

## **Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation**

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### **Aboriginal Land Council Preserves Non-Indigenous Heritage**

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Yamatji Land and Sea Council recently unveiled renovations made to their heritage-listed offices, located at 171 Marine Terrace, Geraldton.

The refurbishments coincide with the City of Geraldton-Greenough's review of Geraldton's Heritage Inventory, which aims to ensure an accurate reflection of the city's heritage. The elegant art deco building was originally built as a Commonwealth Bank branch in 1938 and has been home to the Yamatji Land and Sea Council since 2001. The work has taken months of planning and has given the heritage building a new lease of life.

Simon Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer said, "Yamatji Land and Sea Council works for the recognition and protection of Yamatji land and culture. We understand and respect the importance of people's heritage. It is fitting for us to help preserve Geraldton's non-Indigenous history by ensuring this significant building can be enjoyed by future generations."

Yamatji Land and Sea Council represents over ten native title claims throughout the Murchison and Gascoyne regions. Yamatji traditional owners are invited to attend the Council's Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 10am on Saturday, 9 February at Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation. People interested in attending can contact Yamatji Land and Sea Council on 9965 6222 for more details.

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