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INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW



Nanda Country

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for the Traditional Owners of the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia.

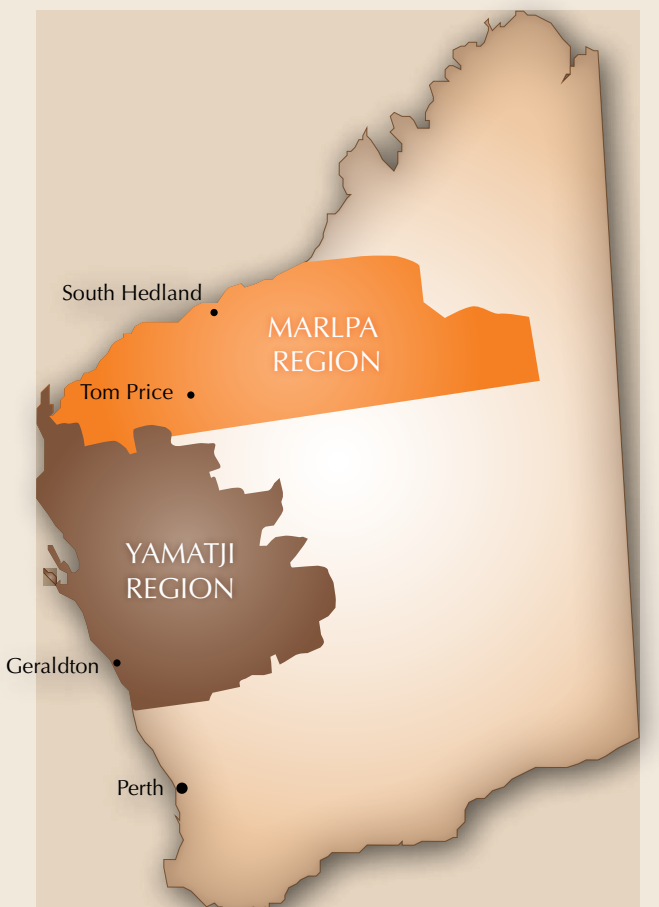
YMAC represents 25 native title groups, all with their own culture, language and traditions. YMAC's representative area covers over one million square kilometres, with offices in Perth, Geraldton, South Hedland and Tom Price.

YMAC is run by an Aboriginal Board of Directors to protect Yamatji and Marlpa country. We do this by providing a range of professional services to Traditional Owner groups.

Our work includes:

- Legal representation and research to assist with native title claims
- Dispute Resolution
- Negotiating land use and native title agreements
- Cultural heritage protection services
- Community, economic and environmental projects

YMAC operates under the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act).



OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES



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OUR VISION

“Country”

Country is our mother, our provider and keeper of our cultural belongings. Culture and Country go together. You can’t have one without the other.

OUR MISSION

To work with Yamatji and Pilbara Aboriginal people to pursue:

- Recognition and acceptance of Yamatji and Pilbara culture in Country
- A strong future for Yamatji and Pilbara people and Country

OUR AIMS

- Ensure an enduring heritage and culture
- Resolve native title claims
- Seek outcomes that provide a strong legacy for Yamatji and Pilbara people

OUR VALUES

- Respect
- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Loyalty
- Innovation

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Mt Newman, Nyiyaparli Country

This reporting period has seen the Board of Directors meet with a number of key stakeholders throughout the State and country. During the reporting period we have attended workshops in the Kimberley, the National Native Title Conference in Port Douglas, meetings with stakeholders in Perth, Murchison, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions and of course our regular schedule of YMAC Committee and Board meetings. These meetings and conferences are an important way to meet with our peers from other Native Title Representative Bodies and to share and learn from each other's experiences.

Aboriginal Heritage Act

The State Government's Amendment Bill to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* (AHA) is still a pressing issue for us. The Amendment Bill is currently before Parliament. It does not protect our heritage, culture or traditions. The AHA Amendment Bill will make it even harder for Aboriginal people to protect sacred sites. In September 2014, YMAC held an on-Country bush meeting at Yule River in the Pilbara. Over 200 concerned elders, Traditional Owners

and community members attended to hear about the amendments, and voice their concerns. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs was invited, but did not attend. No representative from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs attended. All attendees voted to reject the Amendment Bill. Following the Yule River meeting, a petition was circulated and received over 1600 signatures. A delegation of Traditional Owners and elders presented this to Ben Wyatt, Shadow Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson and Hon Brendon Grylls, Member for Pilbara on the steps of Parliament. The nine Traditional Owners met with the Minister and key members from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs to discuss our concerns.

A significant development came in April when the WA Supreme Court ruled in favour of Traditional Owners Kerry and Diana Robinson against the State Government for deregistering a sacred site. Since 2013, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs has de-registered 32 sites based on a new interpretation of the definition of a sacred site. The Supreme Court found that this new interpretation was

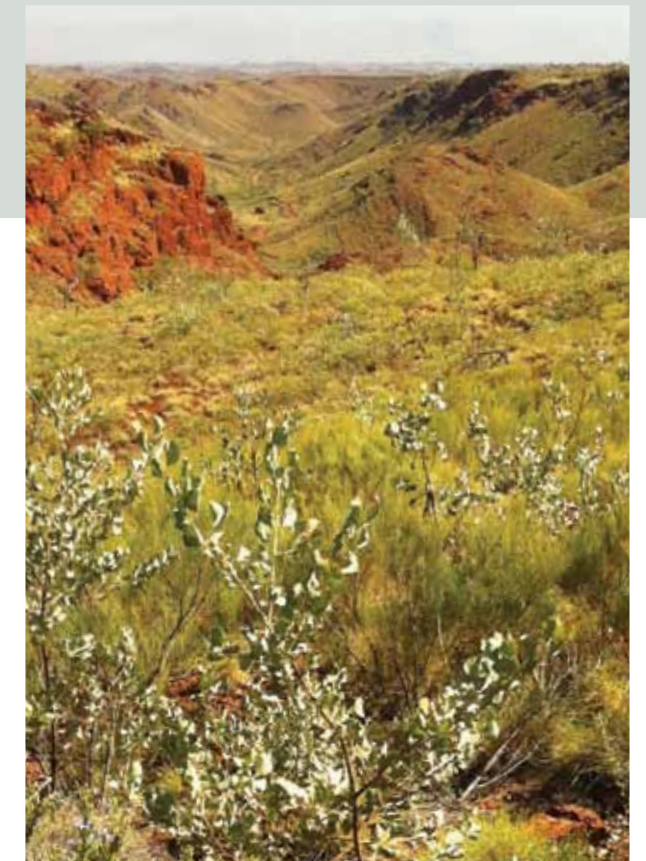
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not valid, and neither was the de-registration of the Port Hedland Port as a site. This decision could affect the other de-registered sites as well.

Regional Services Reform

After months of speculation surrounding the closure of regional and remote Aboriginal communities, the State Government announced its Regional Services Reform Plan. This reform plan will look at how services will be provided to Aboriginal communities. We are still no clearer on the issue, despite this announcement. The WA Government, on many issues concerning Aboriginal people, forgot one thing - and that is to consult with us before they make decisions that affect our traditions, connection to Country and culture.

On a more positive note, we as Co-Chairs were given the opportunity to meet with many of our colleagues and peers during the National Native Title Conference, convened this year by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the



Njamal Country

Cape York Land Council. It was hosted by the Kuku Yalanji people on the traditional lands in Port Douglas, Queensland.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we thank YMAC's members, committees, management and staff for their ongoing commitment to culture and country in the Yamatji and Pilbara.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Doris Eaton

YMAC CO-CHAIRPERSON

Mrs Eaton is a Njamal woman from the eastern Pilbara region and in 2009 was named NAIDOC's female elder of the year.

Mrs Eaton has been involved in health programs for Aboriginal women and children, care for the elderly and has completed studies at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in Darwin.

Mrs Eaton's driving force is to ensure that younger generations learn strong culture and law from their elders.



Ben Roberts

YMAC CO-CHAIRPERSON

Ben is a Thudgari man who lives in Carnarvon. He was instrumental in assisting his community to have their native title recognised in 2009. He is involved in the Thudgari people's Prescribed Body Corporate, Wyamba.

He enjoys fishing, camping and visiting country with his children and grandchildren.

He was elected to the Yamatji Regional Committee at the 2013 Annual Regional Meeting and was elected to the YMAC Board of Directors at the 2014 Yamatji Annual Regional Meeting.



Natalie Parker

YMAC DEPUTY CO-CHAIRPERSON

Natalie is a Nyiyaparli woman from the central Pilbara region who is well known in the community for her leadership capacity.

Natalie represents her community on the Board of the Gumula Aboriginal Corporation, Gumula Enterprises Pty Ltd, Meta Maya Aboriginal Corporation as well as being the first female co-chair of YMAC.

Natalie enjoys camping on Country and spending quality time with her grandchildren. Her aspirations for the future include improvements in health, education and economic opportunities for Aboriginal people, and to see recognition of culture and a strong future for all.



Peter Windie

YMAC DEPUTY CO-CHAIRPERSON

Peter is a Thudgari man who played an integral leadership role in his people's native title determination in 2009.

Peter lives in Gascoyne Junction and is a well-respected community leader in the region. He is chairman of the Windi Mia Aboriginal Corporation, which is currently pursuing possible tourism and pastoral ventures in the Yamatji region.

He is passionate about Country and how deeply Aboriginal people are spiritually connected to the land.



Paul Baron

DIRECTOR

Paul is a Baiyungu man and a member of the Gnulli native title claim. He is the general manager of the Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation, which is involved in development and land holdings in the Coral Bay area, including Cardabia pastoral lease.

Paul lives in Carnarvon and is a keen fisherman, but also enjoys hunting and camping in his spare time. Being on the YMAC Board of Directors is important to him because he believes that full recognition of traditional ownership provides Aboriginal people a base for building strong communities and enterprises.



Nora Cooke

DIRECTOR

Nora is an Ngarla woman who played an integral role in her people's native title determination in 2007.

Nora enjoys the bush life in the Pilbara, including fishing, camping, cooking and hunting. Nora has an in-depth understanding of bush medicine and provides advice to people seeking bush medicine treatments. She also practices her culture by teaching several Aboriginal languages and running cultural awareness training at mine sites and the Wangka Maya Language Centre.

To Nora, Country means to live freely on the land, gathering food and hunting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Cecily Dowden

DIRECTOR

Cecily is a Wajarri woman and a resident of Carnarvon. She works as a transport officer for the Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation and is a dedicated mother and grandmother.

Cecily is pleased to be a member of the Yamatji Committee so she can work towards her vision for the future: for Aboriginal children to know their culture, language and heritage.

She looks forward to seeing her grandchildren learning their languages from both sides of her family. In her spare time, Cecily loves gardening and learning about Wajarri Country.



Terry Jaffrey

DIRECTOR

Terry is from the Western Shaw River and is a member of the Palyku claim group. He has a long relationship with YMAC and has been an active supporter of native title since 2006. Terry was elected to the Board of Directors in November 2014.

Terry was originally involved in the Woodstock / Abydos Heritage Project located in the east Pilbara region in the traditional country of the Kariyarra and Palyku people. It is Terry's dream to have this area nationally recognised and eventually World Heritage listed.



Deborah Oakley

DIRECTOR

Deborah is a Malgana woman. She currently works with the Carnarvon Aboriginal Medical Service and looks forward to using her skills and cultural knowledge during her work for the Yamatji Regional Committee and Board of Directors.

Country is very precious to Deborah's heart. For her, Country goes way back to ancestors long gone and now it's up to those who are here to respect what is left.

Deborah is very active. In her spare time she enjoys singing and dancing as well as playing basketball, football, softball and darts, and going fishing and swimming.



Richard Oakley

DIRECTOR

Richard is a Malgana man from Carnarvon who is actively involved in his community and has experience working on a variety of boards and committees for community organisations.

Richard has been involved in native title for a long time. Access to Country to be able to pass on lore and culture is very important to him. Richard would like to see recognition for all Aboriginal people and believes it is important for Aboriginal people to unite and work together to protect their culture and Country.

Richard was elected to the Board of Directors and the Yamatji Regional Committee at the Yamatji Annual Regional Meeting on 29 November 2014.



Diane Stewart

DIRECTOR

Diane is a Nyangumarta woman who has been actively involved in the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation after being inspired by elders who worked towards the 2009 Nyangumarta determination.

Diane was born in Port Hedland and continues to live there today. She is proud that her family of five generations continues to have such a strong connection to Country. Diane feels a great sense of belonging when she spends time on country with her family, learning hunting and gathering.

Diane works as an Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer working with students, parents and the community for better outcomes for Indigenous students.



Selina Stewart

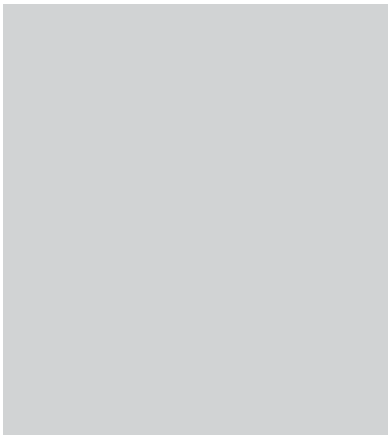
DIRECTOR

Selina is a Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura (PKKP) Traditional Owner and a devoted mother and grandmother.

Selina grew up in Carnarvon and Port Hedland and currently lives in Perth. She has spent 10 years working to gain native title recognition for her community and has fond memories of learning about her Country from her father and grandmother.

Her drive to serve her community is inspired by her father, who was actively involved in native title and made sure his daughters could continue in his footsteps.

PILBARA REGIONAL COMMITTEE



Raylene Button

PILBARA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Raylene is an active member of the Kariyarra native title claim, serving on the Working Group and several sub-committees. She was elected to the Pilbara Regional Committee in July 2014.



Albert Pianta

PILBARA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Albert is a member of the Ngarlawangga native title claim and working group.
He is an active member of the Ngarlawangga and Njamal communities. He has worked in education and continues to focus on getting strong education and training outcomes for the whole community.



Ivan Smirke

PILBARA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Ivan Smirke is a member of the Jurruru working group and was elected to the Pilbara Regional Committee in August 2014.



Toby Smirke

PILBARA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Toby is a Jurruru man who speaks the Bunjima language of the central Pilbara. He is an expert horseman who has worked and run several large stations throughout the region, including Cooline and Strelley Pastoral Station.
Toby's term on Pilbara Regional Committee ended on 5 August 2014.

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Darren Capewell

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Darren is a member of the Malgana Working Group who lives in Denham. He was elected to the Yamatji Regional Committee at the Yamatji Annual Regional Meeting on 29 November 2014.



Helen Capewell

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Helen is a Nanda woman who lives in Carnarvon. She is an enrolled nurse at the Aboriginal Medical Centre in Carnarvon and is currently studying to be a Registered Nurse. Helen's term on the Yamatji Regional Committee ended on 29 November 2014.



Rhodda Capewell

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Rhodda is a member of the Wajarri Yamatji and Amangu claim groups. She was elected to the Yamatji Regional Committee on 29 November 2014. Being on the Yamatji Committee is important to Rhodda because it gives her the opportunity to learn more about native title and her people. Although she did not have the opportunity to learn about her traditions as a child, Rhodda is now exploring Wajarri culture and tradition. She encourages her children to talk to the old people so that they can understand their culture.



