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Yamatji Nation Southern Regional Agreement Native Title Settlement Negotiations

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS NOTICE

Community information sessions will be held from Wednesday 6 March to Thursday 28 March, 2019 at 10 locations including Perth, Geraldton, Mullewa, Northampton, Carnarvon and Port Hedland. All members of Hutt River, Mullewa Wadjari, Southern Yamatji and Widi Mob claims or persons who are the descendants of the following apical ancestors are invited to attend one or more meetings:

1. Sarah Feast (Jooldarnoo)
2. Rosie Coleman
3. Wyoo and Myonoda
4. Annie Tira
5. Lizzy Flynn
6. Sarah Jane Campbell
7. Sarah Mabel Bell
8. Ap-barra (Upparawa) and Dharringa
9. Jane Hunt
10. Mary Gingina
11. Billy and Judy Thompson
12. Nellie
13. Joander
14. Jibija
15. Galena
16. Biddie
17. Shilling
18. Brinty / Brindy

If you think you are a descendant of one or more of these apical ancestors but are not sure, please contact the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) Research Team on (08) 9268 7000.

WHAT IS THE YNSRA?

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 settlement of their native title claims. It is expected that these negotiations will lead to an agreement referred to as the Yamatji Nation Southern Regional Agreement 'YNSRA' (previously referred to as the Geraldton Alternative Settlement Agreement 'GASA').

The Federal Court is overseeing these negotiations and orders of the Court require the State and the claim groups to negotiate and register an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) by 27 December 2019.

If the negotiations are not completed by this date, all four claims will go to trial. If any of the claims withdraw from the negotiations, all claims will proceed to trial.

The YNSRA 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 areas of land to the Traditional Owners).
- An Economic Base (funding for certain activities).
- Aboriginal Ranger Programs and Traditional Owner involvement in the management of some conservation estate land.
- An Aboriginal Heritage Regime.

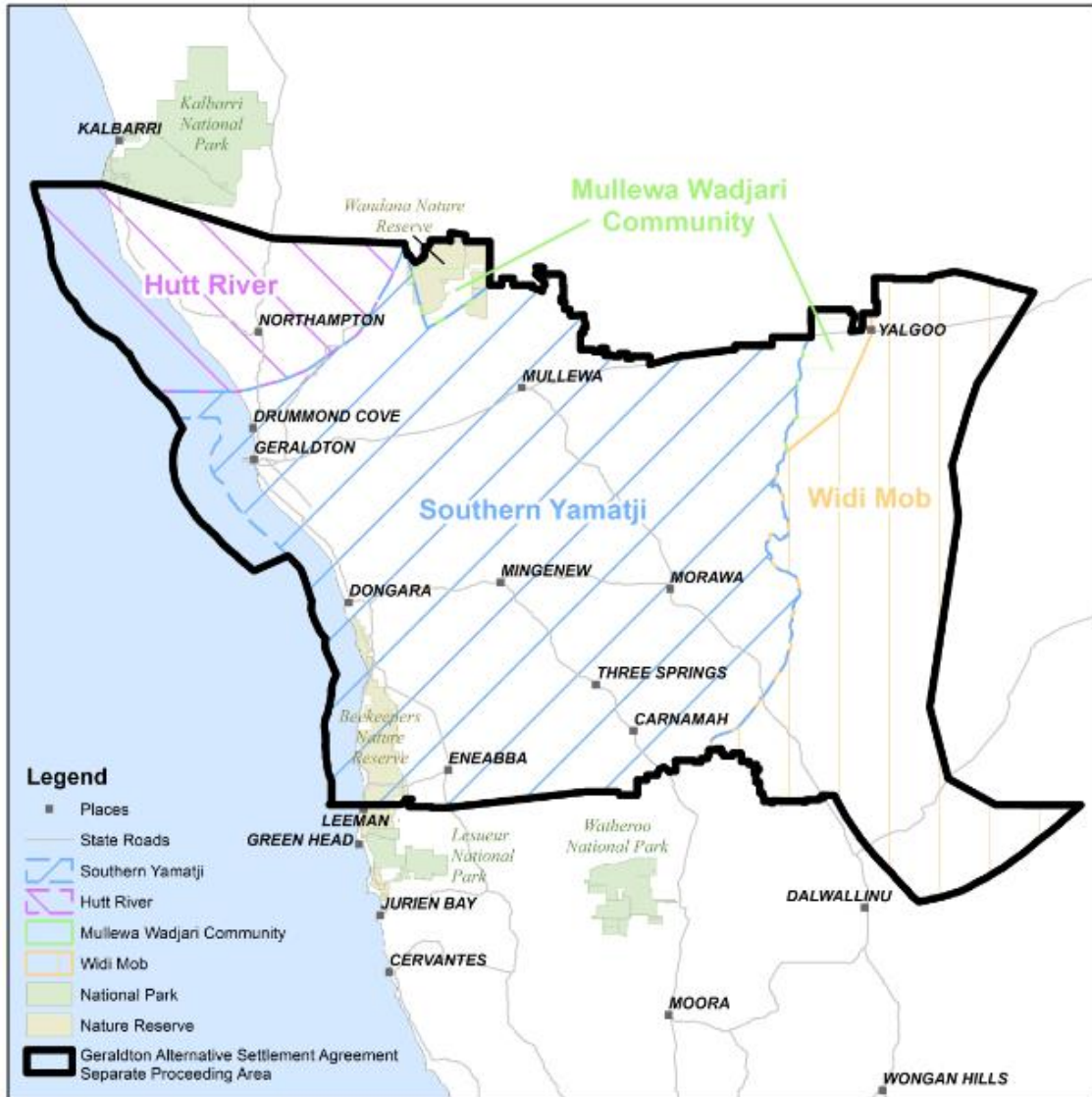
WHO SHOULD ATTEND

You should attend one of these meetings if you:

