June 2009	NNTT Scoping Conference



Hutt River

The Hutt River claim covers approximately 5,893 square kilometres of land and sea the Gascoyne/ Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Chapman Valley and Northampton.

Native Title Claim Progress: Hutt River has been considering an alternative settlement with the State of Western Australia. Members are interested in seeing how this unfolds over the coming year.

Future Act Developments: The Hutt River working group have considered and entered into 5 agreements heritage agreements (affecting 7 tenements) for exploration within the Hutt River claim.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

26	Sep 2008	Working Group Meeting
03	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
18	May 2009	Working Group Meeting
18	June 2009	Community Meeting



Malgana

The Malgana claim covers approximately 36,072 square kilometres of land and sea in the Gascoyne/ Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Carnarvon, Murchison, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: The Malgana claim group held a scoping conference convened by the National Native Title Tribunal with the respondents to their claim, including a number of pastoralists and the Western Australia Fishing Industry Council. The Malgana community meeting, held in February 2009, was well attended by the community and very productive. They have been working to progress the negotiations over Dirk Hartog Island, and have been discussing the establishment of a corporation and/or trust for their claim group.

Future Act Developments: The Malgana claim group has entered into approximately 15 heritage agreements in the last twelve months, and continue to work hard to protect their heritage sites, particularly in areas of high development.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

16	July 2008	Working Group Meeting	FaHCSIA
10	Dec 2008	Working Group Meeting	FaCSIA
21	Jan 2009	Working Group Meeting	FaSCIA
10	Feb 2009	Community Meeting	FaCSIA
22	April 2009	Working Group Meeting	FaCSIA

Additional Meetings:

15	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
09	Dec 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	April 2009	NNTT Scoping Conference



Malgana country.

Nanda

The Nanda native title claim covers approximately 23,110 square kilometres of land and sea in the Gascoyne/Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Chapman Valley, Mullewa, Murchison, Northampton and Shark Bay.

Native Title Claim Progress: Funding is still being provided for the preparation of a connection report. To date, the focus on genealogies by several members of the working group has deflected any investigation into the strength of this claim against the current native title legal requirements for a determination of native title. YMAC engaged an anthropologist who has been conducting interviews with Nanda people on country for some time and is close to completing research. Following completion of the Connection Report, YMAC will convene a community meeting to consider the makeup of the working group, the results of the connection report and the future direction of the Nanda claim group.

FaHCSIA Meetings: nil*

** In August 2008, the YMAC Board of Directors considered the issues regarding the Nanda working group, particularly the inability to conduct regular and effective meetings. It passed a resolution to withdraw YMAC's services and funding for future acts and heritage matters, but will continue to provide funding for the preparation of a connection report. In March 2009, the Yamatji Regional Committee recommended that Nanda working group meetings resume, provided that members and their proxies comply with certain conditions, including the signing of a code of conduct. Only one working group member formally responded and, as such, working group meetings have remained suspended until further notice.*



Nanda country.

Naaguja

The Naaguja claim covers approximately 5,581 square kilometres of land and water in the Gascoyne/Murchison region. It lies in the City of Geraldton and the Shires of Chapman Valley, Greenough, Irwin, Mullewa and Northampton. It includes the town site of Geraldton.

Native Title Claim Progress: see 'Geraldton Claim Negotiation' page 32.

Future Act Developments: The reporting period saw Naaguja applicants sign a native title commercial agreement with a mining company which is seeking to develop mining operations at Extension Hill. Compensation and benefits to the Naaguja people under the agreement include financial benefits, employment and contracting opportunities and Aboriginal cultural awareness training for MGMP employees.

The largest future acts project currently planned on Naaguja country is the Oakajee Port and Rail infrastructure project. Discussions are also underway to finalise a draft heritage protocol and draft negotiation framework agreement.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

16	Sep 2008	Working Group Meeting
23	April 2009	Working Group Meeting
24	April 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

08	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Jan 2009	½ Day Working Group Meeting, ½ Day Future Act Negotiation Meeting
23	June 2009	Future Negotiation Meeting



Naaguja country.

Thudgari

The Thudgari native title claim covers approximately 11,280 square kilometres of land in the Gascoyne/Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon and the Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: The priority for the Thudgari claim for the reporting period has been to progress towards a consent determination of native title. This has involved the working group and claim group holding a number of meetings to address issues such as the draft form of a determination, negotiation of Indigenous Land Use Agreements with pastoralists, and the establishment of a Prescribed Body Corporate. Significant progress has been made towards the consent determination, which is expected to occur in the next financial year.

Future Act Developments: Towards the end of the 2008-09 financial year, the Thudgari claim group voted to change the way it handles its future acts and heritage matters, and these matters are now being dealt with by a third party corporation. YMAC is therefore no longer responsible for providing future acts or heritage services, but remains the solicitor on the record.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

24	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
25	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
26	Nov 2008	NNTT Mediation Meeting
27	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
09	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting
23	Jun 2009	Community Meeting
24	Jun 2009	Community Meeting



Thudgari country.

Wajarri Yamatji

The Wajarri Yamatji native title claim covers approximately 100,701 square kilometres of land in the Gascoyne/Murchison region. It lies in the Shires of Chapman Valley, Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Mullewa, Murchison, Northampton, Shark Bay, Upper Gascoyne and Yalgoo. This claim combines the Wajarri Elders and the Ngoonooru Wadjari claims.

Native Title Claim Progress: During the reporting period, the Wajarri Yamatji claimants have also moved further along the path to native title. YMAC's consultant anthropologist spent many months in the region researching and drafting a Connection Report for presentation to the State. The Wajarri Yamatji working group also commenced discussions in 2009 (under the auspices of the NNTT) with the Mullewa Wadjari claim to resolve a large overlap.

Future Act Developments: The Wajarri Yamatji claimants finalised two 'area' Indigenous Land Use Agreements ('ILUAs'), both of which we hope will be registered by the end of 2009. Currently, only five such area ILUAs exist in WA. Most notable was the Murchison Radio-Astronomy Observatory ('MRO') ILUA, a truly ground-breaking and long-term deal between Wajarri Yamatji, the State and Federal Governments, the CSIRO and YMAC. The MRO ILUA will provide Wajarri Yamatji with best practice corporate structures, unique educational benefits, and significant financial benefits. It also sets a framework for future negotiations concerning the development of the \$2.5 billion International SKA Project.

At the start of 2009, Wajarri Yamatji commenced negotiations regarding the development of the largest mining and infrastructure projects in the history of the region. This includes the Oakajee Port and Rail Project and Sinosteel-Midwest's Weld Range Project. Negotiations also occurred and continue with two

iron ore companies and a number of uranium companies regarding the exploration and or development of mineral deposits on Wajarri Yamatji country.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

17	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
18	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
15	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
05	Sep 2008	½ Day Working Group Meeting
09	Oct 2008	Working Group Meeting
10	Oct 2008	½ Day Working Group Meeting
21	Oct 2008	Community Meeting
15	Nov 2008	Community Meeting (Office of Native Title and Proponent Funded)
02	Dec 2008	Working Group Meeting
28	Feb 2009	Community Authorisation Meeting (Office of Native Title funded)
12	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting
02	May 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

19	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	July 2008	Applicants Negotiation Meeting
16	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
12	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
10	Oct 2008	½ Day Future Act Negotiation Meeting
16	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
24	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
03	Nov 2008	ASKAP Negotiation Team Meeting (FaCSIA funded)
13	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
08	Dec 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
09	Dec 2008	Business Workshop
10	Dec 2008	Business Workshop
04	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiation Team Meeting
12	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
24	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
03	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
22	April 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
13	May 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
14	May 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
19	May 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
08	Jun 2009	Mediation NNTT Funded
11	Jun 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting

West Badimia

Native Title Claim Progress: YMAC received a request for assistance from members of a proposed West Badimia claim in 2007. During the reporting period, YMAC requested assistance from the NNTT to prepare

a map and area description for the proposed claim. YMAC has conducted preliminary research into the West Badimia claim and has offered to continue to assist the West Badimia claimants in the preparation of a claim.

