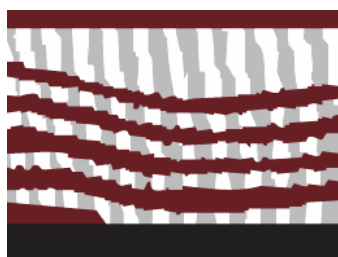


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INTRODUCTION

This document provides information pertaining to financial and human resource assistance available for prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) and registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBCs).¹ It is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource.

It contains the following information sourced at a national level that may be of interest for PBCs and RNTBCs:

1. Government and Non-government organisation grants
2. Training information
3. Useful networks

State specific information is available in the following

[New South Wales Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit](#)

[Northern Territory Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit](#)

[Queensland Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit](#)

[South Australia Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit](#)

[Victoria Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit](#)

[Western Australia Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit](#)

Further information on PBCs can be found at:

AIATSIS Native Title Resource Unit: [Prescribed Bodies Corporate Page](#)

AIATSIS Native Title Resource Unit: [Native Title Resource Guide](#)

¹ The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, which provides that a prescribed body corporate must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) derives from the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation RNTBCs will be used to refer to Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate.

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1. FUNDING

This section provides an overview of funding assistance available for PBCs. It details:

- 1.1 Methods of searching for government and non-government organisations grants
- 1.2 Relevant funding and grants for PBCs
- 1.3 Further resources identifying PBC funding assistance
- 1.4 Grants writing assistance

1.1 Searching for Funding

A comprehensive guide to community grants that may be of value to PBCs is available on the webpage of the [Parliamentary Library: A Guide to Community Grants](#). Information is provided about commonwealth, state and territory; private; as well as commercial services community grants.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government maintain GrantsLINK which is a constantly-updated database of grants and funding opportunities across all Australian Governments and some community organisations. Similarly, the Grants and Services Finder, maintained by the Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, provides over 1400 grants from local, state and federal government as well as private sources.

Funding for some indigenous programs can be found at [ESub](#) as well as through department specific indigenous funding webpages. Grants specific to other departments can be identified through each of their grants webpages. Table 1 provides links for searching for government funding. Table 2 (following page) provides links for searching for non-governmental funding.

Table 1: Searching for Government Funding

	Name	Hyperlink
Commonwealth	GrantsLINK	http://www.grantslink.gov.au/
Indigenous	eSub (Electronic submissions for Indigenous Programs)	https://www.indigenous.gov.au/eSub/PublicPages/Login.aspx
	Indigenous programs and services	https://www.indigenous.gov.au/prog_serv.htm
	Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations: Indigenous Grants	http://www.deewr.gov.au/indigenous/Pages/default.aspx
	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts: Indigenous Grants	http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/grants.html
	Department of Families, Community Services, Housing & Indigenous Affairs: Indigenous Grants and Funding	http://www.facsia.gov.au/SA/INDIGENOUS/FUNDING/Pages/default.aspx
Government Departments	Ausaid	http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/other_opps/default.cfm
	Ausindustry	http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/Pages/AllAusIndustryPrograms.aspx
	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	http://www.daff.gov.au/about/current-grants
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	http://www.dbcde.gov.au/funding_and_programs/

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	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	http://www.deewr.gov.au/Department/Pages/GrantOpportunities.aspx
	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	http://www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html
	Department of Families, Community Services, Housing & Indigenous Affairs	http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/grantsfunding/announcements/Pages/default.aspx http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/grantsfunding/currentfunding/Pages/default.aspx
	Department of Health and Aging	http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/programs-initiatives-all
	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	http://www.harmony.gov.au/funding/grant-finder.htm
	Emergency Management Australia	http://www.ema.gov.au/www/emaweb/emaweb.nsf/Page/FundingandGrants_FundedPrograms_FundedPrograms
	National Library of Australia	http://www.nla.gov.au/services/awards.html

Table 2: Searching for Non-government Organisation Funding

Name	Hyperlink
Community Portal	http://www.community.gov.au/
PhilanthropyWiki	http://philanthropywiki.org.au/index.php/Category:Organisations

1.2 Relevant funding and grants for PBCs

Specific government funding for RNTBCs is detailed in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) updated set of guidelines for the support of Prescribed Bodies Corporate: [Guidelines for Support of Prescribed Bodies Corporate](#) (2009). It stipulates that the [Native Title Program](#) may provide funding for PBCs administrative costs. Further forms of funding are recommended to be sought through other means.

