



Kulyakartu Claim Update.

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Last meeting

The Kulyakartu claim group had their last claim meeting on 16 October 2014. At that meeting, they decided to change their claim group to make sure it showed the right people for Kulyakartu country. They also decided to change the people who can sign paperwork on your behalf, the Applicant group.



Trip to Kulyakartu country. Photo / Central Desert



Bush tucker from Kulyakartu country. Photo / Central Desert

Work done in 2015

Central Desert went away and gave all the proper paperwork to the State government and the Federal Court, who made those changes.

The native title claim group now comprises those Kulyakartu persons who hold native title rights and interests in the Application Area according to traditional laws and customs, including through the birth on country of an ancestor.

Your new Applicant is Muuki Taylor, Waka Taylor, Meridoo Walbidi, Daniel Walbidi, Simon Frank and Corina Jadai.

If you have any questions about the Kulyakartu claim you can ask these people, or call Marian Hennessy at Central Desert Native Title Services on (08) 9425 2000 or 1800 189 936 (freecall).

Trip to Kulyakartu Country

In June of 2015, a group of Kulyakartu claimants and Central Desert staff undertook a trip to the Kulyakartu claim area. The Kulyakartu claim area is accessed by heading east from the Great Northern Highway, along the Nganyumarta Highway [WAPET Road or Kidson Track], for approximately 350 kilometres and then south into the claim area.

The claimants took this opportunity to visit some rock rockholes, burn the country, some areas hadn't been burnt for many years, collecting bush foods and shooting some bush tucker.

The old Paru outstation was visited, where an abundance of bush tomatoes were growing. These were eagerly collected, and eaten, by members of the group.



Having a breather at Paru outstation. Photo / Central Desert

What next for Kulyakartu?

The State government is still looking at your native title claim, and Central Desert is speaking strong to them on your behalf. We will be meeting with them on 25 November, with the Federal Court, to talk about the best and quickest way to move forward with the Kulyakartu claim.

Central Desert will hopefully come out in the first half of 2016 to talk to the Kulyakartu claimants about the next steps that will need to be taken with their claim. In the meantime, your lawyer (Gemma Wheeler-Carver) and your anthropologist (Sean Calderwood) will be coming out to talk to people about the claim, and get more information from people about their family, their story and their country.

If you have any questions about this, you can ask Marian or Sean or Gemma, by calling (08) 9425 2000 or 1800 189 936 (freecall).



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