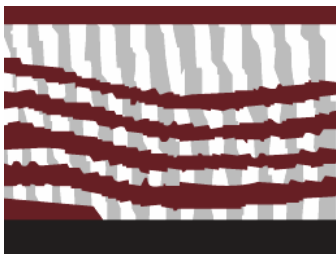


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## Abbreviations

AIATSIS	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
ALR	Australian Law Report
Austlii	Australasian Legal Information Institute
ATNS	Agreements, Treaties & Negotiated Settlements Project
CATSI Act	<i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006</i>
CLR	Commonwealth Law Report
Cth	Commonwealth
FCA	Federal Court of Australia
FCR	Federal Court Report
HCA	High Court of Australia
IBA	Indigenous Business Australia
IFaMP	Indigenous Facilitation & Mediation Project
ILC	Indigenous Land Corporation
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NTA	Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)
NTRBs	Native Title Representative Bodies
NTRU	Native Title Research Unit
NTSP	Native Title Service Provider
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PBCs	Prescribed Bodies Corporate
RNTBCs	Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate
RTO	Registered Training Organisation

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## Introduction

This toolkit provides information about and for prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) or registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBCs)<sup>1</sup> in the Northern Territory. The toolkit is designed primarily to be used as an on-line resource. Throughout the document you will see blue text, this indicates a hyperlink which provides access to additional on-line information.

The toolkit includes:

- general information about RNTBCs and the related native title determinations in the Northern Territory including an overview of agreements involving RNTBCs;
- listings of possible Territory Government and other regionally available funding sources;
- listings of resources including Territory Government programs, training organisations and other organisations and networks that may be useful to RNTBCs in the Northern Territory.

Refer also to the [Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate National Toolkit](#) for information about Australian Government and /or national funding sources, networks, training and resources.

If you would like assistance with this document or any of the information provided in it please contact the Native Title Research Unit on 02 6246 1161, or use the contact details provided to contact other organisations directly.

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<sup>1</sup> The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, which provides that a prescribed body corporate must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term registered native title body corporate (RNTBC) derives from the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation RNTBC as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation RNTBCs will be used to refer to prescribed bodies corporate and registered native title bodies corporate.

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## Claimant Determinations Recognising Native Title in the Northern Territory

As at **1 January 2009** there had been **116** claimant determinations recognising native title in Australia,<sup>2</sup> **10** of these determination areas are located in the Northern Territory. Of these 10 determinations, 4 have recognised that native title exists in parts of the determination area and 6 have recognised that native title exists in the entire determination area. The locations of these determination areas are shown in lime green on the National Native Title Tribunal's [Map of Native Title Determinations](#).

Table 1 below provides a summary of the claimant determinations recognising native title in the Northern Territory. The table includes links to information about:

- determination summaries on the [National Native Title Tribunal \(NNTT\)](#) website;
- relevant case law on the [Australasian Legal Information Institute \(Austlii\)](#) website; and
- determination information on the [Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements \(ATNS\)](#) website (where available).

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<sup>2</sup> These figures includes [Rubibi Community v State of Western Australia \(No 7\) \[2006\] FCA 459 \(28/04/2006\)](#) which is conditional upon a determination under section 56(1) or 57(2) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

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**Table 1 Native Title Claimant Determinations recognising native title in the Northern Territory (in determination date order)**

