

# Yugunga-Nya People's Trust: Trust Advisory Committee



## ABOUT YOUR TAC

The Yugunga-Nya Trust Advisory Committee (TAC) comprises eight members who are Wilba, Ward, Wheelbarrow, and Dorizzi, descendants. The role of the TAC is to represent the views of the Yugunga-Nya community and provide recommendations and advice to FAS (the trustee) on investment and trust distributions to beneficiaries for charitable purposes. The same members also comprise the TAC for the Yugunga-Nya Direct Benefits Trust.





# TAC Members [updated April 2024]



**Celia Daill Dorizzi Martin**  
[Dorizzi]

I was born in Meekatharra. My mother, Daisy (Evans) Dorizzi, who is now deceased, was a Wajarri Yamatji woman and had a strong connection with Cue country. My father, Frank McKnie Dorizzi, who is also deceased, was a Wummalla man and had a strong connection to the country around Leonora and Wiluna, as well as the Yugunga-Nya country that covers Meekatharra and Cue. My siblings and I also grew up with a strong connection to the Yugunga-Nya country, as well as the Leonora and Wiluna country. With my sisters and family, we go back to country to show and teach our children and grandchildren where we grew up and their family connections, and significant sites on country, teach them about the bush food, our culture and to find bush medicine.

I currently reside in Toodyay with my husband, two grown-up children, and two grandchildren. My husband and I had seven children, but unfortunately, one of them has passed away. As of now, we have 24 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. For the last three years, I have been serving as the Intergrade Team Care Coordinator at Wheatbelt Health Network, General Practice, Northam. Before that, I worked in the Education Department for a decade as an education officer, Aboriginal Program officer, and lecturer. Additionally, I have also worked with the Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Services and Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Medical Service in the WA Country Health Service.

As a member of the TAC, I believe my responsibility is to ensure that the opinions and perspectives of all Yugunga-Nya members are taken into account when making decisions. This will help us to create well-informed choices that benefit our community as a whole. My main focus is to work towards creating better employment opportunities for the younger generation, while also taking care of the Elders and ensuring the health and well-being of all generations in a culturally appropriate manner.



**Bianca Berg** [Dorizzi]

I am the second eldest of seven siblings, born in Perth. My mother is Julianne Berg (nee Fraser). I spent my childhood growing up in Cue and regularly went out on Country around Cue, Mount Magnet and Meekatharra with my Nanna Olive Fraser (nee Dorizzi) and Pop Doug Fraser. I also spent time out on Belele Station with family.

Though we currently live in Geraldton, my 10-year-old son and I regularly go back home to Cue every chance we get to go hunting, swimming and collect bushfoods and medicine. Previously I have worked in the insurance industry for 15 years doing both insurance broking and insurance claims. I specialised in catastrophe claims (cyclone/floods/bushfires, etc.) which gave me a greater understanding of environmental impacts and the effects this has on people and their families. After COVID, I decided that I needed a career change. In my new role as a Sea Ranger Coordinator, I moved into the heritage space to help look after Country, an area that is very close to my heart.

**Penny Little** [Wilba]

I was born in Carnarvon to Roselyn Little and George Ranger. I have a child and a little dog named Percy. Currently, I reside in Perth and have been appointed as a board member at my son's school. As a TAC member, I aspire to make necessary decisions that will help our community move forward towards a brighter future.

**Roselyn Little** [Wilba]

I was born in Mount Magnet to a Wajarri father and a Yugunga-Nya mother. My spouse is no longer alive, but I have one daughter and a number of stepchildren. They are all living in different places throughout WA.

I live and work in Mount Magnet. I have a Bachelor of Education and I am employed by the Department of Education as a primary school teacher at the local school. I have previously worked in various teaching positions in Broome, Carnarvon, Wiluna, Karratha, Roebourne and One Arm Point Aboriginal community.

My aim on TAC is to work towards achieving better outcomes for the Yugunga-Nya People.





