

UPCOMING EVENTS

Claims Research Management Workshop

The Native Title Research Unit is hosting a Claims Research Management workshop for native title representative bodies at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra on Tuesday 12 April. This workshop will provide an opportunity for native title practitioners to come together to discuss different approaches to claims research management. The workshop which will run from 9.30am - 5.00pm will include presentations by: Tony Johnson (Gurang Land Council), David Mearns (Northern Land Council), Kingsley Palmer, David Raftery & Ophelia Rubinich (South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council), Phillipa Sutherland (Victorian Native Title Services) and David Ritter & Nick Smith (Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation). All native title representative bodies are encouraged to participate in this workshop. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided. To register, or for more information please contact the NTRU by Wednesday 6 April 2005 on telephone 02 6246 1161 or email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au.

The Native Title Conference 1- 3 June 2005 Coffs Harbour, New South Wales

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the New South Wales Native Title Services invite you to join us in Coffs Harbour for the *Native Title Conference 2005; The Human Face of Native Title..* The major themes, key note address and plenary session of this conference are being developed. These will be announced in the near future as will the program but be assured that the calibre and excellence of our speakers will equal that of previous conferences.

The conference will be co-hosted by the local Gambaunggir people of the Coffs Harbour area.

Call for Papers.

The Native Title Unit of AIATSIS call for papers or workshop presentations at this year's Native Title Conference. An abstract of the paper or workshop, plus a one paragraph biography should be sent as an email attachment to craig.greene@aiatsis.gov.au. The number of available spots for papers/workshops is strictly limited. Papers will be chosen on merit, and applicability to overall themes and streams of the conference. Paper presenters are expected to register and pay for their attendance at the conference.

Call for papers closing date:

5pm Wednesday 20th April 2005

Registration

Type of Registration	Registration Fee
Full Cost (no concession)	\$495.00
Full Registration – concession	\$330.00

Go to:

<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/events/regform.pdf> to download a PDF version of the registration form.

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IFaMP/AIATSIS Seminar Series

The Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project of the Native Title Research Unit is convening the AIATSIS Seminar Series for

Semester 1 of 2005, with Seminars each Monday in the AIATSIS Mabo Room from 12.30pm to 2pm. The Series, entitled *Native Title, Decision-making and Conflict Management* will conclude on 23 May.

A wide variety of speakers from around Australia will explore the policy and practices of managing native title claims, disputes and competing interests in land matters. Check www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/seminars.htm for the full program. Speakers include:

07 March	Ms Kurt Noble
14 March	Ms Kerrie Tim
22 March (Tuesday)	Mr James Weiner and Mr John Burton
04 April	Ms Rosalind Webb
11 April	Mr Tony Lee
18 April	Ms Michelle Cochrane and Ms Allison Halliday
26 April (Tuesday)	Ms Toni Bauman
02 May	Ms Valerie Cooms and Prof. Mick Dodson
09 May	Ms Rhiân Williams
16 May	Mr Morgan Brigg and Mr Pat McIntyre

WHATS NEW

Publications

The NNTT Native Title Hotspots #13 was complete during January and is available on the NNTT website. It is a quarterly publication which incorporates summaries of recent cases in the development of native title law, native title determinations and other related decisions. It is available at: http://www.nntt.gov.au/metacard/files/HotSpots/Hot_Spots_Number_13.pdf

Reports

The National Native Title Tribunal has received a report from Dr David Martin of Anthropos Consulting Services, titled: A Pilot mentoring project for junior NTRB anthropologists. One of the goals of the report was to contribute to the capacity of NTRB's to perform their functions by improving their anthropological expertise in their service. A

23 May

Dr Patrick Sullivan

The Series commenced on 28 February with a presentation by Mr Parry Agius, the Executive Officer of the Native Title Unit of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Incorporated (ALRM) in South Australia.

Parry is a Narungga man whose people are the traditional owners of the land and waters in and around the Yorke Peninsula district. Parry discussed the Central West Mediation Strategy (CWMS), and the innovative mediations that took place at Spear Creek in Port Augusta in 2003. These addressed the need to resolve multiple overlapping native title claims and related disputes that arose. The Spear Creek Project, managed by ALRM as the Native Title Representative Body in the region, involved 400 Aboriginal participants from Western Australia and South Australia, and culminated in a six-day comprehensive program.

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researchseminars@aiatsis.gov.au.

full version of the report can be accessed by the following link:

<http://www.anthropos.com.au/Publications/Anthropologists%20mentoring%20pilot%20-%20final%20report.pdf>

The Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources have released a draft report on the Principles for Engagement with Communities and Stakeholders. Part of the report addresses cultural characteristics of communities and stakeholders, including identifying and understanding community issues, acknowledging and respecting the diversity of communities and respecting the culture and heritage of local communities, including Indigenous people. A copy of the full draft report is available at: http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/mines/publications/pdf/eng_prin_draft_consult.pdf

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