<b>NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION SHORT NAME (NNTT)</b> <a href="#">NNTT DETERMINATION SUMMARY HYPERLINK</a>	<b>CASE NAME</b> <a href="#">AUSTLII HYPERLINK</a> (law report references shown where available)	<b>NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION DATE (NNTT)</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>LEGAL PROCESS</b> <a href="#">ATNS DETERMINATION SUMMARY HYPERLINK</a> WHERE AVAILABLE
CROKER ISLAND	<a href="#">Mary Yarmirr &amp; Ors v Northern Territory of Australia &amp; Ors [1998] 771 FCA (first instance); (1998) 82 FCR 533</a> <a href="#">Mary Yarmirr &amp; Ors v Northern Territory of Australia &amp; Ors [1998] 1185 FCA (Unreported)</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth of Australia v Yarmirr [1999] FCA 1668 (Full Court); (1999) 101 FCR 171</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth of Australia v Yarmirr [2001] HCA 56 (High Court); (2001) 208 CLR 1</a>	04/09/1998	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
ALICE SPRINGS	<a href="#">Hayes v Northern Territory of Australia [2000] FCA 671</a> <a href="#">Hayes v Northern Territory [1999] FCA 1248 (reasons for decision); (1999) 97 FCR 32</a>	23/05/2000	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
ST VIDGEON'S (ROPER RIVER)	<a href="#">Wandarang, Alawa, Marra &amp; Ngalakan Peoples v Northern Territory of Australia (includes orders dated 14 November 2000) [2000] FCA 923; (2000) 104 FCR 380</a> <a href="#">Wandarang, Alawa, Marra and Ngalakan Peoples v Northern Territory of Australia [2004] FCAFC 187 (3 June 2004)</a>	14/11/2000	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN PARTS OF THE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
URAPUNGA	<a href="#">Ngalakan People v Northern Territory (Unreported, FCA, 7 February 2002, O'Loughlin J)</a> <a href="#">Ngalakan People v Northern Territory [2001] FCA 654; (2001) 112 FCR 148</a>	07/02/2002	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN PARTS OF THE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
MIRIUWUNG-GAJERRONG (NORTHERN TERRITORY)	<a href="#">Attorney-General of the Northern Territory v Ward [2003] FCAFC 283; (2003) 134 FCR 16</a> <a href="#">Ward v Western Australia [1998] FCA 1478 (first instance); (1998) 159 ALR 483</a> <a href="#">Western Australia v Ward [2000] FCA 611 (Full Court)</a> <a href="#">Western Australia v Ward [2000] FCA 191 (reasons for decision); 99 FCR 316</a> <a href="#">Western Australia v Ward [2002] HCA 28 (High Court); (2002) 213 CLR 1</a>	09/12/2003	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA	CONSENT DETERMINATION

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DAVENPORT/ MURCHISON	<i>Northern Territory of Australia V Alyawarr, Kaytetye, Warumungu, Wakaya Native Title Claim Group</i> [2005] FCAFC 135; (2005) 220 ALR 431 <i>The Alyawarr, Kaytetye, Warumungu, Wakay Native Title Claim Group v Northern Territory of Australia</i> [2004] FCA 472; (2004) 207 ALR 539	23/04/2004	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
BLUE MUD BAY NO. 2	<i>Gawirrin Gumana v Northern Territory of Australia</i> (No. 2) [2005] FCA 1425	11/10/2005	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
TIMBER CREEK	<i>Griffiths v Northern Territory of Australia</i> (No 2) [2006] FCA 1155	28/08/2006	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
NEWCASTLE WATERS - MURRANJI DETERMINATION	<i>King v Northern Territory of Australia</i> [2007] FCA 1498	26/09/2007	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN PARTS OF THE DETERMINATION AREA	LITIGATED DETERMINATION
TENNANT CREEK NO.2	<i>Patta Warumungu People v Northern Territory of Australia</i> [2007] FCA 1386	03/09/2007	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN PARTS OF THE DETERMINATION AREA	CONSENT DETERMINATION

### Types of claimant determinations

Of the 10 claimant determinations in the Northern Territory recognising native title, 8 have been litigated determinations and 2 were consent determinations.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Please note the description of a determination as either consent or litigated is as entered on the National Native Title Tribunal determination summaries, however note that native title claims often involve a combination of both litigation and mediation.

## Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate in the Northern Territory

When a determination recognising native title is made, the [Native Title Act 1993](#) Cth (NTA) requires native title holders to specify an organisation to hold or manage their native title interests.<sup>4</sup> These organisations are known as Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs). The Federal Court determines the body that will act as the PBC and it must then be registered with the [National Native Title Tribunal](#), as the Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC).

