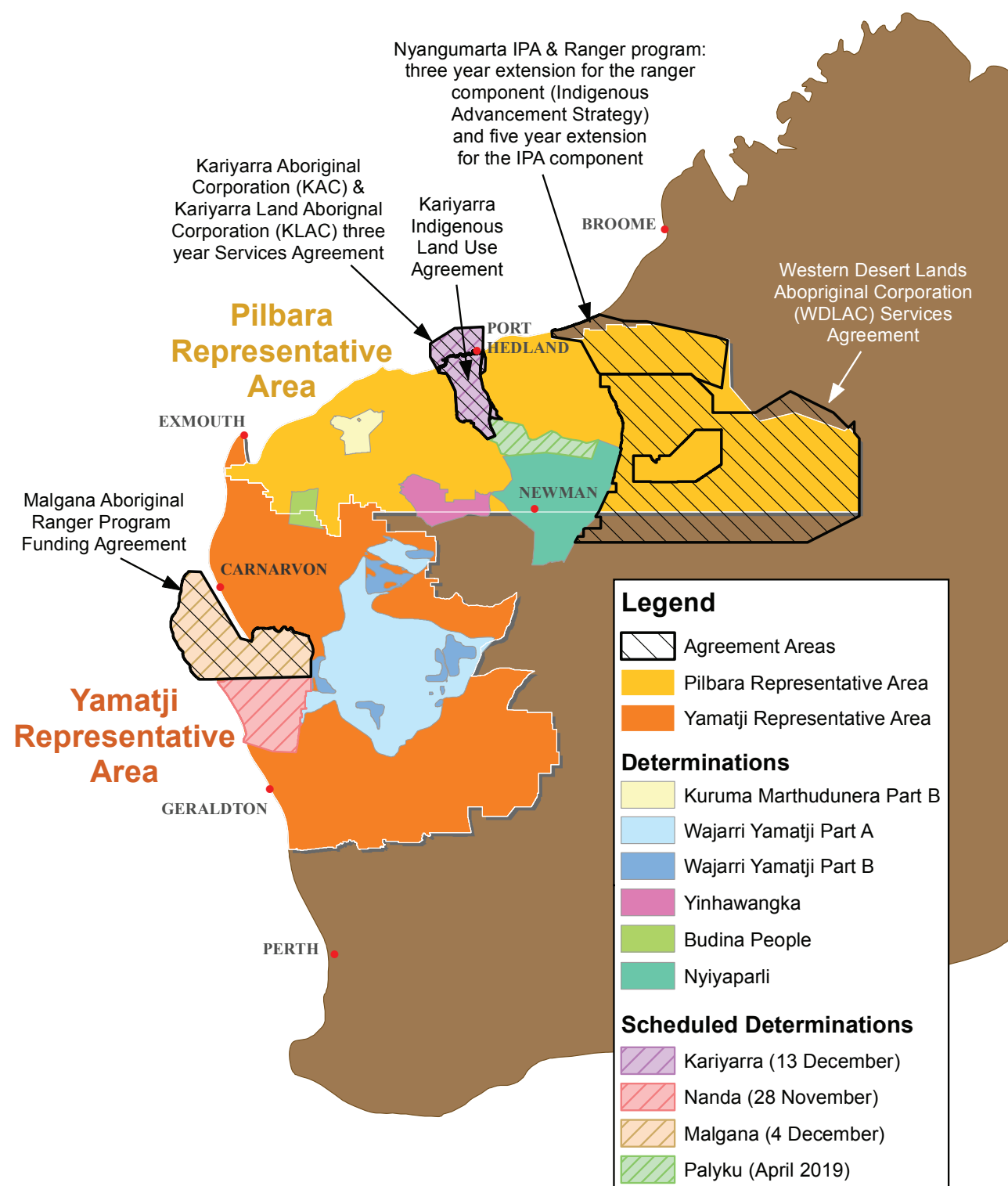


# YMAC Highlights 2017-18

## Achievements and determination areas to end September 2018



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YMAC Directors, Committee and staff with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions staff at Exmouth Lighthouse overlooking Ningaloo Marine Park.

# Hello,

On behalf of the Board we are happy to share with you some of YMAC's highlights from the reporting period ending September 2018. It's a chance to take a step back and look at the hard work being undertaken for YMAC's members and native title claimant groups.

We are proud of the work our teams undertake and we want to take this opportunity to acknowledge these efforts. It contributes to our peoples having greater ownership and control over their land as well as being able to find new ways to build on strong opportunities now and into the future.

Thank you to our members for their ongoing support and working alongside YMAC, and the great people we have working with us to achieve such positive outcomes.

**YMAC co-chairs Peter Windie and Natalie Parker.**



## Consent determinations, agreements and projects

- Yinhawangka Consent Determination
- Budina Consent Determination
- Wajarri Part A Consent Determination
- Wajarri Part B Consent Determination
- Kuruma Marthudunera Part B Consent Determination
- Nyiyaparli Consent Determination
- Kariyarra Aboriginal Corporation (KAC) and Kariyarra Land Aboriginal Corporation (KLAC) – three-year services agreement
- Kariyarra Indigenous Land Use Agreement Signing Ceremony
- Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC) Services Agreement
- Malgana Aboriginal Ranger Program Funding Agreement
- Participated in Timber Creek High Court appeal compensation

## Alternative settlement agreements

- Proposed Yamatji Nation Southern Regional Agreement (YNSRA)

## Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Aboriginal corporate services

- Provided support to ten Aboriginal Corporations including seven Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs)
- YMAC successfully negotiated increased PBC support funding from the Commonwealth government
- Strategic planning undertaken for Budina Aboriginal Corporation, Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation and Jurruru Aboriginal Corporation; service level agreements and development plans undertaken for Ngarlawangga, Budina, Kariyarra, Kulyakartu and Jurruru Aboriginal Corporations
- Dispute resolutions assistance in the Pilbara and Yamatji regions
- YMAC enters partnership with Pilbara Solar in 2017

## YMAC Governance

- 15 consecutive clean audits
- Finalist for 2018 Reconciliation Australia Indigenous Governance awards
- YMAC re-recognition for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021
- Successful restructure of YMAC's Finance and Heritage departments
- Restructure of the Executive Office service area
- Successful negotiation of the Enterprise Agreement
- Improvement in staff conditions
- Successful negotiation of Qantas service level agreement which have resulted in cost savings for the organisation
- Significant savings in organisational expenditure
- Exceptional Staff retention rate
- Successfully negotiated telecommunications savings
- Increased funding from the Commonwealth through positive variations and achievement of milestones
- Successful negotiation of IT Services contract resulting in further costs savings and additional services
- Nyangumarta Ranger Program: increase in Aboriginal employment and secured grants for Aboriginal people
- Broome Office opening in May 2018

## Policy

- 4th Annual On-Country Bush Meeting at Yule River 2017
- 5th Annual On-Country Bush Meeting at Yule River 2018
- Official recognition of the PAV by Federal and State Ministers at Yule River (Kakurrka Muri) 2018
- Submission on proposed amendments to proposed Aboriginal Heritage Act
- In 2018, the Federal Government announced support of the Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) for a further five years
- Support for 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' and constitutional recognition
- Participated in Wadgemup (Rottneest Island) Aboriginal burial ground memorial consultation