

YMAC Membership

Many people are (or have been) part of a native title claim represented by YMAC, but are not YMAC Members. Becoming a YMAC member following your native title determination is a great way to have a say in your land council, and to keep up-to-date on native title matters across our representative areas.

As a YMAC Member, you can attend, speak and vote at the relevant Annual Regional Meeting each year, where members have the opportunity to hear about what's happening at YMAC and ask questions of our Board of Directors, Regional Committees and Executive Management Team.

Members are eligible to be nominated or elected to the relevant Regional Committee and Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is accountable to YMAC members. It is made up of six representatives from the Yamatji region and six representatives from the Pilbara region, and is the highest decision-making body within YMAC, setting the direction for the corporation.

YMAC Members also receive important news and updates about our work, and about native title matters in our regions. You will also become part of a network of state and national organisations dedicated to ensuring Traditional Owners not only receive native title recognition but can then make the most of this recognition once achieved.

YMAC is a leading advocate on issues affecting Traditional Owners' in managing and caring for Country. Your membership provides an avenue to influence State and Federal Government policy on law reform, and to improve or introduce new programs of support.



Membership of YMAC is free and open to all Yamatji and Marlpa people over the age of 18, even if you don't live in the Yamatji or Pilbara regions.

To become a YMAC Member, you can download and complete the 'YMAC Membership Form' on our [website](#).

Otherwise, please call your nearest YMAC office to request a form be sent to you.

Please note, the membership form requires the names of your spouse, parents and grandparents. This is so the relevant Regional Committee and Board of Directors can verify that you are a Yamatji or Marlpa person.

You will also need an existing YMAC Member from the same region (or 'class') to nominate you and you must provide their name and YMAC membership number on the form before you submit it.

All membership applications are considered at Regional Committee meetings, and then submitted to the Board of Directors for endorsement.

YMAC Membership is not PBC Membership

YMAC membership is different to membership of your native title groups' Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC)¹ You need to apply for these separately.

To confirm your PBC membership, you should contact it directly. You can find contact details for all PBCs by searching on the ORIC website: oric.gov.au.

1 Note, for simplicity, YMAC uses the term "PBC" in most publications to refer to both Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBCs). This is in line with terminology that is regularly used in the native title sector.

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