

Kimberley Land Council. *Kimberley Echo*, pg 5. 04 December 2003.

Final evidence in the first Goldfields native title claim began in the Federal Court in Perth recently. The evidence for the Wongatha claim which covers about 160,000sq km in the northern Goldfields, was expected to be finished in September, however the cross-examination of some anthropologists took longer than expected. Justice Kevin Lindren set down time to hear the final evidence from expert witnesses. Final submissions will be made to the court early this year. *Kalgoorlie Miner*, pg 3. 08 December 2003. Wongatha claim: WC99/1, WAG6005/98.

The Yulga Jinna Aboriginal Corporation recently celebrated the official return of some of their land at Mulgul Station. Located north-west of Meekatharra, Mulgul Station is in the heartland of the group's traditional country. Chairperson of the ILC, Ms Shirley McPherson said it was always a privilege as

ILC chairperson to be able to take part in handing back people some of their country. Spokesperson for the Yulga Jinna Corporation, Tim Riley, said the ceremony was a great day for everyone to come together and celebrate the return of their land. *Yamatji News (Geraldton)*, pg 4. 17 December 2003. Nharnuwangga Wajarri & Ngarlawangga claim: WC99/13, WAG72-75/98.

Western Australia's longest-running native title claim was settled last week. The Miriuwung-Gajerrong people were granted exclusive rights to some tracts of the east Kimberley region and shared rights to others. The full Federal Court convened in Kununurra to ratify the determination. All parties including the WA and Federal governments agreed over all lands and waters within the 8000 sq km claim. The Miriuwung Gajerrong people were granted full native title rights over Lacrosse and Kanggurru islands, Glen Hill Station and Hagan Island in Lake Argyle. *Koori Mail*, pg 3. 17 December 2003. Miriuwung-Gajerrong claim: WC94/6, WG6003/98

APPLICATIONS LODGED

The National Native Title Tribunal posts summaries of applications that are lodged with them, on their website, <www.nntt.gov.au>. The following lodgements are listed for November/December.

Claimant Applications

| Date Filed | Application Name | State/ Territory | Tribunal File No. | Federal Court File No. |
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| 12/11/03 | Jagera People #2 | QLD | QC03/15 | Q6014/03 |
| 28/11/03 | Single Noongar Claim (Area 2) | WA | WC03/7 | W6012/03 |
| 11/12/03 | Sassie | QLD | QC03/16 | Q6015/03 |
| 17/12/03 | Glen Helen | NT | DC03/7 | D6007/03 |
| 18/12/03 | Glenda & Rebecca Chalker | NSW | NC03/2 | N6007/03 |

Non-claimant Applications

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| 11/11/03 | Kriann Investments Pty Limited | NSW | NN03/5 | N6006/03 |
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