

YAMATJI WATER NEWSLETTER



Pictured above: The Yamatji Water team with DWER Director General, Alistair Jones, and Regional Manager – Mid West Gascoyne, Cary Anne Cadman, during their recent visit to discuss the continued growth of Yamatji Water's operations and partnership across the Mid West.

DWER VISITS YAMATJI WATER IN GERALDTON

Yamatji Water was pleased to welcome Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) Director General, Alistair Jones, and Regional Manager – Mid West Gascoyne, Cary Anne Cadman, to meet with the team and discuss the continued growth of our operations across the Mid West.

The visit provided an opportunity to share the progress Yamatji Water has made in expanding its water monitoring services, strengthening its technical capability and building a skilled local workforce through our trainee program. Team members spoke about the practical experience trainees are gaining and the long-term career pathways being created for Yamatji people within the water industry.

The discussion also reinforced the value of the strong working relationship between Yamatji Water and DWER. Through ongoing collaboration, the partnership continues to support improved environmental monitoring, local employment opportunities and the development of sustainable water solutions that benefit regional communities.

We thank Alistair Jones and Cary Anne Cadman for taking the time to visit our team and for their continued support as we work together to build capability and create lasting outcomes across the Mid West.

YAMATJI WATER SECURES SUCCESSFUL GRANT OUTCOME

Yamatji Water is pleased to announce that its application under the Australian Government's Remote Jobs & Economic Development (RJED) Program – Round 3 has been successful. The application, titled the *Yamatji Water Monitoring Aboriginal Employment Program*, was selected through a highly competitive funding round, with further details on the final funding agreement expected later this year.

The successful application reflects Yamatji Water's ongoing commitment to creating meaningful employment opportunities, building local capability and supporting long-term career pathways for Yamatji people within the water industry.

Congratulations to Kirrili Weightman, who led the preparation of the successful grant application. Her hard work and dedication in developing a competitive submission have helped achieve this important outcome for Yamatji Water.

While the final funding amount and project scope are yet to be confirmed, this is an exciting outcome for Yamatji Water, with further details expected once the funding agreement is finalised.

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TWIN HILLS GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION ADVANCES TO DRILLING PHASE

Yamatji Water continues to make progress on the Twin Hills Groundwater Investigation, with exploration drilling now scheduled to commence in early August following the appointment of drilling contractor, Clear Cut Interventions (CCI).

The investigation is focused on assessing groundwater resources within the Twin Hills sub-region and supporting future water supply opportunities across the region. Since the completion of cultural heritage survey activities earlier this year, detailed planning and mobilisation activities have been progressing in preparation for field works.

The upcoming drilling program will provide important information about local aquifer characteristics, groundwater quality and potential water yields. These findings will help inform future groundwater management and identify opportunities for sustainable water development.

Yamatji Water remains committed to delivering sustainable water outcomes while working closely with our cultural knowledge holders to ensure cultural and environmental values are respected throughout every stage of the project.

TRAINEES GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE ON COUNTRY AT ELLENDALE POOL

Recently, trainees Shonette and Dakira Mongoo headed out On Country to Ellendale Pool to take part in a water quality assessment as part of the riparian management program. The fieldwork provided a valuable opportunity to develop practical skills while contributing to the ongoing care and understanding of Country through environmental monitoring.

Working with the Yamatji Water team, the trainees collected water samples and recorded field measurements from six locations—upstream, within the pool and downstream. The information collected will help establish baseline water quality conditions, identify any potential environmental risks and support the ongoing management of Ellendale Pool.

Beyond the technical skills gained, the day provided an opportunity to learn On Country, reinforcing the importance of caring for our waterways and understanding the role that water monitoring plays in protecting these environments for future generations.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment Shonette and Dakira continue to demonstrate. Their willingness to learn, support one another and embrace every opportunity in the field is building the knowledge, confidence and practical experience needed for a rewarding career with Yamatji Water. They are a wonderful example of the next generation helping to care for Country and community.



Pictured Left: Yamatji Water team members, Dakira Mongoo, Shonette Mongoo, (Trainees), Kirrili Weightman (Supervisor), Selva Marimuthu (Principal Hydrogeologist) with Sharon Oxenham (DWER) on Country at Ellendale Pool.

MEET CODY FARRELL, WATER TECHNICIAN

Cody joined Yamatji Water earlier this year as a Water Technician in our Water Monitoring team.

Based in Geraldton, Cody supports water monitoring, bore runs and field sampling across Yamatji Country. He brings experience in conservation and land management and is passionate about caring for Country and supporting Traditional Owners through his work.

We look forward to the knowledge and experience he will continue to bring as Yamatji Water grows.

