



Yamatji Marlpa
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Indigenous West Australians recognised at International Women's Day Event

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Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is extremely proud that two of its staff members and one of its Board members will be honoured at an event in Adelaide marking 'International Women's Day.'

Mrs. Donna Murdock, Yamatji Regional Manager, Ms. Margaret Rose, Senior Community Liaison Officer and Mrs. Doris Eaton, co-chair of YMAC's Board of Directors and 2009 NAIDOC elder of the year, will be recognised by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) for achieving change for their people and communities.

To celebrate the one hundredth International Women's Day, NATSIWA will be recognising one hundred Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have shown leadership and achieved change over the past one hundred years. In addition to a rally in Adelaide on 10 March 2011, there will also be a poster featuring all one hundred women that will be widely distributed to schools, non-government organisations and government departments. A blog has also been created where the women will contribute to forums on issues facing Indigenous women.

Mrs. Murdock, Ms. Rose and Mrs. Eaton were all chosen because of their activism, leadership and commitment to their regional communities. They have contributed to their communities in the areas of health, education, business development, native title and traditional culture.

"It's a great pleasure to be recognised and to be honoured among other women who have been working hard for their communities. It is really rewarding for us Indigenous women to come together from all parts of Australia and have it be recognised that yes, we are making a difference," said Margaret Rose.

Simon Hawkins, YMAC's Chief Executive Officer, said of the news, "It's wonderful to see some of the hard-working, community-minded Aboriginal women of the Midwest and Pilbara regions being celebrated nationally for their achievements. YMAC congratulates Mrs. Eaton, Ms. Rose and Mrs. Murdock on their nominations, and I can say personally that it has been a huge honour to work with them over the years."

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