



# The South West Native Title Settlement

## Noongar Corporations

The South West Native Title Settlement (Settlement) is a landmark native title agreement negotiated between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government (WA Government). The Settlement commenced 25 February 2021.

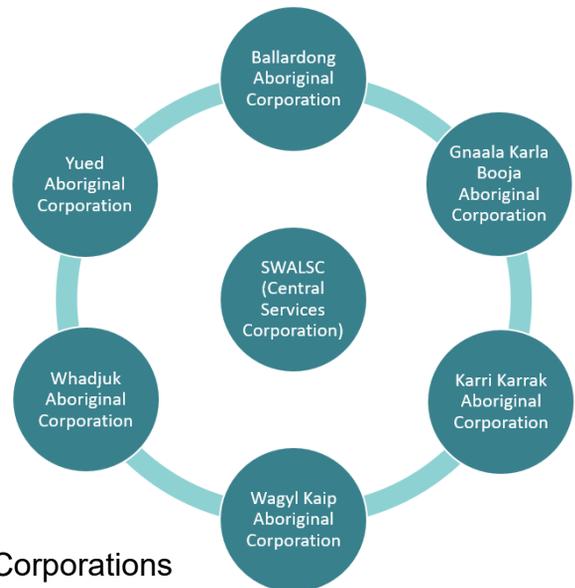
The Settlement, involving six Noongar Native Title Agreement Groups, and covering 200,000 square kilometres of land, represents significant social and economic investment in the Noongar community and the shared future of Western Australia.

For the latest Settlement information visit [wa.gov.au](http://wa.gov.au) (the WA Government website).

### The Noongar Corporations

As a part of the Settlement, six Noongar Regional Corporations have been established to represent the rights and interests of the six Noongar Agreement Groups. A seventh Noongar corporation, the Central Services Corporation (CSC), provides support and services to all six of the Noongar Regional Corporations.

The ILUA's Transition Principles required the Noongar Corporations to be established with maximum Noongar Community engagement, transparency, and accountability. The steps involved in becoming Regional Corporations are outlined in the [Regional Corporation Transition Program](#). The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) supported the Noongar Agreement Groups to establish their Noongar Regional Corporations in accordance with ILUA requirements.



## The Noongar Corporations – *Continued*

The Central Services Corporation Transition Program includes the steps SWALSC was required to take in order to successfully transition from a Native Title Service Provider to become the Central Services Corporation (CSC).

On 29 June 2022 SWALSC completed its transition and was formally appointed by the Noongar Boodja Trustee (Trustee) as the CSC, after being endorsed by all six Noongar Agreement Groups and the WA Government.

Across October and November 2022, the six Regional Corporations were formally appointed by the Trustee following endorsement by their respective Agreement Groups and the WA Government.

All Corporations are registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), and their operations are funded by the Noongar Boodja Trust.

## What are the functions of the Noongar Regional Corporations?

The Regional Corporations are the major beneficiaries of the Noongar Boodja Trust (NBT). The Regional Corporations' core functions are to:

- Benefit, advance and promote their Agreement Groups;
- Manage and care for their Cultural Land;
- Develop strategic plans based on their regional priorities;
- Develop key policies, for example, a cultural advice policy;
- Engage with government and relevant stakeholders to further the Noongar communities interests and priorities;
- Maintain, protect, promote and support their culture, customs, language and traditions;
- Manage and use the land and waters within their region to which they have a traditional connection; and
- Manage the benefits and meet their obligations under the Settlement.

## What are the functions of the Central Services Corporation?

The CSC is funded by the NBT to support the Regional Corporations and the Noongar People.

The CSC functions include:

- Provide administrative and corporate support to the Regional Corporations to manage the benefits and meet the obligations under the Settlement;
- Centralise systems, professional experience and expertise;
- Protect, promote and support the culture, customs, languages and traditions of the Noongar People; and
- Provide cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits to or for the Noongar People.

## Engagement with the Noongar Corporations

The Noongar Corporations have prescribed responsibilities under the ILUAs, and relevant government and other stakeholders must engage with the Corporations in accordance with these requirements. These include formalised partnership arrangements in relation to:

- [The Noongar Land Estate](#) (through the Noongar Land Fund);
- [The Conservation Estate](#);
- [Aboriginal heritage](#);
- [Economic participation](#), and
- [Community development](#).

