

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Yindjibarndi Energy to partner with NYFL to support more community members who need a helping hand

Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation (YEC) and Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation Limited (NYFL) have signed an MoU to work together on activities that provide social outcomes and enhanced self-determination for the Ieramugadu (Roebourne) Traditional Owner community.

The MoU includes initial funding by YEC for the purchase of equipment to establish a small scale food growing facility. Produce grown will supply the NYFL leramugadu store.

The leramugadu store is 100% owned by Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi people and provides food to community.

Ngarluma Elder Violet Samson said growing fruit and vegetables in the community is important to the Elders and next generation.

"We want to grow vegetables and fruit here in community. Us Elders love to grow a feed. It's good for the mungurla [children] to get their hands dirty!", Ms Samson said

"We're grateful for YEC's contribution, allowing us to support more people in more ways. We'll be looking to get the small scale food growing facility going this year".

YEC CEO Craig Ricato said the MoU with NYFL reflects YEC's mission to promote selfdetermination for Aboriginal people who's country is used to create renewable energy.

"Everything YEC does is for the benefit of all Yindjibarndi community. The money Yindjibarndi Energy will make from selling renewable energy made from the sun and wind will benefit all of the Yindjibarndi community", he said.

"YEC will be around for many years so the MoU with NYFL focuses on several outcomes, not just food security. We'll also be supporting Indigenous leadership and training programs into the future as well as exploring initiatives aimed at reducing the reliance of the leramugadu store on traditional power sources and towards renewable energy supply".

YEC is a partnership between Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation and ACEN, a renewable energy company and was formed in 2023 to develop solar and wind renewable energy projects on Yindjibarndi Ngurra. YEC is jointly owned by Yindjibarndi people.

NYFL was formed in 2000 to promote the interests of the Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi people.





## **FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH** Thursday 8 February 12.00pm – 1.00pm Ieramugadu store

To celebrate some work between Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation (YEC) and NYFL.

You don't need to be Ngarluma or Yindjibarndi to grab a free feed. It's open for all language groups.

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