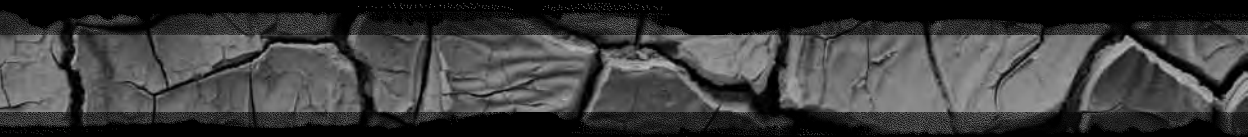


Native Title Claim Updates

Pilbara Region



Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka

The Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka native title claim covers approximately 8,891 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Meekatharra and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: The Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka native title claim was heavily involved in connection research with staff and a consultant Anthropologist in the 2008-2009 financial year as part of the Pilbara Connection Project, with members attending field trips and providing information to internal anthropologists and consultants. Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka members have also met with other native title claim groups to resolve overlaps.

Future Act Developments: The Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka claim group has been working hard to progress negotiations with a large mining company in relation to Benefit Management Structures.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 11 Sept 2008 Community Meeting
- 1 Oct 2008 Community Meeting
- 6 April 2009 Community - Pilbara Connection Project
- 27 May 2009 Community - Pilbara Connection Project
- 28 May 2009 Community - Pilbara Connection Project
- 16 June 2009 12 Selected Members – Community - Pilbara Connection Project
- 24 June 2009 Community – Community - Pilbara Connection Project
- 26 June 2009 Working Group Meeting - Community - Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

- 23 July 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 28 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 15 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 16 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 25 Aug 2008 Design Group – Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 26 Aug 2008 Design Group – Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 6 Oct 2008 Design Group – Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 15 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 16 Oct 2008 Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation
- 2 Dec 2008 Community Meeting - Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 3 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 4 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 19 Jun 2009 Implementation Committee – RTIO



Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawangka country.

Innawonga

The Innawonga claim covers approximately 4,167 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Meekatharra and Ashburton.

Native Title Claim Progress: The Innawonga claim was heavily involved in connection research with staff and consultant Anthropologists in the 2008/2009 financial year and were actively involved in inter and intra-indigenous mediations regarding inter alia claim group composition and boundaries.

Future Act Developments: Continuing future act negotiations with major and mid level mining companies, Trust Design and Capacity workshops, heritage responsibilities and minor future acts.

Additional: Following four Trust and Capacity Design meetings with consultants, the Group has designed a model for a proposed Benefits Management Structure.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 15 Aug 2008 Community Meeting
- 15 Sept 2008 Community Meeting
- 8 April 2009 Community Meeting – FaHCSIA and Pilbara Connection Project
- 27 May 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 28 May 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 16 June 2009 12 Selected Members – Pilbara Connection Project
- 24 June 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

- 28 July 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 31 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 11 Aug 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 12 Aug 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 15 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 20 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 21 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 1 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 2 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 4 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 18 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 22 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 29 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 30 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
- 22 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
- 16 April 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
- 4 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting - ½ day Working Group, ½ day Community



Innawonga country.

Innawonga and Bunjima

The Innawonga and Bunjima claim covers approximately 19,567 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and East Pilbara.

Native Title Claim Progress: This claim is part of the Pilbara Connection Project. Following connection research carried out by staff and a consultant Anthropologist a connection report was completed in February 2009. A number of mediation meetings regarding overlapping claims were held with the assistance of the NNTT, during the reporting period.

A connection report was finalised in June 2009. YMAC representatives have been mediating with overlapping native title parties during the reporting period.

