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## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NTRU

The new AIATSIS website is up and running. Check it out at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/>

### Change of webpage address

NTRU's webpage has moved and is now at <http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/>



## Please note

If you are researching a Native Title claim, the Native Title Research and Access Officer at AIATSIS can help you to locate all relevant material held in the AIATSIS Library and Audiovisual Archives. Our services include:

- Expert advice on sources held at Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Providing listings of relevant material to your claim that is held in the Library and the Audiovisual Archives
- Arranging for copies of articles, manuscripts, tapes, photographs and videos in compliance with the Copyright Act and conditions of deposit,
- Helping to manage clearances to materials with access restrictions and
- Assisting you in searching the on-line catalogue

## Staffing

- Glen Fairfoot completed his 4 wks work placement for his NICP from 21Nov-21Dec. Glen will return in June 2006 for another 4 wks work placement.
- Donna Oxenham commenced a 6 month contract with the NTRU as principal researcher on the native title applicant groups/PBC research project.
- Dr Stuart Bradfield finished his VRF in January 2006. Stuart will take up a position with the Office of Native Title in Western Australia.
- Nerida Mulvey will be completing a 6 week student internship with us commencing Monday 9 January 2006. Nerida will be completing her final year of studies in law at La Trobe University (adding this qualification to social work, the field in which she has worked for 22 years). Nerida will be primarily assisting Lisa with legal research.


## Networks and collaboration

- Grace Koch has compiled a Resource Guide for Preservation/Conservation of Collections and distributed it to each Native Title Representative Body.
- Toni Bauman has continued collaboration with NADRAC and the Federal Court of Australia on the FCA's tender given to Resolve to scope case studies which would best identify best practice in Indigenous Alternative Dispute Resolution.

- Toni Bauman held discussions with the Central Land Council regarding training, and consultations on IFaMP's draft NTRB training resource in Indigenous decision-making and dispute management. Toni also held discussions with Native Title Services Victoria regarding training and revision of IFaMP's draft policy guidelines for NTRBs in decision-making and dispute management in native title.
- Toni Bauman has been in ongoing communication with the Northern Land Council and the Wardaman Corporation regarding the next steps in the pilot native title mediation process which revolves around an Indigenous Land Use Agreement in the Katherine area.
- Glen Kelly provided advice to community and researchers in the development of AIATSIS grant applications in the SW of WA.
- Glen Kelly attended a meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee to the Federal Minister for the Environment in Jervis Bay in December. This meeting also included liaison with the Wreck Bay Aboriginal community and a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment
- Glen Kelly provided materials for the development of a project interpreting Nyungar culture in the Lower South West of WA
- Glen Kelly attended a meeting at the Department of Foreign Affairs and trade to advise Australian Government delegates in relation to their formulation of a position of the Australian Government to present at the upcoming meetings held by the Convention on Biological Diversity in January on the topics of Article 8(j) of the Convention and the development of global principles for Access and Benefit Sharing arrangements for the use of Indigenous intellectual property.
- Dr Strelein and Lara Wiseman were invited to present and participate in QSNTS staff Induction Program on 8-9 December 2005.

## Research Activities

- A submission to the WA Office of Native Title re. it's proposed alternative settlement package was prepared by Diana McCarthy, Stuart Bradfield, Glen Kelly, Toni Bauman & Dr Strelein.
- A submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund relating to Native Title Representative



Bodies was prepared by Dr Strelein & Lara Wiseman.

## **IFAMP**

### **Webpage change of address**

Associated with the upgrade of the AIATSIS website, the web address of IFaMP changed from <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/ifamp.htm> to <http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/ifamp>. Those accessing the old address will be automatically redirected to the new, but please update to the new address.

## **Workshops**

### **1) Evaluation Framework/Toolkit**

On 5 - 6 December 2005 IFaMP convened a workshop at AIATSIS entitled 'Evaluation Toolkit: training and service delivery in decision-making and dispute management processes in native title', to work through the issues in developing an Evaluation Toolkit for Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs). Consulting firm *Social Compass* facilitated the workshop, which was attended by representatives from the National Native Title Tribunal, Federal Court of Australia and Native Title Representative Bodies. Following comments from participants, a draft 'toolkit' in preparation by *Social Compass* will be applied to training being proposed by Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) early in 2006. The Evaluation Toolkit will then be revised and finalised and distributed to NTRBs and other relevant stakeholders.

### **2) Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre Certificate 2 Workshop**

On the 21 November 2005 Toni Bauman ran a workshop in Indigenous decision-making and conflict management for participants in an Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) Certificate 2 Course held in Canberra.

### **Report – National Network of Indigenous Facilitators and Mediators**

The final report of the October Indigenous Facilitators and Mediators workshop was completed in December following comments from participants. The report, *Making a Difference: towards establishing national networks of Indigenous process experts in a whole-of-government approach* (Toni Bauman, Jess Clements and Annalisa Koeman, 2005) has been distributed to participants and made

available on IFaMP's web site along with the two background papers to the workshop.

During the final session of the workshop, OIPC undertook to prepare a draft 'two pager' scoping paper in consultation with the workshop participants that would be used by OIPC to take the proposal further, again, in consultation with participants and other stakeholders.

### **Presentation – ACJC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

Toni Bauman addressed the Aboriginal Community Justice Centres' 25th Anniversary celebration at Tranby College, Sydney on the 15th December. Her paper - 'The relevance of mediation to Aboriginal people' – dealt with the development of a national network of Indigenous facilitators and mediators to work in a range of areas including native title. This would provide employment opportunities and career pathways for Indigenous community justice mediators who are currently employed only on a case-by-case basis.

### **Submission – Native Title Claims Resolution Review**


In early December 2005 IFaMP made a submission to the Attorney-General's Native Title Claims Resolution Review, highlighting key findings and outcomes of IFaMP, and the need for greater involvement of Indigenous process experts in successful agreement-making. The submission was accompanied by several IFaMP reports.

## **Web Updates**

The following documents were uploaded to the IFaMP website:

Bauman, T., Clements, J., and A. Koeman 2005. [\*Making a Difference: towards establishing national networks of Indigenous process experts in a whole-of-government approach\*](#). Native Title Research Unit, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra.

Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project. 2005. [\*Building Indigenous Capacity in Consultation, Negotiation and Agreement-Brokering: The Need for Procedural Expertise \(Working Draft\)\*](#). Native Title Research Unit, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra.



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Brokering, Decision-Making and Conflict  
Management \(Working Draft\)\*](#). Native Title  
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These are found at: 'Latest Updates' on the  
IFaMP home page and 'Papers and  
Publications' and 'Workshops and Reports' on  
the IFaMP 'Research and Publications' page.

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