As at **1 January 2009** there were 56 different Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBC), relating to 116 claimant determinations recognising native title in Australia. In the Northern Territory as at **1 January 2009** 5 different RNTBCs have been determined relating to 5 claimant determinations recognising native title. RNTBCs are still to be advised for 5 claimant determinations.<sup>5</sup>

Table 2 below provides detailed information about RNTBCs in the Northern Territory including the RNTBC name, type and relevant native title determination information. Additional information about the RNTBCs can be accessed through the various hyperlinks provided in these tables:

- use the **RNTBC link** to access contact details for the corporation on the [Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#) (ORIC) website, additional information including the corporation rules can also be accessed by clicking on the documents link provided on the ORIC website;
- use the **type of RNTBC** link to access general corporation information on the on the [Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements \(ATNS\)](#) website; <sup>6</sup> and

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<sup>4</sup> NTA s 59, Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999.

<sup>5</sup> While the Federal Court is notionally required to make a determination of a Prescribed Body Corporate 'at the same time' as a determination of native title (NTA s 55), in practice the Court has held open the final determination of the matter until submissions can be made on the form of the Body Corporate (NTA s 56, sets out the form of the determination the Court must make).

<sup>6</sup> The ATNS website also provides details about agreements to which RNTBCs are signatories, refer to the Agreements section of this Toolkit to access this information directly.

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- use the **NNTT determination short name** link to access the determination summaries on the [National Native Title Tribunal \(NNTT\)](#) website.

**Table 2 RNTBCs in the Northern Territory (in alphabetical order)**

REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE HYPERLINKS TO CORPORATION INFORMATION ON THE ORIC WEBSITE WHERE AVAILABLE	TYPE OF RNTBC (TRUSTEE OR AGENT) HYPERLINK TO CORPORATION INFORMATION ON THE ATNS WEBSITE	NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION DATE (NNTT)	NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION SHORT NAME (NNTT) HYPERLINKS TO DETERMINATION SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NNTT WEBSITE
<a href="#">GUNARMU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>	AGENT	28/08/2006	<a href="#">TIMBER CREEK</a>
<a href="#">INJARNYALA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION<sup>7</sup></a>	AGENT	04/09/1998	<a href="#">CROKER ISLAND</a>
<a href="#">IYTWELEPWENTY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>	AGENT	23/04/2004	<a href="#">DAVENPORT/MURCHISON</a>
<a href="#">LHERE ARTEPE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>	AGENT	23/05/2000	<a href="#">ALICE SPRINGS</a>
<a href="#">PATTA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>	AGENT	03/09/2007	<a href="#">TENNANT CREEK NO. 2</a>
TO BE ADVISED		14/11/2000	<a href="#">ST VIDGEON'S (ROPER RIVER)</a>
TO BE ADVISED		07/02/2002	<a href="#">URAPUNGA</a>
TO BE ADVISED		09/12/2003	<a href="#">MIRIUWUNG-GAJERRONG (NORTHERN TERRITORY)</a>
TO BE ADVISED		11/10/2005	<a href="#">BLUE MUD BAY NO. 2</a>
TO BE ADVISED		26/09/2007	<a href="#">NEWCASTLE WATERS - MURRANJI DETERMINATION</a>

### Types of RNTBCs

As indicated on Table 2 above, RNTBCs may be either a trustee or an agent RNTBC. When a determination recognising native title is made, native title holders are requested by the Court to decide whether they want native title to be held in trust by the RNTBC or held by the common law holders of native title. In the first instance the RNTBC acts as the trustee for native title holders, in the second instance, the RNTBC acts as an agent for the common law holders of native title. In the Northern Territory all 5 of the determined RNTBCs are agent RNTBCs.

<sup>7</sup> Hyperlink to corporation information on the ATNS website.

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### RNTBCs and NTRB regions in the Northern Territory

Table 3 below indicates in which native title representative body (NTRB) region each RNTBC advised as at 1 January 2009 is located.

