Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

MEMBERSHIP PACK

Important Information for Applicants

What is this document for?

This document includes two separate application forms:

✷ Form 1 – BNTAC Membership Application

- Use this form to apply to become a member of BNTAC. If you are accepted as a BNTAC member, you will also be on the register of Banjima Common Law Holders.
- Becoming a member means you can participate in the governance of BNTAC, including attending, speaking and voting at general meetings.

✷ Form 2 – Application for Register of Banjima Beneficiaries (BMS)

- This form relates to the Banjima Benefits Management Structure (BMS).
- By completing this form, you are applying to the BMS Trustee to be included on the Register of Banjima Beneficiaries.
- *This is separate to your application for BNTAC membership.*

Why are there two forms?

These forms are for different purposes:

- The **BNTAC Membership Application** is about your connection to Banjima and your request to be accepted as a Common Law Holder and member of BNTAC.
- The **Register of Banjima Beneficiaries form** is about your eligibility to access trust benefits under the Banjima BMS. If you currently or previously received benefits from another group, you may not be eligible to receive benefits from the Banjima BMS.

*Please contact the BNTAC office if you wish to be recognised as a Banjima Common Law Holder but **do not** wish to become a BNTAC member.*

Respect is central to this process

Applicants may intend to engage with Elders and other knowledgeable Banjima persons when gathering genealogical and cultural information to support their application.

- **Please approach Elders with courtesy and respect. Elders have deep knowledge of Banjima culture – their time and input are valuable and must be respected.**
- **Do not engage in any intimidating or coercive behaviour if you have discussions with Banjima persons about your application.**
- **For privacy reasons, the BNTAC Office cannot provide contact details for Elders.**

BANJIMA native title
ABORIGINAL Co RNTBC
ICN 7971

Form 1 - BNTAC Membership Application Form

Your details:			
Full name (*including middle name/s*)			
Are you known by any other names? *Include maiden name or former names*	**Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ If "yes", please give details:		
Date of birth			
Residential address			
	Suburb: **Postcode:**		
Postal address			
	Suburb: **Postcode:**		
Email address			
Contact phone number		**Preferred contact method:**	**Post** ☐ **SMS** ☐ **Email** ☐

1 Your Descent from a Banjima Apical Ancestor:	
1.1 Identification documents required ***IMPORTANT**: You must fill in your mother's and father's names. If your birth certificate does not prove Banjima descent, please provide a statutory declaration confirming your Banjima descent signed by a recognised Banjima person.* ***Further evidence of Banjima descent may be requested at the direction of the BNTAC Board.*** *If you have ever changed your name, you must provide evidence of the name change (e.g. Change of Name Certificate or a Marriage Certificate).*	Mother's name (use maiden name): Father's name: Identity Documents attached: ☐ Driver's Licence ☐ Statutory declaration ☐ Birth certificate ☐ Photo ID *(if available)* ☐ Proof of Change of Name *(if relevant)*
1.2 Please provide additional details to allow us to consider your family lineage	
Maternal grandmother's full name: *(use mother' mother's maiden name - Ganthay)*	

