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Native title forums in Carnarvon and Hedland

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Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is hosting native title forums in Carnarvon on 27 June and Port Hedland on 29 June.

Free to attend, they are open to Traditional Owners and staff from Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) in YMAC's Yamatji (Mid West, Murchison and Gasoyne) and Marlpa (Pilbara) regions.

The forums have been designed so people can discuss and learn more about the native title system and its related processes, including the different roles and functions of YMAC, PBCs and the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

Both run from 9am to 3pm with morning tea and lunch provided – the Carnarvon forum is at Gwoonwardu Mia, 145 Robinson Steet, and the Port Hedland forum is being held at the Walkabout Hotel.

“The forums will focus on grassroots native title issues, along with the rights and responsibilities of native title holders,” YMAC CEO Simon Hawkins said.

“It’s a chance to ask questions, find out how the process works, who you will be dealing with and the various steps along the way.

“There will also be discussions on what happens after native title determinations and where you can go for help.

“Other topics likely to be covered will focus on developments in the area of native title, along with other matters not specifically related to the subject, as they come up.”

Mr Hawkins said the forums would include an update from YMAC on recent and upcoming priorities and projects.

“It’s also a good opportunity to get information on the different YMAC teams and how they are involved in native title,” he said.

“We’ll also be looking at what PBCs do – when a determination is made, native title holders must establish a corporation called a Prescribed Body Corporate to manage and protect their native title rights and interests.



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“These corporations are called ‘prescribed bodies’ because they have certain prescribed obligations under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

“The native title forums will look at this process, and what is required, once a PBC has been established.”

Register for the Carnarvon forum at tinyurl.com/carnarvon2023 and the Hedland forum at tinyurl.com/hedland2023 – or call 1800 270 709.

All quotes to be attributed to Simon Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the Native Title Representative Body (NTRB), delivering native title and other services across the Pilbara, Mid West, Murchison and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia. YMAC is run by a First Nations board of directors, representing several native title groups, each of whom have their own language, culture, traditions and protocols. YMAC services include native title claim and future act representation; heritage services; executive office, community, and economic development assistance; land administration, and natural resource management support.

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