# Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

ICN 3743 ABN 14 146 238 567 (under special administration)



#### DEAR MEMBERS, TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE,

My name is Peter McQuoid and on 17 April 2021 the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations appointed me special administrator for Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC (ATLA) until Wednesday 30 June 2021. The special administration has since been extended to 31 March 2022.

This is my 6th newsletter as the special administrator for ATLA. While I am in this role, I'll send regular newsletters to let you know what I'm doing to help get your corporation ready to hand back to members' control.

# Order of Australia award for Vicky Welgraven AM

Vicky Welgraven (nee Jackson), is a proud Adnyamathanha Arrurru north wind woman from the northern Flinders Ranges. She is an advocate and champion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) women, ensuring their interests are represented and their voices are heard.

This year, Vicky was honoured in the Australia Day 2022 honours list and appointed as a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for 'significant service to women through social welfare organisations, and to Indigenous health'.

Vicky is a White Ribbon Australia community partner and a director on the Our Watch board where she has been a respected leader promoting gender equality and respectful relationships and advocating for an end to family and domestic violence. Since joining Our Watch Vicky has contributed to its strong governance, its reconciliation action plan



Vicky Welgraven

and to implementing Changing the Picture, a national resource for ending violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

A passionate supporter of Port Adelaide Football Club, Vicky was

recently appointed to its AFLW steering committee where she will work to ensure successful integration of the women's program into the club.

Vicky is a well-respected speaker with an engaging and consultative approach. She has lobbied federal and state members of parliament on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's issues and the impact of family and domestic violence.

In recognition of her work as a strong advocate and an ambassador for Aboriginal women's

rights, in 2015 Vicky was inducted into the South Australian Women's Honour Roll. She is a former member of the South Australian Premier's Council for Women and a former SA representative of the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance, representing them at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2016.

In 2018 Vicky won an individual flame of change unifying support (FOCUS) award for her outstanding advocacy and campaigning for an end to family and domestic violence.

In 2019 Vicky was a finalist for the South Australian / Australian of the Year award and for the 2019 Women in Innovation awards in the category of innovation and intrapreneurship in government' for her innovative approaches to reconciliation; Aboriginal history & culture; and promoting gender equality, respectful relationships and an end to family violence.

The first South Australian Aboriginal woman to be appointed to the role of Australia Day Ambassador, Vicki's achievements are nothing short of exemplary.

# Culture, heritage and native title election results

The election for members of ATLA's culture, heritage and native title (CHANT) committee closed on 17 December 2021. The special administration team extends our appreciation to Adnyamathanha families who took the time to nominate representatives to this committee.

Nominees who have accepted their appointment to the CHANT are:

Family	Male rep	Female rep	
Darmody	Reginald Wilton	Geraldine	
		Anderson	
Wilton	Ivan McKenzie	Sue Coulthard	
McKenzie	Charlie Jackson	Enice Marsh	
Austin	vacant	Sharon Meagher	
Demell	vacant	Teresa Brady	
Ryan	Jim Neville	Cherylin Waye	
Coulthard	vacant	Jenna Coulthard	
Johnson,	lan Johnson	Leverne Johnson	
Jackson &			
Clark			

The membership list will be updated as further acceptances are received. The latest list can be found on the ATLA web site: atla.com.au/about/culture-heritage-and-native-title-committee/

The first meeting of the CHANT for 2022 was held on 24 February. Members received an invitation to the meeting with the committee papers from the ATLA coordinator.

Members of the CHANT can be contacted by sending an email to **heritage@atla.com.au**.

#### **Membership applications**

The CHANT will be helping the corporation advisory group to process over 200 membership applications that have been received during the special administration. This process will start in March 2022 and is estimated to require 2 or 3 months to complete. People who have lodged an 'update form' and are not on the membership register will soon receive a letter from Moore Australia asking you to complete an enclosed membership application form. People who have submitted a membership application form will go straight to the membership application assessment process.

### ATLA membership application process

#### 1. ATLA receives your membership application

Adnyamathanha people applying for membership need to be sure their application form is completed correctly and any required supporting documents are attached.

#### 2. ATLA reviews your application

ATLA will review your application and contact you if more information is needed. There is a fair 3-stage process to review applications. Your application is assessed by:

- the ATLA board or (during the special administration) the corporation advisory group (CAG)—and either approved outright or referred for assessment by
- 2. the **CHANT** committee—and either recommended for approval or referred for assessment by
- a meeting of members—and recommended for approval or rejection.

