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Nyangumarta Highway is open for business!

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Named after the Traditional Owners of the land, the Nyangumarta Highway in Western Australia's Pilbara region is one of the longest privately owned roads in Australia. It stretches over 600km from 80 Mile Beach to the Canning Stock Route and ends boundary between the Nyangumarta and Martu native title lands.

Formally known as the Kidson Track, it was created in the late 1960s as an oil exploration track built by West Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd. Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation (NWAC), the Prescribed Body Corporate for the Nyangumarta people, has this year partnered with Four Wheel Drive Australia to provide and administer a permit system for the Nyangumarta Highway.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation's (YMAC) Knowledge Partnerships is pleased to have been involved in this project. Working closely with New Standard Energy, YMAC's Knowledge Partnerships provided content for the brochure and a detailed map of the area.

Nyaparu Rose, Nyangumarta Traditional owner, CEO of Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation and Deputy Regional Manager of YMAC's Pilbara office, says the highway is a great way for people to explore the lands of the Nyangumarta people.

"The Nyangumarta Highway permit system provides us with a small income to help us look after the land for our generation and future generations. The permit system lets us learn about how people are using the road. This means we can plan for future protection and tourism," says Ms Rose.

All revenue coming from the permits goes towards covering the administration of the permit system with the largest proportion provided to NWAC for use towards ongoing management and protection of environmental, cultural, and heritage values of the Nyangumarta lands.

Travellers can drive and camp the 310 km stretch of the Great Sandy Desert and explore Nyangumarta country. A permit costing \$55 can be purchased through [Four Wheel Drive Australia's website](#).

About Knowledge Partnerships

YMAC's Knowledge Partnerships combines traditional knowledge with corporate and technical experience to create ethical collaborations for Traditional Owner Groups. Our work includes cultural, community and commercial projects, driven by Aboriginal people.

We support our partners with a respectful and culturally-appropriate approach, stemming from over 20 years of shared experience.

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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