Dion Harris

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Dion is a Naaguja Wajarri man from Northampton. To Dion, going out on-Country can be very healing and it is an important part of keeping healthy. He learned a lot from his grandfather who was a Wajarri elder and enjoys working with young people to pass this knowledge down to future generations. He believes it is important to make sure people know more about Country to protect important sites.

He was elected to the Yamatji Regional Committee at the Yamatji Annual Regional Meeting on 29 November 2014.



Beverley Ladyman

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Beverley is a Malgana woman who lives in Carnarvon. She is an Aboriginal health worker and health professional who has worked at the Aboriginal Medical Service and the Carnarvon Hospital.

Beverley's term on the Yamatji Regional Committee ended on 29 November 2014.



Rachel Mongoo

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Rachel is a Nanda Wajarri woman from Northampton and an active member of her community. She sits on the committee for Northampton Old School Community Initiative and is involved in taking local kids out to Country and working on art projects. Country is very important to Rachel. To her, learning from grandparents and passing knowledge down to the little ones is a vital part of protecting cultural heritage.

Rachel was elected to the Yamatji Regional Committee at the Yamatji Annual Regional Meeting on 29 November 2014.

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE



Davina Mourambine

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Davina is a Wajarri woman who lives in Northampton with her family. She has been working with Aboriginal children for 15 years to ensure they are safe and can look forward to a positive future.

Davina has been a member of YMAC since she was 18.



Victor Mourambine

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Victor is a Wajarri man from Northampton who has very deep ties to the region. He gained his citizenship from the Australian Government in 1967.

He has a long history of working with the Aboriginal community, on the Commission of Elders at state and regional level and through the Department of Justice helping prisoners. His work with Aboriginal prisoners earned him the Order of Australia.

His work in native title is motivated by a desire to gain recognition for Traditional Owners. He wants to carry on the fight of elders who have passed before they were able to gain legal recognition of their Country and culture.



Kathleen Musulin

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Kathleen is a Malgana woman who lives in Carnarvon. She has extensive knowledge of the health needs of her community.

She has played a significant role in the assistance of planning and implementation, as well as the service delivery, for Aboriginal groups affected by drug and alcohol use, and family violence. Working with Indigenous and culturally diverse people, Kathleen provides support through mentoring and networking with other service providers including Government and non-government departments.

Kathleen's term on the Yamatji Regional Committee ended on 29 November 2014.



Susan Oakley

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Susan is a Malgana woman who is very active in the Carnarvon community. She is the acting Chair of the Carnarvon Aboriginal Congress, a body set up to address the needs of the community, and is part of the Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation. She is also involved as an umpire for local sports teams.

Country means everything to Susan. She wants Aboriginal people to be able to be free on Country, to hunt and fish and look after the land and the environment. This and her desire for justice for Aboriginal people motivates her native title work with YMAC.



Rodney Ryan

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Rodney Ryan is a Nanda and Wajarri man with a long history of working to strengthen his community. He is currently a mentor supervisor for Emu Services in youth training and employment pathways in the mining industry.

Rodney has been involved in numerous community initiatives including the Compass Program to address children's school attendance, the Carnarvon Aboriginal Congress, and the Men's Shed.

Rodney has also started 'Green Team', a natural resource management program with Rangelands Western Australia. His vision for the future is to see his community grow beyond native title, through education, environmental protection and enterprise.



Karla Tittums

YAMATJI REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Karla is a Baiyungu woman and a member of the Gnulli claim group. She has been a member of YMAC for many years.

Karla lives in Carnarvon and has worked in child protection and drug and alcohol services for nearly 20 years. She enjoys learning more about YMAC's work as a committee member.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Malgana Coastline



This was a busy and challenging year for YMAC. With the slowing of the mining boom, YMAC must find ways to stay relevant for Traditional Owners. In response to these maturing needs of the

groups we represent, we are developing partnership and collaborative arrangements with native title groups, tailored to meet their specific requirements. YMAC's Knowledge Partnerships aims to be the Traditional Owner's first choice when it comes to assistance and capacity building to fulfil responsibilities for on-Country management, heritage protection and advocacy, and community projects.

Litigation

Disappointingly, in March 2015, the Federal Court ruled against the Badimia people's native title claim. Justice Barker found that, at sovereignty in 1829, there was a group of Badimia people who were governed by their laws and customs, but he was not convinced that

Badimia held native title in the claim area today. This was a devastating decision for the Badimia people.

On a more positive note, the Banjima people again celebrated in June 2015 after the Federal Court dismissed the State's appeal over part of their Native Title determination. The State appealed on two areas with the main appeal over the Banjima people's connection to the northern portion of the claim area (around 25% of the total claim). The State also appealed on the issue of exclusive possession. The Banjima people lodged their first native title claim in 1998 and have been in litigation with the WA State Government since 2011. Native Title was determined in August 2013 but the State appealed a section of the determination in March 2014.

Heritage legislation

In September 2014, YMAC facilitated an on-Country bush meeting at Yule River. Over 200 concerned community members, Traditional Owner and elders

attended to voice their concern over the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* Amendment Bill and the lack of consultation. This was a much needed opportunity for Traditional Owners to add their voice to the discussion surrounding the protection of Aboriginal Heritage in WA.

The discussion was lead by YMAC Co-Chairperson and respected Njamal elder Doris Eaton and respected Banjima elder Maitland Parker. Aboriginal representative bodies from the Pilbara, members of Parliament including Robin Chapple MLC, Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, and Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Member for Pilbara, were given the opportunity to address those in attendance. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Peter Collier MLC, declined an invitation to attend and no representative from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) attended. Following the meeting, the group unanimously voted to reject the Amendment Bill in its current form.

In November 2014, a group of over 70 Traditional Owners and elders presented a petition signed by 1600 people,

rejecting the Amendment Bill to Ben Wyatt MLA, Shadow Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson and Hon Brendon Grylls MLA. Following this presentation, nine Traditional Owners, along with YMAC staff attended a meeting with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and senior members of the DAA to discuss the Amendment Bill. Despite assurances from the Minister that the Bill would not be tabled in Parliament until early 2015, it was introduced on the last sitting day of the 2014 Parliamentary year.

During this reporting period, the Amendment Bill is still before Parliament, awaiting debate. WA Land Councils have been deliberately excluded from the consultation process.

The Amendment Bill lacks basic rights, including procedural fairness, which must be enshrined in the legislation.

Strategic Plan

In this reporting period, YMAC developed a new strategic plan to guide the organisation through the coming years. This is in response to the evolving needs

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT



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of Traditional Owners, Prescribed Bodies Corporate and requests for new services to support native title rights and interests

The strategic plan has been greatly influenced by the valuable feedback we received from staff. We look forward to the future outcomes we hope to achieve in partnership with Traditional Owners.

Pilbara and Yamatji Research

Significant progress was made during the reporting period, with the submission of a full Connection Report for the Nanda native title claim to the State and research presented to the relevant communities. One result of this intensive research phase has been significant progress toward resolving overlaps in the Yamatji region.

Unfortunately the State continues to take an overly legalistic approach to its assessment of connection reports. This results in a lengthy process of legal submissions and supplementary reports before it will consider entering into discussion for a possible consent determination.

In the Pilbara region several supplementary reports were submitted to the State and targeted research completed in order to move several claims towards consent determinations later in 2015. For more information, please refer to the Research and Knowledge Partnerships update on page 31.

Staffing and operations

YMAC has seen its 12th consecutive clear external audit.

We are grateful for the funding received from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet which is vital for us to continue our level of services to Traditional Owners.

I'm also pleased to report that this year has seen low staff turnover with a better than average retention rate.

I would like to thank YMAC's Board of Directors for their continued guidance and support and acknowledge staff for their dedication and professionalism in our work for Yamatji and Marlpa Traditional Owners.

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

During the reporting period YMAC was actively involved in advocacy for Traditional Owners through the following avenues:

Submissions/representations

- Submission on the draft *Aboriginal Heritage Act* Amendment Bill 2014 - August 2014
- Submission in response to a Bill to achieve recognition of Aboriginal peoples in the Western Australian constitution - November 2014
- Submission to a WA Joint Select Committee considering recognition of Aboriginal peoples in the Western Australian Constitution - January 2015
- Submission in response to the Australian Law Reform Commission's (limited) review of the *Native Title Act* (Cth) - January 2015
- YMAC Co-Chairs letter to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Peter Collier - Regional meetings - January 2015
- Submission about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian constitution - February 2015
- YMAC Co-Chairs letter to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Peter Collier - Regional meetings - February 2015
- Submission about the Review of Commonwealth Marine Reserves - March 2015
- YMAC CEO letter to Prime Minister - Funding Boost For Indigenous Land And Sea Management - May 2015
- YMAC Co-Chairs letter to Premier of Western Australia - Aboriginal Community Closures - May 2015
- YMAC CEO letter to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Peter Collier - Position on Fielding v Robinson - June 2015

Stakeholder engagement and advocacy

- Chamber of Minerals and Energy Native Title and Aboriginal Heritage Working Group
- WA Alliance of Land Councils Meeting with Minister for Regional Development, Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, Shadow Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson and Member for Kimberley - March 2015
- CEO / Chair Forum - NNTC and a follow up to the DPMC session earlier in the year - 7 August 2014
- CEO / Chair Forum - Canberra - 25/26 March 2015
- Board Member, National Native Title Council
- Member, AIATSIS PBC Support Officer Network

Presentations at conferences and events

- Yule River on-Country meeting - September 2014
- Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations Conference - October 2014
- Delegation of Traditional Owners and elders to Parliament - November 2014
- MINT workshop/conference - March 2015
- Native Title introduction and overview, Nedlands Rotary Club - May 2015
- Free and Informed Consent Forum, Canberra - May 2015
- National Native Title Conference, Port Douglas - June 2015

2014/15 HIGHLIGHTS



Banjima Country

Banjima appeal decision

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Preserving knowledge

Because of the time it takes to resolve a native title claim, some elders very sadly pass away before their claim is resolved. One way to make sure the invaluable knowledge of elders can be used to benefit their native title claim is

to hold preservation evidence. Preservation evidence is evidence heard by the Court before a trial and "preserved" by the Court in case it is needed in a full trial. Just like other evidence, it is held in front of a Judge and witnesses are questioned by lawyers for the State and other respondents.

On 2 July 2014 Yinhawangka elder Barndu (David Cox) gave preservation evidence on-Country at Kalkathara. Barndu's family came along to the support him on the day. Barndu put in many hours of his time over the last



Yinhawangka elder Barndu (David Cox) with his family

few years to produce a 30 page witness statement that was tendered as evidence in addition to his oral evidence on-Country. The evidence Barndu gave is an important step forward for the Yinhawangka Native Title Claim.

Yule River on-Country meeting

On 26 September 2014, over 200 Traditional Owners met on-Country to voice their outrage over the proposed State Government amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (AHA)*.

Hosted by the YMAC Pilbara Regional Committee, the on-Country meeting was a much needed opportunity for Traditional Owners to add their voice to the discussion surrounding the protection of Aboriginal Heritage in WA.



Traditional Owners gathered at Yule River

Aboriginal representative bodies from the Pilbara, members of Parliament including Robin Chapple MLC, Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, and Hon Brendon Grylls MLA Member for Pilbara, were given the opportunity to address those in attendance.

All attendees voted to reject the AHA amendments. A delegation went to Parliament for talks with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. The delegation called on the Legislative Assembly to form a Select Committee, with the intention to develop a new framework to reform the AHA.



Delegation to Parliament

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On November 20 2014, over 70 Traditional Owners representing each region of Western Australia converged on Parliament in an historic show of solidarity against the State government's proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (AHA)*.

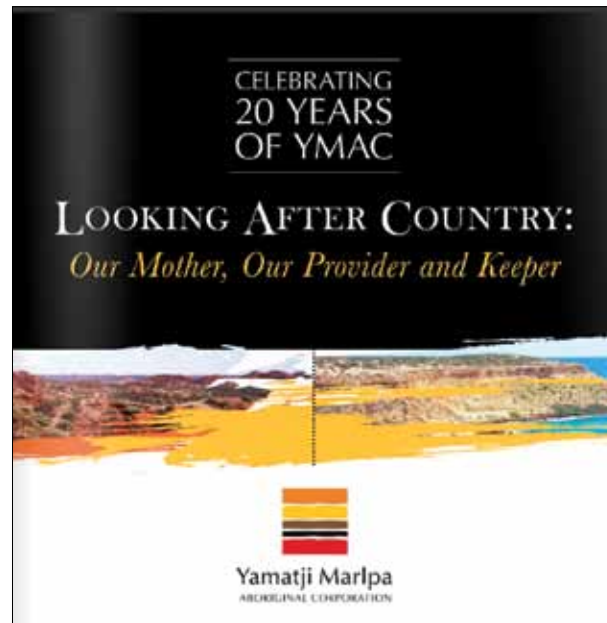
The delegation met with Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Peter Collier MLC, Hon Brendon Grylls MLA and Ben Wyatt MLA, where they voiced their concerns about the amendments, and presented a petition signed by over 1600 concerned community members.

YMAC Co-Chair Doris Eaton, urged the Minister to remove the proposed Amendment Bill and begin a meaningful consultation process.

"This is the first time we've met with Minister Collier to discuss these proposed changes. The Heritage Act should be protecting Aboriginal culture and heritage. Our heritage must be treated with the same respect as built heritage, not weakened for industry to destroy it.

"This delegation of Traditional Owners is here to show the government we are united, and speak with one voice. We will not remain silent as our land, Country and sacred sites are ruined," Mrs Eaton said.

2014/15 HIGHLIGHTS



Celebrating 20 years of YMAC book

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December 2014 marked 20 years since YMAC became a representative body under the *Native Title Act*. In celebration of this milestone the Board of Directors proudly announced a new publication *Looking After Country: Our Mother, Our Provider and Keeper*.

The book, which is rich with photos and interviews, provides an important record of the achievements of the organisation and the Traditional Owners of the Murchison, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions of Western Australia.

YMAC Co-Chairperson Mrs Doris Eaton said the book is a retrospective on the organisation, how it has grown, and what it has achieved.

"It took us 20 years to get where we are but we've got more things to do. We want to see more determinations; we've got more to come," she said.

Wajarri Yamatji Sinosteel agreement

On December 2, 2014, the Wajarri Yamatji people announced an agreement with iron ore miner Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd. The Agreement is over Sinosteel's Weld Range project 70 kilometres northwest of the town of Cue in WA's Midwest.

The National Heritage Listed Weld Range is a not only a very significant area to the Wajarri Yamatji people, but also to the history of Western Australia. Sinosteel and the Wajarri Yamatji people agreed on exclusion zones around areas of particular importance, where Sinosteel has agreed never to mine.

Sinosteel has been exploring for resources in the area since 2006 under an exploration agreement made at that time.

Nyangumarta Coastal award

On March 12 2015, YMAC and the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation (NWAC) were highly commended at the 2015 Australian Coastal Awards presented by the National Sea Change Task Force. The award recognised the planning for the Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) at Eighty Mile Beach.

