

### Staff Movements

Lisa Strelein will be in Canada from mid-October to late November on a Visiting Fellowship with the University of Victoria, British Columbia. The University of Victoria is well regarded for its Indigenous governance program.

Lara Wiseman has been appointed the Project Officer within the Unit. She will be continuing her work on the Native Title Resource Guide, with additional projects. Katherine Szabo has commenced work with the IFaMP as a part-time research assistant.

### Research Activities Sept-Oct

A one day conference on Indigenous Health and the Treaty Debate: Rights, Governance and Responsibility was held at the University of New South Wales on 11 September 2004 as part of the ARC Treaty Project. AIATSIS contributed to the organisation of the conference, along with the Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law, the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, HREOC, ANTAR and Reconciliation Australia.

Lisa Strelein presented a paper as part of the ANU Law Faculty series, her paper was on Native Title and Indigenous Politics: Authorisation and the Construction of 'Indigenous Societies' in the Native Title Process.

Stuart Bradfield met with members of SWALSC to discuss work assisting in progressing settlement of the Single Noongar native title claim.

Lara Wiseman attended the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS) Annual Conference which was held at the University of Melbourne from 28 September to 1 October 2004. The Conference theme was 'Moving Anthropology: Motion, Emotion and Knowledge'. On the opening day of the Conference Ghassan Hage, Marcia Langton and David

Trigger participated in a roundtable debate on the topic, 'Is Historical Residence the Fundamental Basis of Rights in Place?'. David Trigger also convened a session on the topic 'Challenges for anthropology in native title practice' during which David Martin presented the findings of his report for the National Native Title Tribunal, 'Capacity of anthropologists in native title practice'. Discussants for this session were: Ari Schipf and Sarah Bell (Ngaanyatjara Council), David Mearns (Northern Land Council) and John Morton (Latrobe University). For further program details refer to the Conference website [http://www.anthropology.unimelb.edu.au/AA\\_S/index.html](http://www.anthropology.unimelb.edu.au/AA_S/index.html)

Grace Koch was invited to participate in a working group on ethics in media archives following from the IASA Conference. Grace also presented a talk on the work of the NTRU to the Australian Society of Archivists during their visit to AIATSIS on 16 September.

Lara Wiseman is co-convening a session at the AIATSIS Conference 2004 with Peter Veth and Dave Johnston on National and World Heritage Nominations and the impact of Native Title and Agreement Making.

Stuart Bradfield is co-convening a session at the AIATSIS Conference 2004 with Colin Tatz on Sharing Land and the Politics of Property.

Lara Wiseman participated with Lynley Wallis and Dave Johnston in the preparation of *The 'cultural heritage industry' and Indigenous communities: A working paper*. The paper was presented as part of the Semester 2 Seminar Series 'Profiling AIATSIS Research: Current themes of AIATSIS staff, grantees and members'.

The Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project's (IFaMP) Reference Group met on the 6 September 2004 at AIATSIS in Canberra. The Group discussed the IFaMP's research agenda for the next 12 months. IFaMP is calling for expressions of interest in commis-

sioned research on identified themes, and for papers for the IFaMP Seminar Series to be held in the first semester 2005. For more information see the 'Opportunities' section of this Newsletter.

IFaMP held a workshop at AIATSIS on 18 October 2004, involving a range of evaluation specialists, to identify best practice approaches in evaluating pilot training for NTRB staff in a range of training modules in native title media-

tion and facilitation. These modules were identified through the recent NTRB workshops.

IFaMP is concerned to support a culture of evaluation in the native title context. Indigenous people have often had training 'thrown' at them without appropriate evaluation of its use in the workplace or of its flow-on effect to 'end-users' such as native title applicants.

## WHATS NEW

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### Publications

Issues Paper No. 29 is now available. Katie Glaskin's paper, 'An Anthropological Perspective on Writing for the Courts' was originally presented at the Native Title Conference 2004. It is available through the NTRU website [www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ntru\\_issuespprs.htm](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ntru_issuespprs.htm)

Transcripts from the Semester 1 2004 Seminar Series *Regionalism, Indigenous Governance and Decision Making* are available on the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/smrns/smnr/regionalism.htm](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/smrns/smnr/regionalism.htm)

AIATSIS Research Discussion Paper No 15 by Chris Cunneen and Julia Grix, 'The Limitations of Litigation in Stolen Generation Cases' is available through the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/rsrch\\_dp/DP15.pdf](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/rsrch_dp/DP15.pdf)

The National Native Title Tribunal has published a guide to help applicants complete the application form for a determination of native title. *Preparing your Application for the Registration Test* is available from [www.nntt.gov.au/whatsnew/publications.html](http://www.nntt.gov.au/whatsnew/publications.html)

The Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld) and the Torres Strait Islander Act 1991 (Qld) are being reviewed to make them consistent with State Indigenous policies and the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). As part of this review, an Issues Paper has been released for discussion and submissions are invited concerning the Land Acts. Submissions should be in by 30

November 2004. The Issues Paper, and more information on the review, is available from [www.nrm.qld.gov.au/nativetitle/land/ilar.html](http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/nativetitle/land/ilar.html)

Ausanthropos has released its report on the Pilot Mentoring Program for Junior Anthropologists. The report, written for the NNTT, is available from [www.anthropos.com.au/Publications.htm](http://www.anthropos.com.au/Publications.htm).

'Our Tracks' are online stories available through Aboriginal Studies Press, the publishing arm of AIATSIS. The short stories are excerpts from full length works and each of the writers are from different ages and backgrounds. The stories, powerful and moving, and are a good read. Visit 'Our Tracks' through [www.aiatsis.gov.au/asp/onlinestories/content.htm](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/asp/onlinestories/content.htm)

### Determinations of Native Title

Wik Peoples v State of Queensland [2004] FCA 1306 (13 October 2004). More information is available from [http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/federal\\_ct/2004/1306.html](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/federal_ct/2004/1306.html)

Nangkiriny v State of Western Australia [2004] FCA 1156 (8 September 2004) More information is available from [http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/federal\\_ct/2004/1156.html](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/federal_ct/2004/1156.html)