

Call out to register as an Aboriginal Owner for Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area (formally Mt Yarrowyck Nature Reserve)

The NSW Government recently handed back the Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area (Mt Yarrowyck Nature Reserve) to Aboriginal Owners. Bulagaranda will be jointly managed by a Board of Management and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to make important decisions about the care of the land into the future.

The Board of Management will have a majority of members who are Registered Aboriginal Owners, and the Chairperson will also be an Aboriginal Owner.

The Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ORALRA) invites people to apply to be a Registered Aboriginal Owner for Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area, in preparation for a nomination meeting to elect representatives to the first Board of Management for Bulagaranda. To be nominated to the Board of Management, you must be a Registered Aboriginal Owner under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Under the Act, a Registered Aboriginal Owner is an Aboriginal person who:

- has consented to have their name on the Register of Aboriginal owners;
- is directly descended from the **original Aboriginal inhabitants** of the **cultural area** in which the land is situated; and
- has a **cultural association** with the land that comes from the traditions, observances, customs, beliefs or history of the original Aboriginal inhabitants of the land.

To download a copy of the Aboriginal Owners Application form for Bulagaranda Aboriginal Area (Mt Yarrowyck), please go the website for the Registrar of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act: <https://www.oralra.nsw.gov.au/#forms>.

If you'd like to find out more about being an Aboriginal Owner, either call the Office of the Registrar on (02) 8575 1160 or email us on adminofficer@oralra.nsw.gov.au and one of the Aboriginal Owners team will get back to you.

We would appreciate it if applications to register as an Aboriginal Owner are received by **Monday 20 June 2022** to ensure we are able to process as many as possible prior to the upcoming nomination meeting in the next few months.