



# WHAT'S NEW IN NATIVE TITLE

## APRIL 2014

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### 1. Case Summaries

There were no reported consent determinations in April.

*What's New* instead provides a summary of a decision made in February, in relation to ss 47A and 47B of the Native Title Act that may be of interest to some readers. This decision has since been discussed in the media. For further information, please see [Media Release](#).

#### [Adnyamathanha People No 3 Native Title Claim v State of South Australia \[2014\] FCA 101](#)

**19 February 2014, Federal Court of Australia, Adelaide.**

#### **Mansfield J**

This matter concerns a substantial area of land to the north of Hawker in South Australia, which is also part of a larger native title claim by the Adnyamathanha people. In this case, the Adnyamathanha People's native title was restored over several parcels of land, by application by the court of ss [47A](#) and [47B](#) of the [Native Title Act \(1993\) Cth](#) (the NTA).

Between 1890 to 1958, South Australia granted perpetual leases over land, under the Crown Land Legislation of South Australia. These acts by the South Australian government extinguished native title.

The perpetual leases for the parcels in question were acquired in February 2000 by the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC), a corporation established under the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005](#) (ATSI Act) to acquire and manage land for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

On 9 March 2001 and on 17 June 2002, the ILC transferred 25 parcels of perpetual lease land to Viliwarinha Yura Aboriginal Corporation (VYAC), a registered Aboriginal Corporation.

The following terms were included in the agreement of transfer:

- a) the ILC retained certain rights over the land, including the right to be provided notice and have permission sought, should VYAC seek to transfer or create other interests in the land; and
- b) that a Surrender of Crown Lease of Land Grant be signed, to allow 9 of the parcels to be converted to freehold land by the State.

In February 2009, the 9 parcels of land were converted to freehold, owned by the VYAC. The ILC continued to retain certain rights over that land.

The Adnyamathanha People applied for extinguishment of native title to be disregarded over the 16 parcels of perpetual lease land and the 9 parcels of freehold land under s47A NTA.

The application also asked that a further 16 parcels of un-allotted crown land be restored under s 47B NTA.

***Section 47A (1)(b)(i) NTA** provides that extinguishment of native title can be disregarded if the transfer of an interest in land, that is held as freehold or leasehold, is done under legislation that provides the transfer was for the benefit of Aboriginal People or Torres Strait Islanders or, if the area is held expressly for the benefit of Aboriginal People or Torres Strait Islanders.*

***Section 47A(1)(b)(ii) NTA** provides for extinguishment to be disregarded if an area is held expressly for the benefit of Aboriginal peoples or Torres Strait Islanders.*

***Section 47B NTA** applies where vacant Crown land, not covered by a freehold estate or a lease is to be held only to promote and benefit Aboriginal People or Torres Strait Islanders and can be applied even where the legislation under which the land is transferred does not meet the test set out in s 47A NTA.*

Therefore, the issues in this case were:

1. Whether s47A NTA applied so that the 16 perpetual leases (identified as items 1-16) are extinguished and native title is restored?

2. Whether s47A NTA applied so that the 9 freehold land grants (identified as items 17-25) acquired by the VYAC from the ILC are extinguished and native title is restored?
3. Whether s47B NTA applied to the 16 parcels of un-allotted crown land (26-42) so that native title is restored?

**Issue 1:** Mansfield J held that the 16 parcels with perpetual leases were transferred by the ILC to VYAC under the ATSI Act and, since the ATSI Act was set up for such a transfer to be “for the benefit of Aboriginal People or Torres Strait Islanders”, and the ILC was exercising its functions under the Act, s 47A (b)(1)(i) NTA applied. Mansfield J therefore stated that the requirements of s 47A NTA were met and prior extinguishment could be disregarded.

**Issue 2:** In order to convert the leasehold to freehold, VYAC had surrendered the leasehold interest it had acquired from ILC that had fallen under the ATSI Act. As a result, Mansfield J found that the ATSI Act did not apply to the freehold parcels. Therefore s 47A (1) (b) (i) was found not to apply.

However, Mansfield J found that s 47A (1) (b) (ii) **did** apply to the freehold parcels so as to enliven native title.

He argued that the freehold land was transferred to the ILC on the condition VYAC may not dispose its legal or equitable interest without the ILC’s prior consent. According to Mansfield J, VYAC is obliged by its agreement with ILC to use the freehold land for the purpose of benefiting Aboriginal People. Mansfield J referred to the status of VYAC as an Aboriginal Corporation and the conditions in the transfer from ILC to VYAC that membership of the corporation is restricted to traditional owners. These elements fulfilled the requirements of s 47A (1) (b) (ii).

