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COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE – 2025 WALGA ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Forum Program

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WALGA Aboriginal Engagement Forum

Doyntj-Doyntj Maladjiny | Growing Together





PROGRAM

8.30am	Registrations
9.00am	Introduction Roanna Edwards, Master of Ceremonies
9.10am	Welcome to Country Cr Barry Winmar, WALGA State Councillor
9.20am	President's Address Cr Karen Chappel AM JP, WALGA President
9.30am	State Government Address
9.40am	Keynote: Singing from the Same Songbook Gina Williams AM & Guy Ghouse
10.30am	Byrdik Byrdik Morning Tea Served in the Yarning Space
11.00am	Partner Spotlight: Aboriginal History Research Service Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries



11.15am In Conversation: Community Leadership in a Natural Disaster

Marmingee Hand - Co Chair, Fitzroy Valley Flood Recovery Working Group

Douglas D'Antoine - Recovery Executive Officer, Shire of Derby

West Kimberley

12.00pm Ngalang Kadjin Moorditj: Our Spirit Strong

Ben Armstrong - Coordinator Community Capacity,

City of Canning

Rebecca Kirkwood - Principal, Cannington Community College

Wayne McNamara - Aboriginal Islander Liaison Officer,

Lynwood Senior High School

12.30pm Merenj Gnarning | Lunch

Served in the Yarning Space

1.15pm Maali Boodjar: Centre Stage at NAIDOC Week Fashion Show

Karen Hayden - Aboriginal Engagement Officer, City of Swan

Miranda and Peter Farmer, Farmer Designs

Midland Gate Shopping Centre

PROGRAM

2.00pm Partner Spotlight: Recognition of Aboriginal Placenames

Caitlan Markiewicz - Acting Lead Programs Consultant Data

Collaboration, Landgate

2.30pm Byrdik Byrdik | Afternoon Tea

Served in the Yarning Space

3.00pm Talent Pool Academy: Leverage and Legacy

Tim Turner – Senior Manager Regional Development, Royal Life

Saving WA

3.45pm Datni | Reflections

Cr. Lou Lockyer, Shire of East Pilbara

4:00pm Event Close

Feel free to join your fellow delegates in the Yarning Space following

the event to unpack the day.



Feature Artwork

"KOORT BOODJA" (Heart Land) was created by Karen Hayden

Karen is a Ballardong/Yued Noongar Yorga with connections to Whadjuk. Aboriginal art and culture is a big part of her identity, and painting her means of storytelling. It's the knowledge that she learnt from her elders which she passes down to her children and family to keep them all connected to their Aboriginal Culture, in the hope it continues for generations to come.

"This art piece represents our people from far and wide coming together to our meeting place to share and tell stories, which is Kings Park (Kaarta Gar-up). The tracks are people travelling coming from different regions and meeting in the middle (Koort Boodja). Along the way there are animals that represent the significant land (boodja) area. Maali (swan) on the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River), long neck turtle (yaakan) in several waterways and the kangaroo (yonga) on the hills (karda) of Kaarta Gar-up."



EVENT PARTNERS



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