



WIRRAWANDI
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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Our NEW Website is Live!

We are excited to announce that we now have our very own website!

This website has been designed with the goal of providing information about our organization, our initiatives, and our services to the public.

The website offers an easy-to-use interface, allowing visitors to learn about the vision and mission of Wirrawandi Aboriginal Corporation, as well as its programs and services.

With the launch of this website, we aim to increase our visibility, accessibility, and interaction with the public, and provide a platform for updates on our latest projects and initiatives.

We invite you to visit our website and explore the many features and resources available.

Go and see it for yourself!

Visit the website at: www.wirrawandi.org.au or scan the QR code below to view.



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Wirrawandi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC was registered in 2018 to hold and manage the native title rights and interests for the Mardudhunera people. We are an Aboriginal-owned and governed, non-profit corporation located in Karratha in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

PAST EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

On the 14th of January 2023, we conducted our Annual General Meeting (AGM), in Karratha, Perth and Geraldton, with all venues being connected via teleconferencing platform Teams.

Thank you to all who attended, across all three venues we had 32 members in attendance, our biggest turn out yet! We are very excited to announce the election of five new directors, as well as the re-election of three existing directors.

Directors

Nathan Christophers – Re-elected
Claire Brettner – Re-elected
Sherrily Sinclair – Re-elected
Elizabeth Evans – New
Michelle Boona – New
Shandelle Boona – New
Michaela Crowe – New
Colin Cosmos Jnr – New

Independent Directors

Allan Shaw – Re-elected
Robert Brittain – New

PARTNER UPDATES

Prior removal



After removal



Leichhardt

Eramurra Salt Project - Land Access Agreement

- Following the meeting with the senior men in early October, Leichhardt has made further changes to the project footprint to avoid important cultural heritage places and provide ongoing access for the Traditional Owners.
- The WAC Board of Directors and Leichhardt held a further Negotiation Meeting on 8 December 2022 to finalise the Land Access Agreement and Social, Cultural Heritage Management Plan.
- It is anticipated that the finalised Land Access Agreement will be considered by the WAC membership at a meeting in late March 2023.
- For further information about the project please contact lisa.carswell@leic.com.au in the Perth Office.

BCI Minerals

Mardie Project Update

- Mardie Village complete (400-bed accommodation).
- Gazettal and proclamation of the Port of Cape Preston West.
- Primary seawater intake station completed - Commissioning expected to commence January 2023.
- Annual Turtle Survey at Mardie over the months of October; December and February.

Citic Pacific

- Drums that had been an aesthetic eyesore and environmental concern at the Mardie Pool site for years were removed by Citic Pacific. Check out the before and after pics above. Thanks CP!

WAC UPDATES

Follow Us

We're now on Facebook and LinkedIn!

Join our community on social media to stay up to date on our latest news, events, community stories and more.

Help us grow our online community and invite your friends and family to like/follow us. We look forward to further connecting with you all.



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Pay Schedule

If you do any work for WAC, timesheets need to be completed by Friday every week. Payment will be made the following week on a Wednesday. Please contact the WAC office for any queries.



DIRECTOR PROFILE

Name: Allan Shaw

Position: Independent Director with WAC since April 2022

What is your role with the WAC?

I am a career Banker and I joined the WAC board to learn about the challenges and opportunities WAC has, whilst assisting the board and management with my experience. I look forward to the AGM which gives us the opportunity to hear from our members and to see WAC prosper in the years ahead.

Tell us about yourself:

Family is very important to me. We have had some wonderful times but also faced some challenges a few years ago with my son's health. Those challenges were some of our most difficult times, but we supported each other and managed to overcome those challenges. It's tough, but family matters and we all need some help from time to time.

I am someone who believes in giving things a go and trying your best. I tell my kids I can fix anything. Of course, that is not true, but I will always try. I am reminded by my family that I failed when trying to fix a very old coffee machine. Rather than admit defeat and throw it out, I have stored it and told everyone that I will fix it – I just need more time!

NEW STAFF

Peta Readhead | Operation's Manager

Peta has joined the WAC team as the new Operations Manager! Peta grew up in the bush in Western NSW in Walgett, Ivanhoe, Bourke and Gilgandra, but lived in Karratha for the past 12 years working in various operational roles.

It was through her years working with BRIDA that she first started to hear the amazing stories of The local Traditional Owner culture, history and traditions through the gardening team in Dampier. She was taught about bush tucker and bush medicine and so her interest and passion for the local TO culture and traditions began.

"I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work with WAC in bringing more services, business development and growth to the corporation."



NEW STAFF



Amber Caswell
Membership Officer

Amber has joined the WAC team as the new Membership Officer. Her role is to support and build relationships with Members accessing services.

"While in this role, I hope to be a strong advocate for human rights and to see our members engage in opportunities and walk along side them as they strive for personal success."

In her down time, Amber loves learning about Aboriginal culture and its history, spending time with her husband and their retired Welsh Border Collie show dog, fishing, and days at the beach.



Deanne Vassiliou
Executive Assistant

Deanne has joined the WAC team as the new Executive Assistant! Deanne grew up in the wheatbelt town of Moora. She has lived all over WA as she often travels for her husband's work.

For the past seven years she has lived in Karratha where she worked with Murujuga & REFAP. She thoroughly enjoyed her time here assisting and supporting the local community.

"Being based in the Perth office, I now get the best of both worlds where I remain living close to my children, but I also get to visit the community periodically which is exciting & reignites my passion to work within the corporation to assist in helping all their members."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ranger

Citic Pacific's Heritage Department is looking for a new ranger!

Position Requirements:

- English proficiency
- Current 'C' Class Driver's Licence
- Basic understanding of heritage & environmental requirements of a mine site
- Knowledge of the Cape Preston region and the cultural heritage unique to the area
- Able to measure & monitor using environmental instruments

If this sounds like you and you have previous experience in a similar role, please contact gary.blinco@citipacificmining.com or matthew.grosse@citipacificmining.com for more information.



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Feel welcome to contact us

We invite you to get in touch and let us know what you think of our newsletter. You can phone, email, send a text message, or pop in and see us... whatever suits you best. We also welcome your content ideas for future editions.

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