



YINHAWANGKA

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

RNTBC | ICN7837

(under special administration)

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NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3

Dear members, traditional owners and other interested people,

My name is Peter McQuoid and on 17 August 2019 the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Selwyn Button, appointed me as the special administrator for Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (YAC). My appointment as special administrator was made for a period of three months.

Special administration extension

My job has been to take over from all of the good work done by the previous special administrators, Michael Shanahan and Rob Brauer. The previous special administrators made significant progress and I have been brought in to complete the recruitment of a CEO, appointing member and specialist directors, deal with some old legal issues and finalise the handback of the corporation to member control.

As part of this process I need to work with the new CEO and the advisory group members (potential directors) to ensure all of the new governance arrangements are working well. The Registrar has agreed to my request to extend the special administration to Friday 21 February 2020. This will allow me the chance to meet an additional three times with the advisory group before handing the corporation back to member control and to finalise the old legal issues.

I would expect the advisory group and new CEO will be effectively managing the corporation's business in the last three months of the special administration with me providing support and oversight where needed.

Yinhawangka Enterprises Limited (YEL)

YEL has run into difficult times with its only enterprise being the Pilbara Medical Centre now permanently closed. I am assisting YEL to negotiate a settlement with the people it owes money to including the owner of the former medical centre property.

The future of YEL will be decided with the assistance of its directors, the advisory group and the Decision Making Committee of the Trust

Special administrator

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For more about special administrations see oric.gov.au/special-admins or call 1800 622 431 (not free from mobiles).

New CEO

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Grant Bussell as the new CEO of Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.



From 2007 to 2014 Grant was CEO of IBN Corporation, the trustee for the Mining Area C (MAC) Agreement between BHP Billiton and the Yinhawangka, Banyjima and Nyiyaparli people IBN Claim Group.

When he joined IBN it had four staff: by 2014 he led a team of 45 with a revenue/income budget of \$20 million and looked after over \$100 million in trust funds. Initiatives developed at IBN at that time included community development programs, a field officer network, employment and career development programs, language and linguistics development, social housing, aged care and other social and economic enterprises.

Grant has a Graduate Certificate in Commerce and a Bachelor of Science.

YAC Rangers

I am pleased to advise the purchase of the Ranger Program shed in Paraburdoo has been completed providing the rangers with a permanent base.

Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO) continues to work with the YAC Rangers in caring for country and have agreed to utilise their services in a joint Gumala Enterprises initiative to install 300 metres of steel fencing around a significant burial site on Rocklea Station.

Initial planning is underway in the Ranger Program to develop and train Ranger Drone Operators which would become a key component of the caring for country program. It will also provide future employment opportunities for Rangers once they have completed their initial TAFE Ranger Training courses.



Ranger Program shed

INFORMATION MEETING AND AGM

Members and other interested people are invited to a combined AGM and information meeting.

The meeting is not only for members. It's a chance to be informed, ask questions and enjoy some fellowship and lunch.

NOTE: members will not be voting on new directors at this AGM.

We will meet in South Hedland and lunch will be provided afterwards.

A representative from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations will be present and happy to respond to any questions you have.

Members who attend will be provided with an attendance payment of \$55 per person. This will be paid at the end of the AGM.

Date:

Friday,
15 November 2019

Time:

10am

Venue:

JD Hardie Youth Zone,
Lot 5991 Cottier Drive
South Hedland WA

Be part of the advisory group... and possibly the future board

We are under way with establishing a **special administration advisory group**.

The group's role is to help me make sound decisions during the special administration for the welfare and governance of the corporation. Group members will also be considered for a position on the future board.

During the special administration the group will help:

- review new membership applications
- consider how best to strengthen the corporation, develop directors' capability
- consider the rule book.

When the special administration ends, I will appoint members from the advisory group to the new board, to lead the corporation's governance and strategy and oversee its finances. The advisory group itself will then be dissolved, having completed its purpose.

Current members

So far we have seven people on the advisory group. There are five **Yinhawangka people** who are members:

- Aaron Martin
- Brandon Cook
- Mary Mills
- Ronwyn James
- Sally Anne Johnson

as well as two **specialist members**:

- Frank Parriman
- Daryl Smith.