#### **ATLA** board decision

If recommended at steps 2 or 3, the ATLA board or CAG will reconsider your application and normally accept it.

You will be contacted with the result, and ATLA will formally advise you of the outcome of your application.

I extend my thanks to all of those applicants who have been waiting a very long time for their applications to be processed.

#### Missing or incorrect contact details

The response from members to update their contact details has been great, thank you. Over 80 of you have done so—but we **still need correct contact details for 311 members**. A list of members with missing contact details was attached to my last newsletter and can be found at atla.com.au.

If you are on the list, please provide your current contact details. Or if you know someone who is on the list, please urge them to do so.

It is very important for ATLA to have your up-to-date contact information so you can play your part in making decisions for your corporation.

You can supply your: name, address, phone number and email address in any of the following ways:

- email: atla@moore-australia.com.au
- phone: 08 8224 3300
- fax: 08 8224 3311
- post: GPO Box 1171 Adelaide SA 5001

## **Corporation advisory group (CAG)**

We continue to work with the corporation advisory group (CAG) to make sound decisions for the welfare and governance of the corporation. CAG members will be considered for future board positions and should have the skills required to guide and strengthen the corporation's governance, leadership, business and strategic development. These are significant and important roles in a registered native title body corporate (RNTBC).

#### **Current CAG members**

We thank the current Adnyamathanha CAG members for their continued participation and contribution to decision making for ATLA:

- Adnyamathanha members—Haydyn Bromley;
   Desiree Fielding; Sally Marsh; Amanda Richards;
   Cynthia Webster and Julie Brady
- Independent specialist members—Raelene
   Webb and Wayne Mathew.

Best wishes to Clayton Cruse, Cheryl Waye and Clinton Wilson who have recently decided to step down from the CAG due to other commitments. My sincere thanks to the significant contribution made by Clayton, Cheryl and Clinton.

#### Call for new CAG nominations

We continue to encourage new nominations for CAG membership. Please use the attached form if you are interested.

#### Rangelea case update

The directions hearing on 28 January 2022 was brief. The outcome was a timetable for procedural steps leading up to the trial, which is scheduled to start on Monday, 28 March before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia. This will be the main hearing of ATLA's application for:

- access to records of the Master Trust and
- an inspector to investigate the Master Trust

Ten days have been allocated for the hearing so we expect a **judgement by mid-April** 2022.

The court case that ATLA commenced against Rangelea was started in the interests of common law holders because the directors of Rangelea refused to provide information about how the compensation money received from mining companies has been used and distributed.

The aim of the court proceedings is to seek access to the records of the Adnyamathanha Master Trust to provide transparency to the traditional owners and common law holders. The special administrator has also applied to have an inspector appointed to Rangelea, to report to the Court on how the directors of Rangelea have spent and distributed the compensation money.

Once it has the information, ATLA will pass on to traditional owners and common law holders what it learns about how the directors of Rangelea have been managing the Master Trust and distributing the compensation money.

More information is available at atla.com.au.

#### **ATLA** website

ATLA has a new website. Visit **atla.com.au** for the latest news, information about the special administration, the CAG and the CHANT committee. There are pages advertising employment for Adnyamathanha people, links to newsletters and key documents such as your native title determinations, Indigenous land use agreements and important legislation. ATLA will be using the new site to communicate important information to all members so please check it regularly.

### **Community information meeting**

The proposed community information meeting in February 2022 has been postponed due to the:

- impact of the Omicron outbreak in South Australia and
- delay in the Rangelea court proceedings.

A joint information / AGM is now planned for late April 2022. Notices will be sent out soon to all members and posted on Facebook and the ATLA website. Hopefully the outcome of the court case will be known by then. That will make the meeting more effective for Adnyamathanha people.

### More on special administrations

See ORIC's fact sheet **Special administrations:** what members and directors need to know.

Find out more about special administrations via **oric.gov.au** or by calling the Registrar's office on **1800 622 431**.

Many thanks, Peter & Keith



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# NOMINATION TO BE IN THE ADVISORY GROUP

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(ins	sert name)	
nominate myself for the special adn	ninistrator's advisory group.	
My relevant background and	l experience	
My contact details		
Email:	Phone:	
Address:		
Signature:	Date:	

Please return your form to PDMC by email to **k.mackay@pdmc.net.au** 

For more information, call Keith Mackay on 07 3289 6071

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

Name
Address
Mobile number
Email address
Date joined (if known)

Please return your completed form by any of the below means:

Email: atla@moore-australia.com.au

Fax: 08 8224 3311

Post: GPO Box 1171, Adelaide SA 5001