**Issue 3:** The parties agreed that native title is restored on the land as a result of the application of s47B NTA. Therefore prior extinguishment was disregarded.

Of interest, in paragraph 112, J Mansfield notes that the general purpose of s47A and s47B is to enable Aboriginal people in occupation of an area where there are no longer competing third party interests to have the Court disregard the earlier tenure history of the area in determining whether native title rights and interests exist.

## 2. Legislation

No legislation to report for this edition.

## 3. Indigenous Land Use Agreements

In April 2014, 9 ILUAs were registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

Registration date	Name	Tribunal file no.	Type	State or Territory	Subject matter
24/04/2014	<a href="#">Gudjala People and Ergon Energy ILUA</a>	QJ2013/082	Area Agreement	QLD	Infrastructure

Registration date	Name	Tribunal file no.	Type	State or Territory	Subject matter
24/04/2014	<a href="#">Ewamian People Small Scale Miners ILUA</a>	QI2013/087	Area Agreement	QLD	Mining
24/04/2014	<a href="#">APLNG and Area E Native Title Group ILUA</a>	QI2013/083	Area Agreement	QLD	Petroleum/Gas Pipeline
23/04/2014	<a href="#">Western Yalanji Small Scale Miners ILUA</a>	QI2013/080	Area agreement	QLD	Mining
23/04/2014	<a href="#">Mamu Protected Areas ILUA</a>	QI2013/084	Area agreement	QLD	Co-management Terms of Access
23/04/2014	<a href="#">Mamu People Land Exchange ILUA</a>	QI2013/085	Area agreement	QLD	Government Tenure resolution
22/04/2014	<a href="#">Western Yalanji People and Tablelands Regional Council ILUA</a>	QI2014/003	Body corporate agreement	QLD	Access Development Government Terms of Access
22/04/2014	<a href="#">Far West Coast Native Title Settlement ILUA</a>	SI2014/003	Body corporate agreement	SA	Consultation protocol Development Native Title Settlement
22/04/2014	<a href="#">Far West Coast Parks ILUA</a>	SI2014/004	Body corporate agreement	SA	Access Co-management

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

#### 4. Native Title Determinations

In April 2014, 0 native title determinations were handed down.

For more information about Native Title Determinations, see the [NNTT](#) website, and the [austlii](#) and [ATNS](#) databases.

## 5. Future Acts Determinations

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

Determination date	Parties	NNTTA number	State or Territory	Decision/Determination
24/04/2014	Raymond Ashwin & Ors on behalf of Wutha (WC1999/010) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Redport Exploration Pty Ltd (grantee party)	NNTTA 40	WA	Future Act - Dismissed
24/04/2014	Native title parties as listed in the attached schedule (native title parties) - and - State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Grantee parties as listed in the attached schedule (grantee parties)	NNTTA 41	WA	Objection - Dismissed
23/04/2014	Raymond William Ashwin, June Rose Ashwin, Geoffrey Alfred Ashwin and Ralph Edward Ashwin on behalf of the Wutha People (WC1999/010) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Regis Resources Limited (grantee party)	NNTTA 39	WA	Objection - Expedited Procedure Applies
22/04/2014	Raymond William Ashwin, June Rose Ashwin, Geoffrey Alfred Ashwin and Ralph Edward Ashwin on behalf of the Wutha People (WC1999/010) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Kalorra Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd (grantee party)	NNTTA 38	WA	Objection - Expedited Procedure Applies
15/04/2014	Kevin Cosmos, Robert Boona and Valerie Holborrow on behalf of the Yaburara & Mardudhunera Native Title Claim Group (WC1996/089) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Baracus Pty Ltd (grantee party)	NNTTA 36	WA	Objection - Expedited Procedure Applies
15/04/2014	WF (deceased) and others on behalf of the Wiluna Native Title Claimants (WC1999/024) (native title party) - and - Formula Resources Pty Ltd (grantee party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party)	NNTTA 37	WA	Objection - Expedited Procedure Does Not Apply
03/04/2014	Raymond William Ashwin, June Rose Ashwin, Geoffrey Alfred Ashwin and Ralph Edward Ashwin on behalf of the Wutha People (WC1999/010) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd (grantee party)	NNTTA 35	WA	Objection - Expedited Procedure Applies

For more information about Future Acts Determinations, see the [NNTT](#) website.

