
**WESTERN DESERT LANDS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
(JAMUKURNU – YAPALIKUNU)
ICN 4207**

NOTICE OF COMMON LAW HOLDERS MEETING

DATE: 12 October 2017

TIME: 9.30am registration for a 10.00am start

Registration will be necessary for voting.

PLACE: Parnngurr Community, Parnngurr, Western Australia

Buses will be arranged from Fitzroy Crossing and Bidyadanga to transport people to Parnngurr. We will also supply fuel to those members who are driving in their own car to the meeting. Please contact the WDLAC office on (08) 9486 9797 if assistance is required. Vouchers for food will be provided and water will be distributed at the meeting for those attending.

You should read the whole Notice of Meeting.

- (a) **This Common Law Holders Meeting is a meeting for all Martu Native title holders. You do not need to be a WDLAC Member to attend.**
- (b) **Common Law Holders need to be at least 18 years old to vote at this meeting.**
- (c) **According to WDLAC Rulebook section 6.2 Common Law Holders are:**
 - (i) **Those people known as the Martu People. The Martu people are those Aboriginal people who hold in common the body of traditional law and culture governing the Determination Area and who identify as Martu and who, in accordance with their traditional laws and customs, identify themselves as being Members of one, some or all of the following language groups: Manyjilyjarra, Kartujarra, Kiyajarra, Putijarra, Nyiyaparli, Warnman, Ngulipartu, Pitjkarla, Kurajarra, Jiwality, Mangala, Nangajarra,**
 - (ii) **those Ngurrara People who are the Aboriginal people who in accordance with their traditional laws and customs identify themselves and their forebears as Jiwality, Mangala, Manyjilyjarra, Walmajarri and Wangkajunka**

If you want to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting you are welcome to contact the Contact Person on (08) 9268 7000. (The Contact Person is the CEO: Simon Hawkins)

Security will be provided on the day of the meeting

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction

2. Business

For Martu to talk with each other and the WDLAC Directors about what Martu think about the topics below. The day will include wangka where everyone hears about the business from Martu and non-Martuspeakers.

At times it may be appropriate for Martu to say what you think through your own private vote (secret ballot).

a) **IPA (Indigenous Protected Area)**

As part of caring for Martu country do Martu want to use an IPA? See Explanatory memorandum for more information on IPA.

b) **WDLAC/KJ governance and relationship**

Arrangements for Martu organisations including things that are important to be part of the relationship of WDLAC and KJ and how Martu people should get the most out of the Martu organisations.

c) **Land Tenure in Karlamilyi National Park**

What has happened with the Martu country in Karlamilyi National Park (including Punmu and Parrngurr) and which path Martu want to take.

d) **Permit System**

How does Martu want to monitor non-Martus access to Martu country including what arrangements should be put in place?

3. General Business

Other topics at the end of the day to talk about other topics.

NOTE: The Annual General Meeting will happen 1-2 November 2017. This meeting is not the AGM.

To discuss any issues about the meeting or your attendance please contact:

Coral Wrona on 0422 747 930 or write to us at PO Box 331 West Perth WA 6005

By Order of the WDLAC Board

SIMON HAWKINS
CONTACT PERSON

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Explanatory Memorandum accompanies the Notice of Meeting for the Common Law Holder meeting to be held on 12 October 2017 in Parrngurr Community, commencing at 9.30 am WST. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be important for Martu to know when making decisions about the subject of the business today.

a) IPA (Indigenous Protected Area)

Martu care for ngurra in many different ways including telling non-Martu where they can and cannot go, good waru, and a Martu ranger program operated through KJ.

What is an IPA?

An IPA is an area of land Aboriginal owned land where traditional owners have entered into an agreement with the Australian Government to promote biodiversity and cultural resources.

IPAs are voluntary arrangements between Aboriginal communities and the Australian government and have no legal effect.

IPAs help attract funding for ranger program jobs and to fund other things for caring for country.

IPAs do not stop mining or tourism. Mining that does happen will have to be consistent with conservation principles and included in the IPA Plan of Management. For example it could include Martu people providing environmental services to assist recovery of vegetation.

Most IPAs are described as being dedicated under International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) categories 5 and 6. *Category 5 seems to be the most appropriate for Martu people as it supports traditional Martu practices.*

Some Martu people describe the ranger program and land management of Martu country as very important. Martu talk about wanting increased numbers of Martu to be out on Country and about protection of Martu country.

IPAs are considered by surrounding groups to be important. IPAs near Martu country include Birriliburu, Mutuwa Kurrara-Kurrara, Kiwirrkurra, Warlu Jilajaa Jumu, Nyangumarta Warrarn and Karajarri.

WDLAC wants to find out if Martu people want an IPA or don't want an IPA.

The Board has the responsibility to make a decision. If it is a Native Title Decision the Board must consult with the Common Law Holders and obtain their consent.

Even if it is not a Native Title Decision the Board should consult with the Common Law Holders.

CODE OF CONDUCT – MEMBERS

All members and staff have a right to safety, dignity and respect at all times even though native title process may involve strong emotions and difficult decisions.

The Code of conduct for members requires:

- compliance with the Act and the Rule Book
- notification to the Corporation of any change in address within 28 days
- compliance with all Code of Conduct adopted by the Corporation
- treating other members, directors and staff with respect and dignity
- in all circumstances refrain from the use of abusive, threatening or obscene language or language that may otherwise give offence to other members and staff
- To not behave in a way that significantly interferes with the operation of the Corporation and of Corporations meetings.
- Attendance of the General meetings.
- not to use confidential information for their own personal advantage, to the advantage of family members or their native title claim group in any improper manner or to cause harm or detriment to any person, body or WDLAC
- not to attend any meetings or to be in the office under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs
- not to use corporation resources (including the service of staff members) for private purposes

Noncompliance of the Code of Conduct may result in the members being removed from meetings and / or barred from WDLAC premises until there is an improvement in behavior.