**Table 3 RNTBCs by NTRB region**

<b>NTRB/NTSDA REGION</b> HYPERLINK TO NTRB WEBSITE	<b>REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE</b> HYPERLINKS TO CORPORATION INFORMATION ON THE ORIC WEBSITE
CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL	<a href="#">IYTWELEPWENTY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>
	<a href="#">LHERE ARTEPE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>
NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL	<a href="#">GUNARMU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>
	<a href="#">INJARNYALA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION<sup>8</sup></a>
	<a href="#">PATTA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION</a>

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<sup>8</sup> Hyperlink to corporation information on the ATNS website.

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## Agreements

One of the ways native title holders exercise their native title rights and interests is by entering into agreements with third parties about the use and or management of an area of land or waters. Such agreements often take the form of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) which are registered with the National Native Title Tribunal. A registered ILUA is legally binding on the people who are party to the agreement and all native title holders for that area.

There are three types of ILUAs:

- Area Agreements (see Division 3 Subdivision C of the NTA).
- Alternative Procedure Agreements (see Division 3 Subdivision D of the NTA).
- Body Corporate Agreements (see Division 3 Subdivision B of the NTA).

Body Corporate Agreements (BCAs) can only be made if there are one or more RNTBCs which hold native title to, or have been appointed to act for, the native title holders in relation to the *whole* of the area to be covered by the agreement.

Table 4 below provides a summary of agreements involving RNTBCs in the Northern Territory (as sourced from the [Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements \(ATNS\)](#) website). This table provides hyperlinks to agreement summary information on the [ATNS](#) website and the [National Native Title Tribunal \(NNTT\)](#) website.

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**Table 4 Agreements involving RNTBCs in the Northern Territory**

RNTBC	AGREEMENT NAME HYPERLINK TO AGREEMENT INFORMATION ON ATNS WEBSITE	NNTT FILE NO. HYPERLINK TO ILUA SUMMARY ON NNTT WEBSITE	TYPE OF AGREEMENT	SUBJECT MATTER (NNTT)	SUBJECT MATTER (ATNS) HYPERLINK TO SUBJECT MATTER INFORMATION ON ATNS WEBSITE
LHERE ARTEPE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION	<a href="#">Larapinta Land Release (2003)</a>	N/A	LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT	N/A	<a href="#">Economic Development</a>   <a href="#">Land Transaction</a>
	<a href="#">Phase 1 of Larapinta Stage 4 ILUA (12 August 2004)</a>	<a href="#">DI2004/005</a>	BODY CORPORATE AGREEMENT	DEVELOPMENT	<a href="#">Native Title</a>   <a href="#">Future Act</a>   <a href="#">Land Transaction</a>   <a href="#">Construction and Infrastructure</a>   <a href="#">Economic Development</a>   <a href="#">Native Title - Extinguishment</a>   <a href="#">Land Use</a>
	<a href="#">Simpson's Gap National Park Extension ILUA (23 June 2005)</a>	<a href="#">DI2004/042</a>	BODY CORPORATE AGREEMENT	DEVELOPMENT	<a href="#">Environmental Heritage</a>   <a href="#">Tourism</a>   <a href="#">Management / Administration</a>   <a href="#">Cultural Heritage</a>   <a href="#">Land Management</a>   <a href="#">Land Transaction</a>   <a href="#">Recognition of Traditional Rights and Interests</a>   <a href="#">Native Title</a>
	<a href="#">Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park - Heavitree Range Extension ILUA (23 June 2005)</a>	<a href="#">DI2004/040</a>	BODY CORPORATE AGREEMENT	DEVELOPMENT	<a href="#">Cultural Heritage</a>   <a href="#">Environmental Heritage</a>   <a href="#">Land Management</a>   <a href="#">Land Transaction</a>   <a href="#">Recognition of Traditional Rights and Interests</a>   <a href="#">Land Use</a>   <a href="#">Management / Administration</a>
	<a href="#">Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve ILUA (23 June 2005)</a>	<a href="#">DI2004/041</a>	BODY CORPORATE AGREEMENT	DEVELOPMENT	<a href="#">Cultural Heritage</a>   <a href="#">Land Management</a>   <a href="#">Recognition of Traditional Rights and Interests</a>   <a href="#">Land Planning</a>   <a href="#">Tourism</a>
	<a href="#">Desert Knowledge Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)</a>	<a href="#">DI2005/2006</a>	AREA AGREEMENT	CO- MANAGEMENT	<a href="#">Access</a>   <a href="#">Land Management</a>   <a href="#">Native Title</a>
	<a href="#">Kuyunba Conservation Reserve 1 ILUA (23 June 2005)</a>	<a href="#">DI2004/039</a>	BODY CORPORATE AGREEMENT	DEVELOPMENT	<a href="#">Land Planning</a>   <a href="#">Land Management</a>   <a href="#">Land Transaction</a>   <a href="#">Native Title</a>   <a href="#">Recognition of Traditional Rights and Interests</a>   <a href="#">Environmental Heritage</a>

