

Expression of Interest

Independent Member – Yinhawangka Decision Making Committee

Background

The Yinhawangka people are the native title claimants and traditional custodians of approximately 10,150 square kilometres of land and waters in the Pilbara region in the Shires of Ashburton and Meekatharra.

The Yinhawangka people in conjunction with their Trustee (The Myer Family Company Ltd) are looking to secure the services of an experienced individual to be the Independent Member of the Decisions Making Committee (DMC) for the Yinhawangka Direct Benefits Trust and Yinhawangka Charitable Trust.

The Independent Member will sit on the Decision Making Committee with the Yinhawangka member representatives and Trustee Representative and be involved in providing significant support to the other members. This support will include (but is not limited to) financial management, corporate governance advice and support, community support and involvement and stakeholder interaction. A critical component is working with the Yinhawangka traditional owners, their trustee and advisers to develop strategies that will have a material positive impact on the Yinhawangka people and the broader indigenous population of the Pilbara.

The successful candidate will bring to the role proven business and administration skills as well as excellent communication (written and oral) skills, extensive network, community development and commercial experience and relationship building skills. They will have a demonstrated commitment to collaborative work practices and competence in analysing the critical issues of Indigenous Australians.

Decision Making Committee

The purpose of the Decision Making Committee is to:

- (i) provide recommendations to the Trustee, including by way of Binding Decision Making Committee Decisions, as to the fulfilment by the Trustee of the Trust Objects and the general administration of the Trust Deeds;
- (ii) review the Trustee's compliance with its obligations under the Trust Deeds, and provide recommendations to the Trustee as to how those obligations may be met;
- (iii) assist the Trustee to manage its relationship with, and to liaise with, the Yinhawangka People, the Yinhawangka Council and the Local Aboriginal Corporation;
- (iv) foster mutual respect and cooperation between the Yinhawangka People, the Yinhawangka Council, the Trustee and the Local Aboriginal Corporation; and
- (v) develop the executive capacity and community development functions of the Executive Office.

The following is a summary of eligibility (please contact MFCo for more detailed information on eligibility):

- have completed, or within the first year of the Independent Director's term, will complete, a director's course approved by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) or a suitable successor to the AICD;
- have as a minimum, 3 years' experience as a director of an Australian company governed by the Corporations Act and can demonstrate a preparedness to question, challenge and critique and a willingness to understand and to commit to the highest standards of governance;
- are financially literate;
- possess leadership experience, and shall possess qualities reflecting a proven record of accomplishment and ability to work with others;
- do not have commitments that would conflict with the commitments of a director of the company;

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- are of a high repute and recognised integrity;
- are a Responsible Person and has such other characteristics as may be considered appropriate for membership on the board of directors;
- are Independent.

Regard is given to whether the person:

- Has experience in working with Aboriginal communities
- Has experience in dealing with the administration of charitable and other trusts
- Has experience with successful business developments, and
- Is willing to undertake cultural awareness training.

Commitment:

The appointment is for the remainder of this financial year and initially for one (1) subsequent financial year. Upon expiry of this term the independent member does have the ability to have their term extended subject to the support of the Yinhawangka people.

The expected commitment of the role and all DMC members is approximately up to 10 full business days annually. These days will comprise one or two day meetings and will be held on Yinhawangka country in Paraburdoo. There may be some additional time required to review meeting notes, minutes and undertake pre-reading and meeting preparation, however this is not expected to be a significant time commitment.

Applicants:

If you have any questions regarding the purpose or the role of the Independent Member please call Mr Julian Butler on (08) 9230 7702.

Your Expression of Interest and CV should be provided by email to taryn.collins@mfc.com.au by close of business Monday 11 September 2017.