



Yamatji Marlpa ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Native Title organisation wins Pinnacle Award for Aboriginal Leadership

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YMAC Co-Chairs Mrs Doris Eaton and Mr Victor Mourambine with His Excellency Malcolm McCusker

The Western Australian business community last night recognised Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) in the area of *Aboriginal Leadership Development Excellence* at the inaugural AIM WA/WestBusiness Pinnacle Awards.

The awards, a collaboration between The West Australian's business section and the Australian Institute of Management WA, recognised excellence in business across a diverse range of fields.

A total of 117 entries were received from companies vying for the Pinnacle award for Aboriginal leadership development, philanthropy, customer service, green initiatives, human resource management, innovation, marketing and regional small business.

More than 600 guests, including Premier Colin Barnett and Governor Malcolm McCusker, attended Crown Perth last night with Co-Chairpersons Mrs Doris Eaton and Mr Victor Mourambine accepting on behalf of YMAC.

Mrs Eaton said, “I want to recognise the hard work and the journey of Traditional Owners, particularly the leadership of the Yamatji and Pilbara Regional Committees and Board of Directors. I also acknowledge the Noongar people, on whose country we have received this award.

Victor Mourambine said, “This means a lot for our people and shows we’re heading in the right direction. I look forward to continuing this way and the benefits it can bring for the future.”

Simon Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer said, “We’re proud to have our ongoing endeavours toward Traditional Owners’ rights and interests recognised. I congratulate all the award winners and nominees, it was inspiring to see the strength of community and business leadership in WA.”

Each winner was awarded \$10,000 to donate to a charity of their choice, with YMAC selecting Clontarf Foundation for their dedicated work in Aboriginal education, training and leadership development.

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for native title claims in the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne areas of Western Australia. The organisation has a representative area of almost one million square kilometres and represents over 20 native title claims, all with their own language, culture and traditions.

YMAC is a not-for-profit organisation, run by an Aboriginal Board and 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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