

What's New: April 2005

Notifications

Native title applications by current notification of applications

Notification closing date	Application name	Application type	Date filed	State/Territory	Tribunal file no.	Federal Court file no.
8/06/2005	Peter Hillig as Administrator of Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council	Non-claimant application	31/12/2004	New South Wales	NN04/12	NSD1989/04
8/06/2005	The Awabakal Local Aboriginal land Council	Non-claimant application	6/01/2005	New South Wales	NN05/1	NSD23/05
8/06/2005	Woromi Local Aboriginal Land Council and Administrator Peter Hillig	Non-claimant application	5/01/2005	New South Wales	NN05/2	NSD12/05
8/06/2005	Anthony Kelly MLC Minister assisting the Minister for Natural Resources (Lands) for the State of NSW as the State Minister under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth)	Non-claimant application	20/01/2005	New South Wales	NN05/3	NSD0084/05
22/06/2005	Single Noongar Claim (Area 1)	Claimant application	6/10/2003	Western Australia	WC03/6	W6006/03
5/07/2005	Brady	Non-claimant application	14/02/2005	New South Wales	NN05/4	NSD201/05
19/07/2005	Anthony Bernard Kelly, MLC., Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales as the State Minister under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)	Non-claimant application	4/03/2005	New South Wales	NN05/5	NSD327/05
19/07/2005	Anthony Bernard Kelly, MLC., Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales as the State	Non-claimant application	4/03/2005	New South Wales	NN05/6	NSD333/05

	Minister under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)					
3/08/2005	Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council	Non-claimant application	16/03/2005	New South Wales	NN05/7	NSD396/05

(This information has been extracted from the [National Native Title Tribunal website](#))

Determinations

Federal Court Determinations

First native title determination in the Pilbara

02 May 2005 WA's resource rich Pilbara region has achieved its first native title determination with recognition from the Federal Court that the Ngaluma/Injibandi people continue to hold a traditional connection to their land.

Federal Court Justice Robert Nicholson has travelled to Roebourne for a special determination hearing, which will finalise the claim over almost 25,000 square kilometres situated 100 kilometres south west of Port Hedland.

The court found that the Ngaluma/Injibandi held non-exclusive native title rights over parts of their claim area. The rights relate to access to some areas, the right to conduct rituals and ceremonies, the right to hunt, fish, forage, collect bush tucker, bush medicine, ochre, flora, fauna and water. The native title holders also have the right to protect and care for sites and objects. (Extracted from [NNTT Media Release 2 May 2005](#)).

Daniel v State of Western Australia [2005] FCA 536

[Judge's remarks on making of the Ngarluma/Yindjibarndi native title determination](#)

2 May 2005 Roebourne, Western Australia

[Little v Oriole Resources Pty Ltd \[2005\] FCA 506 \(29 April 2005\)](#) The Federal Court has dismissed an appeal by the Badminia People against the National Native Title Tribunal's decision that Oriole Resources proposed creation of a mining camp attracts the expedited procedure.

Indigenous Land Use Agreements: Registered ILUAs by date

Tribunal file no.	Name	Type	State/Terr.	Reg. date	Subject matter
QI2004/034	Small Scale Mining and Exploration Activities Queensland South Area Yowah Cleared Area Budjiti & Mardigan People	Area agreement	Queensland	28 April 2005	Mining
QI2003/041	Yowah & Quilpie Small Scale Opal Mining Indigenous Land Use	Area agreement	Queensland	28 April 2005	Mining

	Agreement Budjiti & Mardigan People				
WI2002/003	Argyle Diamonds	Area agreement	Western Australia	08 April 2005	Mining

(Extracted from NNTT website: [Registered ILUAs by Date](#))

Future Act Determinations

Determination date	Tribunal File No.	Decision/ Determination	Parties	Catchwords
28/04/2005	WO04/8	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Melville Raymond Dalla-Costa (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licence expedited procedure objection application failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed
21/04/2005	WO04/207	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licence expedited procedure objection application failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed
21/04/2005	WO04/210	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and-	Native title future act proposed grant of exploration licence expedited procedure objection application

