



Yamatji Marlpa ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Oxford Excellence for YMAC employee, Tamara Murdock

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Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation is pleased to announce that Tamara Murdock has been awarded the Charlie Perkins Scholarship to Oxford University, where she will pursue a Master's of Science in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management.

Tamara holds a Bachelor of Science (Environmental Management) with First Class Honours from Edith Cowan University and is currently employed by YMAC as the Project Coordinator (Research, Environment and Heritage Protection), managing Carbon Farming Initiative and Indigenous Protected Area projects.

Tamara is descendent of the Noongar and Yindjibarndi people, and was born and raised in Geraldton. She is passionate about promoting leadership within the Aboriginal Community and building the capacity of Traditional Owners to manage their own environmental projects.

“Through my work at YMAC, I strive to effect change through building the capacity of our people and organisation. Attending Oxford will compliment the knowledge I have gained from the Traditional Owners I've had the honour of working with.

I'm very proud to work for an organisation that truly supports the endeavours of their Aboriginal employees. I have received unwavering support from YMAC and I hope to be able to use the expertise gained from my studies to give back to YMAC and improve outcomes for Traditional Owners.” said Tamara Murdock.

YMAC's support for Tamara was recognised as part of the winning application for the 2014 AIM Pinnacle Award for Aboriginal Leadership Development Excellence.

As part of YMACs commitment to developing leadership and excellence Tamara has received support and funding to attend a number of high profile conferences to further develop her own knowledge and to collaborate with other organisations on the issues of biological diversity, sustainability and Indigenous land management.

“Everyone at YMAC is very proud of Tamara; she has gained a number of achievements throughout her studies and career including her placement on the Edith Cowan University Dean’s List in 2011, induction as a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, the YMAC Values Award in 2013 and the Charlie Perkins Scholarship.

Tamara’s academic knowledge, along with her passion and commitment to working with Traditional Owners to achieve positive outcomes has been invaluable to our organisation” said YMAC CEO, Simon Hawkins.

Tamara will begin her studies alongside fellow YMAC employee and Charlie Perkins Scholarship winner, Jessyca Hutchens, at Oxford University in October.

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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