



WIRRAWANDI

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Wirrawandi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC was registered in 2018 to hold and manage the native title rights and interests for the Mardudhunera people. We are an Aboriginal-owned and governed, non-profit corporation located in Karratha in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Hello Members,

Welcome to WAC's first edition of our new bi-monthly newsletter, *WAC Wangka*.

The WAC Wangka is designed to provide members with up-to-date information regarding the operations and governance of the Corporation, upcoming project information, industry activities and agreements, employment opportunities and general member news.

For future editions, we would love members to provide information or photos that they think the broader membership should be aware of. WAC is also developing a Facebook page and website to improve communication with our members and to ensure that members have constant access to current, relevant information.

I am looking forward to seeing members actively participate in the Corporation's activities and operations being established. This newsletter is a step to support member involvement.

Brian Wall | *General Manager*

Upcoming events

Community Gathering with Leichhardt	1 June
Flying Foam Remembrance Day	12 June
Heritage Dates	
Leichhardt June survey	13-20 June
BCI - Salvage and Monitoring	31-3 June
Leichhardt July survey	12-18 July
Board Meetings (3rd Monday of each month)	
June Meeting	20 June
July Meeting	18 July
Stakeholder Meetings	
Leichhardt - SCHMP Meeting 3	21 June
Leichhardt - SCHMP Meeting 4	11 Jul
NAIDOC Week	3-10 July
Anniversary of Native Title Determination	27 July



Our Board Members

Janice Brettner | *Director*
Naomi Bobby | *RRKAC*
Nathan Christophers | *Director*
Peter Cooper | *Director*
Sherrily Sinclair | *Director*
Claire Brettner | *Director*
Allan Shaw | *Independent Director*

Our Staff

Brian Wall | *General Manager*
Kristy Sinclair | *Office Manager*
Sherona Boona | *Membership/
Administration Officer*
Rhys Lucey | *Trainee Heritage Officer*

Pictured from left to right: Sherona Boona, Brian Wall, Kristy Sinclair, Rhys Lucey



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We're proud to introduce our new logo!

The logo depicts an eagle monitoring the land and sky from the air, whilst a turtle monitors the sea.

The two animals appear as silhouettes, their features depicted by white painted lines and dots.

They sit within a representational circle that has been split into three sections depicting country - ocean at the bottom, the rolling Pilbara landscape in the middle and the open sky above.



Change of Corporation Name

Suggestions of Names:

Coastal Mardudhunera
Aboriginal Corporation

Wirrawani
Aboriginal Corporation

Wirrawani Coastal
Aboriginal Corporation

Mardudhunera Yaburara
Aboriginal Corporation

Mardudhunera
Aboriginal Corporation

Corporation name will be voted on at Next AGM.



Industry Updates

Citic Pacific Mining

Andrew Magnus started with CPM as Ranger in early February 2022 and has fitted well into the team. He has been able to contribute a lot in terms of local knowledge, and we see big opportunities for him to utilise his considerable skillset on various projects under consideration.

Training will soon commence on the ground water depth bore monitoring program for the Hydrogeology group, as well as the Fortescue River fauna observations for the Environment dept. Re-sleeving of the heritage demarcation poles has commenced across the project, transitioning from the white pvc sleeves to a pink and black sleeve that better represents the national colour coding for heritage places.

With Easter and the school holidays, there has been an increase in public activity at the Fortescue River Mouth. The Heritage Rangers do daily inspections of the recreational areas on the Cape Preston coast line, ensuring appropriate usage.

Preparations have commenced for NAIDOC week in early July. The Heritage and Community team will work with Sodexo's Healthy Life coaches to help promote this year's theme: *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*

The Pilbara community and local wildlife are the beneficiaries of the latest round of the CPM Community Support Fund (CCSF). For more information check our recent media release at the end of this newsletter.

Pictured below Andrew with fellow Ranger, Annalee Lockyer.

Leichhardt

Solar Salt Farm

Leichhardt is continuing to progress the Solar Salt Farm project at Cape Preston. In 2022, Leichhardt has completed a LiDAR survey of the project area and surrounds, which has provided a very detailed topographic map of the region.

The Bank Feasibility Study commences in June 2022 and several engineering studies have been initiated to better define the project. Consultants have been undertaking various studies and assessments, including ground water modelling, surface water run-off, flora and fauna surveys and dredge spoil dispersion.

Leichhardt is also working with the Pilbara Port Authority and the Department of Transport to define the port boundaries for the Port of Cape Preston East.

Survey Dates

16 May to 23 May 2022

Mining Agreement

A two-day meeting was held in March with WAC about the Mining Agreement. A set of actions were agreed to, including the requirement for WAC and Leichhardt to jointly develop a Social, Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the project.

The Plan will set out the actions that Leichhardt is committing to protect important sites and environmentally important areas. It is anticipated that the Mining Agreement and Plan will be finalised in July 2022.

Woodside

2021-2025 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

We released a new five-year Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with Reconciliation Australia in 2021.

Woodside's vision for reconciliation is to partner with Indigenous communities to create positive economic, social and cultural outcomes. It is also to reflect on our shared history, empower Indigenous voices to speak and be heard so all Australians can learn, and work together towards a better, shared future.