			Plasia Pty Ltd (grantee party)	failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed
15/04/2005	WO04/284	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Cazaly Resources Ltd (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licence expedited procedure objection application failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed
14/04/2005	WO04/183 and WO04/206	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- New Hampton Goldfields Ltd (WO04/183) (grantee party) -and- South Kal Mines Pty Ltd (WO04/206) (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licences expedited procedure objection applications failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection applications failure to comply with directions objection applications dismissed
12/04/2005	WO04/197	Objection - Expedited Procedure Applies	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of the Widji People – WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Cazaly Resources Limited (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of exploration licence –expedited procedure objection application direct interference with carrying on of community or social activities unlikely interference with sites of particular significance unlikely

				major disturbance to land unlikely act attracts the expedited procedure
12/04/2005	WO04/62	Objection - Expedited Procedure Applies	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People – WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Cazaly Resources Ltd (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licences expedited procedure objection application not likely to be interference with the carrying on of community or social activities, sites of particular significance or major disturbance to land act attracts the expedited procedure
8/04/2005	WO04/192	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Noble Pacific Ltd (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licence expedited procedure objection application failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed
8/04/2005	WO03/548	Objection - Dismissed	Judy Hughes on behalf of Thalanji People - WC99/45 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Dragoman Pty Ltd (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of exploration licence expedited procedure objection application failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed

8/04/2005	WO04/285	Objection - Dismissed	Leonne Velickovic on behalf of Widji People - WC98/27 (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- Rand Exploration NL Kevin Arthur Pownall Steven Anthony Tomich (grantee party)	Native title future act proposed grant of prospecting licences expedited procedure objection application failure within a reasonable time to proceed with objection application failure to comply with directions objection application dismissed
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(Extracted from NNTT website: <http://www.nntt.gov.au/cgi-bin/search/search.pl>)

Legislative Reviews

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines QLD has released a Discussion Paper on the [Review of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 \(Qld\)](#) (March 2005).

Media Releases

NNTT

[Report shows agreements are the way forward \(08 April 2005\)](#)

DIMIA

[Social Justice Report 2004 and Native Title Report 2004 tabled in Parliament](#) - 8 April 2005

Publications

Aboriginal Studies Press

[Paint Me Black](#), Claire Henty-Gebert, \$24.95, ISBN 0 85575 399 4. A powerful story of growing up on Croker Island, the arduous journey by foot, canoe, truck and train to Sydney during World War 2, and the later years Darwin.

[Power of Knowledge, Resonance of Tradition](#), Luke Taylor et al., \$34.95, ISBN 0 85575 484 2. A ground-breaking critique of the concept of 'tradition' as it has been applied in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander context. Please visit [Aboriginal Studies Press'](#) revamped website with lots of new content (and [Join ASPs Mailing List](#)).

National Native Title Tribunal

Available at the indigenous land use agreements section of the NNTT website in pdf format, [Steps to an ILUA](#) outlines in plain English the process parties need to go through to get an ILUA negotiated and registered. This new publication series is also available free of charge in hard copy over the counter at any of the [Tribunal registries](#) or may be ordered via Freecall 1800 640 501 or by posting the [publications order form](#).

The National Native Title Tribunal has published the following "Extras" editions of Talking Native Title:

[March 2005](#)

- [South Australia extra](#)
- [Victoria extra](#)
- [Western Australia extra](#)

The National Native Title Tribunal has also published [Native Title Hot Spots Issue 14, April 2005](#)

NNTT's [Indigenous Fishing Bulletin March 2005](#) is now available online.

Reports

AIATSIS

The final report by Toni Bauman and Rhian Williams (2004) entitled [Report on Native Title Representative Body Workshops: Directions, Priorities and Challenges](#) arising from the NTRB Workshops held by IFaMP earlier in 2004 has been added to the AIATSIS website's Research page, under the 'Papers and Publications' section.

The final report by Rhian Williams (2004) entitled [Native Title Mediation Practice: The Commonalities, The Challenges, The Contradictions](#) arising from the Practitioner's Survey has been added to the Research page, under the 'Papers and Publications' section.

HREOC

[The Native Title Report 2004](#), executive summaries and a media kit are available online. HREOCs Native Title Report 2004 provides a set of principles that aim to build economic and social development opportunities from the recognition of traditional rights, interests and ownership of land.