Yugunga-Nya

The Yugunga-Nya native title claim covers approximately 30,335 square kilometres of land in the Gascoyne/Murchison. It lies in the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Wiluna. The Yugunga Nya native title claim is a registered claim falling within the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Wiluna.

Native Title Claim Progress: YMAC conducted initial research into the Yugunga Nya claim, preliminary to connection report preparation, in 2004. Further research work is tentatively scheduled to take place in the first half of 2010.

YMAC, with assistance from the NNTT, enabled the Yugunga Nya to map a 3km exclusion zone around the highly significant registered site of Yagahong Hill. The written description and map for the exclusion zone have been successfully incorporated into a number of future act agreements.

The Yugunga Nya claim is overlapped by the Wutha native title claim. In accordance with Federal Court ordered protocols, YMAC had participated in formal mediation with the state and the Wutha claim group during the first half of 2008. Mediation was not successful and the NNTT recommended to the

Federal Court that mediation cease. The Federal Court subsequently ordered that mediation be terminated.

During the reporting period, YMAC filed submissions in the Federal Court seeking orders pursuant to s 84D of the Native Title Act that the Wutha claim provide evidence to the Court as to their proper authorisation. The Federal Court heard from all relevant parties on 28 July 2009 and has reserved its decision.

Future Act Developments: YMAC continues to assist the Yugunga Nya claim in relation to a large number of heritage agreements for minor future acts, as well as a number of comprehensive native title agreements for mining applications. The majority of matters relate to sole operator explorers, prospectors and miners, but the claim has also seen an increase this year in tenement applications made by publicly listed companies. A decrease in the number of future act notices received this year has allowed parties to make good progress towards clearing a back log of future act matters.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

16	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
29	Oct 2008	Working Group Meeting
04	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting
06	May 2009	Community Meeting



Native Title Claim Updates

Pilbara Region

Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka

The Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka native title claim covers approximately 8,891 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Meekatharra and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: The Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka native title claim was heavily involved in connection research with staff and a consultant Anthropologist in the 2008-2009 financial year as part of the Pilbara Connection Project, with members attending field trips and providing information to internal anthropologists and consultants. Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka members have also met with other native title claim groups to resolve overlaps.

Future Act Developments: The Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka claim group has been working hard to progress negotiations with a large mining company in relation to Benefit Management Structures.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

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| 11 | Sept 2008 | Community Meeting |
| 1 | Oct 2008 | Community Meeting |
| 6 | April 2009 | Community - Pilbara Connection Project |
| 27 | May 2009 | Community - Pilbara Connection Project |
| 28 | May 2009 | Community - Pilbara Connection Project |
| 16 | June 2009 | 12 Selected Members – Community - Pilbara Connection Project |
| 24 | June 2009 | Community – Community - Pilbara Connection Project |
| 26 | June 2009 | Working Group Meeting - Community - Pilbara Connection Project |

Additional Meetings:

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| 23 | July 2008 | Trust & Capacity Design Meeting |
| 28 | July 2008 | Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 15 | Aug 2008 | Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 16 | Aug 2008 | Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 25 | Aug 2008 | Design Group – Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 26 | Aug 2008 | Design Group – Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 6 | Oct 2008 | Design Group – Trust & Capacity Design Meeting |
| 15 | Oct 2008 | Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 16 | Oct 2008 | Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation |
| 2 | Dec 2008 | Community Meeting - Trust & Capacity Design Meeting |
| 3 | Dec 2008 | Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 4 | Dec 2008 | Future Act Negotiation Meeting |
| 19 | Jun 2009 | Implementation Committee – RTIO |



Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka country.

Innawonga

The Innawonga claim covers approximately 4,167 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Meekatharra and Ashburton.

Native Title Claim Progress: The Innawonga claim was heavily involved in connection research with staff and consultant Anthropologists in the 2008/2009 financial year and were actively involved in inter and intra-indigenous mediations regarding inter alia claim group composition and boundaries.

Future Act Developments: Continuing future act negotiations with major and mid level mining companies, Trust Design and Capacity workshops, heritage responsibilities and minor future acts.

Additional: Following four Trust and Capacity Design meetings with consultants, the Group has designed a model for a proposed Benefits Management Structure.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 15 Aug 2008 Community Meeting
- 15 Sept 2008 Community Meeting
- 8 April 2009 Community Meeting – FaHCSIA and Pilbara Connection Project
- 27 May 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 28 May 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 16 June 2009 12 Selected Members – Pilbara Connection Project
- 24 June 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

- 28 July 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 31 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 11 Aug 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 12 Aug 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 15 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 20 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 21 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 1 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 2 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 4 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 18 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 22 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 29 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 30 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
- 22 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
- 16 April 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
- 4 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - ½ day Working Group, ½ day Community



Innawonga country.

Innawonga and Bunjima

The Innawonga and Bunjima claim covers approximately 19,567 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and East Pilbara.

Native Title Claim Progress: This claim is part of the Pilbara Connection Project. Following connection research carried out by staff and a consultant Anthropologist a connection report was completed in February 2009. A number of mediation meetings regarding overlapping claims were held with the assistance of the NNTT, during the reporting period.

A connection report was finalised in June 2009. YMAC representatives have been mediating with overlapping native title parties during the reporting period.

Future Act Developments: A multiple project Binding Initial Agreement was finalised with a major Iron Ore producer and mid level Iron Ore Agreement was finalised during the reporting period.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 12 Aug 2008 Working Group Meeting
- 7 Oct 2008 Community Meeting
- 25 Feb 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 24 Mar 2009 Working Group Meeting
- 3 April 2009 Mediation Team – Pilbara Connection Project
- 5 May 2009 Working Group Meeting
- 8 May 2009 Mediation Team – Pilbara Connection Project
- 19 May 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 20 May 2009 Community Meeting - Pilbara Connection Project
- 21 May 2009 Mediation Team – Pilbara Connection Project

- 9 June 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 23 June 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 25 June 2009 Perth Meeting - Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

- 21 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 25 July 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 28 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 13 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 14 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 15 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 3 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 4 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 15 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 16 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 6 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 20 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 21 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 27 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 28 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 5 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 6 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 14 Nov 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 1 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 2 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 3 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 23 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 25 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 17 June 2009 Future Act Implementation Committee

Jurruru

The Jurruru claim covers approximately 10,066 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: A connection report has been submitted to the Office of Native Title for assessment. The State has assessed the connection material provided by the applicants in support of their claim. Mediation with overlapping claims is progressing.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

4	July 2008	Community Meeting
31	Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting – Scoping Conference
30	April 2009	½ Day Working Group Meeting
30	April 2009	½ Day Community Meeting

Kariyarra

The Kariyarra native title claim covers approximately 17,052 square kilometres of land and sea in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Roebourne and the Town of Port Hedland.

Native Title Claim Progress: The State has accepted connection and mediation towards a consent determination will progress with respondent parties in the National Native Title Tribunal from July 2009. New claims have been authorised for the Pippingarra and Turner River areas and it is intended that they will be incorporated into the consent determination.

Future Act Developments: Negotiations for mining agreements with large and intermediate mining companies are continuing. An agreement in principle was made for financial benefits raising benchmark standards for payment of financial benefits for Iron Ore mining. YMAC has also provided assistance in relation to protection of Country, monitoring and compliance of existing agreements.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

19	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
16	Sept 2008	Men's Meeting
17	Sept 2008	Men's Meeting
24	Sept 2008	Senior Members Meeting
10	Oct 2008	Community Meeting
27	Mar 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

10	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
11	Sept 2008	Heritage Committee Meeting
19	Sept 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
22	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
29	Oct 2008	Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation
30	Oct 2008	Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation
2	Dec 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
24	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
25	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
3	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
25	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
26	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team & Working Group Meeting
31	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
29	April 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
1	May 2009	Future Act Signing Ceremony
11	May 2009	Men's Meeting
19	May 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
20	May 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
28	May 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
15	June 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
16	June 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team & Working Group Meeting
25	June 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	June 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting



Kariyarra country.

Kuruma and Marthudunera

This claim covers approximately 15,759 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and Roebourne.

Native Title Claim Progress: During the reporting period, Kuruma and Marthudunera members were heavily involved in connection research, including field trips on country, with YMAC's consultant anthropologist. The connection report is currently being finalised and has been presented to the Kuruma and Marthudunera community.