As the recognised representatives of the Noongar Traditional Owners, and with responsibilities for cultural lands across their regions, it is also expected that the Noongar Corporations will be a key contact point for engagement on a range of other matters for stakeholders including government, the not for profit and private sectors, to advance Noongar-led social, economic, cultural and environmental outcomes.

Contacts for the Noongar Corporations can be found via the website links below:

ILUA / Noongar Agreement Group	Noongar Regional Corporation	Towns within the ILUA area
<b>Ballardong ILUA</b>	<a href="#"><u>Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation</u></a>	York, Northam, Hyden, Kondinin  <a href="#"><u>ILUA Map</u></a>
<b>Gnaala Karla Booja ILUA</b>	<a href="#"><u>Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation</u></a>	Mandurah, Bunbury, Donnybrook <a href="#"><u>ILUA Map</u></a>
<b>South West Boojarah ILUA</b>	<a href="#"><u>Karri Karrak Aboriginal Corporation</u></a>	Busselton, Dunsborough, Margaret River, Pemberton, Nannup <a href="#"><u>ILUA Map</u></a>
<b>Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar ILUA</b>	<a href="#"><u>Wagyl Kaip Aboriginal Corporation</u></a>	Katanning, Gnowangerup, Albany <a href="#"><u>ILUA Map</u></a>
<b>Whadjuk ILUA</b>	<a href="#"><u>Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation</u></a>	Perth metropolitan area  <a href="#"><u>ILUA Map</u></a>
<b>Yued ILUA</b>	<a href="#"><u>Yued Aboriginal Corporation</u></a>	Jurien, Moora, Lancelin, Gingin  <a href="#"><u>ILUA Map</u></a>
<b>Supporting all Noongar Regional Corporations and ILUA Groups</b>	<a href="#"><u>South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council</u></a> (Central Services Corporation)	

## Who is eligible to be a member of the Regional Corporations, and how do people apply?

All Noongar people included in the Native Title Agreement Group definition at Schedule 2 of the relevant ILUA, and who meet the requirements set out in the relevant Regional Corporation Rule Book, are eligible for Membership of that Regional Corporation. This includes those Noongar People who are the descendants of one or more persons listed (the apical ancestors), and those who have been adopted or recognised by other members of the Agreement Group, as described in Schedule 2.

All eligible Noongar people are encouraged to become Members of the relevant Regional Corporation/s. Applications for Membership, together with the Regional Corporation ILUAs (including Schedule 2) and Rule Books, are available on the Regional Corporation websites.

Applicants will become members once the Regional Corporation Board has considered their application and confirmed that the Applicant meets the eligibility requirements.

## Who is eligible to be a member of the Central Services Corporation (SWALSC)?

All Noongar people who are eligible to be members of the Regional Corporations are also eligible to be members of the CSC. Applications for CSC Membership are available on the SWALSC website, and will be considered and confirmed by the CSC's Membership Committee.

## How are the Directors of the Regional Corporations elected?

Each Noongar Regional Corporation has four Member Directors, who are elected by the members of that Regional Corporation by postal vote, and appointed at a Regional Corporation General Meeting. Each Regional Corporation also has two Expert Directors who are appointed by the Member Directors based on their expertise (e.g. legal or financial experience).

## How do Regional Corporations make decisions on Cultural matters?

The Regional Corporations must make a variety of decisions about lands and waters to meet their ILUA obligations. The Board of a Regional Corporation can only make decisions affecting the Cultural Interests of the Agreement Group (Corporate Cultural Decisions) after having received advice from their Cultural Advice Committee (CAC). The CAC is comprised of Noongar Elders elected to the Committee by the Regional Corporation Members.

The Regional Corporations will seek Cultural Advice from their CACs on a range of matters, including the following:

- Land;
- Housing;
- Heritage; and
- Ceremonial Engagement.

Please visit each Regional Corporation website for more information on their CAC (see p.4).



Map of the Settlement Area showing the six ILUA boundaries

### Further information

Further information about the Settlement, including the six ILUAs made in compliance with the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*, can be found on the website of the WA Government

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/south-west-native-title-settlement>