

NEWSLETTER

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Njernda

Aboriginal Corporation

ICN 1274—under special administration



To know our living culture

Dear members and other interested people,

Our names are Jack James and Paula Smith and we are from Rodgers Reidy in Perth. On 15 November 2021, the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) appointed us as **special administrators** of Njernda Aboriginal Corporation (Njernda).

This is our final newsletter to you as part of the special administration.

All newsletters and meeting notices will be available on the public Register of Indigenous Corporations at oric.gov.au. Use the 'Find a corporation' tool—search using 'Njernda' and follow the link to 'documents'.

Progress

The special administration will end on Friday 17 June 2022. At that time, control of Njernda will return to members and their new board of directors.

1	Take control of the assets, including bank accounts; build a complete picture of issues and challenges; and establish a clear plan of action.	Complete
2	Restore good operational order .	Complete
3	Prepare the corporation for return to members control.	Complete

New board of directors

Member directors

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed the following people as member directors. Their appointment will take effect from Friday 17 June 2022:

- Belinda Day
- John Kerr
- Jennifer Mitchell
- Damian Morgan-Bulled
- Janice Muir

Independent director

The new rule book (discussed below) provides for the board to appoint up to 2 independent directors.

We have appointed Mr Jim O'Shea as the first independent director. Jim is a proud Gumbaynggirr man, and is currently serving as both company secretary and corporate services director at the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO).



Jim comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge, with over 36 years' experience as a financial and business manager in private sector companies and not-for-profit organisations both nationally and internationally.

We will leave the new board to appoint a second independent director.

Governance structure and rule book

As previously advised, we worked with the advisory group on proposed changes to Njernda governance structure and rule book to strengthen corporate governance. We also sought feedback from community members by publishing a full copy of the draft rule book on the ORIC website. We were pleased to receive some feedback and good suggestions from members.

The draft new rule book has been checked by ORIC to ensure it conforms with the CATSI Act. Some further amendments were made as a result.

We have listened to all comments received and have now finalised the new rule book and lodged it with ORIC for registration. The revised rule book will be available on the ORIC website.

Executive staff structure

As discussed in our last newsletter, along with Tracey Dillon, we have undertaken a review of the structure to ensure it aligns with Njernda's operations and program offerings. We also consulted with staff to obtain input and feedback.

As a result, a new executive structure has been designed—see the next column.

The directors' roles are all new, and recruitment for these positions will be undertaken over the coming months.



Thank you

We wish to thank the advisory group, staff and stakeholders for their support and assistance during the special administration.

We wish Njernda, its new board and members the very best for the future.

Post-administration

ORIC will monitor the governance and management of Njernda after the special administration ends. The registrar will write to the new board about this.

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More information

The Registrar has a fact sheet, Special administrations: what members and directors need to know.

See oric.gov.au/special-admins or free call **1800 622 431**.