

## July 2005

### **The Ngarla people of Port Hedland currently have their native title claim in notification**

The claim titled Ngarla 2 supersedes their previous application and is around 525 sq km larger. The claim is located approximately 14 km east of Port Hedland and covers parts of the De Grey, Strelley and Pippingarra pastoral leases. It also extends over the coast close to Little Turtle Island in the north. Any person or organisation with an interest in the claim area has until 09 November 2005 to respond in writing to the Federal Court.

*NNTT Media Release. 27-Jul-05. Ngarla #2: WC05/2 & WAD77/05.*

### **The Pilki people from the Central Desert of Western Australia currently have their claim in notification**

The application covers about 24,400 sq km of land in the Great Victoria Desert and is located about 210 km south of Warburton and 320 km east of Leonora. Local government shires include Laverton and Menzies. Any person or organisation with an interest in the claim area has until 09 November 2005 to respond in writing to the Federal Court.

*NNTT Media Release. 27-Jul-05. Pilki People: WC02/3 & WAD6002/02.*

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*Daily Advertiser, 26-Jul-05. pg 6. QI2003/052 Coolgaree Bay Sea Sponge ILUA.*

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*Manning River Times, pg 7. 08-Jul-05. Kattang/Saltwater People ILUA: NI2002/001.*

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*Townsville Bulletin*, 07-Jul-05 pg 38.  
Gurambilbarra People: QC05/9 &  
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