The [National Native Title Tribunal](#) (NNTT) may be able to provide information and assistance relevant to RNTBCs on request, see information on [Tribunal Assistance](#) on the NNTT website for further information or contact the NNTT on 1800 640 501.

The [Indigenous Land Corporation](#) also provides assistance for [group based planning](#), [enterprise development](#) and [regional development](#) refer to the ILC website for further details or contact the ILC on 1800 818 490.

Table 3 provides a list of some Australian Government funding sources for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests. Table 4 provides a list of funding available through non-governmental organisations. Hyperlinks are provided to the program webpages. The table may list programs more than once where they relate to more than one theme. In instances where the closing date for current funding applications has already passed, users of this toolkit are advised to contact the relevant organisations.

Funding opportunities have been grouped thematically pertaining to:

- Administration
- Arts
- Business support
- Caring for country and land
- Community support
- Cultural heritage

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- Infrastructure
- Language
- Research funding
- Telecommunications
- Tourism
- Women

Table 3: Funding assistance for PBCs through Government Departments

Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Admin- istration	Native Title Program (PDF 90KB)	Provides funding for indigenous native title claimants or holders.	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs	Applications accepted anytime	1300 653 227
Arts	National Crafts and Arts Industry Support Program	Provides funding to support Indigenous art centres and arts advocacy/support organisations.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	02 6274 1111
	Playing Australia	Supports regional and remote performing arts across state and territory boundaries where currently not commercially viable despite public demand.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	1 December 2009	1800 819 461
	Regional Arts Funding (RAF)	Supports sustainable cultural development in regional and remote communities	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Contact RAF	1800 819 461
Business Support	Clean Business Australia	Supports a range of activities aimed at improving our energy and water efficiency and increasing sustainability, with a focus on productivity and innovation.	AusIndustry		13 28 46
	Small Businesses Advisory Service	Provides access to information and advice on issues important to sustaining and/or growing small business.	AusIndustry	Contact Ausindustry Hotline: 13 28 46	13 28 46
	Small Businesses Support Line	The support line provides a point of contact to access information and referral services that assist small businesses.	AusIndustry	Hotline open 8:00-20:00 EST	1800 77 7275

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
	Small Businesses Online (SBO)	Equips small businesses to go online, significantly enhance their web facilities and engage in e-business capabilities to help reduce their costs and improve their market opportunities.	AusIndustry	25 September 2009	13 28 46
	Farm Ready Reimbursement Grants	Enables primary producers and Indigenous land managers to claim up to \$1500 each financial year to attend approved training courses. Funding may also covers travel, accommodation and child care expenses.	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Contact 1800 087 670	1800 087 670
	Rural Financial Counselling Service	Provides grants to state and regional organisations to provide free rural financial counselling to primary producers, fishers and small rural businesses who are suffering financial hardship and who have no alternative sources of impartial support.	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Always available	1800 686 175
	MARVIN (3D computer animation program)	Enables indigenous people and organisations to use MARVIN, a 3D computer animation program, to create animated characters to share important messages about services, business or culture.	Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations	Apply anytime at: http://www.marvin.com.au/	1300 363 079
	Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme	Offers Indigenous businesses access to commercial finance, and appropriate professional and mentoring support services	Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations	Call Indigenous Employment Line: 1802 102	1802 102