[The Social Justice Report 2004](#), executive summaries and a media kit are available online. HREOCs Social Justice Report 2004 outlines the key challenges raised by the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services (ATSIS) and the transfer of all Indigenous specific programs to mainstream government departments, through to the movement to new arrangements for administering Indigenous programs and developing Indigenous policy. It also reviews support programs for Indigenous women exiting prison.

Other reports

[The Native Title Representative Body Lawyer Professional Development Project Final Report](#), by Richard Potok & Melissa Castan is now available.

[Options for future community engagement in regional natural resource management](#). This discussion paper has been prepared to provide information, promote discussion and seek views about future community engagement in regional natural resource management (NRM) in Queensland.

[Community Governance Improvement Strategy \(CGIS\)](#) Queensland Department of Local Government and Planning. The goal of the CGIS is to help Indigenous Councils achieve sustainable good governance to enable effective service delivery.

[Planning for Prosperity: Relationships key to future prosperity: First Nations Intergovernmental Cooperation and Treaties](#). April 8, 2005: Respectful relationships between indigenous communities, local governments and regional economic leaders is the key to future prosperity. That was the message delivered by chiefs, mayors, business leaders and scholars at the fourth in a series of treaty-related conferences hosted by SFU and the Treaty Commission.

[Social Indicators for Aboriginal Governance: Insights from the Thamarrurr Region, Northern Territory](#) by J. Taylor (2004)

[Rejoinder to 'Key Social and Economic Indicators for Indigenous Australia: A Comparative Analysis'](#) Jon Altman (Director, CAEPR) and Boyd Hunter (Fellow, CAEPR) March 2005 Response to a study prepared for the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs by Australasia Economics.

[A Guide to the Heritage System: NSW Heritage Office](#) was updated in March 2005.

Websites

Lotterywest launches new-look grant website: Lotterywest has a new-look grants website called [Grants Central](#). Grants Central offers grant applicants, recipients and other interested web travellers an increased plenty of grant-related information. Interested people can also subscribe to GrantED to regularly receive the latest news and information from Lotterywest.

Indigenous Communities Online Programs (ICOP)

Projects from the Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales and South Australia, aiming to improve access for indigenous Australians to suitable online information and services, have won bids for funding from the Indigenous Communities Online Program (ICOP). Most of the projects are websites, website content, or added functionality on websites. They include: a regional website for the Ngaanyatjarra Council and communities; a community website to showcase and market Wiradjuri artists; and a website to act as a community justice intervention strategy by providing learning materials targeted at Indigenous youth at risk of re-offending. ICOP is part of the Telecommunications Action Plan for Remote Indigenous Communities, launched in the wake of the Estens Inquiry.

Some details of the individual projects are available at:

http://www.minister.dcita.gov.au/media/media_releases/new_online_access_projects_for_remote_indigenous_communities

Office of Native Title Western Australia

The [Office of Native Title \(Western Australia\)](#) has a new website.

AIATSIS Seminar Series

9 May	Who Makes the Decisions and Who Gets the Benefits? Reconciling Rights and Interests in a Native Title Group Toni Bauman, Visiting Research Fellow, IFaMP, AIATSIS Abstract
16 May	Cross-Cultural Mediation and Training: Problems and Prospects Morgan Brigg, Mediator, Dispute Resolution Centres, Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General Pat McIntyre, Barrister & Co-Chair Mawul Rom Cross-cultural Mediation & Leadership Project Abstract
23 May	Complexity in the New Regime for Indigenous Affairs Policy and Administration: Implications for Native Title Mediation and Facilitation Patrick Sullivan, Visiting Research Fellow, Indigenous Regional Organisation and Governance, AIATSIS Abstract

Upcoming Events

Conferences

[Annual National Native Title Conference 2005](#)

The Human Face of Native Title: Maabu-garri julu gunganbu-gundi jagunda

Wed 1st June-Native Title Representative Body Session

Thurs 2nd-Friday 3rd June-Public Sessions

Opal Cove Resort, Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour
Contact Craig Greene (02 6246 1171) & Diana McCarthy (02 6261 4249)
Native Title Research Unit AIATSIS

Collaborative Indigenous Policy Development

Shared responsibility agreements and policy reform for sustainable programs.

