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Barmah National Park Joint Management Planners Welcome Expressions of Interest

With the launch of its website this week the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board (YYTOLMB) is looking to kick off a busy six months of planning and consultation for the Yorta Yorta Joint Management Plan for the Barmah National Park.

Chair of the YYTOLMB Uncle Des Morgan said, **“We are launching our website today in the hope that those who love the Barmah National Park will sign up to stay in touch and play a part in planning for nurturing our Yorta Yorta homelands back to health.”**

The Board is welcoming expressions of interest from Yorta Yorta and non-Yorta Yorta people.

Des Morgan said, **“This will be a big six months of community consultation and planning, and a big year for the future of the Barmah National Park. The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board website, and the expression of interests we receive, will play a big part of our communications strategy over the Board’s planning period.”**

The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board was established in 2013 through an agreement between the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the State of Victoria to create a Joint Management Plan for the Barmah National Park. It is comprised of a majority of Yorta Yorta members. This agreement is just part of a long history of Yorta Yorta people’s struggle for land justice.

A draft Barmah National Park Joint Management Plan is expected to be released in coming months. A final plan is expected to be completed within twelve months.

Website address: <http://www.yytolmb.com.au>