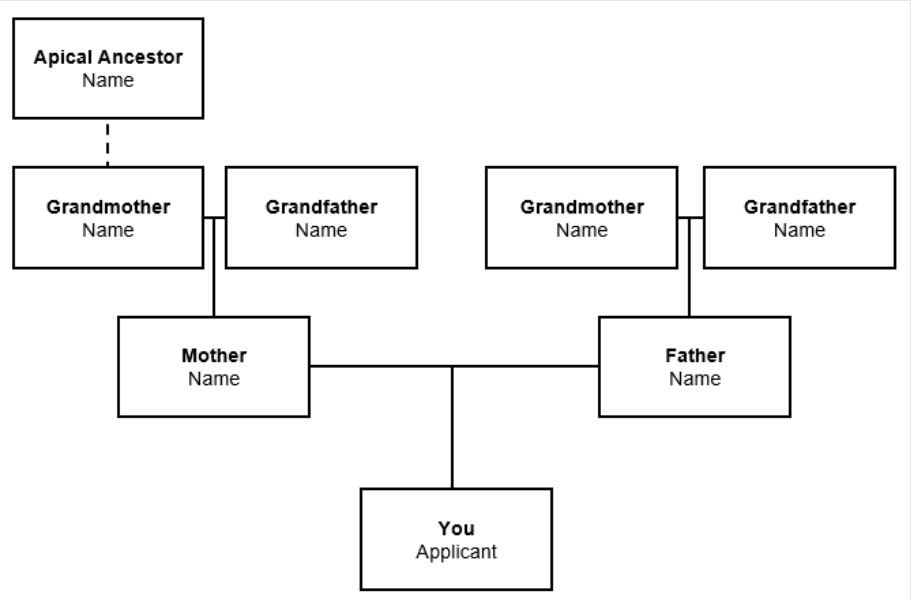
Maternal grandfather's full name: *(Mother's father - Mabuji)*	
Paternal grandmother's full name: *(use father's mother's maiden name - Gabarli)*	
Paternal grandfather's full name: *(Father's father - Marnie)*	
1.3 Are you a descendant of a Banjima Apical Ancestor, either by birth or by Banjima traditional lore and custom (i.e. cultural adoption)?	**Yes**, by birth ☐ **Yes**, by traditional lore and custom (adoption) ☐ **No** ☐
1.4 If one or both of your parents are members of BNTAC, please indicate whether they are Banjima by birth or by Banjima traditional lore and custom (i.e. cultural adoption)	**Your mother** (if she is a BNTAC member): Banjima by birth ☐ Banjima by adoption ☐ Not applicable / unsure ☐ **Your father** (if he is a BNTAC member): Banjima by birth ☐ Banjima by adoption ☐ Not applicable / unsure ☐
1.5 If you are a descendant by adoption, explain how you were incorporated into the Banjima group in accordance with Banjima traditional lore and customs. Please also provide any supporting documentation (e.g. letter from family).	
1.6 Please list your Apical Ancestor: *See page 9 for a list of Banjima Apical Ancestors.* *Additional information or documents may be provided to BNTAC for consideration around details of your connection to a Banjima Ancestor (genealogical or by adoption).* ***You must list your Apical Ancestor.*** ***If you are unsure, please speak to a member of the Elders Council. Please note that, for privacy reasons, the BNTAC Office will not provide contact details for Elders.***	**Apical Ancestor:** **Additional information / documents:**

1.7 Family Tree:

Please draw your family tree connecting you to your Apical Ancestor.

Start with your Apical Ancestor at the top and finish with you. Please draw your family tree (with their names) below.

Here is an example:



Your Family Tree connecting you to your Apical Ancestor:

2 Recognition as a Banjima Person

2.1 Do you identify as a Banjima person?	Yes ☐ No ☐

2.2 Why do you want to become a member of BNTAC?

2.3 When do you first recall identifying as a Banjima person? Please describe the circumstances.
2.4 Who do you recall first told you that you were a Banjima person? When did this occur?
2.5 Describe how you live according to Banjima traditional lore and customs.
2.6 Have you been taught or learnt Banjima oral histories? If so, by whom or how?
2.7 How have you obtained cultural knowledge? Describe any efforts you have taken to learn about or protect Banjima Country.
2.8 How do you stay connected to Banjima Culture and the Banjima Community? **Describe any events (such as a lore ceremony, camp, community workshop / meeting, funeral or on Country activities), including the place and date of any event, in which you have participated as a Banjima person with other Banjima people.**

2.9 Are you recognised by others as a Banjima person?	Yes ☐ No ☐

2.10 Nominate at least two knowledgeable Banjima Elders Council Members whom you believe may recognise you as a Banjima person (listed on page 9 of this form). *These persons must be from the same Apical line as you.*

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2.11 What is your skin group?	