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
	Contemporary Music Touring Program	Provides funding support for contemporary music touring activities. Funding is prioritised for regional and remote area touring.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	02 6274 1111
	National Crafts and Arts Industry Support Program	Provides direct funding support to Indigenous art centres and arts support and advocacy organisations.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	02 6274 1111
	Indigenous Women's Program	Funds networks and organisations that seek to reduce Indigenous disadvantage through enhancing Indigenous women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing and economic status.	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Contact on 1300 653 227	1300 653 227
	IBA Enterprises	Supports emerging small businesses through providing access to business loans where private financiers are unable or unwilling to assist.	Indigenous Business Australia	Applications accepted anytime	1800 107 107
	IBA Homes	Provides home loans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for freehold blocks or community-titled land.	Indigenous Business Australia	Applications accepted anytime	1800 107 107
	IBA Investments	Assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups to participate in commercial enterprises through investments with IBA or the private sector.	Indigenous Business Australia	Applications accepted anytime	1800 107 107
Caring for Country and land	Caring for our Country	Provides funding for non-government organisations, landcare groups, other community groups, governments, industry and	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry & Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts	To be announced	1800 552 008

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
		business to safeguard Australia's natural resources and maintaining our sustainable farming systems.			
	Natural Disaster Resilience Program	Provides funding for disaster mitigation works and support for emergency management volunteers.	Emergency Management Australia		02 6141 6666
	Land Management Program	Provides assistance with land management projects on Indigenous-held land, by funding property-based projects; and facilitating planning and training to increase the capacity of Indigenous people to manage their land.	Indigenous Land Corporation	30 June 2010	1800 818 490
	Land Acquisition Program	Provides assistance with facilitating socio-economic development and Protect land with significant cultural or environmental heritage.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Applications accepted anytime	1800 818 490
	ILC Businesses	Provides accredited training and industry-recognised skills development so people can take up paid employment either on ILC properties or within mainstream industry sectors.	Indigenous Land Corporation	Applications accepted anytime	1800 818 490
	Farm Ready Reimbursement Grants	Enables primary producers and Indigenous land managers to claim up to \$1500 each financial year to attend approved training courses. Funding may cover travel, childcare and accommodation.	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Contact 1800 087 670	1800 087 670

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	Public Awareness Program	Provides grants to for activities capable of reaching a significant audience of non-Indigenous people in order to promote, encourage, and inform a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs	Contact on 1300 653 227	1300 653 227
	Indigenous Women's Program	Funds networks and organisations that seek to reduce Indigenous disadvantage through enhancing Indigenous women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing and economic status.	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Contact on 1300 653 227	1300 653 227
	National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	Funds rural and remote communities where the lack of infrastructure is a barrier to the establishment of new, or the enhancement of existing health services.	Department of Health and Aging	29 January 2010	1800 780 939
	Small Scale Community Grants	Provides funds of up to \$5000 for community organisations to run small scale activities and projects aimed at building stronger community relations in their local area.	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Opens March/April annually	1800 782 002
	Major Community Grants	Provides additional resources often needed by not for profit community organisations to develop their own projects and find their own ways of helping all Australians to build stronger community relations	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Opens March/April annually	1800 782 002

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
	Emerging Issues Funding	Emerging Issues Funding prioritises projects that respond to significant emerging issues of cultural, racial or religious intolerance. This may be in a localised area, region or in a specific sector of the community.	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Grants available throughout the year	1800 782 002
Cultural Heritage	Community Heritage Grants	Preserves and provide access to nationally significant, Australian cultural heritage material held by community groups across the country. Grants of up to \$15 000 are available for preservation projects and training through community based workshops.	National Library of Australia	Contact Dianne Dahlitz: (02) 6262 1147	02 6262 1147
	Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons Program	Provides funding to not-for profit bodies, individuals or local government authorities to commemorate people, events and places of national historical significance.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Contact on: 1800 982 280	1800 982 280
	Contemporary Music Touring Program	Provides funding support for contemporary music touring activities. Funding is prioritised for regional and remote area touring.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	02 6274 1111
	Festivals Australia	Funds Australian regional and community festivals to present quality cultural projects. Funding is available to add a new or special sort of cultural activity.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	15 February, 15 July 2010	1800 819 461
	Indigenous Heritage Program	Supports the identification, conservation, and	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage	5 February 2010	1800 982 280

