

Governance Story booklets to be launched at camp for native title holders

The Central Land Council will host directors of native title holder corporations for its fourth Prescribed Bodies Corporate Camp from 20 to 22 May 2025 at the Ross River Resort, east of Alice Springs.

A highlight of this year's camp will be the launch of the CLC's new *Governance Story* series—eight plain English, illustrated booklets developed with the directors in response to their feedback from the 2021 PBC Camp.

The booklets break down complex governance topics such as meeting procedures, decision-making, financial and risk management and strategic planning.

"We were very happy to help make these books," said Vanessa Napaltjarri Davis, a director of the Rodinga and Ngalyia Aboriginal corporations, two native title bodies corporate.

"We looked at every picture and read every sentence to make sure the books would help us explain good governance in easy English to our mob."

Camp participants will receive a full set of the books, which will also be available on the multi-lingual PBCmob app from 26 May—an initiative of an earlier PBC Camp.

Around 100 directors and representatives from 36 registered native title bodies corporate across central Australia are expected at the camp.

The camp is a unique opportunity for delegates to understand their native title rights and interests, share experiences, and connect with government agencies and support organisations.

The program features presentations and workshops from the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the National Native Title Council, the Australian Law Reform Commission, the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority and the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

There will be hands-on sessions on how to understand and amend corporation constitutions, and on enterprise development.

The NT Cattlemen's Association will return to the camp to discuss ongoing issues about native title holder access to pastoral lease land.

"This camp is not just an opportunity for PBC directors to learn about their native title rights and good governance," said CLC native title manager Francine McCarthy.

"They also tell us how we can support them better, and we follow through on their feedback. The *Governance Story* booklets are a great example of that."

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