

NEWS FROM THE NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH UNIT

Research Activities

All Unit staff contributed to the running of the Native Title Conference 2005 in Coffs Harbour from the 01-03 June. In addition to logistical and administrative tasks, several staff also presented papers, convened or chaired conference sessions.

Treaty, co-authored by Dr Lisa Strelein, Sean Brennan, Prof. Larissa Behrendt and Prof. George Williams (2005, The Federation Press) was launched at the Sydney Writers Festival on Friday 27 May 2005.

Dr Bradfield has a chapter titled 'Principles of a Treaty Relationship' published in *Balay: Culture, Law and Colonialism*, Vol 7, June 2005.

Toni Bauman finalised an *Australian Journal of Anthropology* (TAJA) paper: Bauman, T. 2005. *Nations and tribes 'within': Aboriginal 'nationalisms' in Katherine*.

Glen Kelly finalised and submitted an Indigenous Natural Resource Management Chapter for the Kimberley Natural Resource Management Strategy to the Kimberley Land Council.

Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project (IFaMP) Update

Native Title Conference, 2005: *the human face of Native Title*

The IFaMP team, as part of the AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit, attended and assisted with the coordination of the 2005 Native Title Conference. Toni Bauman and Jess Clements ran a workshop, 'Implementing the NTRB Report - Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project' on Thursday, 2 June. The Workshop focused on exploring the

recommendations and issues raised in the Bauman, T. and R. Williams. 2005. *Report on Native Title Representative Body Workshops: Directions, Priorities and Challenges*, which has now been published and distributed. Toni Bauman also chaired a session on Friday, 3 June, at the Conference on *The use of traditional law in resolving overlaps: Speer Creek case study*.

Visitors

Dr Morgan Brigg, trainer and mediator, currently working with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at University of Queensland, spent several weeks with IFaMP during May 2005. During this time he delivered a joint presentation with Mr Patrick McIntyre, Barrister and Co-Chair of the Mawul Rom Cross-Cultural Mediation & Leadership Program, as part of the AIATSIS Seminar Series. The presentation focused on issues associated with the development of appropriate training in the cross-cultural context with prospects for improved practice. Morgan made valuable contributions to current research efforts undertaken by the Project.

IFaMP/AIATSIS Seminar Series

The Seminar Series convened by IFaMP has concluded, with many requests for papers and transcriptions having been received. Papers and transcriptions for publication are being prepared, and are expected to be on the AIATSIS website by the end of July.

To view the program go to:
www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/seminars.htm
for the Program.

Check the IFaMP Web Site

The following additions can be now be accessed on the IFaMP website. Feedback

or comments are most welcome and can be sent to ifamp@aiatsis.gov.au

The IFaMP bibliography has now been published in hard copy. It contains readings on Indigenous decision making and conflict management, broader alternative dispute resolution readings and some practice manuals. The Bibliography and section links to the Bibliography can be found under the *Emerging Bibliography* sub-section of the *Research and Publications* section of the IFaMP site:

Brockwell, S. Eggerking, K. Morphy, R. and Bauman, T 2005. *Culture, Conflict Management and Native Title: An Emerging Bibliography*. Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project. Report No. 4. Native Title Research Unit, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra.

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ifamp/research/research_frameset.html

IFaMP has prepared an informative, two-page, back to back briefing paper on how to make a complaint about native title mediation processes. The paper is located under the *Decision Making and Dispute Management* section, as well as the *Complaints Processes* sub-section of

Practice Issues in Mediation and Facilitation section, of the IFaMP site:

Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project, 2005. *Making a Complaint about Native Title Mediation*. Briefing Paper No. 5. Native Title Research Unit, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra.

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ifamp/practice/practice_frameset.html

The workshop that IFaMP held in February with Indigenous native title mediation practitioners around best practice issues has now produced a comprehensive report, which is located under the *Workshops and Reports* sub-section of the *Research and Publications* section of the IFaMP site:

Kingham, F. and T. Bauman. 2005. *Report on proceedings of Indigenous Native Title Mediation Practitioners Workshop 17 - 18 February 2005*. Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project, Native Title Research Unit, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra.

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ifamp/research/research_frameset.html

WHAT'S NEW

Publications

The June 2005 quarterly issue of Talking Native title is now available on the National Native Title Tribunal website: http://www.nntt.gov.au/metacard/files/TNT15/TNT_Issue_15_2005.pdf

This issue pays particular attention to Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

The Office of Native Title (WA), Edition 5, June 2005 e-Newsletter is available at:

<http://www.nativetitle.dpc.wa.gov.au/docs/Junenewsletter.pdf>

It contains a feature article on the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi claim determination.