

MEETING NOTICE

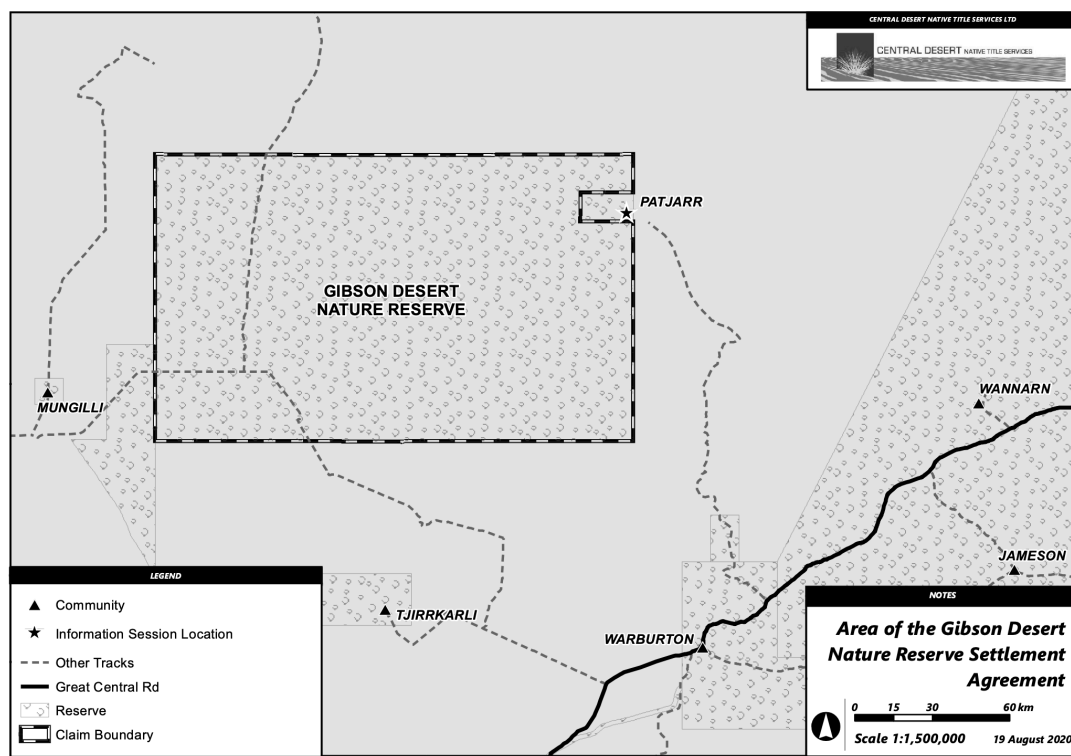
GIBSON DESERT NATURE RESERVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Information Session

Tuesday 8 September 2020

Patjarr Community

9.00am



Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation and representatives of the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners have been in negotiations with the State Government about native title, compensation, caring for country and land management in relation to the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve.

There is now a proposed Gibson Desert Nature Reserve Settlement Agreement (**Settlement Agreement**) to be put to the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners, so that the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners can decide if they want to agree to the Settlement Agreement with the State Government. This will mean giving up any claim to have compensation decided by the Federal Court in exchange for a settlement package which includes joint holding and management of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve, compensation, and trying to restore native title rights over the area.

The traditional owners of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve (see **attached** map) are invited to attend an information session hosted by Central Desert Native Title Services and Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation at Patjarr Community.

At this information session, lawyers for the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners and Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation will be giving legal advice about the Settlement Agreement and about bringing a compensation claim. This information session will be an opportunity for Central Desert lawyers and Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation, which was set up to look after the interests of the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners, to answer any questions about the Settlement Agreement, and also to explain the meetings that will take place over the following two days (Wednesday and Thursday).

Gibson Desert Traditional Owners will be given an opportunity to think about the Settlement Agreement overnight, before an authorisation meeting is held the next day to decide whether people want to agree to the Settlement Agreement.

All Gibson Desert Traditional Owners are encouraged to attend both the information session (on Tuesday) and the authorisation meetings (on Wednesday). Only Warnpurru members and directors need to be involved in the meetings on Thursday.

AGENDA:

1. Gibson Desert Nature Reserve Settlement Agreement - Background and update on negotiations

- Update on the Settlement Agreement negotiations with the State Government about native title, land management, caring for country and compensation for the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve.
- Warnpurru (Aboriginal Corporation) and its role in the Settlement Agreement.
- Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd and its role in relation to the Settlement Agreement.