## 6. Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate & Prescribed Bodies Corporate

Information on RNTBCs and PBCs including training and support, news and events, research and publications and external links can be found at [nativetitle.org](http://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 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

### **Books, Journals and Reports**

#### **The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development**

‘On Improving Tribal-Corporate Relations in the Mining Sector: A White Paper on Strategies for Both Sides of the Table.’

Mining everywhere is inherently controversial. By its very nature, it poses hard economic, environmental, and social tradeoffs. Depending on the nature of the resource and its location, to greater or lesser degrees, the mining process necessarily disturbs environments, alters landscapes, and changes communities. On the other hand, the products that mining can yield, from aluminium to zinc, are valuable because they are useful in meeting peoples’ material needs. It goes without saying that the result of these tradeoffs is often strident conflict in the public and political arenas.

Mining that affects indigenous communities—because they own or govern targeted minerals or because they are culturally, economically and/or environmentally affected by the development of targeted minerals—is especially controversial. Indigenous people have borne a long history of exploitation of their resources without their consent and to their detriment. But times are changing. At least in the Lower 48 United States, tribes increasingly have the legal and institutional capacity to assert rights of local self-government that can make or break a mining project. It is fair to say that, in today’s environment, the tribe that wants to block minerals development on at least its own reservation, if not across its entire traditional territories, most likely can. By the same token, the tribe that wants to develop its mineral resources is hard to stop.

The guiding presumptions of this study are that: (i) as federally-recognized sovereigns within the United States’ federalist system of layered national and local government, the U.S. American Indian tribes have the right and the obligation to their citizens to determine whether they will undertake development of the minerals they govern and, if so, with whom; and (ii) tribes and the mining companies that are generally needed to undertake large projects each have the concomitant right to choose whether, when and where they will engage with each other. It follows that it is in tribes’ and mining companies’ interests to each be equipped with the information, tools and strategies they need to make informed decisions as to (i) whether they should work with each other and (ii), if so, how to strike and structure the long-lived relationships that mining entails so as to sustain those relationships because they yield net benefits to each party. This study is intended to add to the information, tools and strategies that serve these ends.

Available for download at [The Harvard Project](#).

## **Media Releases**

### **Northern Land Council**

#### **Water Allocation Concerns – 7 April 2014**

NORTHERN Land Council Chief Executive Joe Morrison has described recent NT Government water allocation decisions in the Mataranka region as deeply concerning in terms of sustainability, Indigenous development and good public policy. Mr Morrison said the NLC was concerned that previous Land Council worries about over-allocation, inequitable distribution and the creation of water monopolies were being realised. The concerns relate to NT Government allocations of 9,700 megalitres, out of 12,000 available, to just two agricultural projects in the Mataranka region.

See [Media Release](#) for details.

### **Torres Strait Regional Authority**

#### **Positive outlook for Torres Strait Fisheries – 9 April 2014**

The Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) met today on Thursday Island to discuss management of fisheries resources in the Torres Strait region. Chair of the PZJA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Senator Richard Colbeck, said the opportunity to engage with local fishers and other stakeholders was invaluable. “The PZJA is an important forum for recognising the potential of the region’s fisheries resources and how they contribute to employment and economic development,” he said.

See [Media Release](#) for details.

### **Torres Strait Regional Authority**

#### **Badu Island Hosts Minister for Indigenous Affairs – 8 April 2014**

The Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion, paid a visit to the Torres Strait’s second largest community on Badu Island on Monday. The trip included a Welcome to Country by Noel Sagigi, attendance at a combined meeting with the TSRA, Council, Mura Badulgal, Badu Island Foundation and representative of the Badu Interagency Committee. The Minister also toured the crayfish factory, the Badhulgaw Kuthinaw Mudh Badu Arts Centre, and the Badu Island Ranger Station.

See [Media Release](#) for details.

### **Torres Strait Regional Authority**

#### **Surveys show good outcomes for the future of green turtles in the Torres Strait – 10 April 2014**

Recent surveys in the Torres Strait confirm that Maizub Kaur (Bramble Cay) is successfully producing many green turtle hatchlings for future generations despite their endangered status. The surveys were conducted by Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Rangers in partnership with the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection – Threatened Species Branch biodiversity survey team from James Cook University (JCU).