### Funding

The Northern Territory Government provides an overview of [Grants and Funding](#) on their website.

Table 5 below, provides summary information about potential Northern Territory Government funding sources for activities that may be carried out by native title holders or RNTBCs including:

- caring for country;
- cultural heritage;
- community development;
- natural resource management; and
- organisational administration (including transport).

This table does not include Australian Government or other nationally available sources of funding, refer to the [Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate National Toolkit](#) for information about such funding opportunities. In instances where the closing date for current funding applications has already passed, users of this toolkit are advised to contact the relevant organisations to seek information about future funding opportunities.

#### Table 5 Potential funding sources

##### Department of Justice - Community Benefit Fund

<a href="#">Community Benefits Small Grants Program</a>	
Description	Grants, generally for amounts up to \$5,000, are available from the Fund to approved non-profit Territory-based organisations to help them in the provisions of services that benefit the community. Funds are distributed on a biannual basis and may be applied to approved activities which do not fit within other government funding programs, but have the potential to improve the well being and lifestyle of Territorians.
Subject	Community development
Closing date	27 February 2009
Further information	Telephone: 1300 650 153 Email: <a href="mailto:cbf.doj@nt.gov.au">cbf.doj@nt.gov.au</a>
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/cbf/comm_bene_grants.shtml">http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/cbf/comm_bene_grants.shtml</a>
<a href="#">Vehicle Gifts/Loans</a>	
Description	The vehicle gift program and the long-term vehicle loan program are managed out of the Northern Territory Government's light vehicle fleet. Vehicles available for gifting or long-term loan are vehicles surplus to Government requirements. Long-term vehicle loans are defined to be loans lasting longer than a period of four weeks. The applicant bears responsibility for vehicle running, maintenance and insurance costs. Vehicles gifted or on long-term loan will generally be a 2WD vehicle. 4WD vehicles will only be

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	provided where a 2WD is inappropriate for the intended use. Heavy vehicles are not included in the long-term vehicle loan program.
Subject	Transport
Closing date	27 February 2009
Further information	Telephone: 1300 650 153 Email: <a href="mailto:cbf.doj@nt.gov.au">cbf.doj@nt.gov.au</a>
Sources	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/documents/cbf/cbf_car_grant_app_form.doc">http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/documents/cbf/cbf_car_grant_app_form.doc</a>

### Major Community Grants Program

Description	Grants are available to nonprofit Territorybased organisations to help them provide services that benefit the community. The maximum grant available for each project is \$200,000 per annum. The quantum of funding for individual projects will be governed by budget availability, the standard of submissions and any priorities identified by the Community Benefit Fund Committee.
Subject	Community development
Closing date	27 February 2009
Further information	Telephone: 1300 650 153 Email: <a href="mailto:cbf.doj@nt.gov.au">cbf.doj@nt.gov.au</a>
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/documents/cbf/major_grants_guidelines.pdf">http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/documents/cbf/major_grants_guidelines.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/cbf/index.shtml#contact">http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/cbf/index.shtml#contact</a>

## Department of Natural Resources, Environment & the Arts (DNRETA)

### Arts Grants: Presentation and Promotion

Description	Presentation and promotion is for the support of projects which either present, exhibit, distribute or promote Northern Territory arts practice.
Subject	Community Development Cultural Heritage
Closing dates	15 March 2009 and 15 October 2009
Further information	Telephone: 1800 678 237 or 8999 8981 Email: <a href="mailto:arts.office@nt.gov.au">arts.office@nt.gov.au</a>
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/arts/artsnt/grants/index.html">http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/arts/artsnt/grants/index.html</a>

