Application for Membership

Guidance Note for Applicants

Please read this Guidance Note before completing this application.

Eligibility requirements

- Each applicant must be considered *individually* and must meet all eligibility criteria under the Nyiyaparli Native Title Determination.
- Descent from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor or adoption into the Nyiyaparli group is the first criteria you must satisfy (but it is not sufficient to just meet this criteria).
- You must ***also*** satisfy the other eligibility criteria in the definition of Nyiyaparli People, including the requirements relating to Nyiyaparli identity, recognition by other Nyiyaparli People and connection with Nyiyaparli Country.

Establishing connection to the Nyiyaparli People

- There are two ways in which you may establish your connection to the Nyiyaparli People for the purposes of this application:
    1. Descent from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor; or
    2. Adoption into the Nyiyaparli group in accordance with Nyiyaparli traditional laws and customs.
- At Section 3, you must identify which pathway you are relying on.
- If you are applying through descent from an Apical Ancestor, complete **Section 3A – Descent from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor**.
- If you are applying through adoption, complete **Section 3B – Adoption into the Nyiyaparli Group**.
- You must also complete the family information in Section 2 and the remaining sections of this application.

Applicant declaration

I, _____
(First Name of applicant) *(Last Name of applicant)*

Of _____
(Residential address of applicant)

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Hereby apply for membership of the Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation (**KNAC**).

I declare that everything in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am:

(a) aged 18 years or over;

(b) a member of the Nyiyaparli People (*see definition attached*);

(c) eligible for membership of the KNAC under rule 6.1 of the Rule Book; and

(d) willing to be bound to the rules of KNAC and the KNAC Code of Conduct (available on the KNAC website).

I acknowledge that when I submit this application to KNAC, KNAC will collect my personal information, including sensitive information. I consent to KNAC collecting and holding my personal information (including sensitive information) in accordance with the terms of KNAC's privacy policy which is available on the KNAC website.

I understand that KNAC may consider information already held by KNAC, including genealogical information, membership records, the Register of Nyiyaparli People and information previously accepted by KNAC.

I understand that KNAC may contact me if further information or clarification is reasonably required to assess my application.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Information required for Membership

Please note if you do not supply this information and answer all relevant questions your application will be rejected.

1. Personal information

1.1. Birth Certificate and Photo Identification

Attach a copy of your birth certificate, photo identification and any other relevant identification.

Documents attached:

☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Photo Identification

☐ Other: ……..……

1.2. Date of Birth and Age

Date of Birth…….

Age ……

1.3. Surname

In this application, are you using the surname you were born with, a married name, or another surname?

If your current surname is different from the surname recorded on your birth certificate, please provide details:

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1.4. Marriage Certificate and Change of Name Certificate

If you apply using a surname that is different to the surname stated on your Birth Certificate, you must also attach a copy of your:

- Marriage Certificate; or
- Change of Name Certificate.

1.5. Do you identify as a Nyiyaparli Person? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, provide a brief explanation of how you identify as Nyiyaparli under Nyiyaparli traditional law and custom:

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1.6. Are you recognised by other Nyiyaparli People as a Nyiyaparli Person?

YES ☐ **NO** ☐

If yes, please provide details of the Nyiyaparli family or community relationships through which you are known and recognised as Nyiyaparli:

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2. Family Information

Mother's full name (including maiden name):	
Father's full name:	

2.1. Parents

Please identify whether your mother and/or father are Nyiyaparli People.

Where known, please also provide their place of birth and whether they spoke or speak the Nyiyaparli language:

Mother:

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Father:

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2.2. Grandparents

Please identify whether any of your maternal grandparents (your mother's parents) and/or paternal grandparents (your father's parents) are Nyiyaparli People.

Where known, please also provide their place of birth and whether they spoke or speak the Nyiyaparli language:

Maternal grandmother:

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Maternal grandfather:

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Paternal grandmother:

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Paternal grandfather:

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3. Establishing connection to the Nyiyaparli People

Please select ONE pathway below and complete the relevant section.

☐ **Section 3A – Descent from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor**

I am applying because I am descended from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor.

☐ **Section 3B – Adoption into the Nyiyaparli group**

I am applying because I was adopted into the Nyiyaparli group.

You must complete *either* Section 3A or Section 3B, but not both.

Section 3A - Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor

Complete this section only if you are applying on the basis that you are descended from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor.

3A.1 Descent from a Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor

If you are descended from one or more of the identified Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestors, please state which Apical Ancestor(s) you follow and provide information explaining your line of descent:

Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor(s):

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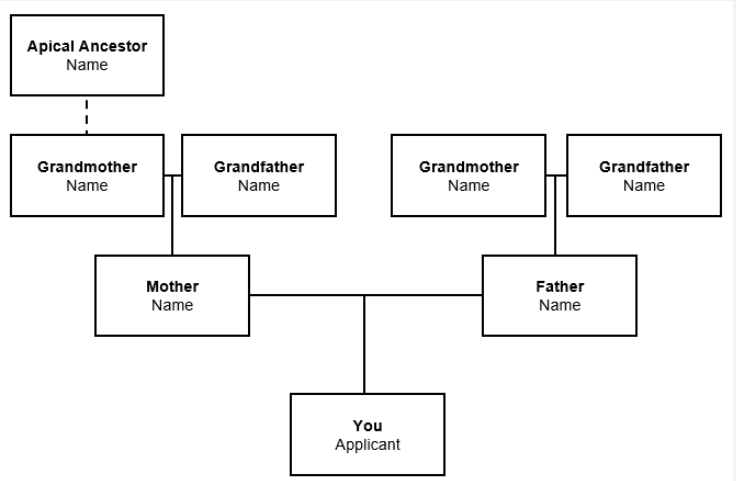
Please attach any supporting information or documents that may assist in establishing your family line, including historical or family records or genealogical information.

