

WHAT'S NEW IN NATIVE TITLE

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1. Case Summaries

[Starkey v State of South Australia \[2014\] FCA 924](#)

1 September 2014, Consent determination, Federal Court of Australia, Adelaide, South Australia.

17 September 2014, Corrigendum (amendment)

Allsop CJ

In this consent determination, the Court recognised the non-exclusive native title rights of the Kokatha People. The determination was made with the consent of the South Australian State, the Commonwealth of Australia and 27 other respondents including the Council of Roxby Downs and BHP Billiton Olympic Dam Corporation.

The determination will be registered after the State, BHP Billiton Olympic Dam Corporation and the Kokatha People's PBC enter into an ILUA (the Kokatha Settlement Indigenous land Use Agreement), under which the Kokatha People surrender native title rights over a number of parcels of land.

The native title rights recognised are limited to personal, domestic or non-commercial communal use.

History of case

This Kokatha native title claim is made up of two native title claims:

1. a Kokatha Uwankara claim filed in 2009; and
2. a Kokatha Uwankara No.2 claim filed in 2012.

The Adnyamathanha People filed a claim in 2012 that overlapped with a portion of the 2009 Kokatha Uwankara claim. The Federal Court relied on [s 67\(2\)](#) of the [Native Title Act 1993 \(Cth\)](#) (NTA) to split the 2009 Kokatha Uwankara claim in two parts:

- Part A - the area not overlapped by the Adnyamathanha claim; and
- Part B - the area overlapped by the Adnyamathanha claim.

On 8 August 2014, Part A of the 2009 Kokatha Uwankara claim was combined with the 2012 Kokatha Uwankara claim.

This matter is the hearing of that combined claim. It does not include Part B of the 2009 claim, which overlaps with the Adnyamathanha native title claim.

Consideration

Allsop CJ noted that:

- the parties had filed a signed copy of agreed orders with the Court, this satisfied [s 66](#) NTA notice requirements;
 - the Registrar had given appropriate notice as required by [s 87A\(3\)](#) NTA and there were no objections; and
 - the requirements in [ss 87\(2\)](#) and [87A](#) NTA were satisfied because the determination was within the Court's power and it was appropriate to make the orders. In this case, it was clear that the parties had independent and competent legal advice, and there was no suggestion that the agreement was not entered in to freely.
- Allsop CJ also noted that the Kokatha are a recognisable group that presently recognises and observes traditional law and customs, for the purpose of satisfying [s 223](#) NTA.

Judgment

The native title is not to be held in trust, and the Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation is to be the Prescribed Body Corporation for the purposes of [s 57\(2\)](#) NTA.

Of note

- Allsop CJ explained that the Kokatha people form part of the wider Western Desert society, which has been recognised by the Federal Court for the purposes of native title. He noted that evidence shows that the Western Desert law allows for other ways to gain rights to the claim area, this includes people born in the claim area, long term occupation, and religious knowledge of the land. His Honour stated that this is still consistent with [s 87](#) and [s 87A](#) NTA, because evidence suggests the Kokatha people continue to hold traditional rights and interests over the claim area.

[Walker v State of South Australia \[2014\] FCA 962](#)

5 September 2014, Strike-Out Application, Overlapping Native title Claims, Federal Court of Australia, Adelaide, South Australia

Mansfield J

In this case, Mansfield J struck out the application brought on behalf of the Ramindjeri People for a determination of native title. The claim was over a large area of land and waters including, Kangaroo Island and a substantial part of the Fleurieu Peninsula. The claim overlapped with significant parts of the Ngarrindjeri native title claim, south of Adelaide, and of the Kurna Peoples' native title claim, over the Adelaide plains.

Mansfield J joined the Ngarrindjeri and the Kurna People as respondents to this matter.

The two issues before the court were:

1. whether the Ramindjeri claim group were a subgroup of the Ngarrindjeri claim group; and
2. whether the applicant (Mr Walker) was properly authorised to bring the claim.