In a five year long process, YMAC and NWAC consulted extensively with the Traditional Owners of an area of land including 110 kilometres of coastline, stretching between Broome and Port Hedland. This process has resulted in a plan to contribute to the management and protection of Eighty Mile Beach, which is one of the most important sites for migratory shorebirds in Australia.

An important part of the project is to collect the Nyangumarta people's knowledge of the local environment so that the knowledge can be used to manage and care for the areas and be passed down to future generations.

Nyangumarta People's Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)

The State and the Nyangumarta People were engaged in lengthy negotiations regarding an ILUA for the creation and joint management of marine parks and conservation reserves in the Nyangumarta determination area, particularly the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park and the Walyarta Conservation Reserve.

The ILUA (incorporating a joint management agreement) is now operative, having been signed by



Naaguja Country

the State Government in December 2014. The ILUA acknowledges that the Nyangumarta People will pursue other opportunities to protect and manage conservation and cultural values in their determination area.

The inaugural joint management body meeting was held on 29 April 2015 and a management plan has been developed for the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park.

Rallies against community closures

On 1 May, in cities and towns all across the world, people marched in support of Aboriginal communities in WA facing uncertain futures after the State Government announced in November 2014 it would consider closing up to 150 communities. YMAC members, staff and Board and Committee members participated in marches across the state.

Shale Gas publications

Western Australia potentially has huge resources of shale gas in the East Pilbara, Mid West and Kimberley regions. The amount of shale gas in WA is estimated to be double the amount of gas held in WA's offshore



Geraldton rally against community closures

conventional gas fields, and the Department of Mines and Petroleum estimates that significant commercial production of shale gas might start around 2020 or 2025.

It is important that Traditional Owners understand what this might mean for their Country, and know the potential risks and benefits. To assist in this learning process YMAC launched a new guide to shale gas for Traditional Owners in 2015. This followed on from a series of workshops held in the regions and in Perth in 2014.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

YMAC is governed by complementary frameworks to ensure the organisation is effective, delivers quality outcomes, and is efficient in its use of its resources to deliver services. Staff are employed to deliver outputs that align with Operational Plans and comply with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

Regular reporting to the Board, Committees, stakeholders, management and funders ensures that the strategic direction is maintained. The YMAC constitution is strengthened by sound and clear policies and procedures which are consistently applied.

YMAC has an effective and efficient financial management system and framework which is robust and transparent. Regular reporting within the organisation adheres to all applicable statutory requirements including the *Native Title Act*, all tax Acts and relevant State and Federal Acts.

The organisation also adheres to Australian Accounting Standards, with the three senior finance personnel suitably qualified with continuing professional development obligations.

YMAC acknowledges support from the Federal Government and the receipt of additional targeted funding for priority areas to counter the significant increase in input costs and to be able to meet the demands of progressing native title outcomes.

However, in view of the continuing high level of activity, the organisation continues to wrestle to maintain or reduce cost levels in regions where the Consumer Price Index is well above the Australian average. This financial year has seen a reduction in the cost of housing with facilities and services such as accommodation and travel are easier to procure at a reasonable cost, although it is still relatively high in the Pilbara region.

Planning

Both divisions of YMAC conduct planning sessions, which begin in February and culminate in May, when an annual operational planning document forms the main part of a submission to the Commonwealth for funding and approval of native title activities in the following financial year.

Reviews are performed in December and August and are submitted to the Department of Prime Minister and

Cabinet. Internal planning and operational reviews take place at the same time to ensure that our activities continue to be aligned with the Operational Plan.

Reporting

Regular reporting on multiple levels, both externally and internally ensures that the organisation is well managed, and that risks are identified and managed appropriately. A Policy and Procedure Manual, endorsed by the Board of Directors, provides a framework for effective governance including appropriate and conservative delegations.

External auditors are appointed to give assurance to the Board that financial matters are performed to the requisite standard.

Risk Assessment

YMAC has monthly financial and operational meetings with relevant staff and managers to assess current performance and operations. From these meetings, possible risks are identified and action plans are made to mitigate against, or to eliminate, risk. These meetings are held at different levels, ranging from operational staff to the Executive Management Team, with strategic risks taken to a Board level.

Complaints

The principal mechanism for dealing with complaints about the services provided by YMAC are the native title claim working groups, which act as a clearing house for most issues. On the occasions when a complaint cannot be dealt with at a working group, or the complainant is not a current client of YMAC, then a formal complaint can be made to the organisation pursuant to current policies and procedures. Specific procedures exist in relation to clients or constituents seeking review of decisions made by YMAC, which are designed to ensure that the complainant is dealt with fairly and impartially. A two page document entitled *If you have a complaint / Application for Internal Review* is available at all offices for clients' use.

YMAC received four formal complaints in the 2014/15 reporting period and all were resolved.

Staffing Levels

The organisation has long-serving core staff with

service of five to 15 years. Although the Pilbara Region continues to have minimal infrastructure and a higher cost of living means it continues to be difficult to source staff for the Pilbara region.

Despite these challenges, YMAC has been able to attract qualified and experienced legal, anthropological and other professionals throughout the reporting period.

Workforce planning takes account of YMAC's strategic, business, and operational plans and its organisational structure. During this reporting period, YMAC has reviewed its staffing levels in order to meet funding and workload for claims, future acts and heritage. At the end of the reporting period, YMAC had a total of 88 staff, with the following breakdown:

Full-time	68	Male	28
Part-time	13	Female	60
Casual	7	Indigenous	14
		Non-Indigenous	74

Staff Education and Training

YMAC works to provide staff with appropriate training and educational opportunities, adding to the skills-base from which the organisation can draw.

Staff training included attendance at the 2015 Australian Anthropology/Archaeology Conferences, 2015 National Native Title Conference by selected staff, and individual staff training and professional development to assist staff in the performance of their duties

A significant number of staff also participated in cultural awareness training held in the Pilbara region. Legal staff are required to obtain Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points to renew their practice certificates each year. Other professional staff are also required to undertake CPD training to maintain their professional qualifications.

YMAC continues to have Quality Assurance status as a recognised provider of CPD training for lawyers.

Board of Directors' and Committee Training

Providing training opportunities for Board and Committee members continues to be a priority for YMAC. In the reporting period, Board members and Regional Committee members attended governance training.

Board members have been provided with professional development opportunities and selected members of the Board attended the 2015 National Native Title Conference held in Port Douglas.

Salary levels

The salary structure of YMAC staff is based on the YMAC Enterprise Agreement 2012.

YMAC has now entered in to a new bargaining process to succeed the 2012 YMAC Enterprise Agreement. YMAC remains under constant pressure to offer competitive salary levels in order to secure experienced and qualified staff.

Occupational Health and Safety

There were no reported issues during the reporting period.

Four wheel drive and first aid training for new staff continues to be provided, with refreshers for existing staff. Individual training in Occupational Health and Safety was provided in this financial year.

Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed to ensure compliance.

Codes of Conduct

The organisation has a code of conduct, signed by each member of staff as well as a Policy and Procedures manual, which contains YMAC's code of ethics.

Consultancy Services

YMAC actively pursues value for money for the provision of all its services and always seeks to obtain at least three quotes for services where possible. Many corporate services are outsourced, enabling YMAC to reduce risk and to access specialist services.

In the 2014/2015 reporting period YMAC engaged 55 Consultants (excluding Traditional Owners) to undertake consultancy work on heritage surveys at a cost of \$2,713,857.

Consultants are used when there is a requirement for specialised services which cannot be met by YMAC staff due to insufficient in-house resources, or where independent advice is required.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Palyku Country

Members

YMAC membership is open to all adult Yamatji and Marlpa people, including people who live in other areas but who have a traditional connection to country. Members are entitled to vote at Annual Regional Meetings and Special General Meetings.

Working Groups

Each native title claim represented by YMAC has an elected representative body called a working group. A working group is composed of Aboriginal people with the cultural knowledge, and recognised status to have authority in matters affecting Country. Working groups are a powerful voice for Traditional Owners to participate in decisions that affect their Country and communities. A working group provides a delegated authority to a group of representatives to further negotiations to a point where recommendations can be taken back to the broader Traditional Owner community. The working group structure also provides government and industry with established frameworks and opportunities for effective engagement with Aboriginal communities.

Regional Committees

The policy direction for YMAC on native title matters that are specific to either the Yamatji or Pilbara regions are provided by the two Regional Committees. Yamatji Regional Committee members are voted in at the Yamatji Annual Regional Meeting. Each native title claim represented by YMAC in the Pilbara nominates a representative to its Pilbara Regional Committee at native title claim group community meetings. For this reporting period the Yamatji Regional Committee held six meetings, including a joint meeting with the Pilbara Regional Committee. The Pilbara Regional Committee held five meetings, including a joint meeting with the Yamatji Regional Committee.

Pilbara Regional Committee Attendance

July 2014 to June 2015

During the reporting period the members of the Pilbara Regional Committee were:

Pilbara Committee Member	Meetings attended	Meetings eligible to attend
Doris Eaton (Chair)	5	5
Natalie Parker (Deputy Chair)	4	5
Raylene Button	2	5
Nora Cooke	4	5
Terry Jaffrey	4	5
Albert Pianta	4	5
Ivan Smirke	3	5
Diane Stewart	5	5
Selina Stewart	5	5

Yamatji Regional Committee Attendance

July 2014 to June 2015

During the reporting period the members of the Yamatji Regional Committee were:

Yamatji Committee Member	Meetings attended	Meetings eligible to attend
Ben Roberts (Chair)	5	5
Peter Windie (Deputy Chair)	5	5
Paul Baron	4	5
Darren Capewell	3	3
Helen Capewell	2	2
Rhodda Capewell	3	3
Merle Dann	2	2
Cecily Dowden	5	5
Dion Harris	3	3
Beverley Ladyman	2	2
Charlie Laphorne	2	2
Rachel Mongoo	3	3
Davina Mourambine	3	5
Victor Mourambine	4	5
Kathleen Musulin	2	2
Deborah Oakley	5	5
Richard Oakley	3	3
Susan Oakley	4	5
Rodney Ryan Snr	5	5
Karla Tittums	4	5

Board of Directors

YMAC's overall policy direction is provided by its Board of Directors. The Board acts as an advocate for Traditional Owners in the Pilbara and Yamatji regions, particularly in relation to government activities affecting country, as well as mining and development issues. Ultimately responsible for the performance of the organisation's statutory functions, the Board of Directors is also accountable to the members of the organisation. The Board of Directors is made up of members of the organisation's two Regional Committees. Six members from each committee join to form the 12 members Board of Directors, providing equal representation of both the Yamatji and Pilbara regions.

During the reporting period the Board of Directors' members were:

Pilbara Member	Meetings attended	Meetings eligible to attend
Doris Eaton (Co-Chair)	5	5
Natalie Parker (Deputy Co-Chair)	5	5
Nora Cooke	5	5
Terry Jaffrey	2	5
Diane Stewart	5	5
Selina Stewart	5	5

Yamatji Member	Meetings attended	Meetings eligible to attend
Ben Roberts (Co-Chair)	1	2
Peter Windie (Deputy Co-Chair)	5	5
Paul Baron	5	5
Helen Capewell	2	3
Cecily Dowden	2	2
Beverley Ladyman	3	3
Victor Mourambine	3	3
Kathleen Musulin	3	3
Deborah Oakley	2	2
Richard Oakley	2	2

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Badimia Country

Executive Management Team (EMT)

Organisational performance management is the function of the Executive Management Team (EMT), which consists of six senior officers:



Chief Executive Officer - Simon Hawkins

As Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Simon Hawkins is responsible for the overall management of the organisation on behalf of the Board of Directors, and acts as Corporation Secretary. The CEO is accountable for the responsibilities of the organisation. He ensures that the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors and the Regional Committees are implemented, that the organisation observes its legal responsibilities, and that it meets its obligations under agreements entered into with other parties.

In promoting the interests of YMAC and its clients, the CEO lobbies government and industry for policy change, as well as negotiating funding for new and existing projects.



Regional Managers - Donna Murdock and Donny Wilson

YMAC has two discrete regional divisions, the Yamatji (Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne) and Marlpa (Pilbara) regions, under the direction of Regional Managers. The Regional Managers are responsible for developing and maintaining strategic alliances across all sectors, managing special projects, advocating and representing the native title rights and interests of Traditional Owners and overseeing regional operations, including managing regional offices and staff.

The Yamatji Regional Manager position was held by Donna Murdock for the reporting period. The Pilbara Regional Manager position was held by Donny Wilson.



Principal Legal Officer - Michael Meegan

The Principal Legal Officer (PLO) is responsible for managing the legal operations of the organisation in accordance with the *Native*

Title Act (NTA). The PLO advises on matters related to the NTA and associated legislation, as well as other Commonwealth and State laws and statutes affecting the interests of native title holders in the Murchison, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions.

The position involves coordinating relationships between the organisation and the claimant groups, intra-indigenous mediation in relation to the claims process, preparation and lodgement of native title claims, progress and resolution of native title claims and future act processes. The PLO position was held by Michael Meegan for the reporting period.



Director of Research and Heritage - Olivia Norris

The Director of Research and Heritage is responsible for managing the organisation's research and heritage programs. The research

program provides anthropological and other specialised research on behalf of native title claimants to establish connection to land and waters under traditional law and custom. Research is also prepared for the purposes of resolving boundary overlaps, group membership, litigation and other purposes related to establishing native title.

The heritage program is responsible for cultural heritage protection. The biodiversity and spatial units undertake a number of community projects. The heritage, biodiversity and spatial units managed by the Director of Research and Heritage now fall under Knowledge Partnerships. The position of Director of Research and Heritage was held by Olivia Norris for the reporting period.



