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## Welcome

Welcome to the first KNAC newsletter of the new financial year. It has been a while since the last KNAC newsletter, and a number of significant milestones have been achieved in that time. Sadly, the Nyiyaparli Community has also suffered a number of losses and our thoughts and condolences are with those families affected.

# Native Title Determination

September 2018 saw Nyiyaparli receive a Native Title Determination from the Federal Court. Go to our website [karlka.com.au](http://karlka.com.au) to see the highlight videos from the Determination. You can also see the videos of the Nyiyaparli ethnobotanical study; a joint project between Nyiyaparli and Roy Hill.

The successful determination was the culmination of more than twenty years of hard and persistent work by a large number of Nyiyaparli People. Sadly, some of those people did not make it to the celebrations, but they were remembered on the day by many who spoke and those who attended.

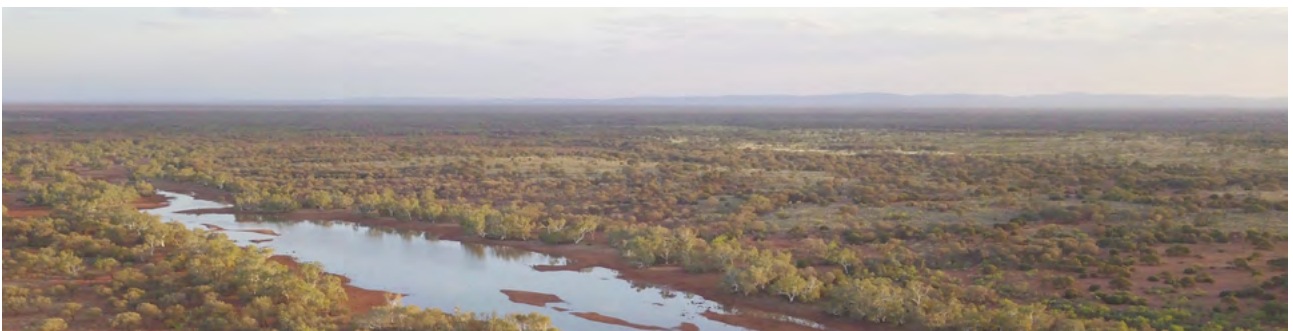


*Cultural Elder, David Stock receiving the Federal Court Determination from Justice Barker.*



*Nyiyaparli celebrate the successful Native Title Determination after more than twenty years in the making.*

With the realisation of Native Title, KNAC has become the Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) and Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) for Nyiyaparli Determined lands. The Board of KNAC have been working through the process of assigning the various responsibilities that come with that role to the Corporation.





# Strategic Plan and website

The Board have ratified an updated strategic plan which maps out a path of planning and development to strengthen the corporation and position KNAC to better understand the needs and aspirations of the members. You can view the plan on the KNAC website [karlka.com.au](http://karlka.com.au).

A key component of the strategic plan is to provide KNAC members with the opportunity to have their voices heard through a number of planned community consultations. The Board want to hear from the members so they can settle on and resource priority areas for direct investment, key partnerships and crucial areas of advocacy in the coming years.

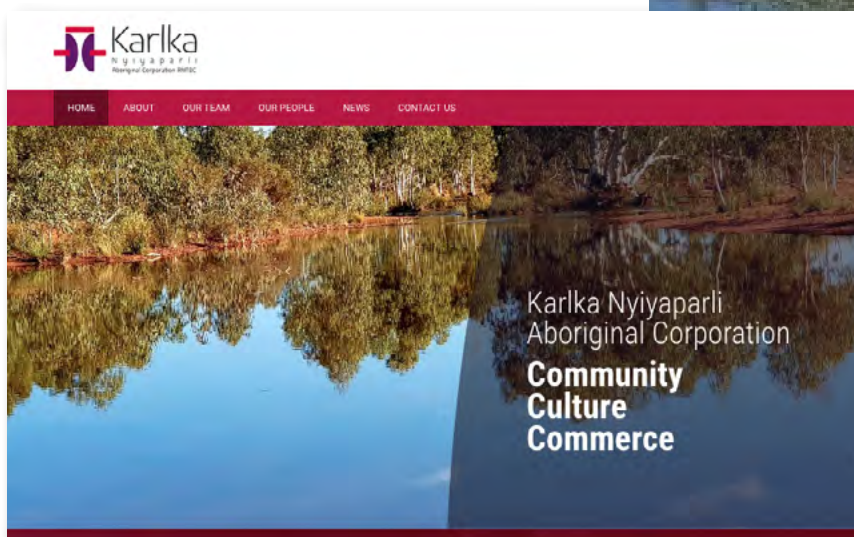
One of the areas the Corporation knows it can lift its performance is in its communication with members. The development of a website where KNAC can post news, key meeting dates and documents has been a focus for some time. In the coming months KNAC will continue to develop the website to provide a secure 'Members portal' for members to access Trust applications. KNAC is also working on aligning the website and Facebook platforms to provide consistency and increased availability of information for its members.

