ANNUAL NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE

Sponsorship Information Kit

Alice Springs, Northern Territory
3-5 June 2013
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WHAT IS THE NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE?

The National Native Title Conference is recognised as the leading Indigenous policy conference in Australia. The co-convenors of the 2013 Native Title Conference are the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Central Land Council (CLC).

Each year a different native title representative body or service provider co-convenes the Conference with the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS. And each year the conference involves the traditional owners of the place in which it is held.

The 14th annual conference will be hosted this year by the native title holders of the Alice Springs area, the Central Arrernte people.

The conference will be held from 3-5 June 2013 at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

The Conference promotes public debate about native title and Indigenous peoples’ interests in land and waters; fosters knowledge acquisition in this dynamic area of agreement making, natural resource management and economic development and provides an opportunity for native title parties to share information and experience and broader policy intent.

THE NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The three-day Conference program consists of:

- one day of closed workshops for Indigenous people and their native title representative bodies/service providers; and
- two days of a public program which may include keynote speeches, Indigenous Talking Circles, Women’s Forums, Workshops, Panel Discussion and Debates as well as the delivery of Conference papers.

The Native Title Conference trade fair and cultural program run concurrently with the conference sessions, highlighting the cultural and artistic expressions of the local Indigenous community as well as showcasing the variety of stakeholders working with Indigenous peoples in native title, land management and community development.
WHO ATTENDS THE NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE?

The Native Title Conference has previously been held in Melbourne, Townsville, Geraldton, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Coffs Harbour, Darwin, Cairns, Perth, returning to Melbourne for the 10th anniversary, Canberra, Brisbane and last year in Townsville celebrating 20 years since the Mabo case recognised native title in Australia.

The Conference has built a reputation for quality and continues to attract up to 700 delegates each year. It provides a unique opportunity for a diverse range of native title stakeholders to come together to review current native title practice, policy and law.

The Native Title Conference is also the leading annual professional development event for staff of native title representative bodies/service providers and relevant government agencies, as well as independent native title practitioners and academics.

The Native Title Conference enjoys strong support from within the native title sector attracting a broad range of delegates including:

- Indigenous people involved in native title, land, natural resource and water management whether as native title claimants, holders or service providers,
- native title representative bodies/service providers,
- native title practitioners and academics,
- non-government service providers,
- the National Native Title Tribunal and the Federal Court,
- federal and state government departments and agencies across all areas of policy,
- private and corporate sectors engaged with land, water and natural resource management and native title issues; and
- international Indigenous peoples and agencies.

The Native Title Conference prides itself on ensuring that Indigenous people are strongly represented in the Conference program. This makes the event attractive to other stakeholders who gain insight and access to Indigenous networks through their participation in the Conference.
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE CO-CONVENORS

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

The mission of AIATSIS is the promotion of worldwide understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present.

AIATSIS is responsible for a multidisciplinary research program, manages world class collections of cultural and research material, houses the Aboriginal Studies Press and engages in numerous partnerships with research and government institutions and Indigenous communities.

AIATSIS was established in 1964 as an independent Commonwealth Government statutory authority, and has an independent governing Council chaired by Professor Michael Dodson. The functions of AIATSIS are set out in its enabling legislation, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act 1989 (Cth).

AIATSIS native title activities are supported through a funding agreement with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and is primarily conducted through the Native Title Research Unit (NTRU). The NTRU was established in 1993 in response to the High Court decision in Mabo v Queensland [No.2] (1992), which recognised Indigenous peoples’ rights to land under the legal concept of native title. The conference in 2013 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Native Title Act.

The NTRU provides high quality independent research and policy advice in order to promote the recognition and protection of the native title of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and plays a key role in coordinating information, developing capacity and facilitating policy debate within the native title system.

CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

The Central Land Council is a statutory authority operating under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 and a Native Title Representative Body under the Native Title Act 1993.

The CLC’s region covers the entire southern half of the Northern Territory, an area of some 780,000 square kilometres of land and its members belong to more than 15 language groups.

The CLC was formed in 1974 and has been outstandingly successful in performing its statutory functions; so much so that now more than nearly 400,000 square kilometres of land are Aboriginal freehold under the Land Rights Act.

As a Native Title Representative Body the CLC is also very proud of its track record. Alice Springs was the first town to have a native title determination over a township and Tennant Creek was the first determination by consent over a township.

The nine consent determinations the CLC has negotiated have won native title holders their rights without lengthy court cases and more than 100 Indigenous Land Use Agreements have been signed in its region acknowledging traditional ownership and providing some benefits to people that were excluded by the Land Rights Act.

After 1997, land was no longer able to be claimed under the Land Rights Act and the CLC invested more resources in land management to enable Aboriginal people to manage the many threats and opportunities on their land, including pastoral activity, feral animal control, fire management, conserving threatened species.

The CLC also now leads the country with its community development programs which use rent and royalty monies from mining to build infrastructure and fund programs in remote communities.

The Land Council is first and foremost a representative organisation for the Aboriginal people in its area. It consists of 90 Aboriginal people elected from communities around the CLC region who meet in various bush locations three times a year. It is headed by a Chairman, Phillip Wilyuka and a Deputy Chair Michael Liddle.

