

cluded policy makers, including representatives from the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination, the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations and the NNTT.

The workshop was aimed at exploring and considering the range of principles and issues that underpin the development of a useful, coherent and easily applied evaluation framework, which would be applied to any pilot training in mediation and facilitation. This will help to ensure accountability, and that the benefits of training are identified and realised.

Community Mediation Centres and Native Title Representative Bodies Forum

The Community Mediation Centres and Native Title Representative Bodies Forum was held at AIATSIS on 26-27 October 2004. There were 14 participants from various community mediation centres and NTRBs in ACT, NSW, Queensland and Victoria.

WHATS NEW

Publications

Issues paper no. 30, Daniel Lavery's paper, 'The Level of Recognition of the Native Title Claim Group: A Legal and Policy Perspective', is now available.

Hot Topics is a series that provides information for students on recent changes and current debates in the law and is produced by the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC). Hot Topics 48 is on native title. For more information on this issue, see LIAC at the State Library of NSW <http://liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/hot/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mawul Ceremony belongs to the Yolngu people of East Arnhem Land and has been used traditionally for centuries as a conflict resolution and healing process to restore relationships between individuals, groups and clan nations. The Mawul ceremony is strongly linked conceptually to non-Indigenous ideals

The Forum aimed to facilitate a dialogue between NTRBs and community mediation centres, discuss the possible development of pilot training and the nature of training required, and the option of community mediation centres providing mediation and facilitation services to NTRBs. NTRBs are now aware of what the community mediation centres have to offer, including free or low cost mediation and facilitation services and training.

AIATSIS Seminar Series

AIATSIS holds a regular Seminar Series usually on Mondays, 12:30pm to 2:00pm, in the Mabo Room, AIATSIS, Canberra. IFaMP is convening the AIATSIS Seminar Series during Semester 1, 2005 commencing 28 February 2004. Papers will explore theoretical, ethnographic and linguistic concerns as well as 'best practice' issues in the native title arena and policy development. A draft program will be distributed in early 2005.

The National Native Title Tribunal's Annual Report 2003-2004 is available now through the NNTT website: www.nntt.gov.au/publications/annual2001.html

A draft plan of management for Arakwal National Park, the sacred ancestral place of the Byron Bay Arakwal people, has been released for public comment. The plan of management is available from www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/PDFs/PoM_draft_ArakwalNP.pdf and submissions are open until 28 February 2005.

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