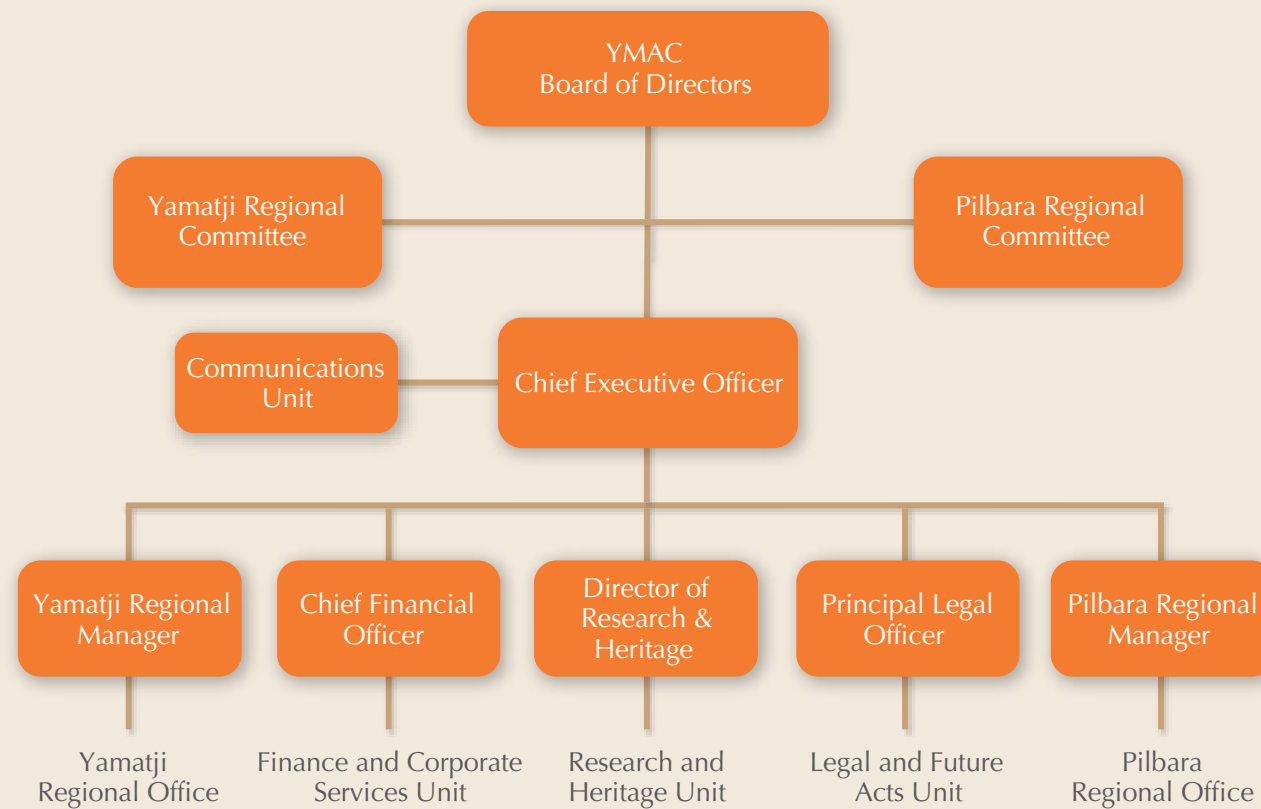
Chief Financial Officer (CFO) - Nicholas Kimber

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting requirements of the organisation. The CFO provides

timely and accurate information to the CEO, Board and Committees for strategic decision making and to ensure efficient and effective use of resources to meet the dynamic and challenging conditions of the economy. The CFO position was held by Nicholas Kimber for the reporting period.

YMAC ORGANISATIONAL CHART

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation



RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIPS



Puutu Kunti Kurrama & Pinikura Country

Knowledge Partnerships

YMAC's strategic plan has now been fully endorsed and supported by YMAC's Board. One of the plan's Strategic Focus Areas is Services and Partnerships, and we are pleased to confirm that the Knowledge Partnerships sub-brand will now apply to our new services non-native title projects.

Collaborative Partnerships with Traditional Owners

A number of collaborative partnerships with Traditional Owners both through their Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) and Aboriginal Corporations have been undertaken since the establishment of Knowledge Partnerships early in 2015. These projects are borne from the aspirations and objectives of the Traditional Owners represented by YMAC and can include a range of education and advocacy initiatives. Collaborative Partnerships with projects underway during the reporting period include:

Nyangumarta Warrarn Indigenous Protected Area and Ranger Project

On 23 April 2015, a letter from the Commonwealth

announced the official recognition of the Nyangumarta Warrarn Indigenous Protected Area (IPA), after more than four years of consultations. The IPA is the newest addition to Australia's National Reserve System and covers an area of approximately 28,420 km², including about 155 km² of sea country. To celebrate this event a dedication ceremony was held on-Country near Eighty Mile Beach, with numerous Traditional Owners, partners, VIP guests and journalists in attendance on the 16 July 2015.

The permit system for the Nyangumarta Highway (formally known as the Kidson Track) is now active. Permits can be purchased online through Four Wheel Drive Australia, at a cost of \$55 per vehicle. Proceeds will go directly to the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation.

The Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation and Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation were highly commended for their 2015 Australian Coastal Awards entry Nyangumarta Warrarn Indigenous Protected Area Planning – Eighty Mile Beach.

Return of Research Materials

Knowledge Partnerships presented at the AIATSIS Managing Information in Native Title (MINT workshop)

RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIPS.

in March 2015. The presentation was very well received and there was a lot of continued interest in YMAC’s approach in this space. No other representative bodies have conducted workshops of this nature. Thanks to YMAC’s Pilbara Deputy Regional Manager, Nyaparu Rose and Community Liaison Officer, Coralie Cooke for their involvement in developing the policy and process for the workshops, and to Nyaparu for co-presenting at the MINT workshop.

As a national leader in the development of programs to return native title cultural research material to Traditional Owner groups, YMAC was contracted by Kimberley Land Council to assist them to develop their return policy through a workshop with some of their Board and staff.

Advocating for Heritage

There are fundamental issues with the proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*, in particular: procedural fairness, the lack of consultation in preparing the Bill and the extended powers of the CEO.

In March, the WA Alliance of Land Councils met in Broome to discuss several issues, including the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* Amendments Bill 2014.

At the time of this report, the Bill is before Parliament, but has not been debated. YMAC Heritage and Legal staff have appeared at several forums relating to Aboriginal Heritage in Western Australia, advocating for better Aboriginal heritage protection.

The Bill continues to wait to be debated in Parliament. In the mean time however, the outcome of the *Robinson v Fielding* decision has had some important outcomes:

- The Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) has since removed the section 5 ‘advice’ paper from their website, which was the document on which the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee based their decision to de-register the Port Hedland Yintha site.
- It has come to light that 32 other sites were also de-registered by the DAA under the same re-interpretation of section 5b, and possibly thousands more under other sections of the Act.

Heritage Management

Beyond our role as heritage service provider for a number of claim groups, YMAC is committed to assisting claim groups to fulfil their aspirations relating to heritage management, and projects which promote and protect the cultural values of Traditional Owner groups.

YMAC is here to support the transition of heritage services back to groups upon direction at the community level and to encourage capacity development and skills training of Traditional Owners. We are available to partner with, or assist in the development of robust, best practice heritage entities. Committed to advocating the rights and interests of Traditional Owners, YMAC is dedicated to the facilitation of the development of business proposals and project plans that articulate Traditional Owner’s aspirations.

Professional Development of Anthropological staff

YMAC understands the importance of professional development and capacity building within the highly dynamic native title environment. We are committed to delivering well informed, relevant training to all staff. In line with this, the YMAC Heritage and Research Unit received funding from the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department for \$200,000 for the Anthropologist Professional Development Program for a period of three years.

Over the last 12 months YMAC held a further six anthropologist professional development workshops. The workshops examined a range of best practice principles and practical examples covering the following topics:

- Heritage Practice
- Translating anthropology for legal purposes
- Theory relevant to Native Title Anthropology
- Practical Instruction in Heritage and Research Based Mapping

The workshops were developed through collaboration between senior anthropologists, senior lawyers and a number of experts. Those involved in the development

and presentation of the workshops consisted of both staff and consultants.

The workshops were extremely successful and received positive feedback from staff. Additional workshops are planned for the next reporting period.

Claim Research Update

This reporting period has been extremely intensive in terms of research across multiple claims. YMAC has seen the submission of a Connection Report and multiple supplementary reports to the State. There were also two preservation evidence hearings held in the Pilbara.

In May 2015, mediation between the Ngarlawangga native title claimants and the State took place in Tom Price. There has also been intensive work undertaken on the Nanda, Malgana, Gnulli, Nyiyaparli, Palyku, Njamal, Kariyarra, Budina, Yugunga-Nya, Wajarri, Yamatji, Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura, Kuruma Marthudunera and Geraldton Settlement Area claims. Please see the claim updates for more information on the individual claims.

OUTPUTS

Facilitation and assistance:	Number
The Claims Experience	
Claimant Applications	0
Active claims represented at 1 July 2014	27
Plus Claims Filed this year by NTRB	0
Less Claims Determined 2014-15	0
Less Claims Dismissed 2014-15	2
Less Claims Withdrawn 2014-15	0
+ or - Other disposition (describe)	0
Active Claims represented at 30 June 2015	25
- Number of these registered by NNTT	25
Claims in Development	3
The Agreements Experience	
Agreements Concluded	184
ILUAs concluded and registered	5
Future Act Notices received	717
Objections to s29 notices	429
Complaints and Disputes	
Complaints	4
- Received	4
- Resolved	4
- Pending	0
Requests for Review of decisions not to assist	0
- Requests Received	0
- Reviews Completed	0

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS



Malgana coastline

Facilitation and Assistance

YMAC strives to provide Traditional Owners with best practice standards for representation of their native title claims and beyond. In doing this, it meets and exceeds its requirements as a native title representative body to:

- Research and prepare native title applications.
- Assist native title claimants in consultations, mediations, negotiations and proceedings relating to recognition of native title.

During the reporting period YMAC continued undertaking comprehensive anthropological research and completing connection reports with appropriate anthropological and legal review. YMAC Legal has progressed four claims towards consent determinations in the second half of 2015 and in relation to other claims to consent determinations and resolution of overlaps and other outstanding claim issues. YMAC is committed to providing the best possible outcome for the Traditional Owners it represents by the resolution of native title claims in a certain and comprehensive manner.

In relation to overlapping claims, where appropriate,

YMAC participates in collaborative conflict resolution with the native title groups it represents. Where necessary, YMAC has taken action to strike out or list matters for trial where it considers this is the most appropriate course of action to resolve outstanding native title claims.

Providing Assistance

During the reporting period, YMAC provided legal, research and mediation assistance to 25 claim groups within the Pilbara and Yamatji region.

YMAC will not provide assistance to a new claim that overlaps with an existing assisted claim without the consent of the existing claim. Once assistance is approved, YMAC will assess its priorities which will, in turn, determine the direction of its activities. A number of new claims have been authorised by groups on areas where overlaps do not exist.

The type and level of assistance provided will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and will depend on a number of factors including:

- The need to comply with relevant Federal Court orders.
- The overall level of resources available to the organisation.
- YMAC's obligations under S203BA and S203BB of the *Native Title Act* (NTA).

Certification

As part of its role as a native title representative body, YMAC continues to provide assistance with certification of native title claim determinations and Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) registrations. Specifically, its functions include:

- to certify, in writing, applications for determination of native title relating to areas of land or waters, which are wholly or partly within the representative area and;
- to apply for the registration of an ILUA which certifies that all the persons identified as having native title interests in the area have authorised the ILUA's making.

YMAC has adopted a certification procedure in compliance with s202BE(2) and (3) of the NTA.

Dispute Resolution

The processes of gaining recognition of native title and negotiating future act and heritage matters all affect Traditional Owners deeply because of their relationship to country. These processes often raise difficult issues for native title claimants to consider and make decisions about. Very often these matters involve contest and dispute and YMAC staff are called upon to assist with these matters.

During the reporting period, YMAC has been committed to honouring individuals and family groups involved in the native title process, while at the same time fulfilling its functions under the NTA to the broader claim group and to assist those persons who may hold Native Title.

Mediation Programs

During the reporting period YMAC has actively participated in mediation as part of its commitment to resolving native title claims.

Native Title mediation is a discrete form of alternative dispute resolution which draws on the specific skills of Native Title practitioners with legal, anthropological and alternative dispute resolution skills. The particular set of skills YMAC staff has developed is best described as a collaborative conflict resolution practice drawing on the multidisciplinary skills unique to YMAC.

The process of mediation involves many participants. YMAC team members develop a range of strategies to assist parties in resolving Native Title and other related issues. This includes meeting separately with individuals and families at their homes or on country, setting up meetings in a culturally appropriate way, and recognising the importance of showing respect for elders. YMAC uses internal and external chairpersons to help run meetings.

Prescribed Bodies Corporate

YMAC continues to provide assistance to Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) from time to time in accordance with its NTA functions.

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Amangu Country



Badimia Country

AMANGU

Claim Location and Background

The Amangu native title claim covers approximately 27,388 square kilometres of land and sea in the Yamatji region. It lies in the City of Greater Geraldton and the Shires of Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Irwin, Mingenew, Morawa, Northampton, Perenjori, Three Springs and Yalgoo.

Native Title Claim Progress

This claim is part of what has been known as the Alternative Settlement area and more recently, the Geraldton Cluster, as described by the Court. The Amangu, Hutt River and Naaguja claim groups, represented by YMAC, plus the Mullewa Wadjari and Widi Mob claim groups are involved in negotiations. The main aim is to negotiate outcomes and the secondary aim is to reduce the risks of litigation, if negotiated outcomes cannot be finalised.

All five claims receive regular focus from the Federal Court, including thorough case management conferences and periodic contact from the Court. Meetings to resolve boundary and membership issues continue.

Future Act Developments

There is an ongoing level of future act activity in the Amangu claim area. Several Right to Negotiate matters are currently in negotiations in relation to the Petroleum

and Railway Corridor projects. The Working Group has met with a number of companies on several occasions during the reporting period.

Case Management Conferences

13 November 2014
17 November 2014
1 December 2014
11 June 2015
26 June 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015
27 May 2015

Other Court Dates

23 October 2014 Administrative Listing
27 May 2015 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

23 March 2015 Elders Workshop Meeting
24 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
25 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
13 May 2015 Elders Workshop Meeting

Additional Meetings

21 - 22 July 2014 Negotiation meetings
15 - 16 September 2014 Negotiation meetings
11 - 12 November 2014 Negotiation meetings

BADIMIA

Claim Location and Background

The Badimia native title claim covers approximately 36,129 square kilometres of land in the Yamatji Region. It lies in the Shires of Cue, Dalwallinu, Menzies, Mount Magnet, Mount Marshall, Perenjori, Yalgoo and Yilgarn.

Native Title Claim Progress

On 12 March 2015 the Federal Court decided that the Badimia claimants had failed to prove the existence of native title. Additionally, on 25 May 2015 the Court decided that native title does not exist within the external boundaries of the Badimia claim.

An appeal has been lodged on behalf of the Badimia claimants against the Yamatji decision. A Badimia Community Meeting occurred at Mount Magnet on 9 May 2015 to discuss matters relating to the Federal Court decision.

Future Act Developments

YMAC assisted the Badimia People in relation to a number of mining and infrastructure agreements, a cultural heritage management agreement and compliance and implementation of existing agreements during the reporting period.

Other Court Dates

23 October 2014 Administrative Listing
12 March 2015 Judgment
10 April 2015 Hearing
16 April 2015 Administrative Listing
25 May 2015 Judgment

DPMC Funded Meetings

17 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
9 May 2015 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings

16 October 2014 Negotiation Meeting (half day)
17 October 2014 Implementation Meeting
12 November 2014 Implementation Meeting
10 April 2015 Implementation Meeting
15 April 2015 Implementation Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Banjima Country

BANJIMA

Claim Location and Background

The Banjima native title determination area covers approximately 10,200 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and East Pilbara.

Native Title Claim Progress

The Banjima native title holders successfully defended the State's appeal against exclusive possession and an issue relating to the northern boundary. The State has lodged an interlocutory application questioning certain aspects of the Full Court decision. On 12 June 2015, the Full Court dismissed the State's appeal.

Future Act Developments

During the reporting period negotiations were close to being finalised with both BHP Billiton Iron Ore and Rio Tinto Iron Ore. These agreements will provide significant financial benefits to the Banjima People for many years to come.