We recruited the specialist members because of their skills. These people do not need to be members of the corporation. They bring special skills to the group which will help the board after the end of the special administration.

Frank Parriman



A Jabirr Jabirr man and traditional owner from the Kimberly, Frank has served as Chair of Waardi, CEO of Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation, CEO of Kimberley Land Council and CEO

of Aarnja Limited. He also has board and committee experience as co-founder and lead member of Pinakarra Aboriginal Counselling Group, Chair of Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre, Director of Yawuru Native Title Holders Aboriginal Corporation and Chair of Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness.

Frank has a Certificate in Aboriginal Health and has completed the Western Australia Community Leadership Program.

Daryl Smith



Daryl has considerable experience as an independent director of Aboriginal corporations including Meenangu Wajarri, Buurabalayji Thalanyji and Wiru-murra Yindjibarndi.

He has also served as interim CEO of Meenangu Wajarri, Director of Wiru-murra Yindjibarndi Enterprises and Chief Executive Operations of Gumala Enterprises Pty Ltd. Prior to his work with Aboriginal corporations he was WA State Manager of Bilfinger Berger.

Daryl is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Company Directors Course.

Want to join the advisory group?

I am still looking for advisory group members. Members will be people who want to be considered in future for a position on the YAC board and who have the skills required to guide and strengthen the corporation's leadership, business and development.

Keith Mackay from KM Search will help me select people with the best range of skills. Keith may be contacted on 07 3289 6071 or k.mackay@kmsearch.com.au

Employment

RTIO consults with YAC on an ongoing basis about employment opportunities and has asked for details of traditional owners seeking employment with them to be passed on to their office staff.

RTIO have an Indigenous employment target. Please contact the YAC office as your first port of call if you are seeking help and assistance in being employed by RTIO. We can assist by providing you with the right contacts. Call YAC admin on 08 9189 5110.

Cultural Heritage Survey Work

2019 has been a very busy year for heritage survey work, with 11 archaeological and ethnographic surveys conducted with Rio Tinto, BHP and FMG across Yinhawangka Country.

In total, YAC has 33 traditional owners frequently walking country to complete these works in areas such as West Angeles and the Western Ranges.



A photo taken of Yinhawangka representative on a recent survey at Western Ranges.



Yinhawangka survey participants and Rio Tinto Heritage representatives planning for a survey on country in West Angeles.

Yinhawangka Artwork

We are proud to announce YAC member Mr Donald Limerick has completed an expansive artwork for Rio Tinto's administration building at the West Angeles mine site. Our very own finance Trainee, Ms Juanita Lyndon, has also had her artwork used by the Rio Tinto Rail team, which was unveiled earlier in August.



NAIDOC Week 2019

NAIDOC week celebrations in Paraburdoo kicked off at Ashburton Shire Hall with a flag raising ceremony and a Welcome to Country from Mrs Roma Butcher. This was followed by a remarkable traditional performance by Mr Marlon Cooke, Mr David Cox and their troupe of dancers (below).



Mr Marlon Cook and the troupe of traditional performers.

The children of Paraburdoo Primary School enjoyed a morning full of arts and crafts and other activities, and a BBQ lunch.

To celebrate this year's NAIDOC theme 'Voice, treaty, truth', an art competition was held for the students of Paraburdoo Primary School. The winners will be announced soon!

Many thanks to Rio Tinto and the Shire of Ashburton for their help in organising and running this event which was enjoyed by the whole community.



Councillor Linton Rumble and Mrs Roma Butcher, welcoming guests.



Just some of the many beautiful artwork entrants we received for our competition.

Yinhwangka Ranger Program

It's been a very busy year for the Yinhawangka Rangers! YAC Rangers are continuing to obtain the skills and qualifications through the North Regional TAFE Karratha's Certificate III: Conservation and Land Management coursework to be able to complete work on Yinhawangka Country. The Rangers have recently completed the module 'Implement Revegetation Works'.