Future Act Developments: A multiple project Binding Initial Agreement was finalised with a major Iron Ore producer and mid level Iron Ore Agreement was finalised during the reporting period.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 12 Aug 2008 Working Group Meeting
- 7 Oct 2008 Community Meeting
- 25 Feb 2009 Community Meeting –Pilbara Connection Project
- 24 Mar 2009 Working Group Meeting
- 3 April 2009 Mediation Team – Pilbara Connection Project
- 5 May 2009 Working Group Meeting
- 8 May 2009 Mediation Team – Pilbara Connection Project
- 19 May 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 20 May 2009 Community Meeting - Pilbara Connection Project
- 21 May 2009 Mediation Team– Pilbara Connection Project

- 9 June 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 23 June 2009 Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
- 25 June 2009 Perth Meeting - Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

- 21 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 25 July 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 28 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 13 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 14 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 15 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 3 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 4 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 15 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 16 Sept 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 6 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 20 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 21 Oct 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Group
- 27 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 28 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 5 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 6 Nov 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 14 Nov 2008 Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
- 1 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 2 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 3 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 23 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 25 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting – Community
- 17 June 2009 Future Act Implementation Committee

Jurruru

The Jurruru claim covers approximately 10,066 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and Upper Gascoyne.

Native Title Claim Progress: A connection report has been submitted to the Office of Native Title for assessment. The State is assessing the connection material provided by the applicants in support of their claim. Mediation with overlapping claims is progressing.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

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| 4 | July 2008 | Community Meeting |
| 31 | Mar 2009 | Working Group Meeting –
Scoping Conference |
| 30 | April 2009 | ½ Day Working Group Meeting |
| 30 | April 2009 | ½ Day Community Meeting |



Kariyarra

The Kariyarra native title claim covers approximately 17,052 square kilometres of land and sea in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Roebourne and the Town of Port Hedland.

Native Title Claim Progress: The State has accepted connection and mediation towards a consent determination will progress with respondent parties in the National Native Title Tribunal from July 2009. New claims have been authorised for the Pippingarra and Turner River areas and it is intended that they will be incorporated into the consent determination.

Future Act Developments: Negotiations for mining agreements with large and intermediate mining companies are continuing. An agreement in principle was made for financial benefits raising benchmark standards for payment of financial benefits for Iron Ore mining. YMAC has also provided assistance in relation to protection of Country, monitoring and compliance of existing agreements.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

- 19 Aug 2008 Working Group Meeting
- 16 Sept 2008 Men's Meeting
- 17 Sept 2008 Men's Meeting
- 24 Sept 2008 Senior Members Meeting
- 10 Oct 2008 Community Meeting
- 27 Mar 2009 Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

- 10 July 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 26 Aug 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 11 Sept 2008 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 19 Sept 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 22 Oct 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 29 Oct 2008 Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation
- 30 Oct 2008 Community Meeting – Future Act Negotiation
- 2 Dec 2008 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 24 Feb 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 25 Feb 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 3 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 25 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 26 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team & Working Group Meeting
- 31 Mar 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 29 April 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 1 May 2009 Future Act Signing Ceremony
- 11 May 2009 Men's Meeting
- 19 May 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 20 May 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 28 May 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 15 June 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team
- 16 June 2009 Future Act Negotiating Team & Working Group Meeting
- 25 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting
- 26 June 2009 Future Act Negotiation Meeting



Kariyarra country.

Kuruma and Marthudunera

This claim covers approximately 15,759 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of Ashburton and Roebourne.

Native Title Claim Progress: During the reporting period, Kuruma and Marthudunera members were heavily involved in connection research, including field trips on country, with YMAC's consultant anthropologist. The connection report is currently being finalised and has been presented to the Kuruma and Marthudunera community.

Future Act Developments: The Kuruma and Marthudunera negotiated and finalised agreements with a major mining company and associated parties over the Cape Preston area. In addition to the negotiations, Kuruma and Marthudunera members have been involved in heritage surveys, monitoring and the salvaging of cultural artifacts in the site-rich Cape area. Negotiations with other major mining companies are also progressing.

In its quarterly meetings, the Kuruma and Marthudunera working group has also received updates on projects, been involved in consultations about applications under section 18 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA) and liaised with government representatives about the protection of water sources on country.

