

# FONT 2009

## Foundations of Native Title

*An introduction to working in native title at Native Title Representative Bodies*

The FoNT program consists of a three day workshop for Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) staff. The program is intended for all NTRB staff including field officers, legal staff, anthropologists, researchers and administrative staff. It is particularly relevant for new staff with little or no experience of working in native title.

### Program overview

The FoNT program offers an introduction to working in native title and in an NTRB. The three day workshop aims for participants to acquire and extend skills and knowledge related to their native title work.

Workshop topics and themes include:

- overview of the native title system
- history and development of native title and native title law
- overview of the role, responsibilities and functions of NTRBs
- roles and responsibilities of NTRB staff
- cultural awareness
- communication skills and processes
- conflict resolution
- multidisciplinary and multicultural teamwork
- understanding and managing the stress of native title work

### Testimonials from previous participants

*"[My] ability to cope with the heavy workload has improved through the skills that [I] have developed through the course."*

*"[FoNT] gave [me] the confidence to speak to people that are involved in all aspects of native title and also how to deal with difficult situations in a manner that gets positive outcomes."*

Date	Location	Time
25-27 August, 2009	Trinity Conference and Accommodation Centre, Perth	9am to 5pm Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 4pm Thursday

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## Registration

To enroll in the program you need to be currently employed by an NTRB. Although the program is intended for new staff, we also welcome registrations from experienced staff.

Please register early. The workshop is restricted to 25 participants so places are limited. Please register now to ensure a place. To register please visit [www.auroraproject.com.au](http://www.auroraproject.com.au).

For further information email [learning@auroraproject.com.au](mailto:learning@auroraproject.com.au) or phone (02) 9385 9050.

## Program Dinner

We will be hosting dinner at a local restaurant bringing together participants, facilitators, and the Aurora team, following close of session on Wednesday night, 26 August. Participants are asked to contribute \$20 to the dinner (with dinner, wine & soft drinks included), and the Aurora Project will cover additional expenses. It would be great if you could join us!

## The Venue

Trinity Conference and Accommodation Centre  
230 Hampden Road, Crawley WA 6009  
[www.trinity.uwa.edu.au](http://www.trinity.uwa.edu.au)

T: (08) 9423 9423  
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## Accommodation

There is accommodation available at the venue as detailed below. Hotels in the centre of Perth are about 10-15 minutes by taxi from Trinity.

### Trinity Conference and Accommodation Centre

On the same campus as the program, Trinity is a residential college with a number of motel-style rooms available. Rooms start at \$88 per night which includes full breakfast in the student dining room.

## Continuing Legal Education Credits (for WA)

The Aurora Project recently received 'Quality Assurance' for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in Western Australia. WA participants are eligible for 3 CLE credits following their completion of FoNT with the breakdown as follows:

- Legal Skills & Practice 1 unit
- Values 1 unit
- Legal Knowledge 1 unit

Further details are available at [www.lpbwa.org.au](http://www.lpbwa.org.au).

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The Aurora Project is the collective name for a number of programs that work with Australia's Indigenous communities and organisations to facilitate prosperity through capacity building. To achieve this, the Project focuses on professional development in law, anthropology, research, management, education and other disciplines. For more information please visit our website at: [www.auroraproject.com.au](http://www.auroraproject.com.au).

For further information about our Vision, Objectives, Approach of Aurora's NTRB Staff Development programs please visit: [www.auroraproject.com.au/Learning&Development.htm](http://www.auroraproject.com.au/Learning&Development.htm).