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
		promotion of Indigenous heritage. Funding may also be used to identify places likely to have Indigenous heritage value suitable for inclusion on the National Heritage List.	and the Arts		
	Indigenous Culture Support Program	Supports the maintenance and continued development of Indigenous culture at the community level.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	1800 982 280
	National Crafts and Arts Industry Support Program	Provides funding to support Indigenous art centres and arts support and advocacy organisations.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	02 6274 1111
	Visions of Australia	Provides funding to eligible organisations to develop and tour exhibitions of Australian cultural material across Australia	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	1 April & 1 September 2010	02 6275 9517
Infrastructure	LPG Vehicle Scheme	Provides grants to individuals and organisations that either convert to LPG or are a new vehicle fitted with LPG.	Ausindustry	Anytime, provided it is within 12 months of the conversion or new vehicle purchase	13 28 46
	National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	Funds rural and remote communities where the lack of infrastructure is a barrier to the establishment of new, or the enhancement of existing health services.	Department of Health and Aging	29 January 2010	1800 780 939
	Natural Disaster Resilience Program	Provides funding for disaster mitigation works and support for emergency management volunteers.	Emergency Management Australia		02 6141 6666

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Language	Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records	Supports language projects involving the indigenous language promotion, documentation, recording, resources, databases, and programs.	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	5 February 2010	1800 982 280
Research Funding	Australian Development Research Awards	Provides funding for quality research that informs policy development and increases the general stock of knowledge around development issues. Funding is based on priority research themes.	AusAID	Contact on 02 6206 4988	02 6206 4988
	Small Businesses Advisory Service	Provides access to information and advice on issues important to sustaining and/or growing small business.	AusIndustry	Contact Ausindustry Hotline: 13 28 46	13 28 46
Telecommunications	Indigenous Communications Program	Provides essential telephone services, basic public internet access facilities and computer training for remote Indigenous communities.	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Contact on 1800 355 014	1800 355 014
	Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme	Helps people living or working outside of terrestrial mobile phone coverage to purchase satellite mobile phones.	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Contact on 6271 1078	6271 1078
	Australian Broadband Guarantee	Provides residential and small business premises with access to metro-comparable broadband service regardless of location. Particularly targets remote Australian premises unable to access commercial metro-comparable services.	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Contact on 1800 883 488	1800 883 488
Tourism	TQUAL Grants	Supports initiatives that either: (1)	Ausindustry		13 28 46

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
		develops innovative product, services or systems within the tourism industry, (2) contribute directly to long-term economic development; (3) develop or support high quality visitor services and experiences.			
Women	Indigenous Women's Program	Funds networks and organisations that seek to reduce Indigenous disadvantage through enhancing Indigenous women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing and economic status.	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Contact on 1300 653 227	1300 653 227

Table 4: Funding assistance for PBCs through Non-Governmental Organisations

Subject	Program	Project Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Broadcasting	Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd	Provides a variety of grants for community and indigenous broadcasting for training, equipment, and programs.	Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd		03 9419 8055
Business Support	Helping Hands	Provides funds of up to \$50,000 to assist small rural communities to implement or complete projects that will ensure their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	Contact FRRR	1800 170 020
	Australian Business Arts Foundation	Provides donations to non-profit cultural organisations engaged in the in the pursuit of quality cultural activities, for	Australian Business Arts Foundation		03 9616 0300

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		which funding will be used to further Australia's cultural life.			
	Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program	Provides small grants for small rural Australian communities, with the intention of making better use of funds, improving access for rural and regional communities, providing a simpler application process.	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	29 March and 30 September 2010	1800 170 020
	Seeds of Renewal	Provides funding to small, rural not-for-profit organisations for projects and activities to aid the growth of their community.	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	Contact on 1800 170 020	1800 170 020
Community support	Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd	Provides grants for community and indigenous broadcasting programs, training, and equipment.	Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd		03 9419 8055
	Aboriginal Benefits Foundation	Provides grants that support individuals and communities' special needs.	Aboriginal Benefits Foundation	Grants allocated twice a year	02 8014 5050
	Indigenous Community Volunteers	Provides assistance in designing and implementing community development projects eligible for any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individual, family, business, community or organisation.	Indigenous Community Volunteers	Contact a projects officer on 1800 819 542	02 6122 6444
	Anna Wearne Trust	Provides grants to advance the reconciliation of Indigenous peoples through specific projects or individual assistance	Anna Wearne Trust	Contact doitall@annawearnetrust.org.au	doitall@annawearnetrust.org.au
	Scanlon Foundation	Provides grants to eligible organisations	Scanlon Foundation	Email 1/02/2010 -	foundation@taverners