Future Act Developments: The Kuruma and Marthudunera negotiated and finalised agreements with a major mining company and associated parties over the Cape Preston area. In addition to the negotiations, Kuruma and Marthudunera members have been involved in heritage surveys, monitoring and the salvaging of cultural artifacts in the site-rich Cape area. The Kuruma and Marthudunera group has recently commenced negotiations with a major petroleum exploration company regarding an onshore pipeline that the company seeks to build as part of the multi-billion dollar gas project. Negotiations with other major mining companies are also progressing.

In its quarterly meetings, the Kuruma and Marthudunera working group has also received updates on projects, been involved in consultations about applications under section 18 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA) and liaised with government representatives about the protection of water sources on country.

The Kuruma and Marthudunera group has worked hard to protect country. This year the group successfully argued that a mining company failed to negotiate with them in good faith regarding an exploration tenement within the Kuruma and Marthudunera claim. The National Native Title Tribunal found that the company did not actively negotiate but merely 'went through the motions'

and 'failed to take account of the legitimate and long held concerns of the [Kuruma and Marthudunera group] concerning cultural heritage issues'.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

4	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
5	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
6	Nov 2008	Community Meeting
17	Mar 2009	Community Meeting
21	May 2009	Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings:

9	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
15	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
22	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
24	July 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
28	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
30	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
31	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
1	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
11	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
12	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
13	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
29	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
15	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
16	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
17	Sep 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
24	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
25	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
26	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
13	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
12	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
7	Jan 2009	Salvage Committee Meeting
26	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
1	April 2009	Salvage Team Meeting
15	May 2009	Salvage Team Meeting
18	Jun 2009	Future Act Implementation Committee



Ngarla

The Ngarla native title claim lies in the Shires of East Pilbara and Port Hedland. The Ngarla (Area A) native title determination was handed down by the Federal Court on 30 May 2007, at an on-country hearing held near the De Grey River. Two mining leases ("the Mount Goldsworthy lease proceedings") and the area of overlap were excised from the determination area and are being dealt with as separate matters. These form Ngarla (Part B) and Ngarla #2 (Part B) of the claim.

Native Title Claim Progress: In relation to the Warrarn overlap proceedings, mediation between the parties is continuing. Programming orders have been made by the Judge to prepare for trial which should occur in mid 2010. YMAC has obtained part funding for trial from FaHCSIA and has engaged senior and junior counsel to assist the Ngarla. In relation to the Mount Goldsworthy lease proceedings, submissions have been heard by the Court and a decision is pending.

Future Act Developments: During the reporting period YMAC staff assisted with negotiations with various companies and finalised an agreement with a mining company. The agreement includes financial and non-financial benefits and protection of a sacred site by provision of exclusion zones. YMAC also assisted in relation to monitoring compliance of a substantial mining agreement negotiated in 2008.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

29	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
30	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
20	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
7	Oct 2008	Community Meeting
26	May 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

1	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	April 2009	Monitoring Liaison Community Meeting



Ngarla dancers celebrate on their country.

Ngarlawangga

The Ngarlawangga native title claim covers approximately 6,902 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of East Pilbara and Meekatharra.

Native Title Claim Progress: The claim connection process for Ngarlawangga has been characterised by intra-indigenous mediation between the Ngarlawangga group with the assistance of YMAC staff and the wider members of the determined Nharnuwangga, Wajarri, Ngarlawanga (NWN) lands. Ngarlawangga participated in three PCP meetings, including a trip to Yulga Jinna to meet with Jidi Jidi Aboriginal Corporation (Prescribed Body Corporate for NWN).

Future Act Developments: Ngarlawangga participated in five negotiation meetings with a major mining company during the reporting period throughout the past culminating in the signing of the Northern Claim Area Binding Initial Agreement (BIA) in November 2008. Additionally on 29 May 2009 following four Trust and Capacity Design meetings, the group has designed a model for their proposed Benefits Management Structure and is awaiting the outcomes of the Pilbara Connection Project process before endorsement. The group is also focused on improving their self-governance capacity by bringing their existing Association into compliance with the relevant legislation.

The group discussed additional matters of working group composition, general claim maintenance, heritage and minor future acts over two FaHCSIA funded meetings.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

7	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
18	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
26	Feb 2009	Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
26	Mar 2009	Community Meeting
27	Mar 2009	Community Meeting
22	April 2009	Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
23	April 2009	Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

29	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
31	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
13	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
14	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
19	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting – Pilbara Iron
13	Oct 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
14	Oct 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
31	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
18	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
19	Nov 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
20	Nov 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
29	May 2009	Future Act Implementation Committee



Ngarlawangga country.

Njamal

The Njamal native title claim covers approximately 40,980 square kilometres of land and sea in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Town of Port Hedland and the Shire of East Pilbara.

Native Title Claim Progress: A connection report, setting out the evidentiary basis for the Njamal claim, was sent to the State Government's Office of Native Title in July 2009.

Future Act Developments: A mining agreement with an Iron Ore producer was concluded during the reporting period for financial benefit raising benchmark standards. Significant progress was made with the implementation of existing mining agreements including resolving internal issues in relation to a long standing agreement. Numerous minor future act matters were also resolved.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

26 Sep 2008	Working Group Meeting
8 Oct 2008	Community Meeting
9 Oct 2008	Community Meeting
12 Mar 2009	Men's Meeting
15 Apr 2009	Working Group Meeting
16 Apr 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

23 Sept 2008	Working Group Meeting – Atlas Iron
6 Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
19 Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
20 Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21 Nov 2008	Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation
25 Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
2 Apr 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
20 Apr 2009	Future Act - Monitoring Liaison Committee
29 May 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting



Njamal country.

Nyangumarta

Nyangumarta country covers 33,843sq km of land which borders about 110km of coastline along Eighty Mile Beach in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

Native Title Claim Progress: A 'Part A' Consent Determination on country was made on the 11th June 2009 by Justice North. Mediation with the Karajarri People and respondent parties in relation to the reminder of the claim area is progressing well.

Future Act Developments: Nyangumarta people have been consulting with the Government in relation to a proposed Marine Park at 80 Mile Beach. A petroleum exploration agreement was finalised with an international petroleum exploration company during the reporting period.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

16 Sep 2008	Men's Meeting
17 Sep 2008	Men's Meeting
28 Oct 2008	Community Meeting
30 Oct 2008	Working Group Meeting
19 Mar 2009	Working Group Meeting
7 April 2009	Working Group Meeting with Kimberley Land Council
6 May 2009	Working Group Meeting
7 May 2009	Working Group Meeting
20 May 2009	Working Group Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

29 Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
31 Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting



Nyiyaparli

The Nyiyaparli native title claim covers approximately 36,684 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Meekatharra and Wiluna.

Native Title Claim Progress: Members of the group participated in field trips and interviews with staff and consultant anthropologists and YMAC expects a final draft Connection Report at the end of August 2009.

Future Act Developments: Continuing future act negotiations with major and mid level mining companies. These relate to a range of post agreement matters, heritage consultation and minor future acts.

Additional: Following four Trust and Capacity Design meetings with consultants, the Group has designed a model for their proposed Benefits Management Structure.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 8 July 2008 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 9 June 2009 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

- 31 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 5 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 6 Aug 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 7 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 8 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 18 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 19 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 20 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 4 Sep 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 11 Sep 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 23 Sep 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 13 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting – Community
- 14 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting – Community

- 15 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 16 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 27 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 28 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 3 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 4 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 17 Nov 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 18 Nov 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 19 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation - Design Group
- 24 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 25 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 10 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation - Applicants
- 11 Dec 2008 Heritage Sub Committee
- 13 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 26 Feb 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 27 Feb 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team & Working Group
- 30 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team & Working Group
- 31 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 27 April 2009 Future Act Negotiation - Applicants
- 28 April 2009 Future Act Negotiation - Applicants
- 30 April 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 1 May 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 21 May 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 22 May 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 8 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation - Implementation Committee
- 17 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation Team
- 18 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation Team



Palyku

The Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura native title claim covers approximately 6,567 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shire of Ashburton.