Securing ongoing funding is a major consideration in meeting YACs Healthy Country Plan objectives. The YAC Ranger Coordinator has been in preliminary discussions regarding Corporate sponsorships for activities closely aligned to the YAC Healthy Country Plan. These funding opportunities if realised, may see the Ranger Program secure an initial three-year and possible ongoing recurrent funding agreement.

The Rangers have already been involved in various works on Yinhawangka country. This includes monitoring the various Springs on Yinhawangka Country as part of its commitment to the Healthy Country Plan including; water quantity and quality, impact of introduced plant and animal species. They have been removing rubbish from Spring areas and providing cut firewood at known camping sites in these areas to prevent plant damage, fire outbreak and assisting in cultural preservation.

Finally, the Rangers have been in contact with Main Roads about preserving and restoring areas of cultural significance which have been either unintentionally damaged or vandalised.



YAC Ranger, Alissa Limerick, monitoring a gravesite on Rocklea Station (Top) and holding a freshwater muscle from Coppin Pool (bottom).



New sign

Can't seem to find where we are? Look out for our new sign on McRae Ave in Paraburdoo! A reminder that our main office is to the left of Sodexo and no longer across from the IGA at the mall.



Thanks, *Peter*



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NOMINATION TO BE IN THE ADVISORY GROUP

I, _____
(insert name)

nominate myself for the special administrator's advisory group.

My relevant background and experience:

My contact details:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your form to Keith Mackay at KM Search
by email to k.mackay@kmsearch.com.au

For more information, call Keith Mackay on 07 3289 6071



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 November 2019

All corporation members are advised that an annual general meeting of Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) will take place as follows:

Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Date: 15 November 2019

Place: JD Hardie Youth Zone, Lot 5991 Cottier Drive, South Headland WA

Before the meeting—Do you need to appoint a proxy?

A member can appoint a proxy to attend and vote at this meeting, noting the proxy must also be a member of YAC.

To nominate a proxy the member must complete a proxy nomination form and make sure it is with the corporation before 10.00am on 13 November 2019.

Where to get the form:

- there's a copy attached to this newsletter or
- from Alyce Nehme at Shop 6, 61 McRae Ave Paraburdoo 6754

How to return the form:

- by post to PO Box 94 Paraburdoo WA 6754 or
- by email to admin@yinhawangka.com.au

Please call 08 9189 5110 or email alyce.nehme@yinhawangka.com.au for further assistance.

On arrival—Make sure you sign in

When members arrive at the meeting, they need to sign in and check their contact details in the register of members. If the information is out of date, please update it.

Payment for members

Each member who attends will be provided with an attendance fee of \$55. This will be paid at the end of the AGM.

Peter McQuoid

Special Administrator

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AGENDA

Item	Description
1	Welcome, apologies and quorum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1.1 Welcome1.2 Apologies and proxies1.3 Quorum
2	Minutes of the previous meeting of members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Confirm the minutes of the 2018 AGM2.2 Matters arising
3	Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 CEO report3.2 Special administrator report<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.2.1 Current status3.2.2 Property purchases3.2.3 Organisation structure3.2.4 Rule book3.3 Finance reports
4	Questions and comments <p>YAC members will have an opportunity to ask questions about the management of the organisation and other matters.</p>
5	Appointment of an auditor for the next financial year, and set the audit fee.
6	Remuneration of directors
7	Other business
8	Close

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____ *(full name of member)*

of _____ *(address of member)*

am a member of the corporation.

I appoint _____ *(full name of proxy)*

of _____ *(address of proxy)*

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the **annual general meeting** of the corporation to be held on **15 November 2019**, and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signature of member appointing proxy: _____

Date: _____

Note: A member may appoint only another member of YAC to be a proxy for them. One person can hold no more than three proxies.

Please return your completed form to the corporation before 10.00am on 13 November 2019:

- by email to alyce.nehme@yinhawangka.com.au
- by post to **PO Box 94, Paraburdoo WA 6754**
- in person at YAC office at **Shop 6, 61 McRae Avenue Paraburdoo**

For help with this form

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