[Section 84C](#) of the [Native Title Act 1993 \(Cth\)](#) (NTA) empowers a party to apply for a strike-out of an application for a determination, if that application does not comply with [ss 61, 61A](#) or [62](#) NTA. Section 61 requires that a determination of native title must be filed by a person authorised by all the persons, who according to their traditional laws hold native title rights. Mansfield J stated at [17] that this power to strike out an application 'should only be exercised where a clear case for summary dismissal has been made out.'

Mansfield J preferred the less difficult test in [s 31A](#) of the [Federal Court of Australia Act 1976](#) (Cth). This provision empowers the Court to give judgment for one party if the Court considers the other party has no reasonable prospect of successfully prosecuting the proceeding.

Mansfield J accepted the existence of the Ramindjeri People or tribe. However, he decided to strike out the Ramindjeri application because he considered there was a lack of evidence to support the very large sea area of the claim and the claim over Kangaroo Island. Also, the authorisation meetings focussed on a much smaller claim area and many descendants of the identified apical ancestors did not attend.

[Section 251B](#) NTA requires that authorisation be undertaken using a process of decision making referable to traditional laws and customs and, only where there is no such process, may other decision-making processes for authorisation be used. [Section 62\(1\)\(a\)\(v\)](#) NTA requires that affidavit evidence of this decision-making process must accompany the application. In finding that Mr Walker was not properly authorised, Mansfield J identified:

- there were no records or minutes of earlier meetings;
- the consultative process was not clear;
- the notice of one of the meetings was not adequate;
- the table of attendees was not reliable; and
- some members of the meeting identified as Ngarrindjeri but of the Ramindjeri tribe or subgroup and wished in that capacity to vote against the proposal.

Of note in this decision

On 4 September 2012, the Ramindjeri filed a Notice of a Constitutional Matter under [s 78B](#) of the [Judiciary Act 1903](#) (Cth) saying that the State had no jurisdiction to seek orders, nor make laws or regulate the activities of the Ramindjeri, because they had never ceded sovereignty to the Crown. Manfield J rejected this claim in July 2013 (see [Walker v State of South Australia \(No 2\) \[2013\] FCA 700](#)).

Please note the following correction to What's New in Native Title - August 2014.

The case of [State of Western Australia v BP \(Deceased\) \[2014\] FCAFC 95](#) is an appeal to the Full Federal Court from the decision by Jagot J in [BP \(Deceased\) v State of Western Australia \[2013\] FCA 760](#) not, as published in the case summary, from the decision by North J in [BP \(Deceased\) on behalf of the Birriliburu People v State of Western Australia \[2014\] FCA 715](#).

2. Legislation

Federal

Review of the Australian Parliament's Website provided the following information and updates:

- On 22 September 2014, the Hon Warran Entch made a private members motion about the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (see House of Representatives Hansard, 22 September 2014). The motion included that the House:
 - affirm the *Native Title Act 1993* as recognising traditional use of marine resources;
 - recognise that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is working with traditional owners for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef;
 - acknowledge the value of the Ranger Program;
 - legislate to prohibit capture and killing in certain zones – including for cultural and ceremonial purposes under the *Native Title Act*;
 - legislate about turtle and dugong so, if they're captured for cultural and ceremonial purposes, they must be consumed in the area in which they're caught; and
 - recognise this initiative would enhance the protection of turtle and dugong in Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait.
- Constitutional powers and the Native Title Act were included during public consultation discussion for Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and can be accessed in Hansard recordings, including in recordings:
 - [On 9 September 2014 beginning at 10:39](#);
 - [On 9 September 2014 beginning at 10:18](#);
 - [10 September 2014, beginning at 10:27](#);
 - [10 September beginning at 9:46](#);

- The **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014** was referred to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 26 June 2014, for inquiry and report.

Submissions were sought by 29 August 2014. The reporting date is **2 September 2014**. On 17 July 2014, the Senate granted an extension of time for reporting until 29 October 2014.

[Further information](#), including submissions, is available.

- **Development of Northern Australia.** The Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia invited interested persons and organisations to make submissions addressing the terms of reference, by 14 March 2014.