Native Title Claim Progress: Genealogical research commenced in May 2009 and consultant anthropologist will be engaged to complete the connection research and report. Connection is expected to be finalised in 2009/10.

Future Act Developments: Negotiations with major mining companies for a mining agreement are progressing well. During the reporting period YMAC staff have assisted with monitoring and implementations of existing agreements.

FaHCSIA Meetings

28	Aug 2008	Community Meeting
29	Aug 2008	Community Meeting Additional Meetings
21	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
22	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
28	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
12	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
13	Feb 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
23	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
24	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team and Working Group Meeting
31	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	April 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
1	May 2009	Future Act Signing Ceremony
14	May 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
15	May 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
10	June 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
11	June 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team
12	June 2009	Future Act Negotiating Team and Working Group Meeting



Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura

Native Title Claim Progress: During the reporting period, the Connection report was finalised by consultant anthropologist and was authorised by the claim group and will be submitted to the State in 2009. Preservation evidence was heard on country at Mt Stuart on 12-13 August 2008 by the Federal Court. The connection video was completed in November 2008. The Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura was also involved in litigation to protect native claimants' right to negotiate, which is now subject to an Application for Special Leave to appeal to the High Court.

Future Act Developments: The Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura claim group has been working hard to progress negotiations with a large mining company and in relation to Benefit Management Structures.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

12	Aug 2008	Preservation Evidence Community Meeting
13	Aug 2008	Preservation Evidence Community Meeting
10	Oct 2008	Working Group Meeting
12	Nov 2008	Community Meeting
13	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
14	May 2009	Working Group Meeting
15	May 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

7	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
8	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
4	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
5	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
24	Sept 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
25	Sept 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
8	Oct 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
9	Oct 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
11	Nov 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
24	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
25	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting



Note: YMAC also provides services to the Birrimaya, Ngarluma Determined Area, Ngarluma-Kariyarra (Mallina Station) Peedumulla and Yindjibarndi Determined Area, in accordance with its function under Sec 203BB of the Native Title Act.

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

As lead auditor for the audit of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2009, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Chris Nicoloff
Partner

Dated in Perth, Western Australia, this 25th day of September 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF YAMATJI MARLPA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation ('YMAC'), which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009, the income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, schedules of commitments, contingencies and administered items and the statement by the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and Co-Chair Persons for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes to the financial statements.

The Responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer Chief Financial Officer and Co-Chair Persons for the Financial Statements

YMAC's Chief Executive Officer Chief Financial Officer and Co-Chair Persons are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and the Australian Accounting Standards, including the Australian Accounting Interpretations. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; or making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. In Note 1.1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that compliance with Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian National Audit Office Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the Entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Executive Officer Chief Financial Officer and Co-Chair Persons, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting the audit, we have followed the independence requirements of the Australian National Audit Office, which incorporate the ethical requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of YMAC:

- (a) have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006; and
- (b) give a true and fair view of YMAC's financial position as at 30 June 2009, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including the Australian Accounting Interpretations; and
- (c) The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.1.

PKF
Chartered Accountants

Chris Nicoloff
Partner

Dated in Perth, Western Australia, this 25th day of September 2009

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation Statement by directors, chief executive officer and chief financial officer

In our opinion, at the date of this statement, the attached financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009:

- (a) are in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the corporation's position as at 30 June 2009 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007.
- (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 1.1; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

At the date of this declaration there are reasonable grounds to believe that the corporation will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are subject to.

This Statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Mrs Doris Eaton
Co-Chairperson
Pilbara Regional
Committee
25 Sept 2009

Roy Bellotti
Co-Chairperson
Yamatji Regional
Committee
25 Sept 2009

Simon Hawkins
Chief Executive Officer
25 Sept 2009

Stan Stylianou
Chief Financial
Officer
25 Sept 2009

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Income Statement
for the year ended 30 June 2009

Notes	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
REVENUE				
<i>Revenues from ordinary activities</i>				
Revenue from Commonwealth Government - Operational	8,898,233	8,263,884	8,898,233	8,263,884
Revenue from Services	5A 7,701,544	6,396,938	1,531,558	2,045,828
Interest	5B 394,940	340,311	127,677	163,798
Revenue from sale of assets	5C 4,697	-	4,697	-
Other	5D 7,822,662	5,455,033	7,453,363	4,987,687
Revenues from ordinary activities	24,822,075	20,456,166	18,015,528	15,461,198
EXPENSE				
<i>Expenses from ordinary activities</i>				
Employees	6A 7,775,217	6,896,283	7,016,127	6,134,524
Insurance expense	107,697	64,249	102,261	63,549
Office Supplies expense	305,148	253,054	290,024	250,206
Travel & Meeting costs	3,668,917	2,940,360	3,641,000	2,879,845
Motor vehicle expenses	370,748	483,696	335,434	449,335
Contractors and consultant fees	9,058,372	6,823,353	4,207,797	3,729,962
Impairment & Write off Expenses	6C 45,846	22,049	45,846	22,049
Lease expenses	669,288	531,584	648,732	532,350
Long Service Leave expense	6A 109,351	140,603	126,083	135,735
Depreciation and amortisation	6B 423,362	428,629	346,473	384,712
Cost Recovery expenses	1,070,599	553,849	981,179	459,246
Payroll and support Costs	458,018	426,308	409,608	415,775
Telephone	295,037	231,289	281,325	222,220
Ancillary costs, fees & provisions	296,761	274,276	453,460	264,484
Revaluation decrements to Buildings	-	133,955	-	133,955
Expenses from ordinary activities	24,654,361	20,203,537	18,885,349	16,077,947
<i>Operating surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities</i>	1.14B 167,716	252,630	(869,823)	(616,750)
Net credit to asset revaluation reserve	8 -	625,000	-	-
Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments recognised directly in equity	-	625,000	-	-
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners attributable to the members of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation 13	167,716	877,630	(869,823)	(616,750)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2009

Notes	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
ASSETS				
<i>Financial Assets</i>				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	7A 7,859,791	6,447,451	6,160,430	5,394,533
Trade & Other Receivables	7B 3,516,925	2,591,613	710,940	915,849
Investment	7C 120,000	107,000	120,000	107,000
Total financial assets	11,496,716	9,146,064	6,991,370	6,417,382
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Land and buildings	8A 1,188,284	1,216,592	1,182,252	1,208,550
Plant and equipment	8B 1,396,617	1,027,911	1,170,406	845,783
Other non-financial assets	8D 136,370	65,418	136,370	65,418
TOTAL ASSETS	14,217,987	11,455,985	9,480,398	8,537,133
LIABILITIES				
<i>Provisions</i>				
Employees	9A 1,041,189	818,806	953,821	740,501
Other provisions	9B 30,000	26,400	21,893	19,954
Total provisions	1,071,189	845,206	975,714	760,455
<i>Payables</i>				
Suppliers	10 1,225,561	1,344,192	894,377	1,015,969
Unexpended grants	11 3,944,961	5,006,429	3,776,484	4,874,416
Income received in advance	3,399,919	444,226	2,552,016	75,856
Accruals	12 741,301	148,592	453,500	112,309
Total payables	9,311,742	6,943,439	7,676,377	6,078,550
Total liabilities	10,382,931	7,788,645	8,652,091	6,839,005
NET ASSETS	3,835,056	3,667,340	828,306	1,698,128
EQUITY				
Revaluation reserve	651,481	651,481	651,481	651,481
Accumulated surplus	13 3,183,575	3,015,859	176,826	1,046,648
TOTAL EQUITY	3,835,056	3,667,340	828,306	1,698,129
Current assets	11,633,085	9,211,482	7,127,739	6,482,800
Non-current assets	2,584,901	2,244,503	2,352,658	2,054,333
Current liabilities	10,146,435	7,592,690	8,456,466	6,647,736
Non-current liabilities	236,496	195,956	195,625	191,268