3 Previous applications (if applicable)

3.1 Have you previously applied for BNTAC Membership? *Note that if your previous application was declined, a new application will only be considered where you are providing substantially new information that was not available in the previous application.*	Yes ☐ No ☐ If "yes", what was the date of your previous application:

3.2 If your previous application was declined, please provide details.

3.3 If applicable, describe how your circumstances have changed since your previous application was declined. What have you done to strengthen your connection to Banjima in the meantime?

3.4 Identify what substantial new information or documents you are providing with this new application.

4	Additional Information
4.1	**If you become a BNTAC member, how do you intend to participate in Banjima lore and / or cultural activities?**
4.2	**If you become a BNTAC member, what contribution will you make to the Banjima community?**
4.3	**Is there any additional information you would like to provide in support of your application? If yes, please explain.**

IMPORTANT BANJIMA INFORMATION – APPLICANTS TO ANSWER	
Please answer the questions below about Banjima history, culture and language. These questions are related to your recognition as a Banjima person. You must complete this section in order to be considered for BNTAC membership. *You may utilise online resources or other tools to assist you with answering the questions.*	
1 What year did Banjima obtain its determination of native title?	
2 Name at least one Banjima person who was an Applicant on the Banjima Claim.	
3 Name at least one Banjima word in language and give its meaning.	
4 Name at least one place name on Banjima Country.	
5 Name at least one landmark that holds significant cultural importance to the Banjima People.	

APPLICANT DECLARATION

By signing this application form I declare that:

- ☐ **I apply to become a member of Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (BNTAC);**
- ☐ **the information in this application form is true and accurate;**
- ☐ **I authorise BNTAC to verify the information in this application form as necessary;**
- ☐ **I am eligible for BNTAC membership;**
- ☐ **I will comply with the CATSI Act 2006 and the BNTAC Constitution;**
- ☐ **I will notify BNTAC of any address change within 28 days;**
- ☐ **I will comply with any code of conduct adopted by BNTAC;**
- ☐ **I will treat other Members, the Elders Council, the Directors and BNTAC staff with respect and dignity; and**
- ☐ **I will not behave in a way that significantly interferes with the operation of BNTAC or of Board meetings or General Meetings.**
- ☐ **I consent to BNTAC collecting, using, storing and disclosing the personal and sensitive information I have provided in this application, including sharing it internally within BNTAC and with external parties where necessary for membership-related purposes, in accordance with BNTAC's Privacy Policy.**

Name of applicant:	**Signature:**	**Date:**

BNTAC Membership Eligibility – Information for Applicants

To be eligible to apply for BNTAC Full Membership you must be:		
a) 18 years of age or over; and		
b) A Banjima person		
A Banjima person, under the Banjima Determination (Banjima People v State of Western Australia (No 3) [2014] **FCA 201, 12 March 2014) is an Aboriginal person who meets the following three elements:**		
Is a descendant of one or more of the following apical ancestors:		
1. Bob Tucker (Wirilimura)	6. Whitehead	
2. Gawi	7. Yidingganin	
3. Yinini (Arju)	8. Maggie (Nyukayi)	
4. Sam Coffin	9. Yandikuji	
5. George Marndu		
AND recognises themselves as a Banjima person		
AND is recognised by others as a Banjima person		
NOTE: If your birth certificate does not provide details of your Banjima descent, i.e. missing parent information, you are required to provide a Statutory Declaration signed by a recognised Banjima person confirming your Banjima descent. Visit https://www.ag.gov.au/legal-system/statutory-declarations for more information on Statutory Declarations and to download the required form.		
List of Elders Council Members:		
Archie Tucker	Trevor Parker Snr	Charles Smith
Angus Smith	Marshall Smith	Brian Tucker
Eva Black	Andrew Smith	Timothy Parker
Margaret Parker	Sandra Cox	Rex Parker
Naydene Robinson Snr	Marnmu Smyth	
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1. **Assistance with completing your form**
   If you have any questions about this application form, please contact the BNTAC office on (08) 9216 9888, option 2 or via email at memberships@bntac.org.au If you are unsure about your correct Apical Ancestor, please consult with your Elder(s).

