



## Voice Referendum Roadshows coming to a town near you

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The Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation will be providing an opportunity for communities to learn more about the Voice to Parliament in August and September through its Voice Referendum Roadshows.

Taking in nine towns in the Yamatji and Pilbara regions, the Roadshows will include information on how the Referendum came about; the referendum question, what a successful Yes vote will mean for First Nations peoples, what the Voice will (and won't) do, and what will happen after the referendum.

The Yamatji Voice Referendum Roadshow is held 22 to 25 August, visiting Carnarvon, Northampton, Geraldton and Mt Magnet.

The Pilbara Voice Referendum Roadshow is held 4 to 15 September, visiting Onslow, Karratha, Port Hedland, Tom Price and Newman.

YMAC Co-Chairperson – Yamatji Region Mr Peter Windie said, "The YMAC Board of Directors believe it is vital to ensure we are recognised in the constitution, and to have input into laws, policies, programs, and decisions which affect First Nations people. This can be achieved through a Voice to Parliament.

"The Referendum Roadshow is an opportunity for all Australians in our regions to understand the positive difference the Voice to Parliament will make for First Nations people."

YMAC Deputy Co-chairperson, Pilbara Region Mrs. Doris Eaton will join some of the roadshow events in the Pilbara. She said, "We know a lot of people have said they just don't know enough about it to make a decision on how to vote. The roadshows will provide a forum to learn more, ask questions, and have a yarn with our speakers so they feel confident writing YES on Referendum Day."

All Roadshow events will feature a panel discussion. Invited to join YMAC on the roadshow will be community leaders, parliamentarians, and representatives from the YES23 campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For detailed Roadshow information, visit [ymac.org.au](http://ymac.org.au)



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#### **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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