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**Yugicorp, located in the culturally diverse Kimberley region, is a 100 per cent owned Indigenous company owned and managed by Derby man Nathan Lenard. Yugicorp specialises in Indigenous governance, corporate structures and associated activities designed to bridge mainstream governance with Indigenous traditions and cultural priorities.**

Yugicorp's ability to marry western legal requirements with Indigenous tradition and culture assists corporations to eliminate barriers to success.

The business is founded upon customary Indigenous management and governance systems, and represents a progressive and innovative model for governance.

Yugicorp supports Indigenous stakeholders as they struggle to implement wholly western governance concepts in an Indigenous environment.

The foundation for this concept is based around the five Indigenous driving principles of Law of Water, Law of Land, Law of Plants, Law of Animals and Law of Man.



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# nathan lenard

Nathan Lenard is driven by the desire to provide support, guidance and direction to Indigenous corporations and communities.

Mr Lenard has dedicated much of his life to developing models for Indigenous governance and ways to reconcile these with western governance principles.

The time and experience required to develop these models has served as an opportunity to explore the challenges of Indigenous governance.

Mr Lenard has a diverse working history that sees him work across saltwater law, desert law, river law and ranges law.

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# background overview concept

**The Yugicorp concept is founded upon customary Indigenous management and governance systems. This represents a whole new way of governance.**

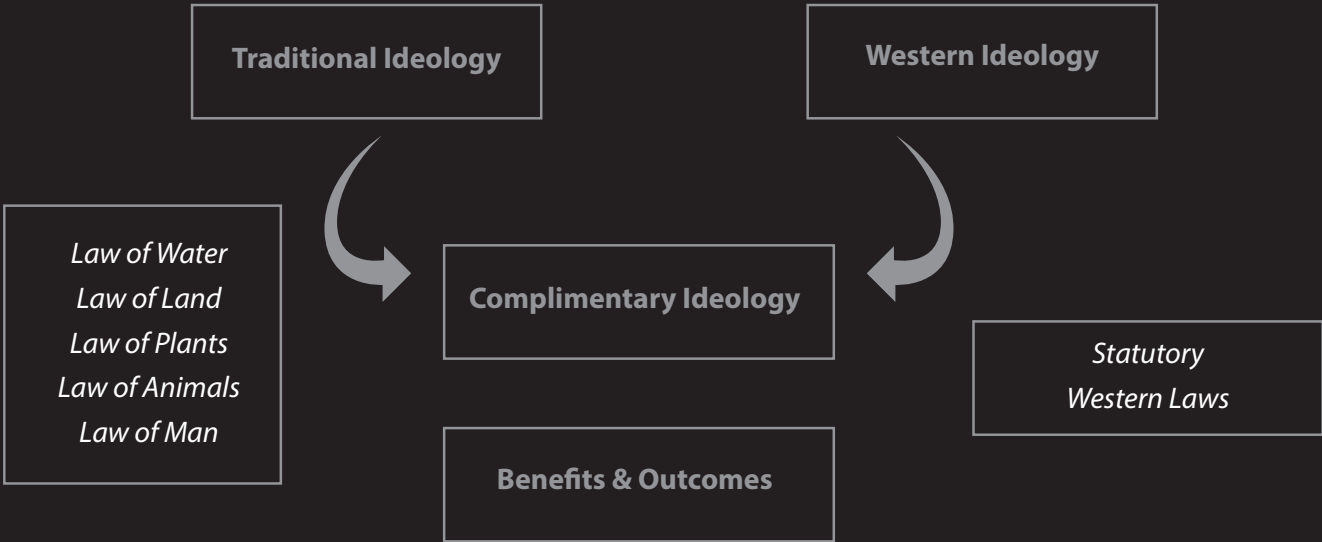
The consultancy will focus on

delivering governance and management systems and achieving outcomes for Aboriginal corporations.

Many Indigenous corporations struggle with amalgamating western legal requirements with traditional

cultures.

