

MEETING NOTICE

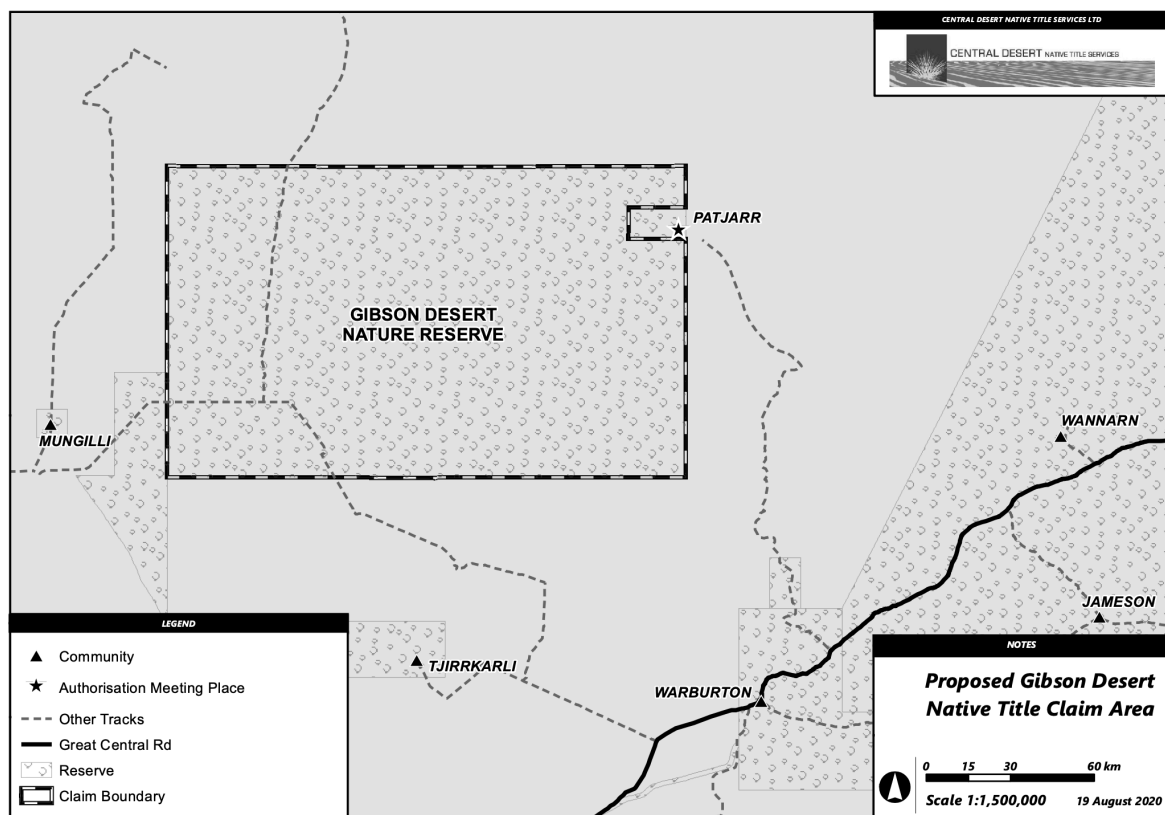
GIBSON DESERT NATURE RESERVE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM

Authorisation Meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2020

Patjarr Community

11.00am



AGENDA:

- 1. Background and update – Getting back native title for the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve**
 - Representatives of the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners and Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation have been negotiating a settlement agreement with the State Government about native title, compensation, caring for country and land management in relation to the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve. The negotiation is almost finished.
 - Part of this agreement is the State Government agreeing to Gibson Desert Traditional Owners getting their native title back over the Reserve, if the Native Title Act laws get changed by the government in Canberra. The change we are hoping will be made to the Native Title Act is what lawyers call 'section 47C' and is about bring back native title in nature reserves and national parks with the agreement of the State Government.

- To be ready for that change to the Native Title Act law in Canberra, which is something that the Commonwealth (Canberra) Parliament is currently looking at, Central Desert would like to help the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners get ready to bring your new native title claim as soon as possible, ‘just in case’ that law changes sooner rather than later. This will mean a native title claim can be put in without having to have a further big meeting of all Gibson Desert Traditional Owners.
- Before a new native title claim can be filed, people on the claim must meet and ‘authorise’ one or more people from the Gibson Desert Traditional Owners to file the new claim on behalf of all Gibson Desert Traditional Owners. This is called an ‘Authorisation Meeting.’
- When the new native title claim is authorised, it will not be put in the Federal Court until the law in Canberra changes.

2. Authorisation to bring the native title claim (if the law changes)

- Claim Boundary – the proposed native title claim is over the area of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve, shown on the map **attached** to this notice.
- Claim Group Description – this is how the people who will be included on the new claim will be described. See the next page for the proposed claim group description.
- Decision making – the right way to make a decision to bring a native title claim.
- Applicant – the meeting will need to choose some people to be members of the Applicant. When the time is right, it will be the Applicant’s job to bring the native title claim on behalf of all of the other people on the native title claim.
- Claim Name – the meeting will need to choose a name for the claim.

