

**Notifications cont'd**

	QC99/8	Wanggumara People #3	South West Queensland
	DC98/10	Rail Corridor 9	Darwin / Hundred of Ayers
	DC98/3	Rail Corridor 3	Yambah PL to Alice Springs
	DC98/4	Rail Corridor 4	Stirling PL to Yambah PL
	DC98/5	Rail Corridor 5	Neutral Junction PL/Barrow Creek
	DC98/6	Rail Corridor 6	Singleton PL/Devils Marbles
	DC98/7	Rail Corridor 7	Phillip Crk PL/Tennant Crk PL
	DC98/8	Rail Corridor 8	Muckaty PL to Darwin
18 Oct 2000	NC96/29	Walbunja People	South of Jervis Bay to Narooma
	NC98/15	Gumbaynggirr People	Bellinger River south to Oyster Creek

For further information regarding notification of any of the applications listed contact the National Native Title Tribunal on 1800 640 501.

<b>Recent publications</b>
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The publications reviewed here are not available from AIATSIS. Please refer to individual reviews for information on obtaining copies of these publications.

***Native Title and the Transformation of Archaeology in the Postcolonial World, Lilley I (ed), Oceania Monograph, No 50, University of Sydney, 2000. \$47.30.***

This edition of the *Oceania Monograph* focuses on land rights and archaeology issues, principally in Australia but also North America, the Pacific and South Africa. The editor Ian Lilley writes that the major changes surrounding long-standing claims for Indigenous rights to land and cultural heritage have dramatically affected the ways in which archaeology is conducted. Archaeologists and bureaucracies which govern their work have been forced to acknowledge Indigenous peoples sensitivities about archaeological activities. A major concern of all the Australian papers in this publication is the significant difference in the

way archaeology featured in the native title determinations Miriuwung Gajerrong and Yorta Yorta. Two papers from the journal are noted here.

**'Challenging the 'authenticity' of antiquity: contact archaeology and Native Title in Australia', Harrison R. pp 35- 53.**

Harrison finds that interpreting the possession of 'traditional laws and customs', which is a necessary part of demonstrating native title rights and interests, is problematic in Australia because of a perception held that authentic and traditional Aboriginality lies only in the distant pre-colonial past. This was evident in Justice Olney's Federal Court decision regarding the Yorta Yorta native title determination. Harrison explores the role of archaeology in developing and continuing this perception. His paper suggests some ways in which 'contact' archaeology, as the archaeology of encounter or the archaeology of the recent Indigenous past, can provide alternative views by tracing continuities and changes from the past through to contemporary times, thus providing a framework to support evidence for native title claims. To demonstrate this he uses a case study from the Kimberley, an archaeological survey and an oral history recording program focused on the site of Old Lamboo station near Halls Creek. Photos, panels and a map illustrate the discussion.

**'Archaeology and Native Title in Australia: national and local perspectives', Fullagar R. and L. Head, pp 25- 34.**

This paper discusses how archaeology is used in two arenas: the Australian national consciousness; and, the political and legal construction surrounding Aboriginal ownership, including claims under native title. Comments are made about the effect on the national consciousness of 'the archaeological provision of a chronology prior to 1788', and this is then discussed with the different Aboriginal understandings and opinions of such work. As native title legislation demands Aboriginal claimants provide proof of cultural specificity at the scale of linguistic or tribal groups, the authors raise issues surrounding the potential of archaeology as a provider of evidence which identifies ethnicity. The role of archaeology in the Miriuwung Gajerrong and Yorta Yorta native title determinations is compared. The authors conclude that archaeology can document details of connection between people and place, particularly in conjunction with rock art studies.

Copies and information concerning back numbers of *Oceania Monograph* can be obtained from The Secretary, Oceanic Publications, 116 Darlington Road, University of Sydney, NSW 2006. Tel 02 9351 2666, fax. 02 9351 7488, or <d.koller@oceania.usyd.edu.au>

***Native Title Facts*** National Native Title Tribunal, 2000.

This is a series of 27 fact sheets about native title in Australia launched by the National Native Title Tribunal to help people understand complex native title issues.

The fact sheets are arranged under separate categories and answer questions such as where native title might exist, how to make agreements, what rights apply, getting on with business, getting help and other similar queries.

The fact sheets are available in html and pdf format on the Tribunal's website at [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

***Guide to future act decisions made under the Commonwealth right to negotiate scheme***, Compiled by the Hon CJ Sumner, Deputy President, National Native Title Tribunal, 2000.

This Guide provides a summary of cases decided by the NNTT and the Federal Court under the right to negotiate provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*. It outlines decisions made under the Act prior to the amendments as well as decisions made after the amendments.

The document is available for downloading on the Tribunal's website at [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

### **Native Title Research Unit publications**

*The following NTRU publications are available for sale from AIATSIS. Please phone (02) 6246 1186, fax (02) 6246 1143 or email: [sales@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:sales@aiatsis.gov.au).*

***A Guide to Australian Legislation Relevant to Native Title*** 2 volume set, Native Title Research Unit, AIATSIS, 2000.

***Native Title in Perspective: Selected Papers from the Native Title Research Unit 1998- 2000*** Edited by Lisa Strelein and Kado Muir, 2000.

***Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title, Volume 1, Issues Papers Numbers 1 through 30, Regional Agreements Papers Numbers 1 through 7 1994- 1999*** with contents and index.

***Regional Agreements: Key Issues in Australia - Volume 2, Case Studies*** Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1999.

***A Guide to Overseas Precedents of Relevance to Native Title*** Prepared for the NTRU by Shaunnagh Dorsett and Lee Godden, 1998.