The Joint Select Committee tabled their [Final Report](#) on **4 September 2014**. Joint Committee Hansard of 18 August 2014 includes [a transcript of the Committee's hearing](#) of Robert Dalton and Joe Morrison of the Northern Land Council.

Queensland

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land \(Providing Freehold\) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014 \(Qld\)](#)

This Act was passed on 5 September and will commence on 1 January 2015. It allows the option of obtaining ordinary freehold title for the following 34 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities located in either an Aboriginal shire council or an Indigenous regional council:

- Aurukun, Badu, Bamaga, Boigu, Cherbourg, Darnley, Dauan, Doomadgee, Hammond Island, Hope Vale, Injinoo, Kowanyama, Kubin, Lockhart River, Mabuaig, Mapoon, Masig, Mer, Mornington Island, Napranum, New Mapoon, Palm Island, Pormpuraaw, Poruma, Saibai, Seisia, St Pauls, Ugar, Umagico, Warraber, Woorabinda, Wujal Wujal, Yam and Yarrabah.

For more information, click [here](#) to see the Explanatory notes to the Bill or visit [Queensland's Department of Natural Resources and Mines](#) website.

[Queensland Heritage and Other Legislation Amendment Bill](#)

On 9 September, Andrew Powell as the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection introduced this Bill. In this first reading, the Bill was described as better aligning the Heritage Act to its purpose of conserving Queensland's cultural heritage. The Bill emphasises that the Queensland Heritage Register is the chief instrument for the process of identifying and protecting places of heritage value. It also sets out the role of local governments in identifying and establishing appropriate protections for places of local heritage significance.

The Bill was referred to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee.

Victoria

[Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill 2014 – Exposure Draft](#)

When it was written, the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic) included a provision that the Act be reviewed in five years time. This Draft Bill is part of that review process.

The review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act is also related to an inquiry about Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs). It is intended that these will be essential to the efficient operation of cultural heritage management. Click [here](#) or search the Parliament of Victoria's website to see the report from that inquiry.

The draft Bill proposes a range of changes, primarily:

- a Preliminary Aboriginal Heritage Test be introduced so that any activity being proposed can have the certainty of certification as to whether or not a cultural heritage management plan is required;
- that an Activity Advisory Group (AAG) can be established for any project where there is no RAPs. AAG/RAPs will be the point of contact for sponsors of cultural heritage management plans;
- the creation of a legislative mechanism called the Public Land (Aboriginal Heritage) Management Agreement. This will be a tool used for negotiation and agreement between public land managers and RAPs with respect to management of cultural heritage for a range of standard works and maintenance activities;
- a range of new offences and penalties to support compliance with cultural heritage management plans and the establishment of Aboriginal Heritage Officers who can monitor for compliance; and
- a new system for managing Aboriginal ancestral remains.

Further information about the review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act can be found by clicking [here](#) or by visiting Victoria's Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

3. Indigenous Land Use Agreements

The [Native Title Research Unit](#) within AIATSIS maintains an [ILUA summary](#) which provides hyperlinks to information on the [National Native Title Tribunal \(NNTT\)](#) and the [Agreements, Treaties, and Negotiated Settlements \(ATNS\)](#) websites.

In September 2014, 8 ILUAs were registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

Registration date	Name	Tribunal file no.	Type	State or Territory	Subject matter
26/09/2014	Lots 112(A), 113(A) and 114(A) Town of Hart Range	DI2014/001	Area Agreement	NT	Extinguishment, Development
16/09/2014	Warrungu People/ Oak Hills ILUA	QI2014/054	Body Corporate	QLD	Pastoral, Access
16/09/2014	Warrungu People/ Lamonds Lagoon ILUA	QI2914/056	Body Corporate	QLD	Pastoral, Access
16/09/2014	Warrungu People/ Kent (aka Wombino) ILUA	QI2014/057	Body Corporate	QLD	Pastoral, Access
16/09/2014	Warrungu People/ Glendhu (aka New Farm) ILUA	QI2014/058	Body Corporate	QLD	Pastoral, Access
16/09/2014	Warrungu People/ Yourka ILUA	QI2014/059	Body Corporate	QLD	Pastoral, Access
12/09/2014	Kullilli People and Local Government ILUA	QI2014/030	Area Agreement	QLD	Consultations protocol, Communicaiton, Community, Government
12/09/2014	Kullilli People and Ergon Energy ILUA	QI2014/029	Area Agreement	QLD	Infrastructure, Consultation protocol, Energy

For more information about ILUAs, see the [NNTT Website](#) and the [ATNS Database](#).