3. Other business

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.**

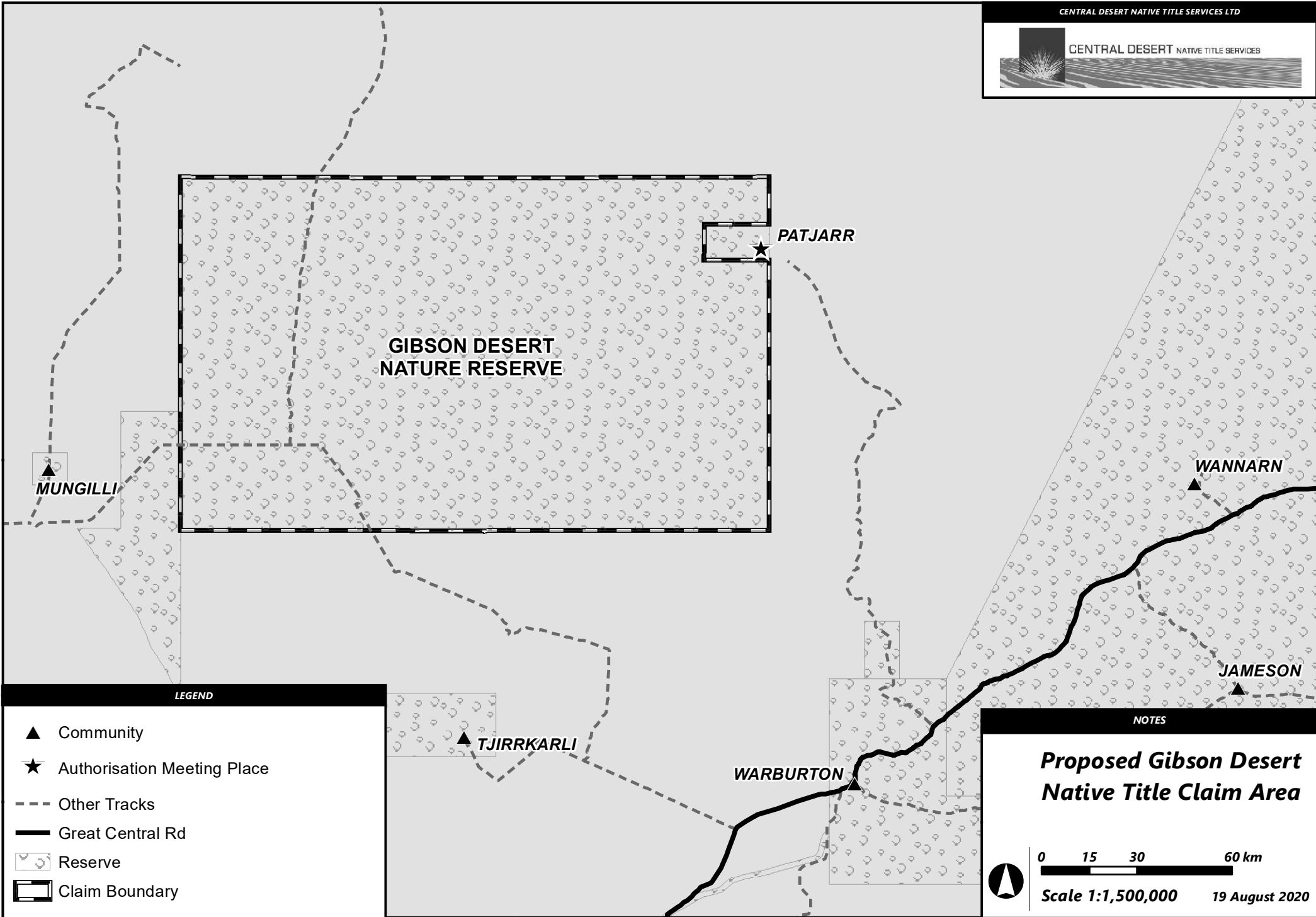
For more information, or if you need assistance to get to the meeting, please contact Rebecca Parker on **0467 770 029** or **FREECALL 1800 189 936** before **2:00pm on Friday 4th September 2020**. Please note that requests for travel assistance made after this date will not be accepted. We also ask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



**GIBSON DESERT
NATURE RESERVE**

MUNGILLI

PATJARR

WANNARN

JAMESON

TJIRRKARLI

WARBURTON

LEGEND

- ▲ Community
- ★ Authorisation Meeting Place
- - - Other Tracks
- Great Central Rd
- ◉ Reserve
- ▭ Claim Boundary

NOTES

**Proposed Gibson Desert
Native Title Claim Area**

