

SCHEDULE 4 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM

NGADJU NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC

Application for membership

Membership Contact Information

Full Name					
Other Names					
Address					
Suburb		State		Post Code	
Date of Birth					
Phone Number					
Email Address					

In 2014 and 2017, the Federal Court of Australia granted Native Title to the Ngadju people over land surrounding the town of Norseman in Western Australia (**Native Title Determination**).

The Ngadju people are those people who descend from the Apical Ancestors and recognised in the Native Title Determination.

To be successful in your application for membership of the Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (**NNTAC**), you are required to satisfy the membership criteria set out below.

If you are unable to meet the requirements below, your application will not be successful and returned as incomplete or requesting further information.

Membership Criteria

	Tick (✓) once completed
1. Provide Membership Contact Information in the table above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Be 18 years of age, show one form of identification a. provide a copy of your birth certificate; or b. provide a copy of your drivers license; or c. provide alternative identification (see membership criteria appendix)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Identify to one Family Group.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Declare you will abide by the Rule Book, Code of Conduct and act in the best interest of the Corporation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Confirm you are a Ngadju person and/or recognised as a Ngadju person.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Provide relevant details so that the Directors have reasonable satisfaction you have been on country e.g. last visit to Norseman or submitting your application at an AGM and introducing yourself to Directors, Elders and family.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Acknowledge and observe Ngadju law (lore) and customs.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Apical Ancestor and Declaration

IMPORTANT (Please select **one (1) box only** with a ✓)

Family	Ancestor	Primary Affiliation	
Belang	Belang (Bilanj, also known as Jinny)		
Dalgetty/ Ray/ Munroe	Minnie & Tumi		
Donaldson	Polly Raylina		
Flynn	Peter Flynn		
Graham	Maggie & Jumbo		
Jacobs	Linesman Jacob & Kakaanj		
Rule	Karitjabana & Ngilinj		
Schultz	Diamond & Lucy		
Wicker	Wicker (Wika)		
Wilson/ Nine	Mary Kuuban (Kuubanj)		

I, _____ (Full name of applicant),

apply for membership of the Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation.

I further declare and agree that I will:

- in good faith and to the best of my abilities, abide by the Rules of the Corporation and the Code of Conduct outlined in the schedule for the Rule Book;
- will at all times act in the best interests of the Corporation;
- Consent for my personal information in this form to be shared with the Trustees of the Ngadju trusts to allow the trustee to manage any benefits that may flow to me from trustee distributions;
- Consent for the Trustee of the Ngadju trusts to share any personal information of mine with the Corporation to allow the Corporation to manage any aspect of my membership.

I declare that I am eligible for membership and have a Primary Family Group Affiliation:

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Confirming your Family Lineage

1. Does this Family Group come through your mother or father?

My mother
or
My Father

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

2. Which of your Grandparents does this Family Group affiliation come from?

My Grandmother
or
My Grandfather

Grandmothers Name: _____

Grandfathers Name: _____

3. Which of your Great-grandparents does this Family Group affiliation come from?

My Great-grandmother
or
My Great-grandfather

Great-grandmother's Name: _____

Great-grandfather's Name: _____

4. Detailed information to support your family lineage e.g. personal research evidence of family lineage, adoption information/documentation, approved family member details etc.

5. Detailed information to support you being on country e.g. lived in the Ngadju Native Title area after the age of 15, visiting family, attended or planning to attend an AGM or Native Title Holders meeting, Ngadju Heritage Survey worker, volunteer work or worked in the Ngadju Native Title Determination Area etc.

6. Detailed information about acknowledging and observing Ngadju Law (Lore) and Customs e.g. Observing kinship, knowledge of sacred areas in the Native Title Determination area etc.

Membership Application Process

On completion of your membership form, please return to the Native Title Aboriginal Corporation in person, post or via email at:

In Person:	Level 1, 1138 Hay Street West Perth WA 6005
In Post:	PO Box 806 West Perth WA 6872
Via email:	reception@nntac.org.au

NNTAC Board of Directors convene quarterly to review membership applications. The Board will consult with the Elders Advisory Group prior to deciding membership applications. This consultation may include confirming connection to Ngadju country.

If you submitting your application at an NNTAC AGM and introducing yourself to elders and family members, you will meet the membership criteria for 'on country connection' in the Rule Book, Rule 13 (d) and Rule 14. Applications will not be processed at the AGM, applications will be administered in accordance with the NNTAC Membership Application Process Policy.