4. Native Title Determinations

The [Native Title Research Unit](#) within AIATSIS maintains a [determinations summary](#) which provides hyperlinks to determination information on the Austlii, [NNTT](#) and [ATNS](#) websites.

In September 2014, 1 native title determination was handed down.

Short Name (NNTT)	Case Name	Date (NNTT)	State	Outcome	Legal Process	Type	RNTBC /PBC
Kokatha People (Part A)	Starkey on behalf of the Kokatha People v State of South Australia	01/09/2014	SA	Native Title exists in parts of the determination area	Consent determination	Claimant	Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation

5. Future Acts Determinations

In September 2014, 7 Future Acts Determinations were handed down.

Determination date	Parties	Tribunal File No	State or Territory	Decision/Determination
25/09/2014	Buurabalayji Thalanyji Aboriginal Corporation (WCD2008/003) (native title party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government party) -and- GTI Resources Ltd (grantee party)	WO2013/1063	WA	Objection - Dismissed
24/09/2014	Mungarlu Ngurrarankatja Rirraunkaja (native title party) (Aboriginal Corporation) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - FMG Resources Pty Ltd (grantee party)	WO2014/0223	WA	Objection - Dismissed
18/09/2014	Amy Lester and Others on behalf of the Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People (QC2013/004) (native title party) - and - Civil & Mining Resources Pty Ltd (grantee party) - and - The State of Queensland (Government party)	QO2014/0046, QO2014/0047, QO2014/0061	QLD	Objection - Dismissed
18/09/2014	Amy Lester and Others on behalf of the Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People (QC2013/004) (native title party) - and - Orion Gold NL (grantee party) - and - The State of Queensland (Government party)	QO2014/0028	QLD	Objection - Dismissed
08/09/2014	Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (Jamukurnu Yapalinkunu) RNTBC (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - MDR (Thomsons) Pty Ltd (grantee party)	WO2012/0799	WA	Objection – Expedited Procedure Applies
04/09/2014	Leedham Papertalk and Others on behalf of Mullewa Wadjari (WC1996/093) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Boadicea Resources Ltd (grantee party)	WO2014/0120	WA	Objection – Expedited Procedure Applies
02/09/2014	Gooniyandi Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate (WCD2013/003) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - AC Minerals Pty Ltd (grantee party)	WO2013/0385	WA	Objection – Expedited Procedure Does Not Apply

6. Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate & Prescribed Bodies Corporate

The [Native Title Research Unit](#) within AIATSIS maintains a [RNTBC summary document](#) which provides details about RNTBCs and PBCs in each state/territory including the RNTBC name, RNTBC type (agent or trustee) and relevant native title determination information.

Information on RNTBCs and PBCs including training and support, news and events, research and publications and external links can be found at [nativetitle.org](#). For a detailed summary of individual RNTBCs and PBCs see [PBC Profiles](#).

Additional information about RNTBCs and PBCs can be accessed through hyperlinks to corporation information on the [Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations \(ORIC\) website](#); case law on the [Austlii website](#); and native title determination information on the [NNTT](#) and [ATNS](#) websites.

7. Native Title in the News

The [Native Title Research Unit](#) within AIATSIS publishes [Native Title in the News](#) which contains summaries of newspaper articles and media releases relevant to the native title sector.

8. Related Publications

Central Land Council

Proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Consultation Information – September 2014

An information booklet for the CLC consultations on the Proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility

For further information, visit the [CLC website](#)

Council News – September 2014

Information from the council meeting on 17 September 2014.

For further information, visit the [CLC website](#)

Media Releases, News Broadcasts and Podcasts

Central Land Council

Kings Canyon traditional owners reject mining in Watarrka National Park – 25 September 2014

The joint management committee for Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park have asked the NT government to not allow oil and gas exploration in one of Australia's top tourist attractions.