### Arts Grants: Remote Festivals Fund

Description	The Remote Festivals Fund is for the support of remote community festivals, to establish and/or develop artistic programming and initiatives.
Subject	Community Development Cultural Heritage
Closing dates	28 February 2009
Further information	Telephone: 1800 678 237 or 8999 8981 Email: <a href="mailto:arts.office@nt.gov.au">arts.office@nt.gov.au</a>
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/arts/artsnt/grants/remotefestival.html">http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/arts/artsnt/grants/remotefestival.html</a>

### Environment NT Grants: Individual Project Grants

Description	Individual grants are available to community groups, industry associations, local government and individuals for projects that provide benefits to the environment through direct action, research or education.  To support projects that will reduce and/or promote efficient energy consumption (and greenhouse gas emissions) and can be used as demonstration models able to be implemented in similar organisations across the Territory.
	<a href="#">Energy efficiency</a>

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	<a href="#">Re-thinking Waste</a>	To support projects that will develop the resource recovery (recycling) industry in the Territory and can be used as demonstration models able to be implemented in other communities across the Territory.
	<a href="#">Water conservation</a>	To support projects that will improve water management in the Territory and can be used as demonstration models for wider application in the Territory.
	<a href="#">Environmental management / stewardship</a>	To develop and document environmental management projects that can be used to demonstrate best practice approaches in the Territory.
	<a href="#">Environmental education / capacity building</a>	To deliver awareness-raising, skill building and training activities to the wider NT community.
	<a href="#">Wildlife</a>	To improve our management and awareness of wildlife-related issues in the Northern Territory.
Subject	Caring for country	
Closing date	Contact DNRETAS for future funding rounds	
Further information	Telephone: 8924 4216 Email: <a href="mailto:environmentgrants@nt.gov.au">environmentgrants@nt.gov.au</a>	
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/grants/program/index.html">http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/grants/program/index.html</a>	

### Environment NT Grants: Operational Grants

Description	Operational Grants are available to non-government environment organisations providing significant ongoing environmental services in the Northern Territory. Written submissions are invited and agreements will be negotiated with successful organisations outlining the amount to be received and accountability requirements. There are no application forms available as application is by written submission only.	
Subject	Community Development Caring for Country	
Closing dates	Contact DNRETAS for future funding rounds	
Further information	Telephone: 8924 4216 Email: <a href="mailto:environmentgrants@nt.gov.au">environmentgrants@nt.gov.au</a>	
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/grants/program/index.html">http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/grants/program/index.html</a>	

### Heritage Grants

Description	Organisations or individuals working on projects relating to significant heritage sites may be eligible for a grant. Grants are available for research, conservation and presentation of significant heritage places having aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance to the community.	
Subject	Cultural heritage	
Closing date	Contact DNRETAS for future funding rounds.	
Further information	Telephone: (08) 8924 4056 Email: <a href="mailto:heritagegrants@nt.gov.au">heritagegrants@nt.gov.au</a>	
Source	<a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/heritage/grants/apply.html">http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/heritage/grants/apply.html</a>	

## Northern Territory Archives Service

### Northern Territory History Grants

Description	The aim of the grants program is to encourage and support the work of researchers recording and writing about Northern Territory history	
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particularly covering areas not already researched.

Subject Cultural heritage

Closing date May 2009

Further information Telephone: (08) 8924 7660  
Email: [nt.archives@nt.gov.au](mailto:nt.archives@nt.gov.au)

Source <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas/grants/index.html>

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## Training

Given the breadth of issues that native title holders are called on to deal with training initiatives relating to decision-making and dispute management, communication, governance and business management as well as land and resource management may be useful to RNTBCs.