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Notes	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash Received					
Receipts from government		8,825,304	13,586,522	8,825,304	13,586,522
Receipts from customers		19,358,174	12,606,839	12,879,118	8,240,431
Interest		394,940	340,311	127,677	163,798
Total Cash Received		28,578,418	26,533,672	21,832,099	21,990,752
Cash Used					
Payments to suppliers		17,165,912	13,280,898	12,152,194	9,479,597
Payments to employees		7,622,926	6,712,931	6,902,830	5,967,080
GST paid to ATO		1,478,839	1,564,860	1,212,546	1,458,485
Total Cash Used		26,267,678	21,558,689	20,267,570	16,905,162
Net cash from operating activities	14	2,310,740	4,974,983	1,564,529	5,085,590
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Cash Received					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment		9,868	-	9,868	-
Total Cash Received		9,868	-	9,868	-
Cash Used					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		895,269	324,079	795,501	222,817
Total Cash Used		895,269	324,079	795,501	222,817
Net cash used by investing activities		(885,401)	(324,079)	(785,633)	(222,817)
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in cash held		1,425,340	4,650,904	778,896	4,862,773
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period		6,554,451	1,903,548	5,501,533	638,760
Cash at the end of the reporting period		7,979,791	6,554,451	6,280,430	5,501,533

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2009

		Accumulated Surplus		Asset Revaluation Reserves	
	Notes	Consolidated 2009 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Consolidated 2009 \$	Native Title 2009 \$
Opening Balance		3,015,859	1,046,648	651,481	651,481
Income and expenses recognised directly in equity		-	-	-	-
Net Revaluation Increment		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the period		167,716	(869,823)	-	-
Total Income and Expenses		167,716	(869,823)	-	-
Closing balance as at 30 June		3,183,575	176,825	651,481	651,481

		Accumulated Surplus		Asset Revaluation Reserves	
	Notes	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2008 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
Opening Balance		2,763,229	1,663,398	26,481	26,481
Income and expenses recognised directly in equity		-	-	625,000	625,000
Net Revaluation Increment		-	-	625,000	625,000
Surplus/(deficit) for the period		252,630	(616,750)	-	-
Total Income and Expenses		252,630	(616,750)	625,000	625,000
Closing balance as at 30 June		3,015,859	1,046,648	651,481	651,481

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Schedule of Commitments
as at 30 June 2009

	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
BY TYPE				
Capital Commitments				
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	365,922	-	365,922	-
Total Capital Commitments	365,922	-	365,922	-
BY TYPE				
Other Commitments				
Operating leases	1,137,868	1,672,274	1,137,868	1,649,076
Total Other Commitments	1,137,868	1,672,274	1,137,868	1,649,076
Net Commitments by Type	1,503,790	1,672,274	1,503,790	1,649,076
BY MATURITY				
Operating Lease Commitments				
One year or less	927,825	719,420	927,825	707,821
From one to five years	210,043	952,854	210,043	941,255
Over five years	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Lease Commitments	1,137,868	1,672,274	1,137,868	1,649,076
Capital Commitments				
One year or less	365,922	-	365,922	-
From one to five years				
Over five years				
Total Capital Commitments	365,922	-	365,922	-
Net Commitments by Maturity	1,503,790	1,672,274	1,503,790	1,649,076

NB: Commitments are GST inclusive where relevant

Capital Commitments

The Corporation entered into agreement to purchase capital assets prior to the end of the financial year. At the end of the financial year, delivery had not been made and the suppliers had not invoiced the Corporation. Items are recorded at cost quoted by the suppliers.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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The financial statements cover Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) as an individual entity. YMAC is an association incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI)*.

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are a general purpose financial report.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards which include Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that apply for the accounting period.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is in accordance with historical cost convention, except for certain assets at fair value. Except where stated, no allowance is made for the effect of changing prices on the results or the financial position.

Assets and liabilities are recognised in the Balance Sheet when and only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow and the amounts of the assets or liabilities can be reliably measured. Assets and liabilities arising under agreements equally proportionately unperformed are however not recognised unless required by an accounting standard. Liabilities and assets that are unrecognised are reported in the Schedule of Commitments.

Revenues and expenses are recognised in the Income Statement when and only when the flow or consumption or loss of economic benefits has occurred and can be reliably measured.

1.2 Statement of Compliance

Adoption of new Australian Accounting Standard requirements

No accounting standard has been adopted earlier than the effective date in the current period.

New accounting standards and interpretation have been published which are not mandatory for the 30 June 2009 financial year. Any options for early adoption have not been applied in the preparation of this financial report. YMAC have reviewed the proposed amendments to standards and interpretations and have not identified any which will materially impact the entity in the period of initial application.

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1.3 Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract to provide the service at the reporting date. The revenue is recognized when:

- The amount of revenue, stage of completion and transaction costs incurred can be reliably measured; and
- The probable economic benefits with the transaction will flow to the entity.

The stage of completion is by reference to the proportion that costs incurred to date bear to the estimated total costs of the transaction.

Receivables for services are recognised at the nominal amounts due less any provision for bad and doubtful debts. Collectability of debts is reviewed at balance date. Provisions are made when collectability of the debt is no longer probable.

Revenue from disposal of non-current assets is recognised when control of the asset has passed to the buyer.

Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the relevant asset.

Revenue from grants received from government funding organisations is recognised when received, and is deferred as a liability to the extent that unspent grants are required to be repaid to the funding organisation.

1.4 Employee Benefits

Benefits

Liabilities for services rendered by employees are recognised at the reporting date to the extent that they have not been settled.

Liabilities for short term employee benefits (as defined in AASB 119) and termination benefits due within 12 months of the balance date are measured at their nominal amounts. The nominal amount is calculated with regard to the rates expected to be paid on settlement of the liability.

All other employee benefit liabilities are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Leave

The liability for employee benefits includes provision for annual leave and long service leave. No provision has been made for sick leave as all sick leave is non-vesting and the average sick leave taken in future years by employees of YMAC is estimated to be less than the annual entitlement for sick leave.

The leave liabilities are calculated on the basis of employees' remuneration, including YMAC's employer superannuation contribution rates to the extent that the leave is likely to be taken during service rather than paid out on termination.

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The liability for long service leave has been determined by reference to the work of an actuary as at 30 June 2009. The estimate of the present value of the liability takes into account attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation.

Superannuation

Contributions are made to employee superannuation fund of their choice and charged as expenses when incurred.

1.5 Grants

Most grant agreements require YMAC to perform services, provide facilities or meet eligibility criteria. In these cases, YMAC recognises grant liabilities only to the extent that the services required have not been performed or the eligibility criteria have not been satisfied by YMAC.

In cases where grant agreements are made without conditions to be monitored, liabilities are recognised on signing the agreement.

Grants relating to the purchase of property plant and equipment would be recognized at its fair value and treated as an asset and as income when the Corporation gains control of the contribution. This is in accordance with the treatment of grants under AASB 1004 of the Australian Accounting Standards. Not for profit entities are still required to comply with AASB under IFRS and, therefore, there is no change on the treatment of Grants on adoption of IFRS.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash means notes and coins held and any deposits held with a bank or financial institution with an original maturity of 3 months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash is recognised at its nominal amount. Interest is credited to revenue as it accrues.

1.7 Other Financial Assets

Term deposits are recognised at cost.

1.8 Leases

YMAC has entered into commercial leases on certain motor vehicles where it is not in the best interest of the Corporation to purchase these assets. Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of assets are classified as operating leases.

Operating lease payments are expensed on a straight line basis over the lease term which is representative of the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets.

1.9 Financial Risk Management

YMAC's activities expose it to normal commercial financial risk. As a result of the nature of YMAC 's business and internal and Australian Government policies, dealing with the management of financial risk, YMAC 's exposure to market, credit, liquidity and cash flow and fair value interest rate risk is considered to be low.

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1.10 Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or the asset is transferred to another Entity. In the case of a transfer to another Entity, it is necessary that the risks and rewards of ownership are also transferred.

Financial liabilities are derecognized when the obligation under the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

1.11 Impairment of Financial Assets

If there is objective evidence that impairment has been incurred for receivables, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount is reduced by way of an allowance account. The loss is recognized in profit and loss.

1.12 Other Financial Liabilities

Trade creditors and accruals are recognised at their nominal amounts, being the amounts at which the liabilities will be settled. Liabilities are recognised to the extent that the goods or services have been received (and irrespective of having been invoiced).