For further information, visit the [CLC website](#)

CLC Under New Leadership – 17 September 2014

Mr Francis Kelly, was today elected the new Central Land Council's chair after over a year as deputy chair. Mr Sammy Butcher is now the new deputy chair. Mr Kelly, a film maker from Yuendumu who has been a CLC delegate for the past 12 years, said his election clears the way for the CLC to once again focus on the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal people in Central Australia.

For further information, visit the [CLC website](#)

Traditional owners criticise nuclear dump process – 12 September 2014

Sixty traditional owners from the Tanami Desert and neighbouring land owners have expressed their frustration with the federal government's nomination process for a proposed radioactive waste management facility. They are also frustrated with the lack of information provided from the government.

For further information, visit the [CLC website](#)

Federal Minister for the Environment and Queensland Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

War declared on feral pigs under turtle program – 7 September 2014

The Australian and Queensland Governments have announced dates for grant applications and a framework for new efforts in the fight to protect marine turtles from feral pigs.

For further information, visit the [Department of Environment website](#)

Torres Strait Regional Authority

Torres Strait Regional Authority common funding applications due in October – September 2014

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is calling for applications from Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal organisations and individuals within the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area for grants for activities between 1 January and 31 July 2015. Applications for the second TSRA Common Funding Round close on 7 October 2014.

For further information, visit the [TSRA website](#)

TSRA resolve to RECOGNISE – September 2014

The Torres Strait Regional Authority has met with RECOGNISE, the organisation behind the push for recognition of Indigenous Peoples in the Australian Constitution at its board meeting last week. TSRA Chairman Joseph Elu said it was important to acknowledge the history, culture and languages of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal peoples in Australia's founding document.

For further information, visit the [TSRA website](#)

TSRA and TSC officially open stage two of the Horn Island Airport upgrade – 9 September 2014

Stage two of the Horn Island Airport Upgrade was officially opened today by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and Torres Shire Council (TSC). Horn Island Airport has undergone a range of works to upgrade its runways and facilities to meet mainland standards.

For further information, visit the [TSRA website](#)

TSRA honour past and present chairpersons at 20th anniversary celebrations – 16 September 2014

At the 20th Anniversary Dinner at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre last week, the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has honoured Chairpersons past and present. Awards recognising their service to the organisation were presented to Mr Getano Lui Jnr., the first Chairperson of the TSRA from 1994 to 1996, Mr John Abednego who was the second Chair between 1996 and 1999, and Mr Joseph Elu, the current Chair from 2012.

For further information, visit the [TSRA website](#)

Dog control program on Mer Island to help nesting sea turtles – 22 September 2014

To reduce green sea turtle predation by dogs on Mer (Murray) Island, a partnership was formed between the TSRA Land and Sea Management Unit, Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), Mer Gedkem Le (TSI) Corporation RNTBC and MyPathways.

For further information, visit the [TSRA website](#)

Biannual Australian Marine Turtle Symposium to build future partnerships – 22 September 2014

Ronald Fujii and Tristan Simpson from the Torres Strait Regional Authority's (TSRA) Land and Sea Management Unit attended the Biannual Australian Marine Turtle Symposium which is run by the Department of Parks and Wildlife Western Australia. The Symposium saw scientists, industry, government, community and Indigenous groups from across Australia sharing their knowledge and understanding about marine turtles and build future partnerships.

For further information, visit the [TSRA website](#)

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Proposed AHA changes exclude Traditional Owners - 23 September 2014

On Friday, 26 September, the YMAC Pilbara Regional Committee hosted an on Country meeting to allow Traditional Owners the opportunity to add their voice to the discussions surrounding the proposed changes to the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

For further information, visit the [YMAC website](#)

9. Training and Professional Development Opportunities

AIATSIS

The 2015 Stanner Award is now open. Applications close on 30 January 2015. The award, provided by AIATSIS, is for the best academic writing by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander writer. The winner will be given a glass statuette, \$5000, up to 50 hours editorial and mentoring support – and publication by Aboriginal Studies Press. This year any theses which are hosted on a university repository will be eligible.