The Kuruma and Marthudunera group has worked hard to protect country. This year the group successfully argued that a mining company failed to negotiate with them in good faith regarding an exploration tenement within the Kuruma and Marthudunera claim. The National Native Title Tribunal found that the company did not actively negotiate but merely 'went through the motions' and 'failed to take account of the legitimate and long held concerns of the [Kuruma and Marthudunera group] concerning cultural heritage issues'.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

4	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
5	Nov 2008	Working Group Meeting
6	Nov 2008	Community Meeting
17	Mar 2009	Community Meeting
21	May 2009	Working Group Meeting

Additional Meetings:

9	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
15	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
22	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
24	July 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
28	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
30	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
31	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
1	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
11	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
12	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
13	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
29	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Meeting
15	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
16	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
17	Sep 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
24	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
25	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
26	Sep 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
13	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
12	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
27	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
7	Jan 2009	Salvage Committee Meeting
26	Mar 2009	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
1	April 2009	Salvage Team Meeting
15	May 2009	Salvage Team Meeting
18	Jun 2009	Future Act Implementation Committee



Ngarla

The Ngarla native title claim lies in the Shires of East Pilbara and Port Hedland. The Ngarla (Area A) native title determination was handed down by the Federal Court on 30 May 2007, at an on-country hearing held near the De Grey River. Two mining leases (“the Mount Goldsworthy lease proceedings”) and the area of overlap were excised from the determination area and are being dealt with as separate matters. These form Ngarla (Part B) and Ngarla #2 (Part B) of the claim.

Native Title Claim Progress: In relation to the Warram overlap proceedings, mediation between the parties is continuing. Programming orders have been made by the Judge to prepare for trial which should occur in mid 2010. YMAC has obtained part funding for trial from FaHCSIA and has engaged senior and junior counsel to assist the Ngarla. In relation to the Mount Goldsworthy lease proceedings, submissions have been heard by the Court and a decision is pending.

Future Act Developments: During the reporting period YMAC staff assisted with negotiations with various companies and finalised an agreement with a mining company. The agreement includes financial and non-financial benefits and protection of a sacred site by provision of exclusion zones. YMAC also assisted in relation to monitoring compliance of a substantial mining agreement negotiated in 2008.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

29	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
30	July 2008	Working Group Meeting
20	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
7	Oct 2008	Community Meeting
26	May 2009	Community Meeting

Additional Meetings:

1	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
28	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	Aug 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
26	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
21	April 2009	Monitoring Liaison Community Meeting



Ngarla dancers celebrate on their country.

Ngarlawangga

The Ngarlawangga native title claim covers approximately 6,902 square kilometres of land in the Pilbara region. It lies in the Shires of East Pilbara and Meekatharra.

Native Title Claim Progress: The claim connection process for Ngarlawangga has been characterised by intra-indigenous mediation between the Ngarlawangga group with the assistance of YMAC staff and the wider members of the determined Nharnuwangga, Wajarri, Ngarlawanga (NWN) lands. Ngarlawangga participated in three PCP meetings, including a trip to Yulga Jinna to meet with Jidi Jidi Aboriginal Corporation (Prescribed Body Corporate for NWN).

Future Act Developments: Ngarlawangga participated in five negotiation meetings with a major mining company during the reporting period throughout the past culminating in the signing of the Northern Claim Area Binding Initial Agreement (BIA) in November 2008. Additionally on 29 May 2009 following four Trust and Capacity Design meetings, the group has designed a model for their proposed Benefits Management Structure and is awaiting the outcomes of the Pilbara Connection Project process before endorsement. The group is also focused on improving their self-governance capacity by bringing their existing Association into compliance with the relevant legislation.

The group discussed additional matters of working group composition, general claim maintenance, heritage and minor future acts over two FaHCSIA funded meetings.

FaHCSIA Meetings:

7	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
18	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting
26	Feb 2009	Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
26	Mar 2009	Community Meeting
27	Mar 2009	Community Meeting
22	April 2009	Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project
23	April 2009	Community Meeting – Pilbara Connection Project

Additional Meetings:

29	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
31	July 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
13	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
14	Aug 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
19	Aug 2008	Working Group Meeting – Pilbara Iron
13	Oct 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
14	Oct 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
31	Oct 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting - Community
18	Nov 2008	Future Act Negotiation Meeting
19	Nov 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
20	Nov 2008	Trust & Capacity Design Group
29	May 2009	Future Act Implementation Committee



Ngarlawangga country.