

Project update:



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WIN A NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE 2020 PACKAGE FOR YOUR PBC!

All PBCs that complete the PBC Survey 2019 will go into the draw to win one of two National Native Title Conference 2020 packages

Each package includes transport, accommodation and full conference registration for two people to attend next year's National Native Title Conference on Minjungbal Bundjalung Country in Tweed Heads, NSW

THE PBC SURVEY 2019 IS NOW OPEN UNTIL 1 DECEMBER

We've extended the survey so more PBCs get the chance to share their stories

AIATSIS has drawn the first winner of the first Native Title Conference package from participants so far – congratulations to Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC. The second draw will take place early in the new year, so make sure you get your PBC's response in asap!

WAYS TO DO THE SURVEY:

Fill it out online at: www.nativetitle.org.au/form/pbc-survey-2019

Or print a hard copy from the link above and scan and email it to: pbcsurvey@aiatsis.gov.au

Or contact Tahn, Emily or Belinda and arrange a time to do it over the phone

Are there a number of PBCs in your region that want to do the survey in person? Get in touch and we might be able to come to you!

ABOUT THE PBC SURVEY 2019

This year AIATSIS, the National Native Title Council and the CSIRO have been conducting a survey of native title Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs).

The aim of the PBC Survey 2019 is to gather information about the work PBCs do, their plans and visions for the future, the challenges they face and what will help them achieve their goals.

The survey only has 20 questions and doesn't ask for any sensitive or private information. This is a chance to make sure your PBC's voice is heard and to help everyone in the native title sector understand how PBCs are going and what they need.

We suggest that chairs, directors or CEOs are good people to have do the survey on behalf of their PBCs, but some PBCs have gotten a PBC support officer from their NTRB, one of their employees, or even their whole board of directors to complete it. It's up to each PBC who they think is the best person or group of people to complete the survey on its behalf.

We will publish a report on the survey findings next year. You will be able to read the report online on the AIATSIS, NNTC and CSIRO websites. The report on the survey will be an important piece of evidence to help governments make sure their policies work for PBCs, and to help PBCs and others in the sector make their own cases for better support for PBCs.

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AIATSIS NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE 2020

change of date



There has been a change of date and the National Native Title Conference, being co-convened by AIATSIS, NTSCorp and the Minjungbal Bundjalung Elders will now take place between

25-27 May 2020

Tweed Heads, NSW

Above some of Minjungbal traditional owners who are working towards the conference. L to R Leweena Williams, Tweed/Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council; Aunty Desrae Rotumah, Minjungbal Bundjalung Elder; Nicole Rotumah, Tweed Aboriginal Co-op Society Ltd.

AIATSIS CEO Craig Ritchie praised NTSCORP's contribution to native title and is looking forward to teaming up for a successful event on Minjungbal Bundjalung Country at Tweed Heads, NSW.

'Our organisations both have long proud histories in improving outcomes in the native title sector and I am excited to continue that legacy by co-convening this nationally significant event with NTSCORP,' Mr Ritchie said.

The last AIATSIS National Native Title Conference in 2018 attracted over 900

delegates to Broome, WA, to celebrate milestones and accomplishments, and address ongoing challenges in the sector. I'm sure this conference will be worth the wait and I thank the Minjungbal Bundjalung People and their Elders for hosting us all on their Country.'

The AIATSIS National Native Title Conference, which began in 2001, is now run on a biennial basis (every two years) and has built a reputation for being one of the most significant national gatherings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NTSCORP CEO Natalie Rotumah welcomed the opportunity to co-host the conference on her traditional country. 'As a proud Minjungbal Bundjalung woman, it is an honour and privilege to bring the conference to my ancestral home. I look forward

to working with AIATSIS and my Elders over the coming months to organise an event that will showcase our culture and provide a respectful forum for mobs to come together and yarn about native title business,' Mrs Rotumah said.

NTSCORP Chairperson Michael Bell, a proud Ngunnawal and Gomeroi man, expressed his delight at the announcement. 'We have successfully co-convened the conference twice before with AIATSIS in 2005 and 2014 at Coffs Harbour and I am confident that the 2020 conference on Minjungbal Bundjalung lands will be a success,' Mr Bell said. 'It is inspiring to see communities from across Australia come together to share ideas and discuss ways to build a better future for our people.'