

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) announces appointment of new Principal Legal Officer

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Photo: Cameron Trees, new Principal Legal Officer, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of our new Principal Legal Officer (PLO), Cameron Trees.

Cameron has a wealth of operational and native title knowledge and experience and is well respected both in the sector and with Traditional Owners.

After completing a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) and Bachelor of Arts (Sociology) at Murdoch University, Cameron worked in family law litigation and negotiation, and a further two years with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. He commenced at YMAC in 2011, and has been based in the corporation's Geraldton office, as Deputy Principal Legal Officer, and periodically as acting Principal Legal Officer.

YMAC CEO Simon Hawkins said the combination of Cameron's experience, ethics and character have done and will continue to play a valued role in the organisation.

"During the past seven years, Cameron has been involved in YMAC's activity through the tail-end of the mining boom and more recently he has involved in more than six of the consent determinations in YMAC's representative area," Simon said.

"In this time Cameron has shown perseverance in often challenging situations and it is his respectful engagement with clients and staff, together with his legal experience and love of Country that have brought him to this role as PLO.

“Cameron is passionate about using the legal system such as the Native Title Act to garner positive outcomes for Aboriginal people. This includes the recognition of connection to Country that contributes to addressing some of the damaging effects of Australia’s post-colonial history.

“We are confident in Cameron’s ability to lead YMACs Legal, Research, Information Management and Spatial teams, to provide a quality service to our clients.”

All quotes to be attributed to Mr Simon Hawkins, CEO Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Proudly celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2019, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for the Pilbara, Murchison, Mid West and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia. YMAC has a representative area of over one-third of WA and represents over 20 Traditional Owner groups - all with their own language, culture and traditions. YMAC is a not-for-profit organisation run by an Aboriginal Board of Directors 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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