



# MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

## CHAIRPERSON UPDATE



Over the last three months I have seen growth across the region and have seen firsthand how busy 2019 has been. This year has seen significant activity in the continuation of the ongoing establishment of MPS and the support the staff have offered the MPRA and RAHLA.

2020 will be another big year for growth and development. Our Accord Mark II is set to be signed in early 2020 and negotiations will continue. The MPRA have decided to alternate meeting localities throughout the year to allow members the opportunity to see the region.

Important dates for next year are:

19th & 20th Feb - Accord Meeting

2nd March - MPS Board Meeting

3rd - 5th March - MPRA Meeting

1st June - MPS Board Meeting

2nd - 4th June - MPRA Meeting

7th September - MPS Board Meeting

8th - 10th September - MPRA Meeting

7th December - MPS Board Meeting

8th - 10th December - MPRA Meeting

Please keep an eye on our website for updates for upcoming meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone and their families' a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Years and look forward to a rewarding 2020.

*Des Jones*

## MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Over the past three months the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly members have been involved in a number of significant events. On the 8th and 9th of October, the Accord Mark II Committee met with the government negotiators and Think Impact to develop the desired outcomes around the priority areas of the Accord. Cultural training has been undertaken by required personnel thanks to the workshop conducted by Doreen McHughes and Natalie Eastwood of Ngema Nation. The signing for the Accord Mark II is anticipated for early 2020.

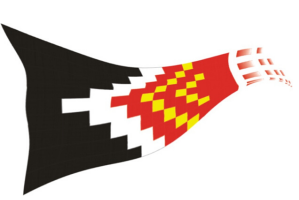


On the 11th of October the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly spent time with the NSW Governor, Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley and her husband, Mr Wilson. Members had the opportunity to explain their priority areas in each of their communities and also pose questions for clarification.



From left to right: Des Jones, Mr Wilson, Allan Cobb, Maureen O'Donnell, Allan Cobb, Elaine Ohlsen, Pam handy, Amanda King, Fay Johnstone, Jason Ford, The Honourable Margaret Beazley, Grace Gordon and Jasey Bruce





# MURDI PAAKI SERVICES

Murdi Paaki Services have had a busy few months and received our second unqualified audit report, which was presented to the MPS Board at the Annual General Meeting on October 10th. We also welcomed three new Directors to the Board at this meeting - Grace Gordon from the Wangkumarra Ward and Pam Handy and Amanda King from the Far West Ward.

From left to right: Des Jones, Maureen O'Donnell, Callan Rogers, Allan Cobb, Fay Johnstone, Amanda King, Ted Fernando, Grace Gordon, Anthony Knight, Pam Handy and Garry Trindall. *The Murdi Paaki Services Members at the 2019 AGM.*



MPS has continued to work hard ensuring all communities have received a current version of their Community Action Plans. MPS continues to liaise with state government to ensure they are made aware of each communities priorities, which are outlined and documented. Upon endorsement the Community Action Plans will be ready for distribution.

Daniel Rose, MPS CEO was fortunate to be invited to attend the Dreamtime awards in Sydney in November.

**Murdi Paaki Services staff  
would like to wish everyone  
a Merry Christmas and safe  
holiday period!**



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## REGIONAL ABORIGINAL HOUSING LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

The Regional Aboriginal Housing Leadership Assembly have been working hard on negotiations over the last three months. The RAHLA met in Dareton at the beginning of November where the members explored the surrounding towns housing issues before meeting for discussions the following day. Unfortunately, Mick Gooda has stepped down as Independent Chairperson, however this has not affected discussions within the RAHLA. The RAHLA is set to work out of session on papers for the coming months and then meet again in February for further negotiations. The RAHLA has agreed to meet a minimum of four times per year or as required to ensure the outcomes of the region are being met. The Weilmoringle Solar Energy project has already begun with MPS staff working closely with the Energy Project to explore the required specifications for the project.

