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Being notes on matters of current interest concerning Aboriginals and the Australian legal system, as reported to, or discussed as meetings of the Aboriginal Law Research Unit.

SYDNEY

Next meeting: 5.30-7.00p.m., Tuesday, 2 August 1983 at Tranby College, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, Sydney.

Speaker: Kevin Cook, Chairman, Interim NSW Land Council will talk about the tasks facing the Interim Council, under the new NSW land rights Act, the time available for those tasks, and the support (if any) that ALRU might be able to provide.

MELBOURNE

Next meeting: To be arranged.

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### ABORIGINAL LAW BULLETIN

Issue No.8 will be published with the August Legal Service Bulletin. Deadline for Issue No.9 is mid-September.

### ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NSW) PROJECT

The Project is virtually complete and Meredith Wilkie's appointment has ended. All that remains is final changes to the manuscript of the study, Aboriginal Land Rights Law in New South Wales. It is hoped to to arrange early publication.

### ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NT) PROJECT

The Project has funding support from the Australian Research Grants Scheme. Neil Rees and Garth Nettheim are principal researchers. Now that both have returned from overseas, work is proceeding. Daryl Gunter has joined the project to collect material and to help in writing up.

### ALS FIELD OFFICER TRAINING

The second course at the University of NSW is proceeding.

It appears that a 1984 course for Queensland field officers will be run by the Law School at the Queensland Institute of Technology.

### ALRU (VICTORIA)

Efforts are underway to re-activate the Melbourne group.

### U.N. WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

Garth Nettheim has consulted with National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services Secretariat (NAILSS) and National Aboriginal Conference (NAC) - both bodies contemplate sending delegates to the second session of the Working Group in Geneva, 8-12 August. (A summary account of the first session is attached as an ALRU Briefing Paper).

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS ETC.

from Survival International (UK), Information Pack on "Chico Dams  
Projects: Philippines" Information Pack on "Chittagong Hill  
Tracts: Bangladesh"  
and notice of publication Witness to Genocide. The present  
situation of Indians in Guatemala.

from University of Saskatchewan, Native Law Centre

S.H. Venne Indian Acts and Amendments 1868-1975, An Indexed  
Collection (1981)

D. Knoll A Guide to Case-Law on the Indian Acts of Canada (1981)

Yulngu magazine for Aborigines and friends in the Katherine region  
Vol.2, No.9., March 1983

Aboriginal Treaty News No.8

CONFERENCES

COMMISSION ON FOLK LAW AND LEGAL PLURALISM

SYMPOSIA PROGRAM ON FOLK LAW AND LEGAL PLURALISM, XIth INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND ETHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES, CANADA, 1983

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Vancouver

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1983**

0900 - 1700 Business Meeting of the Commission On Folk Law And  
Legal Pluralism  
1800 - 2000 Reception, Commission On Folk Law And Legal Pluralism

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983**

Symposium 1: The Interaction of State and Folk Law in Contemporary  
Society  
0900 - 1030 Session 1: The Impact of State Law on Folk Law  
1030 - 1200 Session 2: The Role of Folk Law in Contemporary  
Society: The Persistence of Folk  
Orderings  
1330 - 1500 Session 3: The Role of Folk Law in Contemporary  
Society: Legal Theory and Folk Law  
1500 - 1630 Session 4: The Work of the Commission on Folk Law  
and Legal Pluralism

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1983**

Symposium 2: The Legal Position of Ethnic and Cultural Minorities  
1030 - 1200 Session 1: State Definitions of Indigeneous Groups  
Through Law  
1330 - 1500 Session 2: Attempts At Accommodation of Customary  
Law In Modern State and Tribal Society  
1500 - 1630 Session 3: Custom And Law In Action

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1983**

1030 - 1200 Symposium 3: The Anthropology of Law in the  
Formation and Implementation of Socio-  
Legal Policy  
1500 - 1800 Symposium 4: Aboriginal Law and Tradition in  
Australian Society: Problems of  
Conflict, Co-existence and Adaptation