



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Membership of the Corporation is free and open to Aboriginal people at least 18 years of age whose traditional Country lies within either YMAC’s Gascoyne, Murchison, Mid West (Yamatji) or Pilbara (Marlpa) regions, and who are accepted as such by their local Yamatji / Pilbara community (even if you don’t live in the regions).

As a member you can speak and vote at the relevant Annual Regional Meeting, learn more about what’s happening at YMAC and ask questions to the Board of Directors, Regional Committee and Executive Management Team. If you meet eligibility requirements, you can also be nominated or elected to the relevant Regional Committee and Board of Directors. Members also receive important news and updates about YMAC’s work and native title matters in our regions through publications such as *YMAC News*.

The membership form requires the names of your spouse, parents and grandparents, which allows the Regional Committee and Board to verify you are a Yamatji or Marlpa person. You also need a YMAC member from the same region (or “class”) to nominate you by signing the form. Membership applications are considered at Regional Committee meetings and then submitted to the Board for endorsement.

Please return completed **Yamatji region** forms to **144 Flores Road, Webberton WA 6530**, and completed **Marlpa (Pilbara) region** forms to **8 Manganese St, Wedgefield WA 6721**. Alternatively, email the form to forms@ymac.org.au

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (as per rule 5.1)

All the sections on the first page and a half of the form must be completed for your membership to be processed.

Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Other.....	Surname:	First Given Name:
Residential Address:		
Suburb/Town:		Postcode:
Postal Address:		Postcode:
Home Phone No:		Mobile Phone No:
Email Address:		Class (please circle): Yamatji / Pilbara
Date of Birth:		Mother’s Full Name (Maiden):
Father’s Full Name:		Spouse’s Full Name:
Maternal Grandmother’s Full Name (Mother’s Mother’s Maiden name):		Paternal Grandmother’s Full Name (Father’s Mother’s Maiden name):
Maternal Grandfather’s Full Name (Mother’s father):		Paternal Grandfather’s Full Name (Father’s father):
I am nominated by (this person <u>must</u> be a current YMAC member – the same Class as the nominee):		
..... [Print Name]		Membership No:



I hereby apply to become a Member of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC). I declare I am eligible for membership and agree that I will, in good faith and to the best of my abilities, obey and observe the Rules and policies of YMAC and Code of Conduct for members and will, at all times, act in the best interests of the organisation should my membership be accepted.

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Rule Book and Code of Conduct for members.

Signed **Date**.....

Please note that the member nominating the application and the person witnessing the application are required to be separate individuals.

Witness name **Signature**.....
[Print name]

NOTE: Membership applications are initially considered at Regional Committee meetings normally held in February, May and August each year and are then submitted for acceptance/endorsement at the subsequent Board of Directors meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT – MEMBERS

All members and staff have a right to safety, dignity and respect at all times, even though the native title process may involve strong emotions and difficult decisions. The Code of Conduct for members requires:

- compliance with the Act and the Rule Book
- notification to the Corporation of any change in address within 28 days
- compliance with all Code of Conduct adopted by the Corporation
- treating other members, directors and staff with respect and dignity
- in all circumstances, refrain from the use of abusive, threatening or obscene language or language that may otherwise give offence to other members and staff
- to not behave in a way that significantly interferes with the operation of the Corporation and of Corporation meetings
- attendance of the General meetings
- not to use confidential information for their own personal advantage, to the advantage of family members or their native title group in any improper manner or to cause harm or detriment to any person, body or YMAC
- not to attend any meetings or to be in the office under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs
- not to use Corporation resources (including the service of staff members) for private purposes.

Non-compliance of the Code of Conduct may result in the members being removed from meetings and / or barred from YMAC premises until there is an improvement in behaviour.

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Application received: [date]..... <i>Signature of Processing Officer</i>
Recommended by Regional Committee: [date]	
Resolution Number: <i>Date final details entered in Membership Register</i>
Accepted by YMAC Board of Directors: [date].....	
Resolution Number: <i>Print Name of Processing Officer</i>
New membership number:	
Date information entered:	