For further information, visit the [AIATSIS website](#)

The Aurora Project

[See the Aurora Project: 2014 Program Calendar](#) for information on training and personal development for staff of native title representative bodies, native title service providers, RNTBCs and PBCs.

Mirima Dawang Woollab-gerring

Special Intership

In addition to the regular internship program involving stays of around 10 weeks, the Mirima Dawang Woollab-gerring Language and Culture Centre are currently looking for a linguist volunteer to assist them with a special task over a longer period of time. The successful candidate would spend up to 12 months at MDWg to help the centre enhance existing skills and greater independence in their Indigenous language workers. Your responsibility would include working with the staff to prepare Miriwoong language resources such as printed and digital resources, assist with the curriculum development for Miriwoong, support the preparation of school classes and help organise the production of radio programs. All tasks will be in teamwork with the Miriwoong language workers and other interns as well as in collaboration with the senior linguist. There will also be the opportunity to engage in other activities such as language documentation and language revitalisation.

For further information please contact Knut J. Olawsky, Senior Linguist/ Manager at info@mirima.org.au

ORIC

ORIC provides a range of training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations about the [Corporations \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander\) Act 2006 \(CATSI Act\)](#), the corporation's rule book and other aspects of good corporate governance.

For further information on training courses visit the [ORIC website](#).

The Queen's Young Leaders

The Queen's Young Leaders Programme will recognise and support thousands of young people, including around 240 Award winners, who are striving to reach their potential and transform their own lives, and the lives of those around them. This programme provides opportunities for young leaders to develop new skills and international networks, as well as celebrating those who already demonstrate excellent leadership qualities.

For further information, visit the [Queen's Young Leaders website](#)

10. Events

Why Warriors

Working with Yolngu Seminar

The 2 day seminar is designed to give participants a solid understanding of what is culture and its effects on all who move into a cross cultural setting. The seminar also delivers skills on how to survive, operate and communicate more effectively in this strange new environment.

Date: 21-22 October 2014

Location: Uniting Church function room, Nhulunbuy.

Further information can be found on their [website](#)

Australian Network of Student Anthropologists (ANSA)

AAS/ANSA Postgraduate Travel Grants

The Australian Network of Student Anthropologists (ANSA), in conjunction with the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS), offers a number of travel grants for current and recent postgraduate by research students, to assist them with meeting costs incurred in travelling to the annual AAS conference. In 2014, the conference will be held jointly with the Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa / New Zealand (ASAA/NZ).

Date: 10-13 November 2014

Location: Millenium & Cophthorne Hotels, Queenstown, New Zealand

Further information can be found on the conference [website](#)

Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations Conference (IBECC)

The 3rd Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations Conference (IBECC14) will be hosted by the UWA Centre for Social Impact. The conference will cover topics such as Indigenous business, strong foundations, amplifying futures, sustaining country and culture, driving change, speaking up and a common agenda.

Date: 1-2 December 2014

Location: UWA Business School

Further information can be found on the [UWA website](#)

ACRAWSA Conference 2014

ACRAWSA is calling for scholars working on any aspect of critical race or whiteness studies to submit papers for our annual conference. This year's conference has an open theme, and we encourage scholars working in relevant areas to attend and reflect upon the field. This conference aims to reinstate the importance of the study of race

Date: 4-5 December 2014

Location: Brisbane

Further information can be found on the ACRAWSA [website](#).

World Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference

The world Indigenous Domestic Violence conference will be held in Cairns in early December. Registration is filling quickly and conference organisers has recommended interested delegates should register as soon as possible for the conference.

Date: 8-10 December 2014

Location: Pullman Cairns International Hotel

Further information can be found on the Indigenous Conferences [website](#).

World Indigenous Health Conference

There are more than 50 speakers confirmed to attend the World Indigenous Health Conference. Registration is filling quickly and conference organisers has recommended interested delegates should register as soon as possible for the conference.

Date: 15-17 December 2014

Location: Pullman Cairns International Hotel

Further information can be found on the Indigenous Conferences [website](#).



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