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**Hardy (Jnr) Derschow [Wheelbarrow]**

I am one of five siblings, born in Yarraquin Station in a tent and registered in Mt Magnet Hospital on check-up. My mother Thelma Derschow (nee Jones – Scericini), is a Yugunga-Nya descendant of Jimmy Wheelbarrow and daughter of Annie Jones and Tony Scericini, an Italian fencing contractor in the Cue District. My father, Hardy Derschow Snr, was born in the Pilbara. His mother is Ivy Swan from the Banjima language group in the Karijini Hamersley Ranges. Dad's father was German (hence my surname). Because of WWII, Grandpop was considered a spy and was incarcerated along with other Europeans during the war period. On release he was not allowed to return to the Pilbara which meant dad's family had to relocate to the Murchison Region below the 26th Parallel.

I am now semi-retired. I have bought property in Mt Magnet where I reside permanently and pursue my hobbies include riding motor bikes and prospecting. I have considerable experience with 30 years as Snr National Park Ranger working with many Aboriginal communities with extensive fire training at an international level and other relevant accreditation. I also hold certificates in civil engineering, small business management, an engineering ticket for Works Program Management and a Diploma in Frontline Management. I have ten years' experience as an RTIO Accommodation Camp Manager.

I am a member of TAC as a representative on behalf of my mother and family assisting in the decision making for the future of Yugunga-Nya group, with the support of other family group representatives and FAS. I believe we all are working towards making a future better for Yugunga-Nya People. Making the right decisions, better health and wellbeing programs, better education assistance for those that are presently struggling. FAS as our Trustee along with our TAC team have improved Yugunga-Nya's direction immensely during my time with the team.



**Michelle Christensen [Ward]**

I was born and raised in Port Hedland, but I used to visit my Nana Kelly in Meekatharra frequently. I am the second eldest of six children in my family. My mother's name is Barbara Christensen (née Ward), and she is the granddaughter of Ivy Kelly and the great-granddaughter of Dolly Ward. Some of my fondest memories are of spending time with my family in Meekatharra.

In all honesty, I wasn't interested in being involved in the native title journey. Not because I didn't believe in it, but because I thought it was only for the Elders. Sadly, in our family, our generation (40-50 years old) are the "Elders" now. Over time, however, I have come to appreciate that it is our history, our journey and that, to honour our Elders, we need to preserve their life story.

Working with TAC and also our families, I'm keen to find out what is wanted in the community. My goal is to promote the growth and education of the younger generation, which in turn will foster self-reliance and encourage the sharing of our family's history, knowledge of the land, and cultural heritage.

**Matthew Abrahamson [Wheelbarrow]**

I was born and raised in Perth, and I am a descendant of Jimmy Wheelbarrow. I live with my partner and two children in Seville Grove, in the south-east corridor of the Perth metropolitan area.

I am a principal policy officer at the Department of Justice, and I have been working there for 23 years. Besides that, I am also the President of the Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association, and I hold the position of Director of the Yugunga-Nya Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (YN PBC). As a Director of the YN PBC, I am involved in negotiating positive outcomes for the Yugunga-Nya people, such as employment and procurement opportunities with mining companies, and the payment of royalties that flow into the trust.

In my capacity as a TAC member, I aim to ensure that funds received through royalties benefit Yugunga-Nya people to the greatest extent possible. The next 12-24 months is an important period as we look to secure mining agreements and royalty payments that can improve the situation of Yugunga-Nya people. I encourage all Yugunga-Nya to let the TAC know what can be done better to support you and your family and I am confident my fellow TAC members will provide strong advocacy for the benefit of all Yugunga-Nya people.



**Elaine King [Ward]**

My mother and I were both born in Meekatharra. My father, Bob Kelly is from Leonora and he was a Tjuarl. My grandmother, Ivy, was born at Hillview Station.

I live in Meekatharra with my husband, Lance King. I have five adult kids of my own and I am also a stepmother to one. One of my daughters runs her own business in Meekatharra. I have been working locally as a youth worker with the local shire for the past 30 years.

I am involved in the committee because I strongly believe in providing better opportunities and future for our young generations. The Trust's policies and assistance programs that we have approved are crucial and have had positive results for our community.





## Engaging with TAC

The TAC typically meets six times a year. If you would like something raised on the agenda, you can reach out to any of the TAC members individually or complete the Trust Feedback Form via the CC app on your phone.

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