1.13 Acquisition of Assets

Assets are recorded at cost on acquisition except as stated below. The cost of acquisition includes the fair value of assets transferred in exchange and liabilities undertaken.

1.14A Property (Land, Buildings and Infrastructure), Plant and Equipment

Revaluations

Basis

Land, buildings and infrastructure are carried at valuation, being revalued annually with sufficient frequency such that the carrying amount of each asset class is not materially different, as at reporting date, from its fair value.

Valuations undertaken in any year are as at 30 June.

Fair values for each class of asset are determined as shown below.

Asset class	Fair value measured at:
Land	Market selling price
Buildings	Market selling price
Leasehold improvements	Depreciated replacement cost
Plant and equipment	Market selling price

Land and building assets are subject to a formal valuation every three years. Formal valuations are carried out by an independent qualified valuer. Land and buildings are measured at fair cost less accumulated depreciation.

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Plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

Revaluation adjustments are made on a class basis. Any revaluation increment is credited to equity under the heading of asset revaluation except to the extent that it reverses a previous revaluation decrement of the same asset class that was previously recognized through operating result. Revaluation decrements for a class of assets are recognized directly through operating result except to the extent that they reverse a previous revaluation increment for that class.

Any accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the asset restated to the revalued amount.

Depreciation

Depreciable property plant and equipment assets are written-off to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives to YMAC using, in all cases, the straight-line method of depreciation. During the financial year ending 30 June 2009, the Corporation revised the accounting estimate of certain assets to accurately reflect the useful life of those assets and the expected economic benefits. The Corporation was previously utilising the diminishing value method of accounting for such assets and was subsequently changed to the straight-line methodology.

This resulted in a reduction in depreciation expenditure of \$ 11,952.

Depreciation rates (useful lives) and methods are reviewed at each reporting date and necessary adjustments are recognised in the current, or current and future reporting periods, as appropriate. Residual values are re-estimated for a change in prices only when assets are revalued.

Annual depreciation rates applying to each class of depreciable asset are as follows:

Buildings on freehold land	2%
Leasehold improvements	25%
Plant and equipment	25%
IT equipment	33.3%
Motor Vehicles	25%

The aggregate amount of depreciation allocated for each class of asset during the reporting period is disclosed in Note 6B.

Impairment

All assets were assessed for impairment at 30 June 2009. Where indications of impairment exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated and an impairment adjustment made if the asset's recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset. Where the future economic benefit of an asset is not primarily dependant on the asset's ability to generate cash flows, and the asset would be replaced if YMAC were deprived of the asset; its value in use is taken to be its depreciated replacement cost.

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Decommissioning, Restoration and Make-good

When assessing accommodation leases for the preparation of the opening balance sheet, no obligations under the leases for make-good were determined.

In relation to non-financial assets, YMAC has assessed at the reporting date that there is no obligation for decommissioning, restoration or make good.

1.14B Treatment of Capital Grants

Grants relating to the purchase of property, plant and equipment would be recognised at its fair value and treated as an asset and as income when the Corporation gains control of the contribution. This is in accordance with the treatment of grants under AASB 1004 of the Australian accounting standards. Not for profit entities are still required to comply with AASB 1004 under AEIFRS and, therefore, there is no change to the treatment of Grants on the adoption of AEIFRS.

\$283,090 of expenditure (depreciation) has been expensed in the current year in relation to assets financed by capital grants brought to account as income in prior years. In addition, \$106,478 of expenditure (depreciation) has been expensed in the current year in relation to assets financed by current year capital grants of \$699,078 brought to account as income in the current year.

1.15 Taxation

YMAC is exempt from all forms of taxation except fringe benefits tax and the goods and services tax (GST).

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST:

- except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office; and
- except for receivables and payables.

1.16 Comparatives

Where necessary, the prior year comparatives have been amended to facilitate comparison with the current year presentation of financial information.

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Note 2 Operating Leases

Operating leases included are effectively non – cancellable and comprise:

Nature of lease

Leases for office accommodation.

Leases for staff accommodation

Agreements for the provision of motor vehicles to senior officers.

General Description of leasing arrangements

Lease payments are subject to annual increases in accordance with upwards movements in the Consumer Price Index. Seven premises' initial leases are still current and two may be renewed from one to two years at YMAC's option. Two of the premises are on a periodic basis.

Lease payments are subject to annual increases in accordance with upwards movements in the Consumer Price Index. Eight premises' initial leases are still current and all may be renewed for 12 months at YMAC's option.

No contingent rentals exist.

Note 3 Economic Dependency

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation is an association incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI)*

YMAC is dependent on funding from the Commonwealth of Australia for its continued existence and ability to carry out its normal activities.

Note 4 Events Occurring After Reporting Date

YMAC have received confirmation from the Commonwealth of Australia of the provision of funding for the 2009/10 financial year and confirmed funding of specific corporate costs for 2010/11

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	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
Note 5 Operating Revenues				
Note 5A Revenue from Services				
Rendering of services to:				
External entities	7,701,544	6,396,938	1,531,558	2,045,828
Total rendering of services	7,701,544	6,396,938	1,531,558	2,045,828
Note 5B Finance Income				
Interest on deposits	394,940	340,311	127,677	163,798
Total finance income	394,940	340,311	127,677	163,798
Note 5C Revenue from Sales of Assets				
Plant and equipment:				
Proceeds from disposal	8,971	-	8,971	-
Net book value of assets disposed	(4,274)	-	(4,274)	-
Total net profit from disposal of plant and equipment	4,697	-	4,697	-
Note 5D Other				
Other grants:				
Staffing	1,744,780	1,664,527	1,421,874	1,247,711
Expenses and capital	6,077,882	3,778,515	6,031,489	3,739,593
Other income	-	11,991	-	384
Total Other	7,822,662	5,455,033	7,453,363	4,987,687
NOTE 6 Operating Expenses				
Note 6A Employee Expenses				
Wages and Salaries	6,582,686	5,856,964	5,918,851	5,184,564
Superannuation	548,012	507,527	481,851	451,513
Other employee benefits	644,519	531,792	615,425	357,148
Leave and other entitlements	109,351	140,603	126,083	135,735
Total Employee Expenses	7,884,568	7,036,886	7,142,210	6,128,960
Note 6B Depreciation and Amortisation				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	397,233	385,917	322,355	343,441
Amortisation of leasehold asset	26,128	42,712	24,118	41,271
Total depreciation and amortisation	423,362	428,629	346,473	384,712
The aggregate amounts of depreciation or amortisation expensed during the reporting period for each class of depreciable asset are as follows:				
Buildings on freehold land	6,679	-	6,679	-
Leasehold improvements	30,235	43,691	28,224	43,456
Plant and equipment	213,270	198,940	159,070	169,396
Motor Vehicles	173,178	185,998	152,499	171,860
Total depreciation and amortisation	423,362	428,629	346,473	384,712

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	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
Note 6C Write Down and Impairment of Assets				
Write downs	45,846	22,049	45,846	22,049
Total write down and impairment of assets	45,846	22,049	45,846	22,049
Note 7 Financial Assets				
Note 7A Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash on hand	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cash at bank	7,858,791	6,446,451	6,159,430	5,393,533
Total Cash and cash equivalents	7,859,791	6,447,451	6,160,430	5,394,533
For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, the Cash at the end of the reporting period figure includes Term Deposits, which is classified under Investment in the Balance Sheet (note 7C) Cash at bank earns interest at tiered interest rates determined by the bank.				
Note 7B Trade and other receivables (net)				
Trade receivables	3,161,372	2,495,173	457,152	981,303
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(30,143)	(232,844)	(8,037)	(204,396)
	3,131,229	2,262,329	449,115	776,907
GST receivable	41,194	39,639	30,062	29,960
Income receivable	215,314	169,894	140,641	17,098
Other receivables	129,187	119,751	91,122	91,884
Total Trade and other receivables (net)	3,516,925	2,591,613	710,940	915,849
All receivables are current assets.				
Trade Debtors are aged as follows:				
Overdue by:				
Less than 30 days	1,489,219	1,060,996	33,745	460,399
30 to 60 days	490,313	470,763	40,894	118,239
60 to 90 days	65,873	107,880	37,678	34,201
More than 90 days	1,115,967	855,535	344,836	368,464
Total Trade receivables (gross)	3,161,372	2,495,173	457,152	981,303
Allowance for Doubtful Debts is aged as follows:				
Overdue by:				
Less than 30 days	-	-	-	-
30 to 60 days	-	-	-	-
60 to 90 days	-	-	-	-
More than 90 days	30,143	232,844	8,037	204,396
Total Allowance for Doubtful Debts	30,143	232,844	8,037	204,396
Note 7C Other financial assets				
Term deposits	120,000	107,000	120,000	107,000

Short term deposits are made with varying periods of between six and nine months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Corporation, and earn interest at the respective short term deposit rates.

