



Yamatji Marlpa

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Announcement of New Name

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Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation is proud to announce that our members have voted to change our Corporation's name to, **Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC)**.

This decision was voted on by Yamatji and Pilbara members at a special general meeting on Saturday, 8 November 2008 at Cardabia Station, Coral Bay. Our new name reflects the equal standing and cultural diversity of both regions and the Traditional Owners we represent; those being '*Yamatji*', the Aboriginal people of the Murchison, Gascoyne and Midwest; and '*Marlpa*', used by Traditional Owners to denote the Aboriginal people of the Pilbara.

Roy Bellotti and Doris Eaton, Co-Chairpersons of YMAC said the change reflects both regions and symbolised the way both cultural sides respect each other in their work together.

As the Native Title Representative Body for the Pilbara, Murchison, Gascoyne and Midwest regions of WA, YMAC represents over 25 different native title groups - all with their own culture, language and traditions.



YMAC Directors Roy Bellotti, Natalie Parker, Doris Eaton and Allan 'Boyo' Mitchell.

Our work includes:

- [Legal representation and research to assist with native title claims](#)
- [Negotiating land use agreements](#)
- [Heritage protection services](#)
- [Community, economic and environmental projects](#)

To learn more, please visit www.yamatji.org.au.

The Board of Directors, members and staff of YMAC look forward to working with you, now and in the future; to pursue recognition and acceptance of culture in Country; and a strong future for all Yamatji and Marlpa people.

Notes for Editors

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for native title claims in the resource-rich Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne representative areas of Western Australia.

The organisation has a representative area of almost one million square kilometres and represents over 25 native title claims, all with their own language, culture and traditions.

YMAC is run by an Aboriginal Board 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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