



Yamatji Marlpa

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Ngarluma people's Native Title recognised

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The Ngarluma People today celebrated the legal recognition of their land and culture at a Federal Court hearing to recognise their native title rights.

Justice McKerracher made the determination recognising the Ngarluma People's non-exclusive rights to the towns of Wickham, Point Samson and Karratha after these were excluded from the Ngarluma determination in 2005. This application was filed in 2008 and covers approximately 21.5 sq kms of land in the Shire of Roebourne, over the town sites of Wickham, Point Samson and Karratha.

Simon Hawkins, CEO, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation said today's determination is a positive outcome for the Ngarluma people.

"After seven years, the towns of Wickham, Point Samson, and Karratha have been recognised as Ngarluma Country, something the Ngarluma people have always known."

The Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation will administer their business.

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

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

YMAC is a not-for-profit organisation, run by an Aboriginal Board and provides a range of services to its members including claim and future-act representation, heritage protection services, community and economic development and natural resource management.

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