Two-Day Conference: 8 & 9 June 2005

Workshops: 7 & 10 June 2005

Venue: Royal on the Park, Brisbane

The establishment of a new whole-of-government approach to policy development is restructuring the channels of service provision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. IQPC's fourth annual conference on 'Collaborative Indigenous Policy Development' addresses the issues surrounding the new policy framework and uses case study scenarios to evaluate its effectiveness and adaptability in Indigenous environments and cultural structure through the Federal, State and Local levels of government.

Phone: 02 9223 2600

Fax: 02 9223 2622

Email: registration@iqpc.com.au

Bringing Certainty to Aboriginal Rights and Title Through Accommodation Agreements 9 to 10 June 2005

Vancouver, BC, Canada

Website: <http://www.pbli.com/543>

E-mail: info_AT_pbli.com (to e-mail the conference organizers, please replace _AT_ with @) Visit our website at www.pbli.com/543 for details and to download a brochure.

Organized by: Pacific Business and Law Institute

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: Not available.

4th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences 13 to 16 June 2005

Honolulu, HI, United States

Website: <http://www.hicsocial.org>

Contact name: Andrew Burge

E-mail: social_AT_hicsocial.org

(to e-mail the conference organizers, please replace _AT_ with @)

The Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences provides an opportunity for academicians and professionals from social science fields to learn from each other and interact with members inside and outside their areas of study.

Indigenous Issues in Australian Universities: Teaching, Research, Support.

Date: 16-17 June 2005.

The Weemala Indigenous Unit, ACU National. The International Australian Studies Association (InASA). This conference is calling for Papers.

Venue: Brisbane campus, ACU National.

For more information contact Weemala: 07 3623 7195

Indigenous Knowledges: Reconciling Academic Priorities with Indigenous Realities 22 to 25 June 2005

Wellington, New Zealand

Website: <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/indigenousknowledges/index.html>

Contact name: Joanna Kidman

E-mail: Joanna.Kidman_AT_vuw.ac.nz (to e-mail the conference organizers, please replace _AT_ with @) This conference promotes discussion between scholars and indigenous communities, showcasing research-based responses to the 'real world' concerns of indigenous communities.

Organized by: Victoria University of Wellington

Law's Empire: A Critically Engaged Social-Legal Conference 25 to 30 June 2005

Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada

Website: http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/2005/june/06_25_2005_empire.html

Contact name: Dr. W. Wesley Pue

E-mail: pue_AT_law.ubc.ca (to e-mail the conference organizers, please replace _AT_ with @) This interdisciplinary socio-legal conference will explore the manifold meanings of Law's Empire within the context of experiences, both contemporary and historical, in Canada, the Antipodes, and around the world.

Organized by: Canadian Law and Society Association/Association canadienne droit et société

Deadly Directions: current and emerging trends Libraries, Archives and Information Services for Indigenous Knowledge

2-3 August 2005

Mabo Room, AIATSIS, Canberra

Contact Alana Garwood-Houng 02 6246 1111 ext. 246 .

Indigenous Socioeconomic Outcomes: Assessing Recent Evidence. A CAEPR Conference, August 11-12, 2005

The Australian National University, Canberra

The Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research is pleased to announce a multidisciplinary conference to be held at The Australian National University in Canberra.

International Session - Integrating human dimensions and Coastal zone management for aquaculture.

9 to 13 October 2005

Bonn, Germany, Germany

Contact name: Dr. Anand Govind Bhole / Dr. Lalit Chaudhari.

E-mail: clkp123_AT_yahoo.com (to e-mail the conference organizers, please replace _AT_ with @)

This session focuses on the coastal zone management and human use of oceans including Surface and ground water along coastal regions ,climate change and their interrelationships – quality, policy and management and environmental issues. Organized by: Institute for sustainable development and research ,ISDR, India, UNU, University of Bonn, IAPSO/IAHS

Opportunities

Call for Papers

Sharing the Fish - Allocation Issues in Fisheries Management

26 February 2006 to 2 March 2006

Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia

Website: <http://www.fishallocation.com>

Contact name: Renee Bennett

E-mail: info_AT_eventedge.com.au (to e-mail the conference organizers, please replace _AT_ with @) Sharing the Fish 06 - Allocation Issues in Fisheries Management. An international conference on rights based fisheries management. Organized by Conference Secretariat, EventEdge, International Management Group. Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15 November 2005

Australian Anthropology Society Annual Conference 2005: call for session proposals.