DPMC Funded Meetings

None

Additional Meetings

4 August 2014 Working Group Meeting
5 August 2014 Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) Directors' Negotiation Meeting
20 August 2014 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
22 August 2014 PBC Directors' Community Meeting
23 September 2014 Community Negotiation Meeting
30 September 2014 Negotiation Meeting
16 October 2014 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
6 November 2014 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
7 November 2014 Community AGM Negotiation Meeting
21 November 2014 Negotiation Meeting
25 November 2014 Negotiation Meeting
26 November 2014 Negotiation Meeting
16 December 2014 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
17 December 2014 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
21 January 2015 Negotiation Meeting
22 January 2015 Negotiation Meeting
12 February 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting
27 February 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting
12 March 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting
24 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
25 March 2015 Banjima Law and Culture Sub Committee Meeting
16 April 2015 PBC Negotiation Meeting
28 April 2015 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
29 April 2015 PBC Directors' Negotiation Meeting
5 May 2015 Working Group Meeting
7 May 2015 PBC Negotiation Meeting
15 June 2015 Working Group Meeting
16 June 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting
25 June 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting



Budina Country

BUDINA

Claim Location and Background

The Budina native title claim covers approximately 4,096 square kilometres of land in the Yamatji region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress

A Connection Report was provided to the State in 2013. Since that time YMAC has provided the State additional information and responded to queries when they arose, including a Supplementary Connection Report in March 2015.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continued to provide notification and agreement making assistance to the Budina claim group in relation to future acts.

Case Management Conferences

31 March 2015
22 June 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

DPMC Funded Meetings

29 April 2015 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

None

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Gnulli claim area

GNULLI

Claim Location and Background

The Gnulli native title claim covers approximately 82,708 square kilometres of land and sea in the Yamatji Region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon, Exmouth and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress

This reporting period is a very intensive period of research for the Gnulli native title claim. Dr David Martin has been contracted to co-author the Gnulli connection material with YMAC's Research and Heritage Unit.

Future Act Developments

In relation to Future Act matters, the claim has a modest but steady amount of resource related work to be undertaken. It also has some work related to coastal conservation reserves and the adjacent pastoral leases.

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

5 November 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

15 October 2014 Working Group Meeting

DPMC and Negotiation Funded Meetings

14 October 2014 Working Group Meeting
11 February 2015 Working Group Meeting
12 February 2015 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

4 February 2015 Implementation Meeting



Hutt River claim area

HUTT RIVER

Claim Location and Background

The Hutt River claim covers approximately 5,893 square kilometres of land and sea in the Yamatji region. It lies in the Shires of Chapman Valley and Northampton.

Native Title Claim Progress

The claim is part of what has been known as the Alternative Settlement area and more recently, the Geraldton Cluster, as described by the Court.

The Amangu, Hutt River and Naaguja claim groups, represented by YMAC, plus the Mullewa Wadjari and Widi Mob claim groups are involved in negotiations. The main aim is to negotiate outcomes and the secondary aim is to reduce the risks of litigation if negotiated outcomes cannot be finalised.

All five claims receive regular focus from the Federal Court, including thorough case management conferences and periodic contact from the Court.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to provide assistance to Hutt River in relation to future acts and heritage protection.

Case Management Conferences

13 November 2014
17 November 2014
1 December 2014
11 June 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

23 October 2014 Administrative Listing
27 May 2015 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

None

Additional Meetings

28 June 2015 Research Workshop Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Jurruru Country

JURRURU & JURRURU #2

Claim Location and Background

The Jurruru and Jurruru #2 native title claims cover approximately 10,500 square kilometres of land in the South West Pilbara region. They lie in the Shires of Ashburton and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress

During the reporting period, the Court set a date for a determination for the non-overlapping portion of the Jurruru claim to be held on-Country. The Jurruru claim was determined by consent on 1 September 2015.

YMAC has also been working with the Jurruru People to resolve the overlapping Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawanga (GMY) claim through the case management process and a series of confidential Federal Court conferences.

Future Act Developments

There has been a low level of future act activity within the Jurruru claim area. YMAC continues to assist the Jurruru People with advice and negotiations where future act notices are received and are assisting the Jurruru People in protecting their heritage and native title rights and interests in their Country.

Case Management Conferences

20 August 2014
23 October 2014
9 December 2014
23 March 2015
18 May 2015
9 June 2015

Directions Hearings

None

DPMC Funded Meetings

19 August 2014 Community Meeting
18 March 2015 Community Meeting
27 May 2015 Community Meeting
29-30 May 2015 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings

None



Kariyarra Country

KARIYARRA

Claim Location and Background

The Kariyarra native title claim covers approximately 16,686 square kilometres of land and sea in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Roebourne and the Town of Port Hedland.

Native Title Claim Progress

A consent determination is being negotiated for Kariyarra. The State is opposed to exclusive native title and has yet to provide tenure documentation relating to extinguishment.

The State is scheduled to provide Kariyarra with a draft consent determination in the next reporting period.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to assist the Kariyarra people in relation to a large number of heritage agreements and mining agreements, as well as making progress in relation to negotiations of large future act matters with BHP Iron Ore and the State.

Case Management Conferences

4 November 2014

Other Court Dates

4 August 2014 Administrative Listing
7 August 2014 Administrative Listing
8 August 2014 Administrative Listing
6 October 2014 Administrative Listing
18 December 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

15 October 2014 Working Group Meeting 50% DPMC funding
30 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
4 June 2015 Working Group Meeting
26 June 2015 Community Meeting

Additional meetings

7 August 2014 Working Group Meeting
12 August 2014 Community Negotiation Meeting
26 August 2014 MALC Negotiation Meeting
15 October 2014 Working Group Meeting 50% Funding
11 November 2014 Agreement Review Negotiation Meeting
17-20 November 2014 Family Meeting KAR Trust
25 November 2014 Agreement Review Meeting
4 December 2014 Pre-Directors Workshop Meeting
11 December 2014 Agreement Review Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Kuruma and Marthudunera Country



Malgana Country

KURUMA & MARTHUDUNERA

Claim Location and Background

The Kuruma and Marthudunera (KM) native title claim covers approximately 11,926 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and Roebourne.

Native Title Claim Progress

During the reporting period YMAC staff have worked hard to progress a consent determination for KM Part A.

Future Act Developments

Currently Kuruma Marthudunera Aboriginal Corporation assists KM in relation to their Future Act matters.

Case Management Conferences

10 March 2015
6 November 2015

Other Court Dates

18 December 2014 Administrative Listing
5 March 2015 Interlocutory Hearing

DPMC Funded Meetings

26 May 2015 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

30 October 2014 Negotiation Meeting
19 November 2014 Kuruma & Marthudunera Limited Traditional Owners Council (KML TOC) Meeting

MALGANA

Claim Location and Background

The Malgana claim covers approximately 36,072 square kilometres of land and sea in the Yamatji region. It lies in the Shires of Carnarvon, Murchison, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress

The current Federal Court work plan for the Malgana claim group requires the group to consider supporting the provision of a connection report to the State by the end of 2015. Intensive research and legal activities have been underway to make this possible.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to provide the Malgana claimants with assistance in relation to future acts and heritage during the reporting period.

YMAC staff have provided monitoring of the compliance and implementation of future act agreements and a review and audit of agreements is being undertaken.

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

23 October 2014 Administrative Listing
5 December 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

18 September 2014 Working Group Meeting
23 April 2015 Working Group Meeting
27 June 2015 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings

None

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Naaguja Country

NAAGUJA

Claim Location and Background

The Naaguja native title claim covers approximately 5,581 square kilometres of land and water in the Yamatji region. It lies in the City of Greater Geraldton and the Shires of Chapman Valley, Irwin and Northampton. It includes the town site of Geraldton.

Native Title Claim Progress

This claims is part of what has been known as the Alternative Settlement area and more recently, the Geraldton Cluster, as described by the Court. The Amangu, Hutt River and Naaguja claim groups represented by YMAC, plus Mullewa Wadjari and Widi Mob are involved in negotiations. The main aim is negotiating outcomes and the secondary aim is reducing the risks of litigation if negotiated outcomes cannot be finalised.

All five claims receive regular focus from the Federal Court including through case management conferences and periodic contact from the Court.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to provide assistance to the Naaguja People in relation to future acts, heritage and agreement implementation and compliance.

Case Management Conferences

13 November 2014
17 November 2014
1 December 2014
11 June 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

27 May 2015 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

19 September 2014 Research Workshop
4 June 2015 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

None



Nanda Country

NANDA

Claim Location and Background

The Nanda native title claim covers approximately 23,110 square kilometres of land and sea in the Yamatji region. It lies in the Shires of Chapman Valley, Murchison, Northampton and Shark Bay.

Native Title Claim Progress

YMAC provided the State the Nanda Connection Report in December 2014. The State is due to provide YMAC a response to the Report by the end of September 2015.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to assist the Nanda native title claimants in relation to future act and heritage matters.

Case Management Conferences

10 February 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

23 October 2014 Administrative Listing
3 November 2014 Administrative Listing
19 March 2015 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

4 August 2014 Community Meeting
29 September 2014 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings

None

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Ngarla Country

NGARLA

Claim Location and Background

The Ngarla native title determination area covers approximately 176 square kilometres of land in the South West Pilbara region. It lies in the Shire of East Pilbara and the town of Port Hedland.

Native Title Claim Progress

The Ngarla claim is determined, but YMAC continues to represent the Ngarla People in their native title proceedings in relation to potential future claims, such as the unclaimed area to the east of the current boundary.

Future Act Developments

During the reporting period YMAC assisted with a dispute with Dampier Salt. YMAC does not represent the Ngarla people in relation to future acts or heritage matters.

DPMC Funded Meetings

None

Additional Meetings

22 April 2015 Wanparta PBC Meeting



Ngarlawangga Country

NGARLAWANGGA

Claim Location and Background

The Ngarlawangga native title claim covers approximately 6,117 square kilometres of land in the Central Pilbara region. It lies in the shires of East Pilbara and Meekatharra.

Native Title Claim Progress

A group of Ngarlawangga claimants met with the State and Registrar of the Federal Court on 26 May 2015 in Tom Price for a confidential settlement conference. YMAC are waiting for the State's response to this confidential settlement conference.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to assist the Ngarlawangga native title claimants in relation to future act and heritage matters.

Case Management Conferences

28 August 2014
31 March 2015
26 May 2015

Other Court Dates

8 September 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

13 August 2014 Heritage Subcommittee Meeting
19 March 2015 Special Community Meeting
26 March 2015 Special Community Meeting

Additional Meetings

14 November 2014 Working Group Negotiation Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Ngarluma Country



Njamal Country

NGARLUMA

Claim Location and Background

The Ngarluma native title claim covers approximately 21.5 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shire of Roebourne.

Native Title Claim Progress

During the reporting period, YMAC moved towards a consent determination for Ngarluma town sites, which is scheduled to happen in 2015.

Future Act Developments

YMAC does not represent the Ngarluma people in relation to future acts or heritage matters.

DPMC Funded Meetings

None

Additional Meetings

None

NJAMAL AND NJAMAL #10

Claim Location and Background

The Njamal and Njamal #10 native title claims cover approximately 33,612 square kilometres of land and sea in the Pilbara region. They lie in the Shire of East Pilbara and the Town of Port Hedland.

Native Title Claim Progress

During the reporting period, consent determination negotiations continuing with the State over exclusive possession areas. YMAC are providing targeted research to respond to the State's ongoing questions on exclusive possession. Further evidence will be sought in relation to exclusive possession and the State will update tenure information in the next reporting period.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to assist the Njamal People in relation to a large number of heritage agreements, as well as comprehensive mining and infrastructure agreements. YMAC will do this with respect to agreement implementation and compliance.

Case Management Conferences

5 November 2014
9 February 2015

DPMC Funded Meetings

12 August 2014 Njamal Elders Meeting
1 May 2015 Njamal Elders Meeting

Additional meetings

15 July 2014 Negotiation Meeting
6 August 2014 Negotiation Meeting
13 August 2014 Working Group Meeting
14 August 2014 Monitoring and Liason Committee (MALC) Negotiation Meeting
3 September 2014 Working Group Meeting
1 October 2014 Working Group Meeting
2 October 2014 MALC Negotiation Meeting
12 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
13 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
14 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
3 December 2014 MALC Negotiation Meeting
9 March 2015 Heritage Meeting
12 March 2015 MALC Negotiation Meeting
14 April 2015 MALC Implementation and Compliance Meeting
29 April 2015 MALC Implementation and Compliance Meeting
30 April 2015 Working Group Meeting
1 May 2015 Working Group Meeting
8 June 2015 Working Group Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Nyangumarta Country

NYANGUMARTA

Claim Location and Background

The Nyangumarta native title determination area covers approximately 34,000 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Broome and East Pilbara.

Native Title Claim Progress

The Nyangumarta claim is determined, but YMAC continues to represent the Nyangumarta People in their future act and heritage matters. YMAC continues to represent the Nyangumarta people over the unclaimed area between Nyangumarta, Ngarla and Njamal native title claims. The Nyangumarta people continue engage in mediation regarding this “unclaimed” land. YMAC is working on this matter and have begun collecting evidence from all Traditional Owners.

Future Act Developments

The State and the Nyangumarta people were engaged in lengthy negotiations regarding an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for the creation and joint management of marine parks and conservation reserves in the Nyangumarta determination area, particularly the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park and the Walyarta Conservation Reserve.

The ILUA (incorporating a joint management agreement) is now operative, having been signed by the state government in December 2014. The ILUA acknowledges that the Nyangumarta People will pursue other opportunities to protect and manage conservation and cultural values in their determination area. The inaugural joint management body meeting was held on 29 April 2015 and a management plan has been developed for the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park.

DPMC Funded Meetings

29 July 2014 PBC Directors' Meeting
30 July 2014 PBC Directors' Meeting
4 November 2014 PBC Directors' Meeting
5 November 2014 PBC Directors' Meeting
5 May 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting
6 May 2015 PBC Directors' Meeting

Additional Meetings

30 September 2014 Negotiation Meeting
24 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
25 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
26 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
27 November 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting



Niyiyaparli Country

NYIYAPARLI AND NYIYAPARLI #3

Claim Location and Background

The Niyiyaparli native title claim covers approximately 37,376 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Meekatharra and Wiluna.

Native Title Claim Progress

Wunna Niyiyaparli has previously filed an overlapping claim and has recently filed a statement detailing its claim. YMAC is seeking to remove Wunna Niyiyaparli as a respondent and is also responding to the State Government in relation to outstanding issues relating to a consent determination of Native Title.

Future Act Developments

The Niyiyaparli native title claim continues to experience a high level of future act activity including authorising a range of Iron Ore, Sand Mining and Infrastructures agreements with three ILUA's authorised and executed during the reporting period.

YMAC has also assisted the Niyiyaparli People with existing agreements by providing logistical support and legal advice for Implementation Committee meetings.