Yugicorp’s work applies the fundamental principles of preservation, with the object of achieving a higher good.



YugiCorp also offers general consulting regarding customary laws that divide Prescribed Bodies Corporate claims to individual family groups that are able to work together but manage their own lands – a part of the broader Native Title Claim.



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# RNTBC support

**The Kimberley region combines a number of remote communities in addition to a number of small towns.**

Consistent with this demographic is the presence of numerous Indigenous corporations.

Yugicorp engages with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities that have been successful in having their native title recognised in a Federal Court determination. Yugicorp works within this environment to assist in supporting a more traditional approach to governance once a PBC is established.

Where native title groups have received financial settlements, RNTBCs may become part of a corporate structure that can include charitable trusts, companies and other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporations. Yugicorp works closely with these bodies to assist in progressing their capacity.

Nathan Lenard has strong relationships with legal persons and existing corporate governance experts and can develop necessary partnerships when required to deliver comprehensive governance services.

# why YugiCorp?

YugiCorp is a 100 per cent owned and managed Indigenous consultancy business based in Derby, WA.

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**Yugicorp supports Indigenous stakeholders as they struggle to implement wholly western governance concepts in an Indigenous environment.**

**The company is led by respected country man Nathan Lenard, a man dedicated to country and global understanding of merging traditional with western worlds.**

The benefit of working with Yugicorp is reflected in the core activity of Customary Indigenous Management and Governance systems.

We live in a western world where governance is guided by very specific statutory legislation.

Yugicorp's strength is not in the detail of this legislation, but in its capacity to integrate this with Indigenous culture and tradition. Yugicorp works closely, where necessary, with experts in the field of statutory western governance principles.

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# Successes

Mr Lenard has spent the past 12 months securing the 'articulated land rights' for his own family as part of the Wanjina-Wunggurr Wilinggin Native Title Determination.

The Wanjina-wunggurr (Native Title) Aboriginal Corporation administers land on behalf of the Wanambal, Worrorra and Ngarinyin language groups. Their ownership over the land was recognised in the Wanjina-Wunggurr Wilinggin Native Title Determination in 2004.

The claim was secured over 7000 square kilometres in the north west Kimberley. This claim was litigated through the Federal Court. The trial took three years and encompassed 59 days of hearings.

The determination recognised that the claimants are one cultural group sharing laws, customs and beliefs despite being from different language groups. Mr Lenard's role was to work with the native title group to secure specific rights for each family to take charge of their awarded lands.

The determination recognised that the claimant group held native title rights over parts of the determination area. This included some areas of exclusive possession and other rights to use the pastoral leases which have not been enclosed or improved.





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# our country and people

**YugiCorp is operating throughout the Kimberley region in WA. The business focuses activities in this region but anticipates opportunities beyond this region.**

Yugicorp is based in the town of Derby, located in the Shire of Derby approximately 258 kilometres north west of Fitzroy Crossing and 222km east of Broome.

The Ngarinyin (Wilinggin) people, Worrorra (Dambimangari) people and Wunambal Gaambera (Uunguu) people are referred to as 'the together' Wanjina-Wunggurr people. They are a society and a community together under Wanjina.

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The Ngarinyin (Wilinggin) people, as members of the

Wanjina-Wunggurr People, have been recognised by the Federal Court of Australia in *Neowarra v State of Western Australia* [2003] FCA 1402 and *Neowarra v State of Western Australia* [2004] FCA 1092 as members of the community of native title holders with rights and interests in land and waters in the north Kimberley region.

Wilinggin Aboriginal Corporation has been established to advance the social, cultural, political, economic and legal interests of the Ngarinyin (Wilinggin) people and to assist the Wanjina-Wunggurr PBC to carry out its native title functions in the Ngarinyin (Wilinggin) area, as well as more generally for the benefit of the Wanjina- Wunggurr people.

The Wanjina-Wunggurr PBC, together with Wilinggin Aboriginal Corporation, Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation and Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation, maintain and are consistent with the three tribes under Wanjina.

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