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **North Queensland Land Council**

## **Gudjala Determination – 23 April 2014**

Native title over 20,000 square kilometres of land near Charters Towers, inland from Townsville, was officially handed to the Gudjala people last week. Native title will allow the Gudjala people to enter into formal negotiations with landowners over future land use. It also gives them greater access to the land to hunt, fish, camp and carry out ceremonies and will mean they have more say over how the land is protected.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

## **North Queensland Land Council**

MOU signing marks new era for Land Councils – 28 April 2014

An historic Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Cape York Land Council and the North Queensland Land Council to take them into a new era of co-operation and teamwork. The NQLC has signed similar MOUs with almost every NRTB and NTSP in Queensland.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

## **Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation**

Native Title agreement for Pilbara iron ore project – 15 April 2014

Negotiations took approximately six months for an agreement between the Kurama and Marthudunera people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia and Iron Ore miners Red Hill Iron Ltd. The agreement covers RHI's Pannawonica project, about 120 km south of Cape Preston.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

## **ABC Online Indigenous**

[Language and culture program launch](#) – 30 April 2014

The NSW State Government has committed \$4.5 million dollars to launch a program to fund five language nests throughout New South Wales to ensure younger people learn traditional languages. The New South Wales Minister for Aboriginal Affairs visited Wilcannia to launch the program to help preserve and celebrate the Baarkindji language and culture.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

## **ABC Online Indigenous**

[Palm Island opens doors to tourists](#) – 16 April 2014

More than 150 tourists have visited Palm Island on its first 'Open Day'. The Open Day was part of a campaign run by Townsville Enterprises who hope to create more tourist ventures on the island in the future.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

## **ABC Online Indigenous**

[NT traditional owners divided on national parks development plans](#) – 9 April 2014

The Federal Government is seeking commercial opportunities and economic expansion at some of Australia's national parks. Uluru and Kakadu National parks are two of the national parks to be considered for commercial ventures. Bob Randall, a traditional owner of Uluru rejects the need for change and has called for the Government to leave Uluru alone.



See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **ABC Online Indigenous**

#### **[Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation chief steps down in mining royalty rift](#) – 8 April 2014**

WA mining royalties deal worth millions of dollars has seen the CEO of the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation stand down to help resolve the dispute with another Indigenous organisation. The Wiru-murra native title group broke away from Yindjibarndi in 2011 to begin separate negotiations with Fortescue Metals Group over royalties from the multi-billion-dollar Solomon Hub iron ore project near Tom Price.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

#### **[Dunghutti Aboriginals Recognized By Native Title Act On This Day In 1997](#) – 7 April 2014**

The Atlanta Daily has reported that the Dunghutti Aboriginal People were the first Aboriginal group in Australia to lay claim to lands on this day in 1997. There are eight tribal groups that reside in the Macleay Valley region.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion**

#### **Funding for Koonibba housing jobs project – 7 April 2014**

The Australian Government is supporting social and economic projects that benefit remote Indigenous communities through the creation of jobs and employment-related participation activity, with Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation receiving \$200,000 for a housing restoration project that will provide jobs and training.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion**

#### **\$300,000 to assist jobs programme in Torres Strait**

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion, has today announced a \$300,000 grant from the Australian Government's Community Development Fund for more projects that lead to the creation of jobs in Torres Strait Island communities. The Community Development Fund provides funding to organisations to deliver projects that support social and economic development and participation in remote communities.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **Premier of Victoria, Denis Napthine**

#### **Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll opens in Bendigo – 23 April 2014**

The Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll statewide road show which recognises the exceptional achievements of Aboriginal Victorians past and present, opened at Bendigo Library today.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **Premier of Victoria, Denis Napthine**

#### **Victoria continues to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people – 2 April 2014**

The Victorian Government Aboriginal Affairs Report 2013, tabled in Parliament today, confirms significant progress has been made toward closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in 2013.

See [Media Release](#) for more details.

### **News Broadcasts and Podcasts**

#### **The World Today - ABC**

Digital lifeline for Aboriginal languages facing extinction - Tuesday 22 April, 2014

At the time of European colonisation there were more than 200 Indigenous languages across Australia, but there are far fewer now.

Available at [The World Today](#).

#### **World News Radio - SBS**

The latest Native Title Tribunal member, James McNamara, speaks about his appointment.

Mr McNamara says moves in recent years towards Indigenous Land Use Agreements have helped parties involved in the process.

Available at [World News Radio](#).

