

Meet the team

AIATSIS HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER ITS LONG STANDING EXPERTISE IN NATIVE TITLE AND OUR land and water livelihoods work to become the AIATSIS Native Title Land and Water team. The combined team reflects the growing emphasis by Indigenous communities on using native title to create sustainable livelihoods based on the natural and cultural resources of their lands and seas. Together, we will bring you news of new projects and outcomes not just from the NTRU but across AIATSIS native title and land and water activities. We have also recently farewelled some long term staff and welcomed some new ones and so offer you a rogues gallery of the combined NTLW team.



DR ROD KENNETT **DIRECTOR**

Rod is the new head of the Native Title Land and Water Team. He came to AIATSIS in 2014 from the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA), where he led the multi-award-winning Saltwater Country Management Program (including the Saltwater People Network and I-Tracker). Rod has worked for over three decades in marine and terrestrial science and management in tropical north Australia, where much his work has focused on increasing Indigenous participation in research and management.



DR TRAN TRAN **RESEARCH FELLOW**

Tran's research focus is on how native title intersects with other areas of land and water management. She is particularly interested in how communities can make the transition from having their native title recognised to benefiting from it. Tran is currently working on developing shared Indigenous and non-indigenous land management in Matuwa (Lorna Glen) and Kurarra Kurarra (Earaheedy) with the Wiluna native title holders and Central Desert Native Title Services.



DR BELINDA BURBIDGE **RESEARCH FELLOW**

After working for six years in the native title sector, Belinda returned to university to complete her studies and graduated with a PhD in anthropology from The University of Sydney in 2014. During the last two years Belinda has lectured in anthropology as well as working as a research consultant for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) in Central Australia. She has joined the AIATSIS research team to continue working with Indigenous Australian communities in producing constructive and collaborative research that bridges the academic and applied sectors.



STACEY LITTLE **SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER**

Stacey's background is in native title law, her experience being predominantly in litigation and compensation applications. Stacey maintains the NTRB Precedents Database as part of the Native Title Representative Bodies Knowledge Management Project. She coordinates the production of statute and case summaries of laws that govern or intersect with native title rights and interests. She is also a member of the research team investigating the existing commercial potential of native title rights and interests and ways in which native title holders can realise that potential.



LUKE SMYTH **RESEARCH OFFICER**

Since joining in September 2015 Luke has been working on material for the PBC Support Network and contributing to the research project Mapping Livelihood Values of Indigenous Customary Fishing. Luke has an undergraduate degree in development studies from the ANU and is currently completing his Master of Social Research degree, also at the ANU. His university studies have included training in both qualitative and quantitative research methods, social network analysis and a focus on the interconnected demographic, social and environmental issues faced by indigenous peoples and marginalised groups in Australia and Asia.

The NTLW wishes you a safe



ALEXANDRA ANDRIOLO **NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH AND ACCESS OFFICER**

Alex is AIATSIS' first point of contact for people seeking information about native title resources held in the AIATSIS library and audiovisual archive. Alex is also responsible for a number of the NTRU's information services, including the *Native Title Newsletter* and *What's New in Native Title* and she recently took over coordination of the PBC Support Officer Network. With academic qualifications in linguistics, Alex joined AIATSIS in 2012 as a project officer on the Second National Indigenous Languages Survey (NILS2). She has since worked on the National Indigenous Languages Curriculum framework documents, the AIATSIS research seminar series and the AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference 2014, before joining the NTLW in 2014.



ALLISON THATCHER **RESEARCH OFFICER**

Before returning to Canberra to complete her Master of Anthropology degree at the ANU, Allison was a regional anthropologist at the Northern Land Council in Darwin for four years, where she worked with traditional owners in remote north-east Arnhem Land communities on mining and leasing agreements. She has also assisted traditional owners in north-east Arnhem Land in consultations over repatriation of sacred artefacts and skeletal remains currently held by the Australian Museum in Sydney. At AIATSIS Allison will continue to work with Indigenous communities using her knowledge of applied land tenure research. She looks forward to learning about the post-determination aspects of native title settlement, including the establishment and operations of Prescribed Bodies Corporate.



TIM HEFFERNAN **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Tim has a background in anthropology and graduated with Class One Honours from the University of New South Wales. Current projects that Tim is working on include research into Indigenous livelihoods on country, and an investigation into the community-based land and sea management practices employed by Australian Indigenous peoples.



PAULINE MCGUIRE **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS MANAGER**

As Research Publications Officer, Pauline works on the Institute's research reports and peer reviewed discussion papers and books. She is also Associate Editor of the Institute's journal, *Australian Aboriginal Studies*. Pauline joined AIATSIS in 2012 after working at federal Hansard and as an editor for book publishers Hodder Headline (now Hachette Livre) and HarperCollins.



AMITY RAYMONT **PROJECT OFFICER**

Amity is a descendent of the Batjula people from the Maryborough and Fraser Island area in QLD. Amity has worked across AIATSIS on and off since 2003, and started with the Native Title Research Unit in 2011. She is the inhouse designer and typesetter for the NTRU publications and resources.

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