The Native Title Research Unit's [Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project](#) (IFaMP) has published a ***Training Resource Guide*** for native title representative bodies identifying training in these areas. While no longer updated, this resource continues to provide an overview of training providers and pathways and addresses many of the training needs likely to be required by RNTBCs. In addition this resource highlights the potential for **Registered Training Organisations** to provide **customised courses** to meet client requirements, providing an opportunity for RNTBCs to have their specific training needs addressed. Refer to the IFaMP website for copies of the Training Resource Guide ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)) or contact the Native Title Research Unit on 02 6246 1161. The IFaMP Training Resource Guide includes contact details for State and Territory Training Authorities providing a starting point for investigating training, funding and training providers in particular regions.

The [Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#) (ORIC) currently provides a range of training and information sessions for parties establishing a corporation, see [ORIC training and information sessions](#) on the ORIC website for further information or contact ORIC on their toll free telephone number 1800 622 431.

The [National Native Title Tribunal](#) (NNTT) may be able to provide information and assistance relevant to RNTBCs on request, see [Guidelines for providing assistance](#) on the NNTT website for further information or contact the NNTT on 1800 640 501.

The [Indigenous Land Corporation](#) also provides assistance for [group based planning](#), [enterprise development](#) and [regional development](#) refer to the ILC website for further details or contact the ILC on 1800 818 490.

## **Northern Territory Government Training Information<sup>9</sup>**

### **Funding Sources**

The Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) manages and administers programs and funding arrangements for the delivery of vocational education and training in the Territory. Information about their workforce skills training initiatives is available on their [website](#).

### **Flexible Response Funding**

Flexible Response Funding specifically targets Indigenous people, for training delivery of accredited and non-accredited training on site in the community. Communities can access funding at any time throughout the year. DEET provides Flexible Response Funding for training to be delivered in Indigenous Communities when the community organisations are unable to access funding from other sources. Training needs to be linked to employment or work-ready outcomes.

### **Community Response Program**

Supports recurring accredited training that links to building work ready skills of Indigenous people. For example, training in first aid and driver-licensing.

### **Training for Remote Youth (TRY)**

TRY is aimed at bringing youth and the local community together to provide structured training and learning experiences that will enable them to prepare for employment in the community or re-engage in further learning. The target group for TRY funding is youth aged between 14 and 19 years of age, who live in regional or remote localities of the Northern Territory and are disengaged from school based education.

For more information about the above programs, contact a Field Officer in the Employment and Training Division of DEET on 08 8901 1334. For further information about training programs and providers in the Northern Territory contact the [Department of Employment, Education and Training](#) on (08) 8901 1357.

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<sup>9</sup> The information in this section has been extracted from the IFaMP Training Resource Guide ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#))

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### Networks

Native title holders, through RNTBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations with expertise in particular areas relevant to the exercise of native title rights and interests including:

- land and water management,
- conservation,
- wildlife management,
- pest control,
- cultural heritage, and
- economic development.

Table 6 below provides information about programs, organisations and networks operating in the Northern Territory that may be able to provide assistance to native title holders. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, the NTRU welcomes advice about other organisations that should be included in this list, contact the NTRU on 02 6246 1161 or [ntru@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ntru@aiatsis.gov.au).

**Table 6 Organisations & Programs relevant to RNTBCs**

#### Desert Knowledge CRC

Description	The Desert Knowledge CRC is a research and brokerage institution that links researchers with 27 partners. The Desert Knowledge CRC focuses these research efforts on creating useful outcomes with commercial application for desert people, communities and DKCRC partners.
Subject	Research
Further information	Telephone: (08) 8959 6000 Email: <a href="mailto:info@desertknowledgecrc.com.au">info@desertknowledgecrc.com.au</a>
Source	<a href="http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/dka/index.cfm?attributes.fuseaction=aboutus">http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/dka/index.cfm?attributes.fuseaction=aboutus</a>

#### Caring for our Country Facilitators Network

Description	Caring for our Country facilitators are fully funded and directly employed by the Australian Government. They are located in each state and territory. The primary purpose of the Caring for our Country facilitators is to help a wide range of stakeholders to gain a good understanding of how to engage with and participate in Caring for our Country initiatives.
Subject	Caring for country
Further information	Telephone: (02) 6274 1111 Email: via website
Source	<a href="http://www.nrm.gov.au/do/facilitator.html">http://www.nrm.gov.au/do/facilitator.html</a> <a href="http://www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/ausgovt.html">http://www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/ausgovt.html</a>