As a Commonwealth statutory body, the CLC consults with Aboriginal landowners on mining activity, land management, tourism, employment and other development proposals for their land.

The CLC has a staff of around 200 of whom more than 100 are Aboriginal, making it one of the largest employers of Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory.
ABOUT THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS

LHERE ARTEPE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Arrernte people who belong to the Mpartwe, Antulye and Irlpme estates have been the traditional owners of the lands in and around Alice Springs since the Altyerre. Our traditional law and culture has been handed down to us by our parents and grandparents through the generations.

Although we have many families, we are one people, united in law and culture.

The Federal Court of Australia has recognised that we continue to hold our native title rights and interests in Alice Springs to the present day. This corporation, Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, is our registered Native Title body corporate, to act as our agent or representative in matters relating to our Native Title.

There are two groups of Arrernte people who play an important role in the determinations of our land and working with our people. The apmereke-artweye (owners) of the Mparntwe, Antulye and Irlpme estates means those people who have responsibilities in accordance with acknowledged traditional law and observed traditional custom arising through their descent ties to the estate of their arrernge (father’s father).

The Kwertengerle (managers) of the Mparntwe, Antulye or Irlpme estates means those persons who have acknowledged or recognized responsibilities as Kwerengerle in accordance with acknowledged traditional law and observed traditional custom through one or more of the following ancestors;

- Atyemeye (mother’s father)
- Aperle (father’s mother) or
- Ipmenhe (mother’s mother)

The Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation was established in 2002 to represent the interests of the Native Title holders from the three estate groups. The Board of Lhere Artepe is made up of 30 members, which comprises of 10 members from each of the three estate groups.

The corporate vision is for a united and cooperative approach for all Native Title holders in native title determinations and other matters.

As the representative organisation for Native Title holders the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation looks to;

1. Ensure the rights to our land and traditional waterholes are maintained,
2. To ensure that our culture and heritage continues to be recognised and respected by the broader Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.
3. That the Children of Native Title Holders should have a future which provides for their economic, social, cultural and recreational needs
4. To ensure meaningful employment is available for all Native Title Holders who wish to work. And
5. That business opportunities created by native title and other opportunities are created and maximized.
WE ARE TURNING 20!
NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH UNIT 20TH BIRTHDAY

AIATSIS has partnered with the Australian Government to support the native title sector since 1993. Entering its 20th year, the Native Title Research Unit (NTRU) provides research, information and resources as well as coordinates activities across the sector, including the flagship of the native title conference.

The NTRU has also played a pivotal role in coordinating information, and developing capacity within the sector. Our continued contribution to the effective working of the native title system can be summarised by the following key roles:

• Functioning as a national clearing house: collecting, presenting and distributing information to overcome difficulties of isolation, inexperience and lack of access to resources
• Providing tools and resources for induction and ongoing professional education and development informed by national practice
• Providing opportunities for native title representative bodies/native title service providers and native title claimants and holders to coordinate and discuss issues at a national level as well as opportunities to take a prominent role in collaborative/system wide forums
• Conducting strategic research and analysis on priority, and
• Promoting understanding of Indigenous perspectives on desired and effective native title outcomes.

In the new agreement, AIATSIS has anticipated the major movements of the sector over the next three years. In particular, we have prioritised support for Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate as these organisations emerge and develop; we have extended our capabilities in agreement making to focus on corporate design and the management of decision-making; and we have consolidated our expertise in knowledge and information management.

The Native Title Research Unit (NTRU) was established through a collaboration between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and AIATSIS in 1993 in response to the High Court decision in Mabo v Queensland (No.2) (1992), which recognises Indigenous peoples’ rights to land under the legal concept of native title. The NTRU’s activities are currently supported through a funding agreement with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

The NTRU provides high quality independent research and policy advice in order to promote the recognition and protection of the native title of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We facilitate access to the Institute’s records, materials and collections and publish the results of our research both as a source of public information and academic publication.
PROMOTING THE NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE

The Native Title Conference is promoted through various sectors including academic, legal, Indigenous, government, mining industry and natural resource management in several ways, including through:

- advertising, media releases and articles,
- promotion in NTRU and AIATSIS publications,
- targeted print and electronic invitations and announcements,
- online networks,
- a conference website that provides up to date information to prospective delegates, and
- conference merchandise such as caps, t-shirts and bags.

SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

To support a productive exchange of community and organisational perspectives, AIATSIS strives to maximize conference participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Indigenous people from around the world, as speakers, facilitators, delegates and performers.

It is towards this end that a significant proportion of the financial sponsorship will be directed. This may involve sponsoring Indigenous delegates’ travel, accommodation and conference registration fees.

Sponsorship funds are also used to subsidise the Conference registration fee to ensure that the Conference remains an economically accessible national native title forum.

ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT

The Native Title Conference provides a unique opportunity for sponsors to communicate with and promote their organisation within the native title sector.

We rely on a small group of supporters at different levels.

All supporting organisations will be promoted via a range of initiatives (listed below) reflecting their support for this important national event.

A summary table is provided at the end of this kit.

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