

PINE HILL

Consent Determination



Anmatyerr people had their native title rights and interests over Pine Hill station, south-east of Ti Tree, formally recognised by the Federal Court of Australia during a ceremony at Desert Bore.

It was the first consent determination over a pastoral lease in the Northern Territory.

The Court handed down a consent determination to native title applicants Lindsay Bird Ampetyane and others on behalf of the Ilkewartn and the Ywel estate groups of the Anmatyerr people.

A consent determination means that all parties have agreed that native title rights and interests do exist over a particular area.

The Central Land Council lodged the native title application in 1999.

CLC Director David Ross said he was always pleased when land issues were resolved without costly court actions.

"I am extremely pleased for the traditional owners and congratulate them on this outcome which



protects their rights into the future," Mr Ross said

"It guarantees them a seat at the table in an area known for its horticultural development and extremely significant in the economic development of Central Australia," he said.

Mr Ross also paid tribute to the contribution and dedication of the senior traditional owners some of which were involved in the application from its inception.

The Ilkewartn group mainly live in the communities of Mulga Bore, Wilora and Alice Springs. Senior Ilkewartn traditional owner, Lindsay Bird, who now lives at Mulga Bore, grew up on the neighbouring Bushy Park PPL and walked all over his country on Pine Hill with his family collecting bush tucker and learning about his sites and law.

Traditional owners Dorothy Ampetyane, Bunny Ampetyane and Rosemary Ampetyane lived traditional lives at Desert Bore and also grazed sheep and goats.

The Ywel group live at Ti Tree, Aileron and Laramba. Traditional owner Archie Glenn's father and mother worked at both Aileron and Pine Hill stations and the family visited their sacred sites on Pine Hill on the weekends.

Left: Archie Glenn and Lindsay Bird:
Top: Archie Glen and members of the Ywel group

Imanpa: new store ends saga



Above: Imanpa Store Association chairwoman Tanya Luckey with her daughter Lailarni Wiseman in the new store.

It had been a long, hard struggle and the festive atmosphere of the opening at Imanpa rightly reflected the community's major achievement of getting itself a new store.

No one had worked harder or felt more satisfied at the opening than Tanya Luckey, the Imanpa Store Association chairwoman.

After countless meetings and years of struggle, here she was standing before the community's shiny new store.

"Feeling happy," she said. "Our long hard work towards getting our new store is finally over and we celebrate the opening day today. The whole community's happy about it. I'm happy. So we don't have to go for more meetings. All we can do is deal with the store now.

"It's bigger than our old one. That's the main thing. We've got more storage space inside. We're going to get more variety of stuff in then," Ms Luckey said.

After all the hard work, Ms Luckey could be excused for wanting to put her feet up and taking it easy, but she's not satisfied yet. There is still more to be done.

"We've been battling for the store for a long time," she said. "Now that we've got that up and going, we're now going to be looking for assistance for the housing. That's our main priority from now on.

That battle is just getting started,

but the one just won is already bringing positive change to the community, including helping to bring more revenue through the store.

"We've got our staff from the roadhouse that come and shop here rather than them going into town and doing their grocery shopping, they come out here and do it," Ms Luckey said.

The store was mostly funded by money from the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Each year traditional owners of the park make decisions on how to distribute gate and rent money so it will bring lasting benefits for communities where they live.

Already the traditional owners have provided \$660,000 of park rent money to complete the new store.

They may soon provide another contribution to provide for a cool room at the store.

Other contributors to the store project have been the Federal Government with about \$220,000 and the Northern Territory Government with about \$30,000.

Ms Luckey said use of the rent money, negotiated by Central Land Council staff as part of the CLC's Uluru Rent Money Community Development project, is making a real difference in Imanpa.

"I reckon that's a really good idea using rent money," she said. "It's making the community stronger."