#### Natural Resource Management Facilitator Network

Description	The Natural Resource Management Facilitator Network represents the Australian Government's NRM programs on the ground and consists of over 700 facilitators
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located throughout Australia's 56 NRM regions and in all capital cities. This network helps link all governments, regional bodies, Indigenous communities, non-government organisations, industry, volunteers and the community. The network, which is jointly funded by the Australian Government through the Natural Heritage Trust, State/ Territory Governments and host organisations/regional bodies, consists of: Australian Government Facilitators, Regional Facilitators, Indigenous Land Management Facilitators, Local Government Facilitators and Local-level Facilitators/Coordinators.

Subject Caring for country  
Further Telephone: 1800 552 008  
information Email: [nrm@environment.gov.au](mailto:nrm@environment.gov.au)  
Source <http://www.nrm.gov.au/publications/facilitator-factsheet.html#download>  
<http://www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/ausgovt.html#vic>

### North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

Description The North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA) is an unincorporated bioregional forum for Indigenous land and sea managers across North Australia. It aims to support practical Indigenous land and sea management using strategic approaches to care for country with an emphasis on practical management by Traditional Owners across the whole of the North. It is a partner agency of the Tropical Savannas CRC and represents the interests of Indigenous land and sea managers across northern Australia to the CRC's Board of Management.

Subject Research

Further Ms Jessica Lew Fatt  
information Executive Personal Assistant and Team Administration Support Officer  
North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance  
Telephone: 08 8946 7691  
Email: [Jessica.LewFatt@cdu.edu.au](mailto:Jessica.LewFatt@cdu.edu.au)  
Source [http://www.nailsma.org.au/about\\_nailsma/index.html](http://www.nailsma.org.au/about_nailsma/index.html)

### Tropical Savannas CRC

Description The aim of the Tropical Savannas CRC is to help ensure that this vast area is healthy and managed to provide long-term benefits (economic, aesthetic, social and cultural) to those who use them and to sustain the biodiversity and habitat endemic to them. The Centre's research into Indigenous issues includes the work of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance; Indigenous ecological knowledge, and improving cross-cultural engagement through training packages for NRM workers.

Subject Research

Further Email: [savanna@cdu.edu.au](mailto:savanna@cdu.edu.au)  
information  
Source <http://savanna.cdu.edu.au/index.html>

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### Resources

This section of the toolkit provides hyperlinks to information and resources that may be useful to RNTBCs. It also includes a listing of RNTBC-related publications.

### Legislation & Regulations

[Corporations \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander\) Act 2006](#)

[Native Title Act 1993 \(Cth\)](#)

[Native Title \(Prescribed Bodies Corporate\) Regulations 1999](#)

### Organisations

[Agreements, Treaties & Negotiated Settlements Project](#)

[Desert Knowledge CRC](#)

[Greening Australia](#)

[Indigenous Business Australia](#)

[Indigenous Land Corporation](#)

[National Native Title Tribunal](#)

[North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance](#)

[Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#)

[Tropical Savannas CRC](#)

### Australian Government

[Attorney-General's Department](#)

- [Native Title Unit](#)

[Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)

- [Audiovisual Archives](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Native Title Research Unit](#)
- [Research Program](#)

[Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry](#)

[Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations](#)

- [Caring for our Country Facilitators Network](#)
- [Indigenous Protected Areas Programme](#)

[Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts](#)

[Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs](#)

- [Indigenous Coordination Centres](#)

[Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research](#)

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[Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government](#)

### Northern Territory Government

[Department of regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources](#)

- [Minerals and Energy](#)

[Department of Natural Resource, Environment, the Arts and Sport](#)

## Publications

### Reports

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner (Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission) [Native Title Reports](#)

Attorney-General's Department [Structures and Processes of Prescribed Bodies Corporate](#)

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