2. What is in the Agreement?

Talking about what the State and the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners would each agree to under the Agreement. This includes:

- (a) Settling once and for all the compensation for extinguishment of native title by the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
- (b) Joint holding (vesting) and management of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve by Warnpurru and the State Government (working together)
- (c) Trying to restore native title rights in the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve

3. What would agreeing to the Agreement mean for the Gibson Desert traditional owners?

Talking about the consequences of agreeing to the Agreement for the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners, including:

- (a) Bringing, and then settling (agreeing with the State to finish up), a compensation claim to settle once and for all the issue of compensation for the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
- (b) Having a chance at getting native title restored (brought back) over the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
- (c) Working together with the State over the life of the Agreement

4. What are the different steps involved in finalising the Agreement?

- (a) Authorising a Compensation Claim
- (b) Authorising the Settlement Agreement, and authorising Warnpurru to manage (look after) the Settlement Agreement for the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners
- (c) Authorising a Native Title Claim
- (d) A Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation meeting to:
 - (i) Change the Warnpurru Rule Book to fit the terms of the Settlement Agreement
 - (ii) Agree to manage (look after) the Settlement Agreement for the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners

5. Any other questions or matters about the Agreement

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING?

ALL TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE GIBSON DESERT NATURE RESERVE ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

1. The Gibson Desert Traditional Owners are:

- (a) Those persons who have rights under traditional laws and customs in part or all of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve through:
 - (i) being conceived in the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve;
 - (ii) being born in the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve;
 - (iii) the birth of an ancestor in the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve;
 - (iv) the acquisition of knowledge through long association with the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve;

- (v) an ancestor's acquisition of knowledge through long association with the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve;
 - (vi) the burial site of an ancestor in the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve;
 - (vii) having religious, sacred, ritual, practice and historical knowledge of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve; and
- (b) Those persons who are recognised under traditional laws and customs by other members of the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners as having rights in the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve.

2. This includes the descendants of the following people:

- (a) Malungka;
- (b) the siblings Wirun/Wallace Davies, Tjuturumul/Billy Campbell and Marnupa Banks;
- (c) Katurapulparr;
- (d) the siblings Wunkurpa, Ngawili/Nolene Campbell, Tjintutjitji, Mulyamaru/Barney Ward and Nangkawan/Robert Ward;
- (e) Lenny Morrison;
- (f) Kaliya/Amy Anderson;
- (g) the cousin-siblings Mirta-Mirta/Andy Campbell, Dinny Campbell and Nyipi Ward;
- (h) the siblings Kautjuku/Polly Bond, Red Robertson, Walampari Mitchell and Tatitjarra/Arthur Robertson;
- (i) Minmarna/Chinaman/John Carnegie;
- (j) the siblings Yaluwila/Violet Ward and Neva Butler;
- (k) the siblings Tjiltjirrkurnyu and Tjapiyatjara;
- (l) the siblings Matjuwa Campbell and Nyingura Martin;
- (m) Kuku/Kirintji;
- (n) Dr George Ward/George Ward;
- (o) the siblings Dolly Smith and Eileen Robinson;
- (p) Pulpurru Davies; and
- (q) Nyaraurr/ Nama Cutline/ Ben Brown.

If you think you have native title rights and interests in the area of the map but you (or your family) are not sure if you are included on the list above, please contact the Central Desert office on 1800 189 936 to talk to the claim anthropologist, Sean Calderwood.

If you would like more information about the things to be discussed at the meeting, do not understand this notice, or are not sure if you should attend the meeting, please contact Rebecca Parker (Community Engagement Officer) or David Reger (Claim Lawyer) on 9425 2000 or FREECALL 1800 189 936.

INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL AND CAMPING:

Central Desert will have limited space to provide transport for people travelling from Wiluna and Warburton to Patjarr for the meeting. Central Desert encourages people to use their own transport to get to the meeting. Central Desert can assist with fuel and food for those people.

We will be staying at Patjarr from Monday 7 September to Friday 11 September. Central Desert will assist with food for those days. **Please make sure to bring your own camping gear, pannikins, cooking gear, swags and blankets as Central Desert will not be providing this.**

For more information, or if you need assistance to get to the meeting, please contact Rebecca Parker on **0467 770 029** or **FREECALL 1800 189 936** before **2:00pm on Friday 4th September 2020**. Please note that requests for travel assistance made after this date will not be accepted. We also ask that you confirm your attendance at the meeting for catering purposes.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you arrange all your necessary medication prior to travelling as the clinic will not be open in Patjarr. If you are travelling with Central Desert staff and need to arrange medication in Warburton, please do so **by Friday the 4th** as the assisted transportation will be leaving early on Monday.

CENTRAL DESERT STAFF ATTENDING:

Malcolm O'Dell (Principal Lawyer), Sean Calderwood (Senior Anthropologist), David Reger (Claim Lawyer), Rebecca Parker (Community Engagement), Sarah Hobson (Operations Manager) and Marian Hennessey (GIS Officer) from Central Desert Native Title Services will be attending.

Consultant Jan Turner (Cultural Interpreter and Advisor) and Tessa Herrmann (Barrister) will also be attending.