2. **Please return your completed application form to:**
   Email: memberships@bntac.org.au
   Fax: 9216 9898
   Post: Membership Applications, PO Box 6278, East Perth, WA, 6004
   In person: Level 1/165, Adelaide Terrace, East Perth 6004

3. **Next Steps**
   Once your application is complete, the Board will make a final decision about membership applications. BNTAC will formally advise you of the outcome following the Board meeting.

4. **Your Privacy**
   BNTAC is collecting your personal information (including sensitive information) as part of this application process. BNTAC will collect and hold your information in accordance with its privacy obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

FORM 2. APPLICATION FOR BANJIMA BENEFICIARIES REGISTERS (BANJIMA BMS)

BNTAC provides this Form 2 to the BMS trustee. BNTAC will also inform the BMS trustee if BNTAC has feedback or information relating to the matters covered in this Form 2.

This form is separate to the BNTAC membership application form. Submitting this form does not imply you will be eligible for or receive benefits under the BMS structure.

The BMS trustee determines eligibility for benefits under the BMS rules and policies.

1. Your full name	
2. Do you identify as IB or MIB? *If you are a descendant of Daisy, please contact Australian Executor Trustees (AET) for the B2 Yarramari Corporation Membership Application Form.*	IB(B1) ☐ IB (B2) ☐ MIB ☐
3. Do you identify as having more than one language group, descent group or other group identification?	Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Are you a member of another Native Title Claim Group or PBC?	Yes ☐ No ☐
5. If you answered "yes" to questions 3 or 4, please provide details about the other Native Title Language Groups or Claim Groups, or PBCs which you are a member of.	
6. Do you receive (or have you previously received) financial or other benefits from another Registered Native Title Claim or Determined Claim?	Yes ☐ No ☐ If "yes", please provide the name of the claim or group and details of your involvement with this group:

7. Please complete this section if you answered "yes" to question 6.

IMPORTANT: Under the standing Dual Member policy introduced by the B1 Decision Making Committee, you may not be eligible to access Direct Benefit Funds unless you have been separated from Direct Benefit Funds of other groups for a period of up to 3-5 years.

This does not apply to other Banjima funds such as IBN or Gumala funds, or charitable funds from any source.

Exceptional circumstances need to be outlined in a letter addressed to the BMS trustee.

Please attach a copy of your separation letter from the relevant organisation that: 1. identifies you by full name and date of birth; 2. confirms that you are not receiving direct benefits from the other organisation; 3. confirms you have not received direct benefits from the other organisation in the previous 3-5 years (please specify period); and 4. confirms the date you last received direct benefits from the other organisation (if any).	Date of separation: Separation letter provided: Yes ☐ No ☐ Exceptional circumstances letter provided: Yes ☐ Not relevant ☐
8. Do you authorise the BMS trustee to discuss your membership application, current or prior membership (and receipt of financial benefits) with other Native Title trusts and corporations, if needed?	Yes ☐ No ☐ *A copy of your authorisation below may need to be shared with other Native Title trusts and corporations, to confirm your authority for us to communicate with them about your circumstances.* ***Please be aware that if you tick "NO" for this item, the BMS trustee may classify you as a dual member until you provide further information to clarify your circumstances. This may affect your eligibility to receive benefits under the BMS rules and policies.***

APPLICANT DECLARATION AND AUTHORITY		
I declare that the information I have given in the Banjima BMS beneficiary application form is true and accurate. **I authorise the BMS Trustee (Mutual Trust) and / or Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (BNTAC) to:** **1. verify the information in this application form as necessary;** **2. discuss with other Native Title trusts and corporations my membership or prior membership of those other trusts and corporations, and receipt of benefits (financial or other) from them; and** **3. provide a copy of this signed authority to third parties as necessary.** **I agree to tell the BMS Trustee if I start in the future receiving any benefits (financial or other) from a Native Title Agreement or another trust related to another Native Title Claim or Determined Claim.**		
Full Name of Applicant:	**Signature:**	**Date:**