- (a) are a member of Southern Yamatji, Hutt River, Mullewa Wadjari or Widi Mob claim groups;
- (b) a descendant of one of the apical ancestors listed above in this notice;
- (c) if you have a traditional Aboriginal connection to areas in this map (see following page).

If you think you have a connection to areas in this map (see following page) but are not sure, please contact the YMAC Research Team on (08) 9268 7000.

MAP OF THE CURRENT YNSRA AREA



WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

A key part of the YNSRA negotiations will be to consult with the broader Traditional Owner community. The sessions will provide an opportunity for you to receive more information, ask questions 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.

Attending these meetings will benefit you and your family because you will remain informed of the progress of the negotiations and be aware of what you may be asked to consider before December 2019. The meetings also provide an opportunity for you to discuss your thoughts

with your Traditional Owner Negotiation Team (TONT) Representatives who are negotiating the agreement.

WHO ARE THE TONT?

The Traditional Owner Negotiation Team is a 12-person negotiation team who have been nominated and authorised by each of the four claims to be the face-to-face representatives and negotiate with the State.

The TONT members report back to their respective working groups and to the community through these information sessions.

The TONT Representatives are:

- **Ross Councillor** (Southern Yamatji)
- **Paul Eley** (Hutt River, Southern Yamatji)
- **Glenda Jackamarra** (Mullewa Wadjari, Southern Yamatji)
- **Rod Little** (Southern Yamatji)
- **Carol Martin** (Southern Yamatji)
- **Shirley McPherson** (Southern Yamatji, Widi Mob)
- **Helen Nutter** (Hutt River, Southern Yamatji)
- **Leedham Papertalk Snr** (Mullewa Wadjari, Southern Yamatji)
- **Kathleen Pinkerton** (Southern Yamatji, Widi Mob)
- **Fred Taylor** (Southern Yamatji)
- **Wayne Warner** (Southern Yamatji)
- **Delveen Whitby** (Southern Yamatji)

WHO ARE THE LEGAL ADVISORS?

The Legal Advisors are:

- Hutt River and Southern Yamatji: Gulmina Miocevich (YMAC)
- Hutt River: Jeremy Brown (YMAC)
- Mullewa Wadjari: Greg McIntyre, SC (instructed by Corser and Corser)
- Southern Yamatji: Brooke Creemers (YMAC)
- Southern Yamatji: Robert Bitmead (YMAC)
- Widi Mob: Michael Pagsanjan (MPS Law)

In addition, the YNSRA Project Manager is Lucy Tarrant (YMAC) and the Project Administrator is Edina Boross (YMAC).

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?

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

The 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 presentation will be given at each session and you will have the opportunity to ask questions to your TONT representatives and the legal advisors.

Your attendance and feedback is important – it will assist TONT members and your legal advisors to negotiate a better Agreement for your whole community.

The proposed dates and locations of the community information sessions are listed below.

Please note: Registrations open at 5pm. Presentations will commence at 5.30pm SHARP.

Location	Date	Venue	Time
Beckenham (City of Gosnells)	6 March	Mills Park Centre, 86 Brixton Street, Beckenham	5.30pm
Belmont (City of Belmont)	7 March	Centenary Park Community Centre, (Multipurpose Room) Corner Daly Street/Barker Street, Belmont	5.30pm
Northampton	13 March	RSL Hall, Crn of Essex Street and Great North West Costal Highway, Northampton	5.30pm
Carnarvon	14 March	The Woolshed, 21 Robinson Street, Carnarvon	5.30pm
Geraldton	14 March	Posh Events & Functions Centre, 218 Marine Terrace, Geraldton	5.30pm
Geraldton	25 March	Posh Events & Functions Centre, 218 Marine Terrace, Geraldton	5.30pm
Atwell (City of Cockburn)	25 March	Atwell Community Centre, (Multipurpose Room) 9 Lombe Gardens, Atwell	5.30pm
Mullewa	26 March	Mullewa Sports Club, Main Road, Mullewa	5.30pm
Tuart Hill (City of Stirling)	26 March	Tuart Hill Community Centre, Social Room Corner Cape and Stoneham Streets, Tuart Hill	5.30pm
Port Hedland	28 March	Ibis Styles (Meeting Room), Cnr McGregor and Lukis Streets, Port Hedland	5.30pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you wish to attend one of these meetings, please confirm your attendance by calling YMAC on (08) 9268 7000 and speaking with Edina Boross Project Administrator.
- 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 catering and refreshments at each of these scheduled meetings. **No travel allowance (TA) will be paid.**

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

For more information visit: <http://ymac.org.au/ynsra/>