Case Management Conference

6 November 2014
10 March 2015

DPMC Funded Meetings

17 November 2014 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings

15 July 2014 Working Group Sub-Committee Meeting
16 July 2014 Working Group Sub-Committee Meeting
30 July 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
7 August 2014 Working Group Meeting
11 August 2014 Working Group Sub-Committee Meeting
15 August 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
19 August 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
4 September 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
17 September 2014 Working Group Meeting
18 September 2014 Working Group Meeting
16 October 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
13 November 2014 Working Group Meeting
25 November 2014 Implementation Committee Meeting
26 November 2014 Working Group Meeting
2 December 2014 Implementation Committee Meeting
15 December 2014 Implementation Committee Meeting
18 February 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
12 March 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
26 March 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
30 March 2015 Community Meeting
13 April 2015 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
22 April 2015 Community Meeting
6 May 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
7 May 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
20 May 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
27 May 2015 Implementation Committee Meeting
28 May 2015 Elders Implementation Committee Meeting
19 June 2015 Working Group Implementation Meeting
20 June 2015 Community Implementation Committee Meeting
21 June 2015 Community Implementation Committee Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Palyku Country

PALYKU

Claim Location and Background

The Palyku native title claim covers approximately 9,521 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and East Pilbara.

Native Title Claim Progress

YMAC has submitted a supplementary report to respond to the State's questions relating to the Connection Report. YMAC is waiting on the State's response to this supplementary report.

Future Act Developments

YMAC does not represent the Palyku people in relation to future acts or heritage matters.

Case Management Conferences

3 November 2014
28 April 2015

DPMC Funded Meetings

27 August 2014 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

31 March 2015 Community Meeting



Puutu Kunti Kurrama & Pinikura Country

PUUTU KUNTI KURRAMA & PINIKURA (PKKP)

Claim Location and Background

The Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura (PKKP) native title claim covers approximately 9,521 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara Region. It lies in the shire of Ashburton.

Native Title Claim Progress

During the reporting period YMAC staff worked hard to progress a consent determination which is to be held on 2 September 2015 on-Country.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to assist the PKKP Peoples in relation to future act matters and with set up of their Benefit Management Structure.

Case Management Conferences

3 September 2014
15 December 2014
25 March 2015
6 May 2015
22 May 2015
9 June 2015
26 June 2015

Directions Hearings

13 September 2014

Other Court Dates

16 April 2015 Administrative Listing
25 May 2015 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

15 August 2014 Community Meeting
27 August 2014 Community Meeting
11 December 2014 Land Committee Meeting
29 January 2015 Community Meeting
11 February 2015 Community Meeting
12 February 2015 Community Meeting
13 February 2015 Community Meeting
25 February 2015 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting

Additional Meetings

30 January 2015 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
6 March 2015 Signing of Documents
23 March 2015 Joint Land Committee Meeting
25 May 2015 Joint Land Committee Meeting
11 June 2015 Community Meeting
12 June 2015 Trust and Decision Making Council Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



Wajarri Yamatji Country

WAJARRI YAMATJI

Claim Location and Background

The Wajarri Yamatji native title claim covers approximately 100,701 square kilometres of land in the Yamatji region. It lies in the City of Greater Geraldton and the Shires of Chapman Valley, Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Northampton, Shark Bay, Upper Gascoyne and Yalgoo. This claim combines the former Wajarri Elders and the Ngoonooru Wadjari claims.

Native Title Claim Progress

During the reporting period, negotiations progressed with the State and other parties with the aim of finalising a consent determination.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to provide significant future act assistance to the Wajarri people.

The Weld Range Project Native Title and the Heritage Sustainable Benefits Agreement between Wajarri Yamatji and Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Pty Ltd was finalised in January 2015.

Case Management Conferences

16 October 2014
27 February 2015
27 May 2015
22 June 2015
29 June 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

31 July 2014 Administrative Listing
8 October 2014 Administrative Listing
23 October 2014 Administrative Listing
5 November 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

14 July 2014 Working Group Meeting
15 July 2014 Working Group Meeting
23 February 2015 Working Group Meeting
24 February 2015 Working Group Meeting
1 May 2015 March 2015 Community Meeting
2 May 2015 March 2015 Community Meeting
15 June 2015 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
16 June 2015 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
18 June 2015 Research Workshop

Additional Meetings

4 May 2015 Negotiation Meeting
22 November 2014 Community Meeting
15 December 2014 Working Group and Negotiation Meeting

Direction Hearings

10 October 2014
10 April 2015



Yinhawangka Country

YINHAWANGKA

Claim location and background

The Yinhawangka native title claim covers approximately 10,150 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and Meekatharra.

Native Title Claim Progress

On 3 July 2014 an on-Country preservation hearing with evidence was led from Elder David Cox. On 30 July 2014 the State offered to engage in negotiations towards a consent determination recognising non-exclusive possession native title in the Yinhawangka Claim Area. All respondents have agreed to a consent determination of non-exclusive possession. YMAC are waiting on the Pastoralists and Graziers Association response to the ILUA and for the State to provide tenure information.

Future Act Developments

YMAC has continued to assist the Yinhawangka People with the negotiations with BHP Billiton for a proposed mining agreement.

YMAC has also assisted the Yinhawangka People with protecting their heritage by negotiating a number of heritage agreements over the claim area and in relation to finalising future act agreements and sub-fund variation deeds, and in relation to compliance and implementation of agreements.

Case Management Conferences

16 July 2014
20 August 2014
28 August 2014
23 October 2014
19 November 2014
25 May 2015

Other Court Dates

2 July 2014 Preservation Evidence Hearing
23 July 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

17 October 2014 Working Group Meeting
28 November 2014 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

29 July 2014 Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting
22 August 2014 Committee Meeting
30 September 2014 Working Group Meeting
9 October 2014 Working Group Meeting
17 October 2014 Working Group Meeting
29 October 2014 Working Group Meeting
3 November 2014 Working Group Meeting
27 November 2014 Working Group and Committee Meeting
24 February 2015 Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) Meeting
11 March 2015 YAC Meeting
25 March 2015 Working Group Meeting
4 June 2015 Compliance and Implementation Committee Meeting
19 June 2015 Compliance and Implementation Committee Meeting
20 June 2015 Community Meeting
21 June 2015 Community Meeting

NATIVE TITLE CLAIM UPDATES



The Yugunga-Nya claim area

YUGUNGA-NYA

Claim Location and Background

The Yugunga-Nya native title claim covers approximately 30,341 square kilometres of land in the Yamatji region. It lies in the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Wiluna.

Native Title Claim Progress

Ongoing research is being progressed on a staged basis in relation to the Connection Report for the claim. YMAC will progress the staged research through a combination of intensive in-house anthropological work and targeted consultant anthropologist input.

Future Act Developments

YMAC continues to assist the Yugunga-Nya people in relation to heritage, mining and infrastructure agreements. The claim continues to experience a future act workload from both existing and developing non-iron ore related mining activity.

Case Management Conferences

5 February 2015

Directions Hearings

10 October 2014
5 December 2014
10 April 2015

Other Court Dates

23 October 2014 Administrative Listing

DPMC Funded Meetings

28 October 2015 Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings

None

EASTERN GURUMA

YMAC does not represent the Eastern Guruma people, but has continued to monitor the progress of this claim and has attended Federal Court directions hearings and mediation in the National Native Title Tribunal, as well as the final determination hearing.

YMAC has and will continue to carry out its function as a representative body in notifying the Eastern Guruma People of future acts and communicating in relation to ILUAs.

THUDGARI

An authorisation meeting/community meeting was held in Carnarvon on Saturday, 6 June 2015 for a new claim. All decisions necessary to lodge a claim were made including appointment of a lawyer to represent the group. YMAC was not instructed to represent the group. YMAC's role through the remainder of the reporting period has been to address issues flowing from the meeting, including speaking with members of the claim group and helping direct them to their new legal representation.

DPMC Funded Meetings

6 June 2015 Community Meeting
9 March 2015 Research Workshop

Additional Meetings

None



Amangu wildflowers

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Amounts shown in these financial statements may not add to the correct sub-totals or totals due to rounding

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation ("the Entity") and Controlled Entities ("the Consolidated Entity"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Consolidated Entity, comprising the Corporation y and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

The Responsibility of the Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the Financial Report

The Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* ("CATSIA"), and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (Continued)



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation presents fairly; in all material respects, the Corporations financial position and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Finance Minister's Orders made under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* ("CATSIA").

BENTLEYS
Chartered Accountants

DOUG BELL CA
Director

Dated at Perth this 9th day of October 2015



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STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

for the year ended 30 June 2015

In our opinion, at the date of this statement, the attached financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015:

- (a) are in accordance with the Corporations (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander*) Act 2006, including:
- (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Corporations (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander*) Regulations 2007.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Yamatji Maripa Aboriginal Corporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This Statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Doris Eaton
Co-Chairperson
YMAC
9 October 2015



Ben Roberts
Co-Chairperson
YMAC
9 October 2015



Simon Hawkins
Chief Executive Officer
YMAC
9 October 2015



Nick Kimber
Chief Financial Officer
YMAC
9 October 2015

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2015

		Entire Operations		Native Title	
	Notes	2015	2014	2015	2014
		\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE					
<i>Revenues from ordinary activities</i>					
Revenue from Commonwealth Government - Operational		12,136,996	11,810,973	12,136,996	11,810,973
Revenue from Services	5A	7,209,899	10,367,130	2,358,847	2,506,640
Interest	5B	209,791	228,873	-	9,828
Gain on sale of PPE	5C	205,152	72,714	205,152	72,714
Other	5D	1,499,643	2,583,777	1,175,769	2,089,052
Revenues from ordinary activities		21,261,481	25,063,468	15,876,764	16,489,207
EXPENSE					
<i>Expenses from ordinary activities</i>					
Employees	6A	8,274,596	9,776,342	7,674,582	8,568,174
Insurance expense		65,770	83,446	65,410	82,666
Office Supplies expense		411,529	323,382	400,052	310,444
Travel & Meeting costs		2,197,045	2,446,658	2,077,840	2,286,619
Motor vehicle expenses		253,221	279,223	253,055	277,089
Contractors and consultant fees		5,273,137	8,746,420	1,764,713	2,608,687
Impairment & Write off Expenses	6B	39,691	-	22,389	-
Lease expenses		1,118,580	1,248,277	1,118,580	1,233,733
Long Service Leave expense	6A	48,221	42,489	52,899	31,146
Depreciation and amortisation		534,008	636,644	403,037	504,083
Cost Recovery expenses		1,058,184	1,027,267	879,698	864,435
Payroll and support Costs		553,974	582,788	488,304	480,278
Telephone		288,469	285,408	274,547	279,000
Ancillary costs, fees & provisions		313,682	70,906	286,618	268,579
Expenses from ordinary activities		20,430,107	25,549,251	15,761,725	17,794,932
Operating surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities	14	831,375	(485,783)	115,041	(1,305,725)
Changes to asset revaluation reserve		-	219,800	-	-
Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments recognised directly in equity		-	219,800	-	-
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners attributable to the members of Yamatji Maripa Aboriginal Corporation	15A	831,375	(265,983)	115,041	(1,305,725)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

at 30 June 2015

		Entire Operations		Native Title	
	Notes	2015	2014	2015	2014
		\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS					
<i>Financial Assets</i>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	7A	7,764,656	8,001,138	(1,243,951)	(538,763)
Trade & Other Receivables	7B	1,960,486	1,436,378	1,281,589	747,208
Other Investment	7C	383,967	383,967	383,967	383,967
Total financial assets		10,109,109	9,821,483	421,605	592,412
<i>Non-financial assets</i>					
Land and buildings	8A	2,619,586	2,694,124	1,317,239	1,368,219
Plant and equipment	8B	1,013,260	983,998	913,963	759,987
Other	8D	19,359	11,655	19,359	11,405
Total non-financial assets		3,652,205	3,689,777	2,250,561	2,139,611
Total Assets		13,761,314	13,511,260	2,672,166	2,732,023
LIABILITIES					
<i>Provisions</i>					
Employees	9A	1,633,563	1,583,655	1,542,355	1,479,755
Other provisions	9B	34,125	32,325	34,125	32,325
Total provisions		1,667,688	1,615,980	1,576,480	1,512,080
<i>Payables</i>					
Suppliers	10	698,074	728,687	599,966	536,308
Unexpended grants	11	1,146,160	1,029,300	1,136,560	943,100
Income received in advance	12	2,844,109	3,313,107	2,737,722	2,979,206
Accruals	13	977,715	1,227,994	973,064	1,227,994
Total payables		5,666,058	6,299,088	5,447,312	5,686,608
Total liabilities		7,333,746	7,915,068	7,023,791	7,198,688
Net Assets		6,427,568	5,596,192	(4,351,625)	(4,466,665)
EQUITY					
Revaluation reserve		891,319	891,319	891,319	891,319
Retained surplus		5,536,249	4,704,874	(5,242,943)	(5,357,983)
Total equity	14	6,427,568	5,596,193	(4,351,624)	(4,466,665)
Current assets		10,128,468	9,833,138	440,964	603,817
Non-current assets		3,632,846	3,678,122	2,231,203	2,128,206
Current liabilities		7,176,517	7,737,240	6,882,451	7,056,575
Non-current liabilities		157,229	177,827	141,341	142,113

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2015

		Entire Operations		Native Title	
	Notes	2015	2014	2015	2014
		\$	\$	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
<i>Cash Received</i>					
Receipts from government		12,716,843	15,171,773	12,597,722	15,171,773
Goods and services		9,275,487	15,166,115	4,025,413	4,715,751
Interest		209,791	228,873	-	9,828
Total Cash Received		22,202,121	30,566,761	16,623,135	19,897,352
<i>Cash Used</i>					
Suppliers		12,502,080	16,584,869	8,240,330	7,894,819
Employees		8,493,455	9,814,761	7,885,428	8,611,562
GST paid to ATO		1,400,286	1,473,424	1,159,784	1,219,137
Total Cash Used		22,395,821	27,873,054	17,285,542	17,725,518
Net cash from operating activities	15	(193,700)	2,693,707	(662,406)	2,171,834
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
<i>Cash Received</i>					
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment		270,158	72,714	270,158	72,714
Total Cash Received		270,158	72,714	270,158	72,714
<i>Cash Used</i>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		312,939	1,729,494	312,939	1,729,494
Total Cash Used		312,939	1,729,494	312,939	1,729,494
Net cash used by investing activities		(42,782)	(1,656,780)	(42,781)	(1,656,780)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(236,482)	1,036,927	(705,187)	515,054
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		8,385,105	7,348,177	(154,796)	(669,850)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	15B	8,148,623	8,385,104	(859,983)	(154,796)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Retained Earnings Entire Operations		Asset Revaluation Reserve Entire Operations		Total Equity Entire Operations	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance						
Balance carried forward from previous period	4,704,874	5,190,658	891,319	671,519	5,596,193	5,862,177
Adjusted opening balance	4,704,874	5,190,658	891,319	671,519	5,596,193	5,862,177
Comprehensive Income						
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	831,375	(485,784)			831,375	(485,784)
Net revaluation increment			-	219,800	-	219,800
Total comprehensive income	831,375	(485,784)	-	219,800	831,375	(265,984)
Closing balance as at 30 June	5,536,249	4,704,874	891,319	891,319	6,427,568	5,596,193

SCHEDULE OF COMMITMENTS

as at 30 June 2015

	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BY TYPE				
Commitments Receivable				
Infrastructure, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-
Total commitments receivable	-	-	-	-
Other Commitments				
Operating leases	1,432,325	1,775,953	1,432,325	1,775,953
Total Other Commitments	1,432,325	1,775,953	1,432,325	1,775,953
Net Commitments by Type	1,432,325	1,775,953	1,432,325	1,775,953
BY MATURITY				
Operating Lease Commitments				
One year or less	888,125	970,445	888,125	970,445
From one to five years	544,200	805,508	544,200	805,508
Total Operating Lease Commitments	1,432,325	1,775,953	1,432,325	1,775,953
Net Commitments by Maturity	1,432,325	1,775,953	1,432,325	1,775,953

NB: Commitments are GST inclusive where relevant

SCHEDULE OF ASSET ADDITIONS

for the period ended 30 June 2015

	Heritage & Cultural	Plant & Equipment	Total
	2015	2015	2015
	\$	\$	\$
The following non-financial non-current assets were added in 2014-15			
Notes			
By Purchase - Government Funding		593,428	593,428
By Purchase - Other		-	-
Total Additions		593,428	593,428

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The financial statements cover the consolidated financial statements of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) as a Group. YMAC is an association incorporated under the Corporations (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander*) Act 2006 (CATSI) with its principal place of business and registered address at Level 2, 16 St Georges Tce, Perth WA 6000.

