



Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

New publication unites Mid-West Indigenous business

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Yamatji Land and Sea Council today launched the first issue of *Yamatji Business News*, promoting indigenous economic and business opportunities in the Murchison, Gascoyne and Mid-West.

The Council has recently appointed Ms Caroline Williams to the position of Economic Development Officer based in the Geraldton Office*. Her first initiative has been to establish *Yamatji Business News* as a focus point for the Aboriginal community, government agencies and other stakeholders.

Yamatji Land and Sea Council's Regional Manager, Russell Simpson said, "There are a lot of great initiatives happening in the region, but there didn't seem to be one place for the community to go for information. *Yamatji Business News* aims to bring everyone together to increase business opportunities for Aboriginal people in the region. We've had a great response from local organisations and we invite indigenous businesses to be featured in upcoming editions."

"The intention of *Yamatji Business News* is to increase people's awareness of projects and initiatives in the region. I am hoping it will create more partnership opportunities for everyone to work together towards Indigenous economic and social advancement," said Caroline Williams.

Yamatji Business News is a free publication and subscriptions can be made by calling Caroline Williams on 9965 6222, or visiting www.yamatji.org.au.

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Notes for Editors

Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation is the native title representative body for native title claims in the resource-rich Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne representative areas of Western Australia. The organisation has two divisions: the **Pilbara Native Title Service (PNTS)** and the **Yamatji Land and Sea Council (YLSC)**. YMBBMAC has a representative area of almost one million square kilometres and represents 24 native title claims.

YMBBMAC provides a range of services to its members including claim and future-act representation, heritage protection services, community and economic development and natural resource management.

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