



Regional Development Australia Pilbara Announces New Committee Members

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Pilbara is pleased to announce the appointment of five new Committee Members: Mark Bradley, Anthony Middleton, Lorraine Injie, Frank Ye and John Lally. Rod Evans has also been re-appointed as a Committee Member, continuing his service from 2020.

The new committee members will join the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, along with the Executive Team to facilitate economic development opportunities and investment for our regional communities and create jobs and growth.

Chairperson of RDA Pilbara, Nerida Kickett said the mix of new committee members' expertise in business, accounting, advisory and innovation, will be an ongoing asset to the organisation.

"Mark, Anthony, Lorraine, Frank, John and Rod's professional knowledge and experience will be of immense value in conveying the importance of economic development within the Pilbara in all aspects. This greatly supports the organisations Mission," Nerida Kickett said.

CEO, Tony Simpson thanked outgoing members David Yakas, Eric Brahim and Maggie Lewis for their service. "David, Eric and Maggie's contributions have been invaluable to the organisation and we thank them kindly for their service and wish them well in all future endeavours," Tony Simpson said.

Mark Bradley

Mark is Pilbara raised with 20 years of professional resources industry experience across offshore, onshore, mining, renewables and petrochemical processes.

He is currently the Government and External Relations Adviser with major downstream processor for Yara Pilbara. A key focus of his role is developing collaborative opportunities with traditional owner groups, the local community and Government organisations.

Mark has a deep understanding of local businesses in the Pilbara region and focus' on strong leadership, change advocacy, innovation and a desire to

seek and deliver solutions to challenging problems.

With a strong interest in science, technology and innovation, Mark is also the co-founder of a marine rehabilitation company. Mark loves the Pilbara lifestyle and is an active contributor to community organisations.

Anthony Middleton

Anthony has extensive knowledge and experience in the Mining Industry having worked for BHP for over 10 years. Over this time, Anthony has gained thorough knowledge and an understanding of the development opportunities within the Pilbara Region. Anthony is also an East Pilbara Shire councillor, based in Newman and elected to Council in 2016.

Anthony has resided in Newman for the past 24 years and growing up in the Pilbara holds a special place in his heart. He is a strong advocate for the region, and has a deep passion to develop the Pilbara region.

Anthony is also the president of the Lions Club of Newman and has held this position for the past 7 years. The Lion's movement internationally is a service club donating 100% of their profits back into the community.

Lorraine Injie

Lorraine is a descendant of the Yinhawangka people, whose ancestral homelands are located within the central Pilbara and grew up in Onslow where her Mother worked as a laundress. Her family spent most of their lives working on sheep and cattle stations in the Hamersley Ranges.

Lorraine has qualifications and experience with Education, Linguistics, Accounting and Business Administration. She was a Lecturer at the TAFE WA for 25 years, has over 20 years' experience in the design and delivery of Aboriginal Languages and Community Development Programs and has been negotiating the Pilbara Native Title Indigenous Land Use Agreements for over 20 years.

Lorraine is currently the manager of Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre and is committed to the ongoing preservation of the Pilbara Language Cultures and History.

Frank Ye

Frank is a fully Chartered Accountant and has over 12 years' professional experience providing business services and advisory services to Aboriginal organisations within a range of sectors including cultural heritage, community development, and Native Title sectors.

As well as assisting Aboriginal organisations with their compliance obligations, he has worked on the development, implementation and review of management reporting systems and strategic plans for a range of Aboriginal organisations.

He is focused on business services and advisory with corporate governance experience to ensure all levels of organisations are aligned to achieve their goals.

John Lally

John has lived and worked in the Pilbara region for 30 years and has wide leadership experience in Not For Profit Organisations, Education, small business and Local Government. He is currently the Pilbara representative for the Water Corporation Customer Advisory Panel.

John was the CEO of Karratha Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry, City of Karratha Councillor for 10 years and Deputy Mayor. He was also a member of the Pilbara Regional Council, Joint Pilbara Assessment Panel, Governing Council North Regional TAFE and Chairperson for the Australian China Business Council (Pilbara).

John has been actively involved in the local community including the Chair of Karratha Senior High School and Pegs Creek Primary School Boards and Member of the Burrup Rock Art Committee. He is a Life Member of the Dampier Community Association and Hampton Harbour Boat & Sailing Club Inc.

John is passionate about working on issues facing the Pilbara community and increasing the participation of local businesses in resource Industry across the Pilbara.

Rod Evans

Rod is a long-time Pilbara resident, raising his family in regional locations across the Pilbara, Kimberley and South West, since the 1990's. Rod is General Manager at Port Hedland International Airport (PHIA) and held senior operational roles in the Aviation, Local Government and Resource sectors for 35 years. Rod is heading the once-in-a-generation transformation a vital Pilbara transport connection and fostering new and diverse opportunities for the Region.

In addition to RDA Pilbara, Rod is a member of the Port of Port Hedland Community Consultative Committee (PHCCC) and Australian Airports Association (Canberra) WA Division. Rod supports and collaborates with Pilbara Airports and Airports across Australia and presented at the Parliamentary Inquiry into Regional Airfares in the Pilbara.

Rod is a contributor to the WA State Aviation Strategy and a member of the State Government Working Group on Pilbara Airports which guided the privatisation of Port Hedland International Airport by the Town of Port Hedland. PHIA was the first Local Government airport in Australia to enter a long-term lease with investors.

Responsible for the economic, social and environment issues and solutions for a developing Airport, Rod leads teams committed to sustainable benefits for the communities we live and work in.