## ***9. Training and Professional Development Opportunities***

### **Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research**

*CAEPR Seminars 2014*

The Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) is a unique national and international centre, a leading research think-tank on Indigenous policy issues, and operates in a complex political arena. CAEPR presents weekly seminars on various topics of relevance to Indigenous Australians and those involved in areas of native title. To register and attend a seminar, contact Centre Administrator on (02) 6125 0587 or email: [admin.caepr@anu.edu.au](mailto:admin.caepr@anu.edu.au).

Further information regarding the seminar topics can be found on the [CAEPR website](#).

### **University of Western Australia**

The Berndt Museum at The University of Western Australia is looking for a senior Collections Manager with a view to refining overall management of the Collection, including enhanced access protocols and the establishment of a sound database. This is a 2 year position.

Further information can be found at the [University of Western Australia](#) website.

### **University of Melbourne**

Seminar Series

An up to date list of our Contemporary Cultures and Societies Seminar Series speakers is now online. Please visit our website for more information at the [University of Melbourne](#). The series is held fortnightly from 5.45 – 7.00 pm, John Medley Linkway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

## **The Lowitja Institute**

### Scholarships

Applications are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who will commence their coursework or research by 31 March 2015. To be eligible for Masters or Doctoral research support, you must be enrolled or about to enrol with a university that is a partner of the Lowitja Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health CRC.

The scholarships will support:

- post-secondary Certificate in health research coursework; and
- Masters and Doctoral support in the field of health research.

The closing date is **30 May 2014**. No late applications will be accepted.

For further information please contact the [Lowitja Institute](#).

## **Aurora Project**

### Structuring Entities to Achieve Group Aspirations

For staff designing native title corporations

This program will explore corporate structures which are supportive of native title groups' cultural, social and economic aspirations, and take into account their current context and legal obligations. This highly practical program will include examination of case studies, and draw on expert knowledge from within and outside NTRBs. Program presenters will be advised in the first half of May.

The program is open to all staff at NTRBs working with native title groups in designing their corporate structures and follows the Native Title Conference in Coffs Harbour. Please follow this [link](#) for further information.

**Date:** 5-6 June 2014

**Time:** 9am-5pm

**Venue:** Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort

## **Executive Education Bursaries for Indigenous women**

The Roberta Sykes Foundation is partnering *with* Chief Executive Women to offer two bursaries for Indigenous women to undertake short executive programs run by leading business school, INSEAD, at their Singapore campus in October and December 2014. The two programs will be held in October and December.

For further information please visit [Chief Executive Women](#) website.

## **New Zealand (ASAANZ) and the Australian (AAS) Anthropological Societies**

The ASAANZ/AAS joint conference will be held in Queenstown, from the 10-13 November 2014 and submissions are invited from people interested in organizing separate sessions which are in alignment with conference paper proposals. The theme for the conference is Cosmopolitan Anthropologies.

For further information please visit [ASAANZ/AAS](#).

## **Alliance 21**

### Essay Competition

Alliance 21 has launched an essay competition for students in Australia to win conference tickets and have their essay published. The conference is entitled *Australia-US: The Alliance in an Emerging Asia* and will be held in Canberra. The competition is open to students enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree program at an Australian university. The competition closes 9.00 a.m. on 4 June 2014.

For further information, please visit the [Alliance 21](#) website.

## **10. Events**

### **National Sorry Day**

#### Sorry – Still Living on Borrowed Time

National Sorry Day is an annual commemoration that aims to achieve greater healing for the Stolen Generation. National Sorry Day is scheduled for **26 May 2014**, and events are held across the Country. Information about the events taking place in each State and Territory can be found on the [National Sorry Day Committee](#) website.

**Date:** 26 May 2014

**Time:** Various

**Location:** National

### **National Reconciliation Week**

#### Let's Walk the Talk

Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians. It's the ideal time for people to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how to turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Events are taking place across the country during the week, and details can be found on the [National Reconciliation Week](#) website.

**Date:** Tuesday 27 May 2014 – Tuesday 3 June 2014

**Time:** Various

**Location:** National

### **National Native Title Conference 2014**

#### *Living with Native Title: From the Bush to the Sea*

The National Native Title Conference is an annual event and this year, the conference will be held in Coffs Harbour, New South Wales. The event will be co-hosted by AIATSIS and NTSCORP Ltd on the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people at Coffs Harbour. In addition to the conference, AIATSIS is hosting a 'National PBC Meeting' to give PBCs the opportunity to network and discuss issues at a national level, and offer opportunities for PBCs to

discuss PBC business in a closed session. More information about the conference program and registration details can be found [here](#).