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	Consolidated 2009 \$	Consolidated 2008 \$	Native Title 2009 \$	Native Title 2008 \$
Note 8 Non Financial Assets				
Note 8A Land and Buildings				
Freehold land				
-At valuation 30 June 2009	820,000	820,000	820,000	820,000
Total freehold land	820,000	820,000	820,000	820,000
Buildings on freehold land				
At valuation 30 June 2009	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
-Accumulated Depreciation	(6,679)	-	(6,679)	-
Total buildings on freehold land	273,321	280,000	273,321	280,000
Leasehold improvements				
- At fair value	400,765	396,265	390,443	385,943
-Accumulated Depreciation	(305,802)	(279,674)	(301,511)	(277,393)
Total leasehold improvements	94,963	116,592	88,932	108,550
Total land and buildings (non-current)	1,188,284	1,216,592	1,182,252	1,208,550

Note 8B Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment				
-At cost	2,826,826	2,283,105	2,390,806	1,936,112
-Accumulated depreciation	(1,391,547)	(1,188,865)	(1,183,705)	(1,025,967)
-Write Downs	(38,662)	(66,329)	(36,695)	(64,362)
Total Plant and Equipment (non-current)	1,396,617	1,027,911	1,170,406	845,783

All revaluations are independent and are conducted in accordance with the revaluation policy stated at Note 1.14A. In 2007-08, the revaluations were conducted by an independent valuer W Kalajzich (LV44042).

No indicators of impairment were found for infrastructure, plant and equipment.

Movement in asset revaluation reserve

Opening Balance	-	26,481	-	26,481
Increment for land	-	625,000	-	625,000
Closing Balance	-	651,481	-	651,481

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Note 8C Reconciliation of the opening and closing balances of property, plant and equipment

Item	Land & Buildings \$	Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$	Land & Buildings \$	Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$
As at 1 July 2008						
Gross value	1,496,265	2,283,105	3,779,370	1,485,943	1,936,112	3,422,055
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation	(279,674)	(1,255,193)	(1,534,867)	(277,393)	(1,090,329)	(1,367,722)
Closing Net Book Value	1,216,592	1,027,911	2,244,503	1,208,550	845,783	2,054,333
Additions						
By purchase	11,990	801,890	813,880	11,990	711,193	723,183
Depreciation/Amortisation expense	(36,914)	(386,448)	(423,362)	(34,903)	(346,795)	(381,698)
Disposals						
Other Disposals	(3,384)	(46,736)	(50,120)	(3,384)	(39,775)	(43,159)
As at 30 June 2009						
Gross book value	1,500,765	2,826,826	4,327,591	1,490,443	2,390,806	3,881,249
Accumulated depreciation/impairment	(312,481)	(1,430,208)	(1,742,690)	(308,191)	(1,220,400)	(1,528,591)
Closing Net Book Value	1,188,284	1,396,617	2,584,901	1,182,252	1,170,406	2,352,658

Assets at valuation

Item	Land & Buildings \$	Consolidated Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$	Land & Buildings \$	Native Title Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2009						
Gross value	1,500,765	2,826,826	4,327,591	1,490,443	2,390,806	3,881,249
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation	(312,481)	(1,430,208)	(1,742,690)	(308,191)	(1,220,400)	(1,528,591)
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Closing Net Book Value	1,216,592	1,027,911	2,244,503	1,208,550	845,783	2,054,333

Notes	Consolidated 2009 \$	2008 \$	NTRB Activities 2009 \$	2008 \$
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Note 8D Other Non-Financial Assets

Prepayments	136,370	65,418	136,370	65,418
All other non-financial assets are current assets.				

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Notes	Consolidated		NTRB Activities	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 9 Provisions				
Note 9A Employee Provisions				
Salaries and wages	(4,457)	14,765	(4,012)	13,289
Leave	1,045,647	804,041	957,832	727,212
Total employee provisions	1,041,189	818,806	953,821	740,501
Current	804,693	622,851	758,196	549,232
Non-current	236,496	195,956	195,625	191,268
	1,041,189	818,806	953,821	740,501
Note 9B Other Provisions				
Provision for Audit Fees	30,000	26,400	21,893	19,954
NOTE 10 Suppliers				
Trade creditors	1,192,642	1,311,274	861,459	983,051
Operating Lease Rentals	32,918	32,918	32,918	32,918
Total Supplier Payables	1,225,561	1,344,192	894,377	1,015,969

All suppliers are current and settlement is usually made net 30 days

Note 11 Unexpended Grant

Unexpended grant carried forward	3,944,961	5,006,429	3,776,484	4,874,416
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Unexpended grant carried forward represents grant funds received specifically for approved budget items and which are repayable to the funding organisation to the extent the funds are unspent.

Note 12 Other Payables

Accrued Wages/Superannuation	138,640	99,382	101,176	75,115
General accruals	560,463	49,209	310,126	37,194
Assets/benefits held for return/distribution	42,198	-	42,198	-
Total Other Payables	741,301	148,592	453,500	112,309

Note 13 Equity

Analysis of equity

Accumulated surplus as at 1 July	3,015,859	2,763,230	1,046,648	1,663,398
Surplus from ordinary activities	167,716	252,630	(869,823)	(616,750)
Accumulated surplus as at 30 June	3,183,575	3,015,859	176,826	1,046,648
Net revaluation increment	651,481	651,481	651,481	651,481
Total equity as at 30 June	3,835,056	3,667,340	828,306	1,698,129

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Notes	Consolidated		NTRB Activities	
	2009 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2008 \$
Note 14 Cash Flow Reconciliation				
Note 14 Reconciliation of Operating Surplus to Net Cash from Operating Activities:				
Operating surplus before extraordinary items	167,716	252,630	(869,823)	(616,750)
Non- Cash Items				
Depreciation and amortisation	423,362	428,629	346,473	384,712
Net write down of non-financial assets	41,149	22,049	41,149	22,049
Revaluation Decrement	-	133,955	-	133,955
Changes in assets and liabilities				
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	(925,311)	(778,537)	204,910	44,876
(Increase) / decrease in prepayments	(136,370)	(65,418)	(136,370)	(65,418)
Increase / (decrease) in employee provisions	244,912	237,736	232,817	233,555
Increase / (decrease) in payables	455,149	50,454	567,964	181,206
Increase / (decrease) in unexpended grants	(1,061,467)	4,741,086	(1,097,932)	4,819,445
Increase / (decrease) in income in advance	2,955,692	(128,241)	2,476,159	(92,980)
Increase / (decrease) in GST payable	145,909	80,640	(200,819)	40,940
Net cash from / (used by) operating activities	2,310,740	4,974,983	1,564,529	5,085,590

Note 15 Remuneration of Officers

The number of officers who received or were due to receive total remuneration of \$130,000 or more

\$130,000 - \$144,999	2	1	2	1
\$145,000 - \$159,999	2	1	2	1
\$160,000 - \$174,999	0	0	0	0
\$175,000 - \$189,999	1	0	1	0
\$190,000 - \$204,999	0	1	0	1
\$205,000 - \$219,999	1	0	1	0
Total	6	3	6	3

The aggregate amount of total remuneration of officers shown above.

	968,563	500,761	968,563	500,761
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Executive remuneration includes salary, superannuation, Fringe Benefits, Vehicle usage and associated costs and leave provisions paid to officers employed for the full financial year.