If you are unable to meet the Membership Criteria your application will be considered unsuccessful and returned as incomplete or requesting further information. Once your membership criteria is considered to meet NNTAC requirements it will be reviewed by the Elders Advisory Group and tabled with the Board of Directors. If your application is unsuccessful after the Elders Advisory Group and Board of Directors have reviewed your application you may object against their decision, Rule 374-380. If you wish to object against your declined application, please contact Memberships at NNTAC for information on the Dispute Resolution Process regarding membership applications.

If your application is successful, the Corporation will confirm your membership in writing within 14 days after approval from the Board of Directors of NNTAC. Following approval by the Board of NNTAC, NNTAC will advise the Charitable Trust of your new membership allowing you to access the funding programs which is managed by the Charitable Trust.

NNTAC Membership gives you the opportunity to attend Corporation meetings and vote on matters concerning Ngadju people and the Native Title Determination area.

Any questions in relation to your membership application form, please contact **Reception on 08 9462 3500.**

OFFICE USE ONLY		
DATE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AT NNTAC	DATE:	SIGNED:
MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA COMPLETE	YES:	NO/ MORE INFORMATION:
APPLICATION REVIEWED AT ELDERS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING	YES:	NO:
APPLICATION TABLED AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	DATE:	SIGNED:
DIRECTORS CONFIRMED APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP	YES:	NO:
ENTERED ON REGISTER OF MEMBERS	DATE:	SIGNED:
NNTAC LETTER SENT TO APPLICANT	DATE:	SIGNED:
NNTAC ADVISES CHARITABLE TRUST OF NEW MEMBER	DATE:	SIGNED:

APPENDIX A: Information to Membership Criteria

1. Provide Membership Contact Information

Contact information for members is important for the Corporation to have on our register as the Corporation needs to advise members of all meetings being scheduled, send out quarterly NNTAC newsletters, reimbursements of travel when attending meetings. Once a member it is important to keep your contact details up to date, if NNTAC are unable to contact you over a 2 year period, your memberships can be cancelled.

2. Be 18 years of age, show one form of identification

- a. provide a copy of your birth certificate; or
- b. provide a copy of your drivers license; or
- c. provide alternative identification (see membership criteria appendix)

NNTAC understands not every person may have conventional identification and verification methods and with examples identified in the AUSTRAC guidelines and reporting, NNTAC is able to incorporate a flexible approach if 2a and 2b above, of the membership criteria, cannot be met. Membership criteria 2c 'provide alternative identification', can be identification such as:

- an Indigenous community identity card
- a reference from a community Elder
- a reference from a board member of a local Aboriginal Land Council or Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander organisation
- a government letter that shows the customer's name and age.

3. Identify to one Family Group

NNTAC understands members can be affiliated to more than one family group and your application will not be refused. However, NNTAC ask for the one family group to be selected to identify members at meetings for voting purposes.

4. Declare you will abide by the Rule Book, Code of Conduct and act in the best interest of the Corporation.

NNTAC Rule Book governs how the Corporation can run and is essential to maintaining good governance. The Rule Book will include relevant parts of the law that affect how a corporation is run:

- the constitution of the corporation
- 'replaceable rules' that have not been changed
- set laws under the Act that the corporation cannot change.

As a member of the NNTAC, you need to declare you will abide by the Membership Rules set out in the Rule Book.

5. Confirm you are a Ngadju person and/or recognized as a Ngadju person

The Native Title Determination is founded from the Ngadju descendants stated in the 2014 and 2017 Federal Court Claim. NNTAC in its role as the Prescribed Body Corporate that holds native title on behalf of Ngadju has a duty to ensure membership

applications provide strong evidence confirming their relationship to the Ngadju apical descendants stated on the claim. Part of the claim is recognizing people adopted by biological descendants in accordance with Ngadju tradition and custom (Rule Book, Schedule 2(2) – Definition of Ngadju people).

6. Detailed information about acknowledging and observing Ngadju Law and Customs e.g. last visit to Norseman or submitting your application at an AGM and introducing yourself to Directors, Elders and family.

The Native Title Determination is recognition of the existence of Ngadju's Native Title Rights on Ngadju Country. Once Native Title is recognised it must be maintained to ensure that these native title rights are protected into the future for the next generation of Ngadju People. Going on and visiting country is one important way of ensuring this connection is maintained. The criteria around going on country is to encourage Ngadju members to visit the Native Title Determination area, reconnect with families and the land.

7. Acknowledges and observes Ngadju law and customs

The Ngadju Native Title Determination is based on the recognition of Native Title rights and interests that derive from Ngadju traditional *laws and customs*. It is important in ensuring that native title is maintained that Ngadju laws and customs continue to be acknowledged and observed.