For further info see [2021-2025-reconciliation-action-plan.pdf](https://www.woodside.com.au/2021-2025-reconciliation-action-plan.pdf) ([woodside.com.au](https://www.woodside.com.au))

Employment Pathways Programs

Woodside will be recruiting for placements on our Pathways Programs in mid-2022.

For further information please see the overview of programs at the end of this newsletter or visit www.programmed.com.au/woodside to register your interest.

Scarborough & Pluto Train 2 Projects

Have you heard about the Woodside Scarborough & Pluto Train 2 Projects?

For further information call 1800 634 988 to chat with Woodside.

BCI

Salvage and Monitoring Dates

31 May to 3 June 2022

Casual Contract

To ensure WAC complies with tax legislation all members who undertake any work for WAC need to be registered as a casual employee. These forms are mandatory as you have previously worked for WAC and may in the future. Once the forms are completed you will not need to complete again and you will be recorded for future work activities with WAC. All new casual employees will also be required to complete prior to undertaking work with WAC. Please contact Kristy for further clarification.



WAC Committee Update

WAC members are invited to nominate for positions on the WAC Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) and the BCI/WAC Implementation Committee (BWIC).

Heritage Advisory Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Wirrawandi Aboriginal Corporation (WAC) Heritage Advisory Committee is to assist with the protection and management of heritage places. The Committee is advisory in nature and has no decision-making authority.

The primary role of the committee is to advise the Board of WAC on any matter relating to the identification, assessment, management, and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the determination area.

Title and Delegations

- The committee shall be referred to as the WAC Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC).
- The committee shall function as a non-delegated advisory committee.

Objectives

- To support the protection, management, and preservation of all Yaburara and Mardudhunera (YM) significant heritage sites and places;
- To ensure the identification of all YM sites and areas of cultural significance within the determination area are properly respected and protected;
- To communicate all such sites identified with appropriate access conditions to the WAC Board and all stakeholders;
- To raise the awareness of heritage protection in the region;
- To provide advice on all YM cultural heritage issues in compliance with signed Native Title agreements; and
- To strengthen links between interested groups, the community, and other key stakeholders.

How to nominate

Any member may submit a nomination, contact the office for a form. The Board will review the nominations and appoint members.

Nominations close 14 June 2022

Relationship/Implementation Committee

Purpose

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the purpose of the Implementation Committee is to act as the primary forum for consultation between the industry partners and WAC and the YM People in relation to matters arising in relation to Industry agreements, deeds, contracts etc, including:

- monitoring and liaising in relation to, and continually seeking to improve, the implementation of the agreements, deeds, contracts; and
- monitoring and liaising in relation to the impact of Project Operations on the YM People.

Title and Delegations

The committee shall be referred to as the WAC Implementation/Relationship Committee (IRC). The committee shall function as a non-delegated advisory committee.

Objectives

- using best endeavors to resolve any disagreement of the kind referred to in industry agreements, deeds, or contracts;
- agreeing the form and substance of the cross-cultural training programs or similar cultural awareness programs to be delivered to Industry.
- acting as a forum for consultation in relation to the Aboriginal employment and training policies referred to in Industry agreements, deeds, contracts.
- acting as a forum for consultation in relation to Social Impacts as referred to in Industry agreements, deeds, contracts.

Membership Update

If your contact details change, please notify the WAC Office. We need to keep our register of members up to date, so we can share important news and information with all the members as needed.

Please note: YACMAC memberships are not automatically rolled over to WAC memberships. To become a WAC member, YACMAC members will need to complete a membership form which can be obtained by contacting the office.

Covid Update



In accordance with the State government's vaccination mandates, WAC members will need to be triple vaxxed to be able to do any future heritage work.

Visit www.wa.gov.au for more info.

Employment Opportunities

JOB TITLE	TYPE	COMPANY	LOCATION	CONTACT	START
Civil Trainee Mobile Plant Operator	FT	YURRA	Karratha	0499 002 529 / 0439 732 012	28 May
Mobile Plant Operator	FT	YURRA	Karratha or FIFO	0499 002 529 / 0439 732 012	28 May
Mobile Plant Operator	FT (8/6)	YURRA	FIFO	0499 002 529 / 0439 732 012	28 May
Mobile Plant Operator	FT (14/7)	YURRA	Karratha or FIFO	0499 002 529 / 0439 732 012	28 May
Engineer- Civil or Structural	FT (8/6)	YURRA	FIFO	0499 002 529 / 0439 732 012	28 May
Senior Cleaner		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
AOD Counsellor/Therapist		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Team Leader Pilbara Integrated Alcohol & Drug Service		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
AOD Worker Youth Focused		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Support & Youth Workers, Kitchen Hands & Cleaners		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Clinical Lead		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Enrolled Nurses		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Registered Nurses		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Youth Services Coordinator		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Administrator/Receptionist		Yaandina	Roebourne	recruitment@yaandina.org / 9182 1172	N/A
Process Operator Job in	FT	BCI Minerals	Port Hedland, Karratha & Pilbara	www.seek.com.au	N/A



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Feel welcome to contact us.

We invite you to get in touch and let us know what you think of our newsletter. You can phone, email, send a text message, or pop in and see us... whatever suits you best. We also welcome your content ideas for future editions.

Please contact Kristy during office hours on 9128 4788 or 0475 453 207, or email kristy.sinclair@wacmntbc.com.au.

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