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements are required by clause 1(b) of Schedule 1 to the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act general purpose financial statements.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- Finance Minister's Orders (or FMO) for reporting periods ending on or after 1 July 2011; and
- Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that apply for the reporting period.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with historical cost convention, except for certain assets at fair value. Except where stated, no allowance is made for the effect of changing prices on the results or the financial position. Amounts shown in these financial statements may not add to the correct sub-totals or totals due to rounding

Assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position for not-for-profit report entities when and only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity or a future sacrifice of economic benefits will be required and the amounts of the assets or liabilities can be reliably measured. However, assets and liabilities arising under Agreements Equally Proportionately Unperformed are not recognised unless required by an accounting standard. Liabilities and assets that are unrecognised are reported in the Schedule of Commitments.

Unless alternative treatment is specifically required by an accounting standard, income and expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when, and only when, the flow, consumption or loss of economic benefits has occurred and can be reliably measured.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Corporation and entities (including structured entities) controlled by the Corporation and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Corporation:

- has power over the investee;

- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Corporation reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

When the Corporation has less than a majority of the voting rights of an investee, it has power over the investee when the voting rights are sufficient to give it the practical ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee unilaterally. The Corporation considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether or not the Corporation's voting rights in an investee are sufficient to give it power, including:

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- the size of the Corporation's holding of voting rights relative to the size and dispersion of holdings of the other vote holders; but
- potential voting rights held by the Corporation, other vote holders or other parties;
- rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and any

additional facts and circumstances that indicate that the Corporation has, or does not have, the current ability to direct the relevant activities at the time that decisions need to be made, including voting patterns at previous members' meetings.

1.1 Basis of Preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Corporation obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Corporation loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Corporation gains control until the date when the Corporation ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the members of the Corporation and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the members of the Corporation and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

1.2 Revenue

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of contracts at the reporting date. The revenue is recognised when:

- The amount of revenue, stage of completion and transaction costs incurred can be reliably measured; and
- The probable economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity.

The stage of completion of contracts at the reporting date is determined by reference to the proportion that costs incurred to date bear to the estimated total costs of the transaction.

Receivables for services are recognised at the nominal amounts due less any provision for bad and doubtful debts. Collectability of debts is reviewed at balance date. Provisions are made when collectability of the debt is no longer probable.

Revenue from disposal of non-current assets is recognised when control of the asset has passed to the buyer.

Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the relevant asset.

Revenue from grants received from government funding organisations is recognised when received, and is deferred as a liability to the extent that unspent grants are required to be repaid to the funding organisation.

1.3 Employee Benefits

Benefits

Liabilities for services rendered by employees are recognised at the reporting date to the extent that they have not been settled.

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Liabilities for short term employee benefits (as defined in AASB 119) and termination benefits due within 12 months of the end of reporting period are measured at their nominal amounts. The nominal amount is calculated with regard to the rates expected to be paid on settlement of the liability.

Other long-term employee benefits are measured as net total of the present value of the future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Leave

The liability for employee benefits includes provision for annual leave and long service leave. No provision has been made for sick leave as all sick leave is non-vesting and the average sick leave taken in future years by employees of YMAC is estimated to be less than the annual entitlement for sick leave.

The leave liabilities are calculated on the basis of employees' remuneration at the estimated salary rates that will be applied at the time the leave is taken, including YMAC's employer superannuation contribution rates to the extent that the leave is likely to be taken during service rather than paid out on termination.

The liability for long service leave has been determined by reference to the work of an actuary. Leave is shown as at 30 June 2015. The estimate of the present value of the liability takes into account attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation.

Superannuation

Contributions are made to employee superannuation fund of their choice and charged as expenses when incurred.

The liability for superannuation recognised as at 30 June represents outstanding contributions for the final month of the year.

1.4 Grants

Most grant agreements require YMAC to perform services, provide facilities or meet eligibility criteria. In these cases, YMAC recognises grant liabilities only to the extent that the services required have not been performed or the eligibility criteria have not been satisfied by YMAC.

In cases where grant agreements are made without conditions to be monitored, liabilities are recognised on signing the agreement.

Grants relating to the purchase of property plant and equipment are recognized at fair value and treated as an asset and as income when the Corporation gains control of the contribution. This is in accordance with the treatment of grants under AASB 1004 of the Australian Accounting Standards. Not for profit entities are still required to comply with AASB under IFRS and, therefore, there is no change on the treatment of Grants on adoption of IFRS.

1.5 Leases

YMAC has entered into commercial leases on certain motor vehicles where it is not in the best interest of the Corporation to purchase these assets. Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of assets are classified as operating leases.

Operating lease payments are expensed on a straight line basis over the lease term which is representative of the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets.

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1.6 Cash

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and demand deposits in bank accounts with an original maturity of 3 months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash is recognised at its nominal amount. Interest is credited to revenue as it accrues.

1.7 Other Financial Assets

Term deposits are recognised at cost.

1.8 Financial Risk Management

YMAC's activities expose it to normal commercial financial risk. As a result of the nature of YMAC 's business and internal and Australian Government policies, dealing with the management of financial risk, YMAC 's exposure to market, credit, liquidity and cash flow and fair value interest rate risk is considered to be low.

1.9 Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or the asset is transferred to another Entity. In the case of a transfer to another Entity, it is necessary that the risks and rewards of ownership are also transferred. Financial liabilities are derecognized when the obligation under the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

1.10 Impairment of Financial Assets

If there is objective evidence that impairment has occurred for receivables, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount is reduced by way of an allowance account. The loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

1.11 Other Financial Liabilities

Trade creditors and accruals are recognised at their nominal amounts, being the amounts at which the liabilities will be settled. Liabilities are recognised to the extent that the goods or services have been received (and irrespective of having been invoiced).

1.12 Acquisition of Assets

Assets are recorded at cost on acquisition except as stated below. The cost of acquisition includes the fair value of assets transferred in exchange and liabilities undertaken. Financial assets are initially measured at their fair value plus transaction costs where appropriate.

1.14A Property, Plant and Equipment

Revaluations

Basis

Land, buildings and infrastructure are carried at valuation, being revalued with sufficient frequency such that the carrying amount of each asset class is not materially different, as at reporting date, from its fair value. Valuations undertaken in any year are as at 30 June.

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Fair values for each class of asset are determined as shown below

Asset class	Fair value measured at:
Land	Market selling price
Buildings	Market selling price
Leasehold improvements	Depreciated replacement cost
Plant and equipment	Market selling price

Land and building assets are subject to a formal valuation every three years. Formal valuations are carried out by an independent qualified valuer. Land and buildings are measured at fair cost less accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

Revaluation adjustments are made on a class basis. Any revaluation increment is credited to equity under the heading of asset revaluation except to the extent that it reverses a previous revaluation decrement of the same asset class that was previously recognised in the surplus/deficit. Revaluation decrements for a class of assets are recognised directly in the surplus/deficit except to the extent that they reverse a previous revaluation increment for that class.

Any accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the asset restated to the revalued amount.

Depreciation

Depreciable property plant and equipment assets are written-off to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives to YMAC using, in all cases, the straight-line method of depreciation.

Depreciation rates (useful lives) and methods are reviewed at each reporting date and necessary adjustments are recognised in the current, or current and future reporting periods, as appropriate. Residual values are re-estimated for a change in prices only when assets are revalued.

Depreciation rates applying to each class of depreciable asset are based on the following useful lives:

Buildings on freehold land	2%
Leasehold improvements	25%
Plant and equipment	25%
IT equipment	33.3%
Motor Vehicles	25%

The aggregate amount of depreciation allocated for each class of asset during the reporting period is disclosed in Note 8B.

Impairment

All assets were assessed for impairment at 30 June 2015. Where indications of impairment exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated and an impairment adjustment made if the asset's recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset. Where the future economic benefit of

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an asset is not primarily dependent on the asset's ability to generate cash flows, and the asset would be replaced if the YMAC were deprived of the asset; its value in use is taken to be its depreciated replacement cost.

Decommissioning, Restoration and Make-good

When assessing accommodation leases for the preparation of the opening balance sheet, no obligations under the leases for make-good were determined.

In relation to non-financial assets, YMAC has assessed at the reporting date that there is no obligation for decommissioning, restoration or make good.

1.15 Taxation

YMAC is exempt from all forms of taxation except fringe benefits tax and the goods and services tax (GST).

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST except:

- where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office; and
- for receivables and payables.

1.16 Comparatives

Where necessary, the prior year comparatives have been amended to facilitate comparison with the current year presentation of financial information.

1.17 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Corporation's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

1.18 Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the Standards and Interpretations that were issued but not yet effective are listed below.

When an entity has not applied a new Accounting Standard that has been issued but is not yet effective, the entity shall disclose:

- (a) this fact; and
- (b) known or reasonably estimable information relevant to assessing the possible impact that application of the new Accounting Standard will have on the entity's financial report in the period of initial application.

In complying with the requirements above, an entity considers disclosing:

- (a) the title of the new Accounting Standard;
- (b) the nature of the impending change or changes in accounting policy;
- (c) the date by which application of the Accounting Standard is required;

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- (d) the date as at which it plans to apply the Accounting Standard initially; and
- (e) either:
- i a discussion of the impact that initial application of the Accounting Standard is expected to have on the entity's financial report; or
 - ii. if that impact is not known or reasonably estimable, a statement to that effect.

Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 9 'Financial Instruments', and the relevant amending standards ¹	1 January 2018	30 June 2019
AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and AASB 2014-5 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from		
AASB 15'	1 January 2017	30 June 2018
AASB 2014-3 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017
AASB 2014-4 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017
AASB 2014-6 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Agriculture: Bearer Plants'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017
AASB 2014-9 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017

1 The AASB has issued the following versions of AASB 9:

- AASB 9 'Financial Instruments' (December 2009) and the relevant amending standard;
- AASB 9 'Financial Instruments' (December 2010) and the relevant amending standards;
- AASB 2013-9 'Amendment to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments', Part C – Financial Instruments
- AASB 9 'Financial Instruments' (December 2014) and the relevant amending standards

All the standards have an effective date of annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. Either AASB 9 (December 2009) or AASB 9 (December 2010) can be early adopted if the initial application date is before 1 February 2015.

After this date only AASB 9 (December 2014) can be early adopted.

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Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 2014-10 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017
AASB 2015-1 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements to Australian Accounting Standards 2012-2014 Cycle'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017
AASB 2015-2 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017
AASB 2015-3 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Withdrawal of AASB 1031 Materiality'	1 July 2015	30 June 2016
AASB 2015-4 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Financial Reporting Requirements for Australian Groups with a Foreign Parent'	1 July 2015	30 June 2016
AASB 2015-5 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception'	1 January 2016	30 June 2017

Note that the following new Standards and Interpretations are not applicable for the Group but are relevant for the period:

AASB 14 'Regulatory Deferral Accounts' and AASB 2014-1 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Part D: 'Consequential Amendments arising from AASB 14' is not applicable to the Group as the Group is not a first-time adopter of Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 1056 'Superannuation Entities' is not applicable to the Group as the Group is not a superannuation entity.

AASB 2015-6 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Related Party Disclosures to Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities' is not applicable to the Group as the Group is a for-profit entity.

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the following IASB Standards and IFRIC Interpretations were also in issue but not yet effective, although Australian equivalent Standards and Interpretations have not yet been issued.

At the date of publication, there have been no IASB Standards or IFRIC Interpretations that are issued but not yet effective.

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Note 2 Operating Leases

Operating leases included are effectively non – cancellable and comprise:

Nature of lease	General Description of leasing arrangements
Leases for office accommodation.	Lease payments are subject to annual increases in accordance with upwards movements in the Consumer Price Index. Six premises' initial leases are still current and two may be renewed from one to two years at YMAC's option. Two of the premises are on a periodic basis.
Leases for staff accommodation	Lease payments are subject to annual increases in accordance with upwards movements in the Consumer Price Index. Eleven premises' initial leases are still current and all may be renewed for 12 months at YMAC's option.
Agreements for the provision of motor vehicles to senior officers.	No contingent rentals exist.

Note 3 Economic Dependency

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation is an association incorporated under the Corporations (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander*) Act 2006 (CATSI)

YMAC is dependent on funding from the Commonwealth of Australia for its continued existence and ability to carry on its normal activities.

Note 4 Subsequent Events

YMAC have received confirmation from the Commonwealth of Australia of the provision of funding for the 2015/16 financial year. Subsequent events have been evaluated through to October 8, 2015 which is the date of this financial report. There have been no significant events subsequent to the balance sheet date.

