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WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NTRU?

Staff Movements:

Craig Greene, NTRU Conference Coordinator and Publications Officer, is leaving his position to take up a role as the Community Access Manager in the Audio-Visual Archives of AIATSIS. In this role he will be responsible for facilitating community access and publicising these collections.

Diana McCarthy has taken on the role of Publications Officer and will now edit all NTRU Publications. You may have noticed some re-ordering of content and layout and some new features in this month's Newsletter. Our aim is to make the NTRU publications list as exciting and relevant as possible. To do this we need input from people who use our services so, if you have any ideas or comments to contribute please **visit our website** at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ntrusurv ey2.htm> and fill in the short survey you find there.

In the meantime, we are

Calling for Contributions

across the range of NTRU publications, including:

The Native Title Newsletter:


- Claimant Comment. This is a new column in the Native Title Newsletter. By introducing this section we hope to make the Newsletter more relevant to claimants and to provide insight to those working with claimants. Very

often in the work of native title, claimants are only encouraged to contribute to the preparation and presentation of evidence, rather than providing their comments and perspectives on the process (for example, the current Review of the Claims Resolution Process has no claimant presence on the Steering Committee). This column provides an opportunity for claimants and others to hear about the effects of native title on Traditional Owners. If you are a claimant with something to say or if you would like to contribute an interview with a claimant, please contact the NTRU on 02 6246 1161 or ntru@aiatsis.gov.au

- Features. The Native Title Newsletter is widely distributed across the range of native title stakeholders. No more than 1500 words (3 pages) in length, contributing a feature will give you an excellent opportunity to:
 - a) Pose a question or initiate a discussion
 - b) Publicise recent events and achievements
 - c) Contribute a case note
 - d) Share your knowledge and insights
 - e) Stimulate interest in your upcoming publication

NTRU Issues Papers: Land, Rights, Law

The Issues Papers series is a multi-disciplinary series of short research papers. Issues Papers allow the NTRU to target a number of emerging issues in native title research, reflecting on 'bigger picture'



issues in a form that is of high academic quality but in a size and format that is useful to practitioners and researchers.

Our Issue Paper series is peer-reviewed and distributed widely across the full range of native title stakeholders. It is an ideal publishing opportunity for:

- Recent graduates
- Pre- or post-doctoral candidates
- Anyone who is juggling an applied and academic career path

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NTRU Discussion Papers

The Discussion Paper series, produced by the Research Program, is designed to contribute to the wide range of discussions on Indigenous issues and policy taking place in Australia today. Discussion Papers are generally a longer and more in-depth examination of a topic relating to Indigenous studies.

Our Discussion Papers are distributed to the same range of stakeholders as the Issues Papers and are also peer reviewed.

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E-Distribution: We are *strongly encouraging* our readers to switch to electronic distribution. The physical production of the Newsletter is costly, polluting and time-consuming. We have introduced hyperlinks to the body of the text to allow e-readers to jump straight to source materials as an incentive to those thinking about making the switch. Simply email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au, type "electronic subscription-newsletter" in the subject heading and become an e-subscriber.

Networks and collaboration

- As part of an AIATSIS Project Team, Grace Koch met with Prof. Allan Marett and Dr Linda Barwick on 11 October at the National Library to discuss AIATSIS' participation in the National Indigenous Recording Project.
- Dr Strelein attended an OIPC meeting with NTRB legal and research managers to discuss training, Canberra 10-11 October. NTRU proposals for an induction program and to increase NTRB involvement in the Conference received support. The NTRU resources and information services were praised.
- Toni Bauman delivered a presentation to the OIPC's NTRB Professional Officers' Workshop.

A number of participants have requested Toni's subsequent involvement with their respective NTRBs to undertake workshops to review their practices in Indigenous decision-making and conflict management.

- As reported previously, Toni Bauman is on a Steering Committee with Gaye Sculthorpe (NADRAC/NNTT) and Louise Anderson (Federal Court) to steer a scoping study in relation to case studies to identify best practice in Indigenous mediation. The tender has now been awarded to Resolve Advisors, which includes Professor Marcia Langton.
- Glen Kelly provided further advice on research ethics and intellectual property issues to South Coast Regional Initiative and Planning Team (SCRIPT) and a faculty of Murdoch University in relation to a project of the effect of dieback on plants of cultural significance to Nyungar people on the South Coast of WA.
- Glen Kelly attended the strategic planning meeting of the Australian Landcare Council in support of Indigenous member Mr John Chester from South Australia.

Research Activities

- Grace Koch provided a review of the International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (IASA) Conference held in Barcelona 10-15 September at the request of the IASA Executive Board.
- Dr Strelein prepared a submission on behalf of AIATSIS, coordinated NTRB submission and gave evidence with Professor Dodson to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee inquiry into the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill - 4/10/05*

Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project (IFaMP)

Indigenous Mediators and Facilitators Workshop

IFaMP held a workshop on 4th and 5th October in Canberra at AIATSIS for Indigenous mediators and facilitators. A proposal which has arisen out of a range of IFaMP consultations and research for a fully supported national network of accredited Indigenous mediators and facilitators to work in native title and other areas including shared responsibility and regional participation agreements was considered. The workshop was funded by the Partnerships area of the Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination with whom IFaMP continues to work to see how the proposal can be advanced.

A report of the proceedings is being compiled and will be available on the IFaMP website as will background papers which were distributed to participants.



Evaluation Framework

Consultant group, *Social Compass*, has won a tender to develop an evaluation framework with IFaMP for:

- training in native title facilitation and mediation; and
- the delivery of mediation and facilitation services to native title parties.

The framework aims to not only evaluate training products delivered to NTRBs or other organisations involved in mediation or facilitation processes but will also support evaluation of how people receive a service from those who have been trained to provide it (that is, the impact on the end user, largely comprising native title applicant groups).

A workshop of select stakeholders and IFaMP will be held by the consultants in December 2005.

Staffing

Jess Clements departed on the 20th October to take up a position with the West Australian Department of Indigenous Affairs, playing a coordinating role between the State and Natural Heritage Trust with

respect to Natural Resource Management and a *Caring for Country* Program. Catherine Pledge departed on the 8th October to seek employment opportunities in Darwin. We wish them all the best.

Taking over from Jess and Catherine is Annalisa Koeman, who comes from a short period in the Sustainable Development Section of the Department of Industry Tourism and Resources following her graduation in mid-2005 from the ANU. Annalisa graduated with a Masters in International Affairs with a specialisation in Peace and Conflict Studies. Annalisa also holds a Masters in Environmental Management and Development from the ANU. Annalisa's current key interests are peace building, reconciliation, restorative justice and conflict resolution and she is keen to gain experience in mediation and negotiation. Hence she leapt at the chance to work with IFaMP and gain exposure to Indigenous issues in Australia.

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