Appointments to executive positions were effected during the prior year and the positions have now been permanently filled.

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Note 16 Financial Instruments
Note 16A Interest Rate Risk

Financial Instrument	Floating Interest Rate 2009	Floating Interest Rate 2008	Fixed Interest Rate Maturing in 1 Year or less 2009	Fixed Interest Rate Maturing in 1 Year or less 2008	Non-Interest Bearing 2009	Non-Interest Bearing 2008	Total 2009	Total 2008	Weighted Average 2009	Weighted Average 2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
<i>Financial Assets</i>										
Cash on hand					1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		
Deposits at call	1,599,853	1,051,813					1,599,853	1,051,813	2.75%	6.50%
Receivables for services (gross)					3,161,372	2,495,173	3,161,372	2,495,173		
Other					385,695	329,284	385,695	329,284		
Term deposit			6,378,938	5,501,639			6,378,938	5,501,639	3.77%	7.50%
Total	1,599,853	1,051,813	6,378,938	5,501,639	3,548,067	2,825,458	11,526,859	9,378,909		
Total Assets							14,217,987	11,455,985		
<i>Financial Liabilities</i>										
Trade creditors					1,225,561	1,344,192	1,225,561	1,344,192	n/a	n/a
Grants payable					3,944,961	5,006,429	3,579,040	5,006,429	n/a	n/a
Other payables					4,141,220	584,512	4,507,142	584,512	n/a	n/a
Total	-	-	-	-	9,311,742	6,935,133	9,311,742	6,935,133		
Total Liabilities							10,382,931	7,780,340		

Financial Assets
The net fair values of cash, deposits on call and non-interest-bearing monetary financial assets approximate their carrying amounts.
The net fair values of the term deposits are based on discounted cash flows using current interest rates for assets with similar risk profiles.

Financial Liabilities
The net fair values for trade creditors and grant liabilities, all of which are short-term in nature, are approximated by their carrying amounts.

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Note 17 Risk Exposures and Responses

Note 17A Credit Risk

The maximum exposures to credit risk at reporting date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Balance Sheet.

The Corporation has no significant exposures to any concentrations of credit risk.

Credit risk of financial instruments not past due or individually determined as impaired:

	Not Past Due nor Impaired 2009	Not Past Due nor Impaired 2008	Past due or impaired 2009	Past due or impaired 2008
Cash at Bank	7,859,791	6,447,451	-	-
Receivables for goods and services	1,489,219	1,060,996	1,672,153	1,434,177
Total	9,349,010	7,508,447	1,672,153	1,434,177

Ageing of financial assets that are past due but not impaired for 2009

	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	90+ days	Total
Receivables for goods and services	490,313	65,873	1,115,967	1,672,153

Ageing of financial assets that are past due but not impaired for 2008

	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	90+ days	Total
Receivables for goods and services	470,763	107,880	855,535	1,434,177

Note 17B Liquidity Risk

This is highly unlikely due to appropriation funding and mechanisms available to YMAC and internal policies and procedures put in place to ensure there are appropriate resources to meet its financial obligations.

YMAC manages its budgeted grant funds to ensure it has adequate funds to meet payments as they fall due. In addition, YMAC has policies in place to ensure timely payments are made when due and has no past experience of default.

Note 17C Interest rate risk

	Surplus Higher/(Lower)		Equity Higher/(Lower)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Consolidated				
+1% increase in interest rate	15,999	10,518	15,999	10,518
-1% decrease in interest rate	(15,999)	(10,518)	(15,999)	(10,518)

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Note 18 Remuneration of Auditors

The fair value of services provided was:

Audit services

Other services

2009 \$	2008 \$
32,740	25,111
-	-
32,740	25,111

Note 19 Average Staffing Levels

The average staffing levels for the entity during the year were:

2009 \$	2008 \$
98	97

Note 20 Reporting of Outcomes

Combined outcomes of YMAC

Price of NTRB outputs

Output Group 1. Facilitation & Assistance

Output Group 2. Certificate

Output Group 3. Dispute Resolution

Output Group 4. Notifications

Output Group 5. Agreement Making

Output Group 6. Internal Review

Output Group 7. Other Functions

ACTUAL 2009 \$	ACTUAL 2008 \$
15,433,472	12,422,498
157,401	126,693
146,738	118,110
678,989	546,522
299,100	240,747
82,200	66,163
2,607,596	2,098,870
19,405,495	15,619,605

Total price of functions

Source of funding

Revenue from Australian Government for NTRB outputs

Revenue from other sources

Total price of functions

9,675,974	8,244,301
9,729,521	7,375,304
19,405,495	15,619,605

Note: Figures are estimates only

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Note 21 Directors Remuneration

The number of directors of the Corporation included in these figures are shown below in the relevant remuneration bands:

\$ Nil - \$ 149,999

Total number of directors of the Corporation

2009 \$	2008 \$
12	12
12	12

Total remuneration (in kind) received or due and receivable by directors of the Authority

43,415	28,748
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Note 22 Related Party Disclosures

Loans to Directors:

These comprise overpayments of travel allowances to attend meetings.

Most of these overpayments have since been recovered. The balance will be recovered from future travel allowance payments made.

Loans to directors outstanding at year-end:

2009 \$	2008 \$
1,929	6,883

Payment to Directors-related Consultant Entities:

Payment was made to a consultant entity related to

Mr Darren Injie on arms length commercial terms.

Payments to director-related entities during the year:

32,845	10,890
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Consultancy payments to Directors

These include payments made to directors on arms length commercial terms for attendance at meetings or participation in survey related activities

Consultancy payments to Directors during the year:

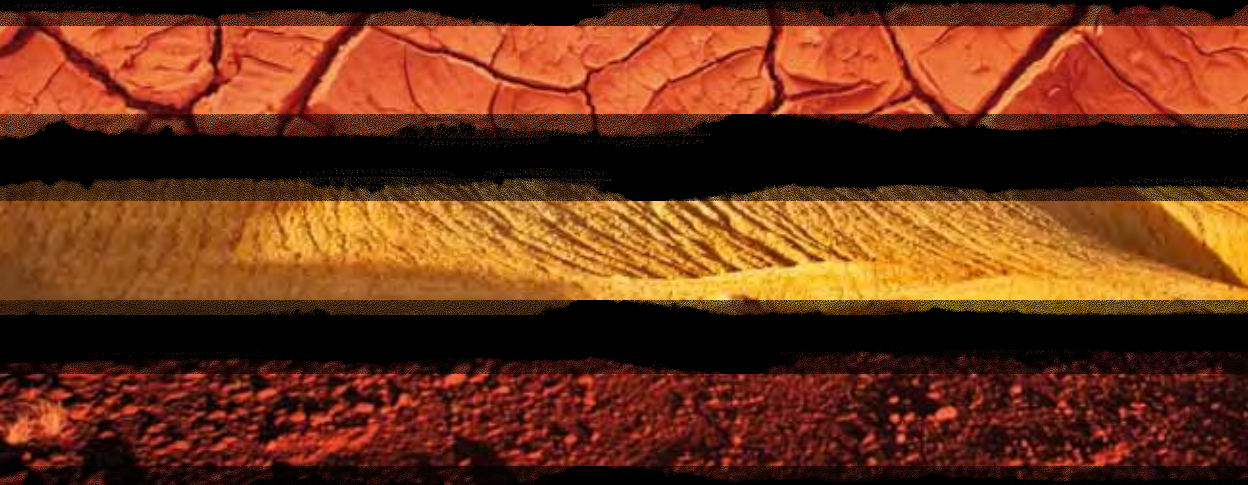
31,000	19,088
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Glossary of Terms

ACCO	Aboriginal Communities Charitable Organisation
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ASKAP	Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder
BIA	Binding Initial Agreement
CATSIA	Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FMG	Fortescue Metals Group
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
MRO	Murchison Radio-Astronomy Observatory
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NTA	Native Title Act 1993
ONT	Office of Native Title
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PLO	Principal Legal Officer
PO	Project Officer
WA	Western Australia
YMAC	Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
YMBBMAC	Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation (former name)

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