## Establishing the Karlka Advisory Committee

Throughout the last year the Board of KNAC has been developing a terms of reference for the establishment of an advisory committee. The Karlka Advisory Committee (KAG) will consist of senior Niyaparli representatives and the Niyaparli Cultural Elders and will have a role in providing Cultural advice to the KNAC Board and other stakeholders such as the Trustees and DMCs.

KNAC have received some recommendations for appointment from the community and have combined these with previously endorsed community members. In line with the KAG terms of reference the Board will also make appointments to balance representation.

It is envisaged that the KAG will be properly constituted in the coming months and the Group representatives will be notified to the members in the next newsletter. Members will also have the opportunity to discuss the KAG at the next Annual General Meeting.



# Common Law Holders Meeting – Body corporate ILUAs

On 10 May a Niyaparli Common Law Holders meeting was held to consider a number of Native Title matters. In respect of Indigenous Land Use Agreements, the Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) must consult with and obtain the consent of the Common Law Holders to enter into the agreement.

At this meeting the Niyaparli People agreed to transfer the responsibility for the agreements with BHP, FMG and RTIO from the Niyaparli Applicants to the RNTBC/PBC which is KNAC. This represented the significant transfer of responsibility for the management of these agreements to the Board of KNAC, who act on behalf of the Niyaparli People.



*The Directors of KNAC and Niyaparli Common Law Holders discuss the process of Native Title decisions at the JD Hardie Youth Centre on 10 May 2019.*

## a. Directors signing

Once the Niyaparli Common Law Holders agreed to assign the responsibility of the ILUAs to KNAC, the Directors were required to sign these on behalf of the Board. This was achieved at the KNAC Board meeting, held on 27 May 2019.



*Directors Edith Hall and Linda Parker sign the Body Corporate ILUAs on behalf of the KNAC Board*



*Assisted by KNAC Native Title Counsel, Directors Victor Parker and Lindsay Yuline sign the Body Corporate ILUAs on behalf of the KNAC Board*



*The DMC and Council joint meeting*

## DMC and Council joint meeting

On 24 June the DMC and Council held a joint meeting with Mutual Trustees. The group discussed the Trust budget and policies for the next financial year. Important decisions were made which refined the target focus of policies and recognised the need to incorporate a growing membership base.

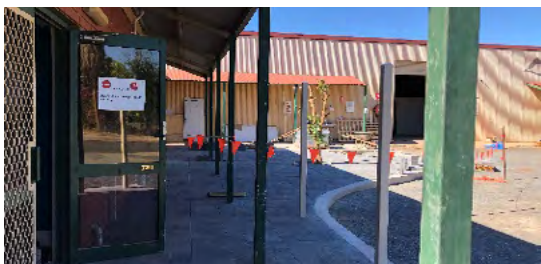


## Heritage Survey work

This is a reminder to any Niyaparli Person that if you wish to be considered for Heritage Survey work you should call the office so we can organise the required medical testing. It is KNAC policy that all survey participants must complete their medical test prior to being considered for survey work. Call Maurice or Streamy on 08 9140 2755 for further information.

## The new KNAC office

KNAC purchased 8 Byass Street in South Hedland in March 2018 for the purpose of utilising the building as the new KNAC administration centre. The process of fitting out the offices is well underway with a completion date set around mid-September. When the actual completion date is known the Board will invite all members to attend an opening and dedication ceremony.



*Byass Street, KNAC office refurbishment*

## ‘Governance, matters’

The Board have recently undertaken a two-day governance training workshop with ORIC, the training included a number of Pilbara Aboriginal Groups. As a result of the initial training the Board are reviewing the options to undertake further training which would be specific to Karlka Directors.

At their meeting on 25 June the Directors of KNAC adopted a Board Charter which will be made available on the KNAC website. The Charter sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Directors, management and the Corporation’s Officers.

In keeping with the Boards position of creating consistency through policy, KNAC has written to the Registrar of the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) seeking advice on the development of a membership policy. It is the Boards view that in order to provide fair and consistent outcomes, it should develop a policy which incorporates the membership criteria set out in the Determination and Niyaparli custom and practice. When the policy draft has been completed the KNAC Board will consult with members to seek an agreement by consensus so that applying the policy to membership applications will be fair and consistent and in line with the position held by the Niyaparli People.

Important upcoming dates

- FMG working Group 10 July
- KNAC Board meeting 23 July