



LEADERSHIP LEGACY and Opportunity 2015

NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE Port Douglas, Qld | 16-18 June

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THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE Conference will be convened by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Cape York Land Council (CYLC) in Port Douglas, Queensland from **Tuesday, 16 June to Thursday, 18 June.**

Expected to attract some 700 delegates in 2015, the National Native Title Conference provides a unique opportunity for a diverse range of native title stakeholders from across the country to come together to review current native title practice, policy and law.

The conference is the leading Indigenous policy conference in Australia and the annual professional development event for staff of native title representative bodies/service providers and relevant government agencies, as well as independent native title practitioners and academics.

The conference program includes keynotes and plenary speeches, dialogue forums, technical workshops, topical workshops and Indigenous talking circles.

The conference will feature three days of presentations:

Day 1: NTRB and PBC Program – Tuesday, 16 June

The conference begins with the NTRB and PBC Program on Tuesday 16 June. This Program is for NTRB/NTSP and PBC staff, native title claimants and holders and Indigenous people only.

Day 2 and 3: Public Program – Wednesday, 17 – Thursday, 18 June

The Public Program is open to all delegates. This program includes keynote speeches, dialogue forums, Indigenous Talking Circles, workshops and papers presented by native title holders, claimants, practitioners, NTRB/NTSP staff, researchers, government representatives, academics and others.

SHIANE LOVELL Conference Manager AIATSIS

This year's title, 'Leadership, Legacy and Opportunity', is reflected in the following themes:

Platform for inspirational leadership

- Building on our legacy
- Passing the flame – new generation leadership
- Youth engagement

Springboard for economic success

- Sustainable development
- Foundation for cultural resurgence
- Learning from our elders
- Cultural practice and wellbeing
- Support structures that work
- Law and policy reform

Gathering from the four corners

- Collaboration and regional coordination
- Stories of challenge and triumph
- A place for big ideas

Conference Dinner – Thursday, 18 June

The Conference Dinner is held on the evening of Thursday 18 June and concludes and celebrates the conference.

Through this structure the conference promotes public debate about native title and Indigenous peoples' interests in land and waters and provides an opportunity for native title parties to share information and experiences.

The conference also features an expanded cultural program of local performers, artists and dance groups and offers a special guided walking tour of Mossman Gorge by traditional owners.



Public program day 1 keynote speaker

We are pleased to announce **Noel Pearson** of the Cape York Institute will be presenting the Keynote speech on Public Program Day 1.

Noel Pearson is the Founder and Director of Strategy of Cape York Partnerships, a lawyer and Indigenous activist. Noel comes from the Guugu Yimidhirr community of Hope Vale on south eastern Cape York Peninsula, and is the primary architect of the Cape York Agenda. In 1990 Noel co-founded the Cape York Land Council and played a key part in negotiating the Native Title Act 1993 after Mabo. He has written and spoken extensively on Indigenous rights and the reinstatement of Indigenous responsibility.

In pursuit of a regional, reciprocal responsibility, settlement for Cape York: what is the right package of reforms for Indigenous social, political, economic and cultural development?

Indigenous people want to take charge of our own affairs and lead our own development agendas. In Cape York, we are working towards a comprehensive regional, reciprocal responsibility, settlement to set in place structures for a more equal partnership with government. This requires a package of constitutional, institutional and legislative reforms to give us an authoritative voice in our own affairs. Only we can decide our paths towards social, political, economic and cultural development, such that we can prosper both as self-determining peoples and as equal citizens.

Become an indigenous sponsored delegate

We are now inviting applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who would like to attend the National Native Title Conference 2015. The conference is a great opportunity for Indigenous people to participate in discussions of native title.

The conference team obtains sponsorship funds from organisations and companies around Australia, which are used to subsidise the conference registration and to sponsor Indigenous people to attend the conference as speakers, facilitators and delegates.



Sponsored delegates may receive assistance to cover the costs of travel, accommodation, meals and the conference registration fee.

If you would like to attend the conference and don't have access to other sources of funding, please visit our website or contact the conference team to obtain an application. Applications close **14 May 2015**.

For further information and to register please visit the AIATSIS website: www.aiatsis.gov.au

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Above right: Noel Pearson



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