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	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
NOTE 5 Income				
Note 5A Rendering of Services				
<i>Rendering of services to:</i>				
External entities	7,209,899	10,367,130	2,358,847	2,506,640
Total rendering of services	7,209,899	10,367,130	2,358,847	2,506,640
Note 5B Interest				
Deposits	209,791	228,873	-	9,828
Total finance income	209,791	228,873	-	9,828
Note 5C Sales of Assets				
<i>Plant and equipment:</i>				
Proceeds from disposal	270,158	72,714	270,158	72,714
Net book value of assets disposed	(65,005)	-	(65,005)	-
Total net profit from disposal of plant and equipment	205,153	72,714	205,153	72,714
Note 5D Other Gains				
<i>Other grants:</i>				
Staffing	742,916	1,032,979	423,243	563,406
Expenses and capital	756,727	1,550,799	752,527	1,525,647
Total Other	1,499,643	2,583,778	1,175,770	2,089,053
NOTE 6 Expenses				
Note 6A Employee Benefits				
Wages and Salaries	7,317,690	8,488,703	6,770,040	7,371,845
Superannuation	658,357	756,140	607,296	665,376
Other employee benefits	298,549	531,499	297,245	530,953
Leave and other entitlements	48,221	42,489	52,899	31,146
Provision for redundancy	-	-	-	-
Total Employee Expenses	8,322,817	9,818,831	7,727,480	8,599,320
Note 6B Write Down and Impairment of Assets				
Write downs	39,691	-	22,389	-
Total write down and impairment of assets	39,691	-	22,389	-

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	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Note 7 Financial Assets				
Note 7A Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash on hand	697	1,000	697	1,000
Cash on deposit	7,763,958	8,000,138	(1,244,648)	(539,763)
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,764,656	8,001,138	(1,243,951)	(538,763)
<i>Cash at bank earns interest at tiered interest rates determined by the bank.</i>				
Note 7B Trade and Other Receivables				
Trade receivables	1,172,087	658,017	961,652	358,293
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(20,153)	(30,113)	(14,606)	(7,264)
	1,151,934	627,904	947,046	351,029
Income receivable	705,636	662,384	249,410	274,624
Other receivables	102,916	146,090	85,133	121,554
Total Trade and other receivables (net)	1,960,486	1,436,378	1,281,589	747,208
All receivables are current assets.				
Receivables are aged as follows:				
Overdue by:				
Less than 30 days	770,270	428,386	635,279	153,457
30 to 60 days	62,860	220,623	15,510	204,836
60 to 90 days	318,672	-	310,863	-
More than 90 days	20,285	9,008	-	-
Total Trade receivables (gross)	1,172,087	658,017	961,652	358,293
Allowance for Doubtful Debts is aged as follows:				
Overdue by:				
Less than 30 days	-	-	-	-
30 to 60 days	-	-	-	-
60 to 90 days	-	-	-	-
More than 90 days	20,153	30,113	14,606	7,264
Total Allowance for Doubtful Debts	20,153	30,113	14,606	7,264
Note 7C : Other Investments				
Deposits	383,967	383,967	383,967	383,967

Short term deposits are made with varying periods of between six and nine months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Association, and earn interest at the respective short term deposit rates.

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	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Note 8 Non Financial Assets				
Note 8A Land and Buildings				
Freehold land				
- At valuation 30 June 2015	2,212,347	2,212,347	910,000	910,000
Total freehold land	2,212,347	2,212,347	910,000	910,000
Buildings on freehold land				
- At valuation 30 June 2015	390,000	390,000	390,000	390,000
- Accumulated Depreciation	(7,800)	-	(7,800)	-
Total buildings on freehold land	382,200	390,000	382,200	390,000
Leasehold improvements				
- At fair value	42,986	110,520	42,986	83,162
- Accumulated Depreciation	(17,947)	(18,743)	(17,947)	(14,943)
Total leasehold improvements	25,039	91,777	25,039	68,219
Total land and buildings (non-current)	2,619,586	2,694,124	1,317,239	1,368,219
Note 8B Property, Plant and Equipment				
Plant and equipment				
- At cost	2,852,471	2,984,000	2,349,601	2,435,756
- Accumulated depreciation	(1,839,212)	(2,000,002)	(1,435,638)	(1,675,769)
- Write Downs	-	-	-	-
Total Plant and Equipment (non-current)	1,013,259	983,998	913,963	759,987

All revaluations are independent and are conducted in accordance with the revaluation policy stated at Note 1.14A. In 2014, the revaluations were conducted by an independent valuer Oscar D'Souza (Prime Property Valuations). The valuation was determined by reference to market rent and recent market transactions on an arm length basis.

	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Freehold land - at valuation 30 June 2015	910,000	910,000	910,000	910,000
Freehold land - at fair value	1,302,347	1,302,347	-	-
Buildings on freehold land - at valuation 30 June 2015	390,000	390,000	390,000	390,000

The Group's freehold land and buildings are stated at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The fair value measurements of the Group's freehold land and buildings as at 30 June 2014 was performed by Oscar D'Souza (Prime Property Valuations), an independent valuer not related to the Group. Oscar D'Souza is a member of the Institute of Valuers of Australia, and has appropriate qualifications and recent experience in the fair value measurement of properties in the relevant locations.

The fair value of the freehold land was determined based on the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar properties. The fair value of the buildings was determined using the cost approach that reflects the cost to a market participant to construct assets of comparable utility and age, adjusted for obsolescence.

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Details of the Group's freehold land and buildings and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2015 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value as at 30 June 2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Freehold land	-	2,212,347		2,212,347
Buildings on freehold land	-	-	390,000	390,000

There were no transfers between Levels 2 and 3 during the year.

Note 8C Reconciliation of the opening and closing balances of property, plant and equipment

	Entire Operations			Native Title		
Item	Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Total	Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 1 July 2014						
Gross value	2,712,867	2,984,000	5,696,867	1,383,162	2,435,756	3,818,918
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(18,743)	(2,000,002)	(2,018,745)	(14,943)	(1,675,769)	(1,690,712)
Closing Net Book Value	2,694,124	983,998	3,678,122	1,368,219	759,987	2,128,206

Additions

By purchase	-	593,428	593,428	-	593,428	593,428
Depreciation/Amortisation expense	(35,430)	(498,578)	(534,008)	(28,591)	(374,446)	(403,037)

Disposals

Other Disposals	(39,108)	(65,589)	(104,697)	(22,389)	(65,005)	(87,394)
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Asset transfers

As at 30 June 2015

Gross book value	2,645,333	2,852,471	5,497,804	1,342,986	2,349,601	3,692,587
Accumulated depreciation/impairment	(25,747)	(1,839,212)	(1,864,958)	(25,747)	(1,435,638)	(1,461,384)
Closing Net Book Value	2,619,586	1,013,259	3,632,846	1,317,239	913,963	2,231,203

Assets at valuation

	Entire Operations			Native Title		
Item	Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Total	Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 30 June 2015						
Gross value	2,645,333	2,852,471	5,497,804	1,342,986	2,349,601	3,692,587
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation	(25,747)	(1,839,212)	(1,864,958)	(25,747)	(1,435,638)	(1,461,384)
Closing Net Book Value	2,619,586	1,013,260	3,632,846	1,317,239	913,963	2,231,203
As at 1 July 2014						
Gross value	2,712,867	2,984,000	5,696,867	1,383,162	2,435,756	3,818,918
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation	(18,743)	(2,000,002)	(2,018,745)	(14,943)	(1,675,769)	(1,690,712)
Closing Net Book Value	2,694,124	983,998	3,678,122	1,368,219	759,987	2,128,206

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	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Note 8D Other Non-Financial Assets				
Prepayments	19,359	11,655	19,359	11,405
Note 9 Provisions				
Note 9A Employee Provisions				
FBT provision	52,541	45,517	52,541	45,517
Leave	1,581,022	1,538,137	1,489,815	1,434,238
Total employee provisions	1,633,563	1,583,654	1,542,356	1,479,755
No more than 12 months	1,476,334	1,405,827	1,401,014	1,337,642
More than 12 months	157,229	177,827	141,341	142,113
	1,633,563	1,583,654	1,542,355	1,479,755
Note 9B Other Provisions				
Provision for Audit Fees	34,125	32,325	34,125	32,325
Note 10 Payables				
Trade creditors and accruals	559,551	424,083	470,164	242,235
GST receivable	120,644	288,207	111,922	277,675
Operating Lease Rentals	17,879	16,397	17,879	16,397
Total Supplier Payables	698,074	728,687	599,965	536,307
All suppliers are current and settlement is usually made net 30 days.				
Note 11 Unexpended Grant				
Unexpended grant carried forward	1,146,160	1,029,300	1,136,560	943,100
Unexpended grant carried forward represents grant funds received specifically for approved budget items and which are repayable to the funding organisation to the extent the funds are unspent.				
Note 11 Unexpended Grant				
Unexpended grant carried forward	1,146,160	1,029,300	1,136,560	943,100
Note 12 Income received in Advance				
Opening Balance	3,313,107	2,171,007	2,979,206	1,323,414
Movement	(468,998)	1,142,100	(241,484)	1,655,792
Closing Balance	2,844,109	3,313,107	2,737,722	2,979,206
Note 13 Other Payables				
Accrued Wages/Superannuation	92,371	312,919	92,371	312,919
General accruals	604,143	656,610	599,492	656,610
Assets/benefits held for return/distribution	281,200	258,465	281,200	258,465
Total Other Payables	977,715	1,227,994	973,063	1,227,994

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	Entire Operations		Native Title	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Note 14 Equity				
Analysis of equity				
Accumulated surplus as at 1 July	4,704,874	5,190,658	(5,357,983)	(4,052,258)
Surplus from ordinary activities	831,375	(485,784)	115,041	(1,305,725)
Accumulated surplus as at 30 June	5,536,249	4,704,874	(5,242,943)	(5,357,983)
Revaluation reserve	891,319	891,319	891,319	891,319
Note 15 Cash Flow Reconciliation				
Note 15 A Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash from operating activities				
Operating surplus before extraordinary items	831,375	(265,984)	115,040	(1,305,725)
Non- Cash Items				
Depreciation and amortisation	534,008	636,644	403,037	504,083
Gain on disposal of PPE	(205,152)	(72,714)	(205,152)	(72,714)
Revaluation (Increment)/Decrement	-	(219,800)	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities				
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	(691,671)	2,421,389	(700,134)	685,642
(Increase) / decrease in prepayments	(7,704)	(11,655)	(7,954)	(11,405)
Increase / (decrease) in employee provisions	94,251	(29,050)	106,943	(45,362)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	(155,871)	(182,006)	(68,061)	(345,595)
Increase / (decrease) in unexpended grants	116,860	(517,678)	193,460	(445,928)
Increase / (decrease) in income in advance	(468,998)	1,142,100	(241,485)	1,655,792
Increase / (decrease) in GST payable	(240,797)	(207,540)	(258,099)	1,553,045
Net cash from / (used by) operating activities	(193,700)	2,693,708	(662,406)	2,171,833
Note 15 B Reconciliation of cash				
Reconciliation of cash at the end of the financial year (as shown in the Statement of Cashflow) to the related item in the financial report is as follows:				
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,764,656	8,001,138	(1,243,951)	(538,763)
Deposits	383,967	383,967	383,967	383,967
	8,148,623	8,385,105	(859,984)	(154,796)
Note 16 Remuneration of Key Executive Management				
The aggregate amount of total remuneration of officers shown above.	1,137,132	1,245,314	1,137,132	1,245,314

Executive remuneration includes salary, superannuation and associated costs paid to officers employed for the full financial year.

Appointments to executive positions were effected during the prior year and the positions have now been permanently filled.

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Note 17: Financial Instruments

Note 17A Interest Rate Risk

	Floating Interest Rate		Fixed Interest Rate Maturing in 1 Year or less		Non- Interest Bearing		Total		Weighted Average	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
Financial Assets										
Cash on hand	-	-	-	-	697	1,000	697	1,000	-	-
Deposits at call	2,209,068	1,445,248	-	-	-	-	2,209,068	1,445,248	2.64%	3.05%
Receivables for services (gross)	-	-	-	-	1,172,087	627,904	1,172,087	627,904	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	929,196	808,474	929,196	808,474	-	-
Term deposit			5,938,857	6,938,857			5,938,857	6,938,857	2.64%	3.05%
Total	2,209,068	1,445,248	5,938,857	6,938,857	2,101,980	1,437,378	10,249,905	9,821,483		
Total Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,761,313	13,511,260		
Financial Liabilities										
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-	577,430	728,687	577,430	728,687	n/a	n/a
Grants payable	-	-	-	-	1,146,160	1,029,300	1,146,160	1,029,300	n/a	n/a
Other payables	-	-	-	-	3,821,824	3,313,107	3,821,824	3,313,107	n/a	n/a
Total	-	-	-	-	5,545,414	5,071,094	5,545,414	5,071,094		
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,213,102	7,915,067		

Financial assets

The net fair values of cash, deposits on call and non-interest-bearing monetary financial assets approximate their carrying amounts.

The net fair values of the term deposits are based on discounted cash flows using current interest rates for assets with similar risk profiles.

Financial liabilities

The net fair values for trade creditors and grant liabilities, all of which are short-term in nature, are approximated by their carrying amounts.

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Note 18 Risk Exposures and Responses

Note 18A Credit Risk

The maximum exposures to credit risk at reporting date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Corporation has no significant exposures to any concentrations of credit risk.

Credit risk of financial instruments not past due or individually determined as impaired:

	Not Past Due nor Impaired	Not Past Due nor Impaired	Past due or impaired	Past due or impaired
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Cash at Bank	7,764,656	8,001,138	-	-
Receivables for goods and services	770,270	428,386	401,817	229,631
Total	8,534,926	8,429,524	401,817	229,631
Ageing of financial assets that are past due but not impaired for 2015				
	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	90+ days	Total
Receivables for goods and services	62,860	318,672	20,285	401,817
Ageing of financial assets that are past due but not impaired for 2014				
	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	90+ days	Total
Receivables for goods and services	220,623	-	9,008	229,631

Note 18B Liquidity Risk

This is highly unlikely due to government funding and mechanisms available to YMAC and internal policies and procedures put in place to ensure there are appropriate resources to meet its financial obligations.

YMAC manages its budgeted grant funds to ensure it has adequate funds to meet payments as they fall due. In addition,

YMAC has policies in place to ensure timely payments are made when due and has no past experience of default.

Note 18C Interest rate risk

	Surplus Higher/(Lower)		Equity Higher/(Lower)	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Full Operations				
+1% increase in interest rate	22,091	14,452	22,091	14,452
-1% decrease in interest rate	(22,091)	(14,452)	(22,091)	(14,452)

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Note 19 Remuneration of Auditors

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
The fair value of services provided was:		
Audit services	41,712	45,930

Note 20 Subsidiary

Name of subsidiary	Principal Activity	Proportion of ownership interest and voting power held by the Group	
		2015	2014
YM Services	Management Services	100%	100%
Level 2, 16 St Georges Terrace, Perth			

Note 21 Average Staffing Levels

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
The average staffing levels for the entity during the year were:	91	91

Note 22 Directors Remuneration

The number of directors of the Corporation included in these figures are shown below in the relevant remuneration bands:

\$ Nil - \$ 149,999	12	12
\$ 150,000 - \$ 224,999	-	-
\$ 225,000 - \$ 239,999	-	-
Total number of directors of the Corporation	12	12

Directors

Remuneration	45,546	43,192
Expenses	71,238	75,612
Remuneration for attending Board of Directors meetings including super and tax withheld	116,784	118,804
Expenses include travel, accommodation and flights paid to Directors to attend Board of Directors meetings		

Note 23 Related Party Disclosures

Loans to Directors:

These comprise overpayments of travel allowances to attend meetings.

Most of these overpayments have since been recovered. The balance will be recovered from future travel allowance payments made.

Loans to directors outstanding at year-end:	1,601	2,674
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Payment to Directors-related Consultant Entities:

Payments to director-related entities during the year:	-	-
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Consultant payments to Directors

These include payments made to directors on arm's length commercial terms for attendance at meetings or participation in survey related activities.

Consultant payments to Directors during the year:	9,163	46,165
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AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

as at 30 June 2015



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To The Board of Directors

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 339-50 of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

In accordance with section 339-50 of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of Independence to the Board of Directors of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.

As lead audit director for the audit of the financial statements of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* in relation to the audit; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



BENTLEYS
Chartered Accountants

DOUG BELL ca
Director

Dated at Perth this 9th day of October 2015



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