**Date:** 2 – 4 June 2014

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. daily

**Location:** Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour, Queensland

### **NAIDOC Celebrations**

Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year the theme is *Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond*. The theme was selected by the National NAIDOC Committee to honour all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of our country. The NAIDOC Committee are now seeking entries from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to reflect this year's theme. The successful artist will win a \$5000 cash prize and will feature on the 2014 National NAIDOC poster which is displayed across Australia in workplaces, schools and community organisations.

For information on NAIDOC events, please visit the [NAIDOC](#) website.

### **The Canberra and District NAIDOC Committee**

ACT NAIDOC Ball 2014

Get together with your friends, and workmates and style up and be part of the award presentation of ACT NAIDOC Awards for 2014 including Person, Youth and Elder of the Year, plus the naming of our Mr & Miss NAIDOC - Youth Ambassadors for 2014. Price includes a two course meal, entertainment and lucky door prizes. No Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Date:** Saturday 5 July 2014

**Time:** 6.30 p.m.

**Location:** QT Ballroom, QT Canberra (formerly Lakeside), 1 London Circuit, Canberra City, ACT 2601

### **2014 Canberra & District NAIDOC Awards**

The CANBERRA AND DISTRICT NAIDOC CORPORATION invites you to nominate members of our community for the 2014 Canberra & District NAIDOC Awards. Do you know someone in our community who deserves to be recognised for their achievements and contribution to our people? Then simply complete this nomination form for the NAIDOC Awards 2014. The winners of individual or group NAIDOC Awards will be announced at the Canberra and District NAIDOC Awards Ball on Saturday 5 July 2014.

Please include as much information and detail as possible. The awards are judged on the information provided. If applicable, you may wish to include detailed information of the reason for the nomination, the nominee's achievements prior to the 2014 nomination, the nominee's involvement and achievements in the community and how this impacts and benefits people of the local community and the wider community as well.

## **The Canberra and District NAIDOC Committee is seeking nominations for the ACT Mr & Miss NAIDOC.**

Mr & Miss NAIDOC will act as NAIDOC Youth Ambassadors and will represent the committee at various events throughout NAIDOC Week 2014. They may also be called on to represent the committee / community at other events during the year. Applications are now being sought from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (A&TSI) men and women aged 16 – 25 (as at 1 June 2014) who are outstanding and exceptional young A&TSI Australians. Applicants must also reside in the Canberra and District catchment which includes the ACT, Queanbeyan and Yass. As well as representing the committee the winners will be awarded a \$500 bursary to support their educational, sporting or community activities.

## **National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network (NIRAKN)**

**NIRAKN** is proud to present the annual Network Members Meeting and Workshop for 2014. This event is open for registration to NIRAKN members and Indigenous Post-Graduate students currently enrolled at an Australian University. Conference registration includes sponsorship of return airfares from your nearest capital city, accommodation and breakfast daily and a conference day delegate package.

**Date:** 14 - 18 July 2014

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. daily

**Location:** The Hilton Hotel, Surfers Paradise, Queensland

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

## **National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network (NIRAKN)**

Applications are open for the Scopus Young Researcher of the Year Award 2014

## **Liquid Learning**

Liquid Learning is delighted to present the Indigenous Women's Leadership Summit 2014, an uplifting and inspirational leadership development opportunity designed for emerging and established leaders across all sectors.

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

**Date:** 19 – 20 August 2014 & 26 -27 August 2014

**Time:** 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**Location:** Perth & Sydney

## **Strehlow Conference**

Where do we go from here?

Australia is currently going through an unprecedented period of change in its attitude to its Indigenous peoples and their cultures, opening up new possibilities for everyone. The quality of this change, and the extent to which it is embraced by the population at large, will depend in the first instance upon reliable information about what has been attempted in the past, both what has succeeded and what has failed.

For further information please contact the Strehlow Centre on Tel: (08) 8951 1111 Fax (08) 8951 1110  
Email: [strehlow@nt.gov.au](mailto:strehlow@nt.gov.au)

Date: 24-26 September 2014

Location: Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory



The Native Title Research Unit produces monthly publications to keep you informed on the latest developments in native title throughout Australia. You can subscribe to NTRU publications online, follow @NTRU\_AIATSIS on Twitter or 'Like' NTRU on Facebook.