Details of the conference and how to submit a proposal for a conference session can be found at: <http://www.arts.adelaide.edu.au/socialsciences/anthro/aasac2005/>

Employment

Source: AASnet

Native Title Services Victoria are seeking expressions of interest from consulting anthropologists to conduct preliminary research for two Victorian Native Title groups.
Date posted: 22/04/05

We anticipate contracting two consultants to complete the research for each group within this financial year if possible. The preliminary research will largely involve answering questions about group identity, composition and associated territory over time. You would therefore be required to conduct ethnohistorical and ethnographic research and produce a report detailing the results of this research within a period of two months.

Please contact:
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E: psutherland@ntsv.com.au

[Native Title Services Victoria](#) Research Assistant (0.6 / 3 days per week) \$31,000 p.a. pro. rata.
Date posted: 04/05/05

NTSV, the acting Native Title Representative Body for Victoria, is seeking the services of a qualified Research Assistant to work with a multidisciplinary team conducting research for native title claims. Duties will include: library and database management and data entry, library and archival searches and retrievals, technical editing and providing general research assistance to senior research staff.

For a copy of the position description, contact Debbie Heeney on (03) 9321 5300 or visit our website at www.ntsv.com.au. Please direct enquires and applications to:

Phillippa Sutherland
Research Manager
NTSV
PO Box 431
North Melbourne VIC 3051

Applications Close Wed 18th May.

Individuals with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

Source: <http://www.ntrb.net/>

[Community Development Officer - Pilbara Native Title Services](#) [NTRB35]

Date Posted: 06/04/2005 13:09:38

Must be: - dynamic, positive and innovative thinking individual who has experience in working with both the government and private sectors - work to advance aspirations of the Pilbara Indigenous communities through economic development and projec [more >>](#)

[Central Land Council - Various](#) [NTRB36]

Date Posted: 06/04/2005 13:12:36

CLC is looking for people who have the capacity and enthusiasm to work with Aboriginal landowners. The positions are based in Alice Springs but involve regular travel to outlying Aboriginal communities. Positions are: Rural Enterprise Officer Pa [more >>](#)

Grants

Grants to boost regional development: Financial assistance of between \$10,000 and \$250,000 is now available under the WA Regional Initiatives Scheme. Visit the [Department of Local Government and Regional Development website](#) for details or call Helen Zlatnik on 9217 1466. Submissions close on 24 May 2005.

Western Australia: Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) and Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) in May/June. The DIA-administered Caring for Country Grants program is designed to give Indigenous communities and landholders incentives and assistance to deal with a range

of land management issues. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be available to target issues such as salinity, protection of natural and cultural values of land, restoration of waterways and rehabilitation of degraded areas. In 2002 the ALT, ILC and the Natural Heritage Trust gave more than \$300,000 to 25 projects across the State in the pilot program. Application forms, guidelines and information on the program will soon be available through DIA regional offices. DIA's Land Branch is still looking for additional partners to support the program. Inquiries to Rob Thomas, 9235 8045 or Email <<mailto:robert.thomas@dia.wa.gov.au>> .

Nominations

IndigOz are inviting nominations from women interested in participating in the inaugural **National Indigenous Women's Conference**, to be held in Kurrajong, New South Wales from Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9 June 2005. It is expected that 300 women will be supported to attend. The three day conference will draw together a range of inspirational speakers and showcase good practice and good-news stories happening across Australia. Experienced practitioners will run a series of workshops during the conference and all participants will have the opportunity to build on their personal goals, for the conference and more widely, through organised support groups. Leading-edge thinking and experience will be drawn from participants through topic group participation and discussion. There will be opportunities organised for celebrating women and their successes. The conference will follow the Young Indigenous Women's Conference to be held on 6 June and precede the program conclusion for participants of the inaugural 2004-05 Indigenous Women's Leadership Program to be held 10 June. For more information please contact the Conference organiser on 1800 422 568 or 02 6251 0675 or via e-mail on Pamela.neame@consec.com.au