3A.2 Family tree

Please draw your family tree connecting you to the Apical Ancestor you follow. Start

with your Apical Ancestor at the top and finish with you.

Please draw your family tree (with their names) below. Here is an example:



Your Family Tree connecting you to your Apical Ancestor:

3A.3 Declaration from parent

Where possible, please ask a parent to confirm the family tree provided above.

Parent's name: ……

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the family information and line of descent provided in this application is correct.

Signature of Parent: ……

Date: ……

Contract telephone / email : ……

If a parent is unavailable or unable to provide a declaration, please explain:

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OR

Section 3B – Adoption into the Nyiyaparli group

Complete this section only if you are applying on the basis that you were adopted into the Nyiyaparli group in accordance with Nyiyaparli traditional laws and customs.

You do not need to complete Section 3A or provide a family tree.

3B.1 Adoption into the Nyiyaparli group

If you cannot demonstrate biological descent from a named Nyiyaparli Apical Ancestor, please provide information about whether and how *you personally* were adopted into the Nyiyaparli group in accordance with Nyiyaparli traditional laws and customs.

In particular, please provide information about:

- how and when you were adopted into the Nyiyaparli group;
- whether this occurred when you were a child (under 12 years of age);
- the Nyiyaparli family or community members who adopted you into the Nyiyaparli group;
- the circumstances in which you were culturally raised up, adopted or incorporated – how did it occur and over what period of time; and
- any Nyiyaparli People who may be able to provide information about or confirm the circumstances.

For the purposes of this application, you must personally have been adopted into the Nyiyaparli group.

It is not sufficient that you are related to a person who was adopted into the Nyiyaparli group.

Please provide as much information as you are able to. *You may attach supporting information, including photographs, statements from other people who recognise you as*

Nyiyaparli, news articles, publications or stories.

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Supporting documents attached:

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4. Nyiyaparli identity, recognition and connection to community

4.1. Nyiyaparli language

Do you speak and/or understand Nyiyaparli language?

YES ☐ **NO** ☐ **SOME** ☐

If yes or some, please provide details:

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4.2. Nyiyaparli traditional law and custom

Do you have any knowledge of, or participate in, Nyiyaparli traditional law and custom?

YES ☐ **NO** ☐

If yes, please provide details of your knowledge or participation, including knowledge of Nyiyaparli kinship, skin groups, kin classification and section system.

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4.3. Family and community relationships

Please provide details of your family and community relationships with Nyiyaparli People, including any relationships through which you are known or recognised as Nyiyaparli.

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4.4. Nyiyaparli meetings and cultural activities

Do you attend or participate in Nyiyaparli meetings, cultural events or other Nyiyaparli community activities?

YES ☐ **NO** ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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5. Connection to Nyiyaparli Country

The Nyiyaparli People definition requires a person to have a connection with the land and waters of the Determination Area in accordance with Nyiyaparli traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by the Nyiyaparli People.

5.1. Connection to Country

What particular areas of Nyiyaparli Country are you connected to?

Please provide details of your connection, which may include your family's connections, places you have lived or visited, cultural responsibilities or associations, or other connections to Nyiyaparli Country.

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If you do not live on Nyiyaparli Country, tell us how you stay connected with Nyiyaparli Country.

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5.2. Sites, places and cultural responsibilities

Do you have knowledge of, or cultural responsibilities or associations with, any sites or places within Nyiyaparli Country?

YES ☐ **NO** ☐

If yes, please provide details only to the extent that it is appropriate for that information to be disclosed in this application:

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5.3. Other connection to Country

Please provide any other information about your connection to Nyiyaparli Country that you consider relevant to your application.

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6. Other supporting information

Please provide any other supporting documents or information that you consider relevant to your application for membership.

This may include information about your family, Nyiyaparli identity, recognition by other Nyiyaparli People, adoption into the Nyiyaparli group, or connection to Nyiyaparli Country.

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Supporting documents attached:

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Nyiyaparli Native Title Determination (*Stock on behalf of the Nyiyaparli People v State of Western Australia (No 5)* [2018] FCA 1453)

Schedule 7 - Definition of Nyiyaparli People

The Nyiyaparli People are those persons who:

(a) are descended from, in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by the Nyiyaparli People, one or more of the following persons:

(i) Mintaramunya;

(ii) Pitjirrpangu;

(iii) Yirkanpangu (Jesse);

(iv) Kitjiempa (Molly);

(v) Mapa (Rosie);

(vi) Iringkulayi (Billy Martin Moses);

(vii) Parnkahanha (Toby Cadigan);

(viii) Wirlpangunha (Rabbity-Bung);

(ix) Wuruwurunha (Tommy Malana);

(x) Ijiyangu (Daisy);

(xi) Sibling set of Ivy, Solomon and Mildred; and

(xii) Sibling set of Maynha and Itika,

or, though not descended from those persons, have been incorporated into the Nyiyaparli group in accordance with Nyiyaparli traditional laws and customs, and

(b) identify themselves as Nyiyaparli under traditional law and custom and are so identified by other Nyiyaparli People as Nyiyaparli; and

(c) have a connection with the land and waters of the Determination Area, in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by the Nyiyaparli People.