

reconciliation, multiculturalism, land rights, health and education among other things. (CM, 30 Nov, p2)

### Victoria

A sign acknowledging prior Aboriginal ownership of freehold land, has been erected at a farm at Wando, Victoria. The property owners, Paul and Cathie Haw, see the sign as grassroots action towards reconciliation. The sign says; 'We are proud to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wrung people as the traditional owners of this land'. They hope this sign will be the first of many similar signs to be erected across Australia. (Weekly Times, 4 Nov, p35)

### Queensland

A conference will be held in Cairns to discuss native title issues. The conference is aimed at raising awareness about possible effects on the sugarcane industry. (Herbert River Express, 10 Nov, p2)\*

### Tasmania

The Tasmanian Government has called for submissions about what it should do with Crown land on Flinders Island. Legal Manager for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Michael Mansell, says that the Aboriginal community were hoping for the return of significant areas of Crown land. He believes that Government moves to sell off this land will jeopardise reconciliation. (Examiner, 21 Oct, p30)\*

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS (Not AIATSIS Publications)

### *Talking Common Ground*

Rural Landholders for Coexistence (RLC) have published a guide to making agreements called *Talking Common Ground*. Speaking at the launch, Justice French said the first important step in any lasting agreement was getting the relationship right. Justice French said he was confident the guide would become a useful resource for landholders who want to negotiate coexistence arrangements with their Aboriginal neighbours.

Towards Common Ground includes a case study of the agreement between pastoralists and the Western (Sunset) Yalanji people on Karma Waters Station, the first formal recognition of native title on a pastoral property. This agreement involved a pastoralist and Indigenous people drawing up detailed arrangements to recognise and respect both their interests in land. (NNTT Media Release, 17 Nov)\*

Finlayson, Julie 1998 *Negotiating the Registration Test for native title claims: A manual for Anthropologists working with Native Title Representative Bodies*. ATSIC, Canberra.

**Summary:** At a Canberra workshop entitled 'Native title workshop for anthropological practitioners', it was suggested that a practical working guide to the anthropologist's role in the registration test process be written and circulated. The manual is intended to help anthropologists preparing claims for Native Title Representative Bodies with the necessary knowledge and background to meet claim registration.

The manual is available from ATSIC in Canberra and is on their website at:

<http://www.atsic.gov.au/native/anthorego.htm>

### Film

*About Us: Walking With My Sisters*, SBS Television

A documentary focusing on three sisters from the Arakwal people and their fight to have their native title recognised through the processes of the NTA. (Age, 14 Oct, pA27)