

Native Title Law and Practice

2009

A program for NTRB legal staff

The **Native Title Law and Practice** program provides a review of the key elements of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) as amended, which will assist legal staff to undertake work in an NTRB.

The Program

The program focuses on the following topics:

- Native Title Act processes, including the claim process (with an update on proposed 2009 amendments), consent determinations and alternative settlements
- proof of maintenance of traditional law and custom and connection, including issues of shared country, succession, proof of particular rights and interests), and state/territory connection guidelines
- recognition of native title under the NTA and related issues, such as extinguishment and the operation of beneficial provisions of the NTA such as ss 47-47B and 211
- an overview of the NTA future act regime, including the scope of the provisions and relevant state/territory legislation

Please bring a copy of the Native Title Act.

Facilitators

The key facilitator of the program is **Lisa Wright**, Senior Legal Officer, National Native Title Tribunal. Prior to joining the Tribunal in 1998, Lisa worked as a legal officer in an NTRB. As part of her work at the Tribunal, Lisa has facilitated a number of staff workshops for NTRBs over the past few years. The following is feedback from participants at the Native Title Law and Practice 2008 program for which Lisa facilitated:

"Lisa's level of knowledge in native title & passion about the topic was very impressive & she communicated her knowledge with humour & a high level of presentation."

"I found the whole course very useful & informative. Lisa is a great presenter who is not only knowledgeable but presents in a fun environment. The course should be mandatory for all junior lawyers in Rep Bodies."

Date

19-22 October,
2009

Location

Trinity Conference Centre, Perth

Time

9am to 5pm Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday
9am to 4pm Thursday

Registration

To enrol in this program you need to be currently employed by an NTRB or NTSP. Priority will be given to those that haven't previously attended the program. However, if you wish to attend a second time to refresh your knowledge, please contact us.

Please register early. As the workshop is restricted to 25 participants you should register now to ensure a place. We will contact you to confirm your enrolment in the program. To register please visit: www.auroraproject.com.au/Registrations.htm

For further information, email nicola.maccoll@auroraproject.com.au or phone (02) 9385 9048.

Program Dinner

We are planning to have dinner at a local restaurant bringing together participants, facilitators, and the Aurora team, following the close of session on Monday night, 19th October. Participants are asked to contribute \$20 to their dinner (with dinner, wine & soft drinks included), and the Aurora Project will cover additional expenses. We hope you can join us!

The Venue

Trinity Conference and Accommodation Centre
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Accommodation

Accommodation available at the venue, see the details below. Hotels in the centre of Perth are approximately ten 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. A limited number of rooms have been set aside for Aurora so we suggest you mention us when booking.

The Aurora Project

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, Aurora 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

For more information on the vision, objectives and approach of Aurora's NTRB Staff Development programs, please visit: www.auroraproject.com.au/Learning&Development.htm