

# GASA

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## GERALDTON ALTERNATIVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT COMMUNITY SESSIONS NOTICE

### COMMUNITY SESSIONS

16 community sessions are happening between Monday 19 March and Monday 9 April in 10 different locations around Western Australia.

All members of Hutt River, Mullewa Wadjari, Southern Yamatji and Widi Mob claims are invited to attend one or more meetings.

### WHAT IS THE GASA

In August 2017 the State of Western Australia invited Southern Yamatji, Hutt River, Mullewa Wadjari and Widi Mob claim groups to enter into negotiations about an alternative settlement of native title claims. It is expected that these negotiations will lead to an agreement called the Geraldton Alternative Settlement Agreement. The Federal Court is overseeing these negotiations and has set a deadline for the State and the claim groups to negotiate and register an Indigenous Land use Agreement by 27 September 2019.

The GASA will cover a range of things including:

- Recognition of Traditional Ownership.
- Support for the creation and operation of a suitable Traditional Owner Governance Structure.
- A Land Base (return of agreed parcels to the Traditional Owners).
- An Economic Base (funding for certain activities).
- Aboriginal Ranger Programs and Traditional Owner involvement in the management of some land.
- An Aboriginal Heritage Regime.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

If you are a member of any of the included claim groups you should attend these meetings.

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND

A key part of the GASA negotiations will be to consult with the broader Traditional Owner community. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to receive information and provide feedback on what is being negotiated. At the end of the formal negotiations the Traditional Owner community will be asked to consider the proposed final agreement and decide if they want to accept the final offer or not. So that you and your family are aware of what you may be asked to consider before September 2019, it will be beneficial for you to attend these meetings and remain informed. It also provides an opportunity for you to discuss

your thoughts with your Traditional Owner Representatives who are negotiating the agreement.

### **WHO ARE THE TONT**

The Traditional Owner Negotiation Team are a 12 person negotiation team who have been nominated and authorised by each of the four claims to be their face to face representatives and negotiate the proposed agreement with the State. The TONT report back to the respective working groups and to the community through these information sessions.

### **WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED**

These sessions will be attended by TONT members and a legal advisor. At times other necessary specialists may attend.

These sessions will include an update on what is being negotiated and will present issues that may require feedback and input from the broader community.

A standardised presentation will be given at each session and there will be an opportunity for those attending to ask questions to your TONT representatives and legal advisors.

**Your participation and feedback will assist TONT members and your legal advisors to negotiate a better agreement for your whole community.**

#### **The TONT Representatives are:**

Hutt River: Helen Nutter, Paul Eley

Mullewa Wadjari: Leedham Papertalk Snr, Glenda Jackamarra

Southern Yamatji: Wayne Warner, Fred Taylor

Rod Little, Carol Martin

Delveen Whitby, Ross Councillor

Widi Mob: Shirley McPherson, Kathleen Pinkerton

#### **Legal Advisors for each claim group are:**

Hutt River: Megan Healy

Mullewa Wadjari: Andrew Bower

Southern Yamatji: Brooke Creemers and Jeremy Brown

Widi Mob: Michael Pagsanjan

#### **GASA Project Co-ordinator:**

Paul Calvin

| Date                             | Time   | Location     | Venue   |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------------|---|
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March    | 9.30am | Geraldton    | Posh<br>214 Marine Terrace,<br>Geraldton  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March    | 2.00pm | Geraldton    | Posh<br>214 Marine Terrace,<br>Geraldton  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March | 9.30am | Mirrabooka   | Herb Graham<br>Recreation Centre<br>38 Ashbury Cres,<br>Mirrabooka              |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March | 2.00pm | Fremantle    | Tradewinds Hotel –<br>South Plympton Room<br>59 Canning Hwy,<br>Fremantle       |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March  | 9.30am | Redcliffe    | Redcliffe Park<br>Multipurpose Room<br>Cnr Morgan Rd/Field<br>Ave,<br>Redcliffe |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March  | 2.00pm | Midland      | Midland Sports Complex<br>45 Patterson Dr,<br>Middle Swan                       |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 9.30am | Northampton  | Northampton RSL Hall<br>Cnr Northampton Rd &<br>Essex St                        |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 2.30pm | Mullewa      | Mullewa Town Hall<br>8 Jose St, Mullewa   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March  | 9.30am | Geraldton    | Posh<br>214 Marine Terrace,<br>Geraldton  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March  | 2.00pm | Geraldton    | Posh<br>214 Marine Terrace,<br>Geraldton  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | 9.30am | Geraldton    | Posh<br>214 Marine Terrace,<br>Geraldton  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | 2.00pm | Geraldton    | Posh<br>214 Marine Terrace,<br>Geraldton  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April   | 9.30am | Port Hedland | Ibis Ocean Room<br>Cnr Lukis St &<br>McGregor St,<br>Port Hedland               |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April   | 2.00pm | Port Hedland | Ibis Ocean Room<br>Cnr Lukis St &<br>McGregor St, Port<br>Hedland               |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April     | 9.30am | Carnarvon    | Carnarvon Motel –<br>Brand Room<br>34 David Brand Drive                         |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April     | 2.00pm | Carnarvon    | Carnarvon Motel –<br>Brand Room<br>34 David Brand Drive                         |

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you wish to attend one of these meetings, please confirm your attendance by calling the Geraldton office of YMAC on (08) 9965 6222 and speaking with Project Co-ordinator, Paul Calvin.
- Outside of these scheduled meetings, YMAC staff members are also available to meet briefly with individuals and smaller groups, so please let us know if you are interested in this option.
- YMAC will provide lunch and refreshments at each of these scheduled meetings.
- **No travel allowance (TA) will be paid.**
- GASA claimants who are descended from more than one apical group are welcome to attend more than one meeting.

We look forward to meeting with you all over the coming days.