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		for innovative and creative projects, with a focus on Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion.		28/02/2010 for funding commencing May/June 2010	group.com.au
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1.3 Resources identifying PBC funding assistance

A brief summary of avenues of financial assistance for PBCs is available in the National Native Title Tribunal publication of a [Guide to Sources of Assistance and Funding for Prescribed Bodies Corporate](#) (PDF format).

Other forms of funding are outlined in a report produced by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) in 2007: [Structures and Processes of Prescribed Bodies Corporate](#).

1.4 Grant and Funding Assistance and Training

For guides to writing a grant proposal, see the following factsheets:

- Ourcommunity.com.au: Audio stream on [How to write a grant application](#)
- Bill Somerville's [Proposal Writing Kit - Tips & Techniques](#)
- Helen Ting's [Writing a Submission: A Guideline of how to write clear submissions to government agencies](#)
- Further information on writing grants can be found at Communitybuilders.nsw [submission writing page](#).

For pro bono assistance in writing and reviewing grant proposals see the following organisations and consultants:

- [Granted](#): provides free reviews of funding submissions for community organisations. Contact through their website: <http://www.granted.org.au/>
- [Wordwizards](#): provides free grant assistance to community organisations applying for grants under \$2,000. Contact on 0428 106 506.

Grant writers specialising in assistance for indigenous organisations:

- HK Training & Consultancy Pty Ltd: Specialises in preparing proposals in the Northern Territory, and Indigenous organisations and clients in all states. Contact: hktc@ozemail.com.au or on 08 89457865.
- Dr. Robert A Rose: Specialises in grant applications for Indigenous rural enterprises. Contact: bob@pearloyster.com.au or on 08 8941 5155.
- Kylie Olney: Specialises in indigenous grant proposals in metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia. Contact: kylieback@yahoo.com.au or on 0407 819 541.
- [Pindan Projects](#): Specialises in community grant and funding application for Indigenous communities. Contact info@pindanprojects.com.au or on 0427 262 583.
- Australian Grants Specialists: Specialises in grants for Aboriginal corporations and councils. Contact: geetee4@msn.com or on 0431 228 357.
- Ripple Effect Community Enterprise Development: Specialises in proposals for regional Australia, including Aboriginal Corporations. Contact: fionabishop.rippleeffect@gmail.com

The [Grants Submissions, Writers and Consultants](#) page on the [OurCommunity](#) website provides a listing of other grant writers.

Grant writing training is available through:

- The [OurCommunity: Intensive Winning Grants Seminar](#). Contact Lisa Reed lisar@ourcommunity.com.au or on 03 9320 6820.

2. TRAINING INFORMATION

RNTBCs may require information about training initiatives to ensure that native title holders are able to deal with issues of decision-making, dispute management, communication, governance, business management, as well as land and resource management. This section discusses training opportunities and training resources.

The [Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#) (ORIC) currently provides a range of training and information sessions for Indigenous corporation. Information about these training courses is detailed in Table 5, as well as through the [ORIC training and information sessions](#) webpage. For further information contact ORIC on 1800 622 431.

Table 5: ORIC Training Courses

Courses	Information	Locations
New Corporations (Doorway Training)	Provides a training sessions to Indigenous groups who want to register with ORIC. This covers what a corporation means; costs, benefits and legal responsibilities; registration under the CATSI Act, and developing a corporation rule book.	
Introduction to Corporate Governance Workshop	Provides a three-day interactive workshop which introduces some basic principles and concepts of how to lead and run a healthy corporation. Topics include governance; meetings, roles and responsibilities of members, directors and other officers; and conflict awareness and management.	WA (Derby) NSW (Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Redfern) QLD (Rockhampton, Townsville) SA (Adelaide, Ceduna)
Building Strong Stores Workshop	Provides a three-day workshop that looks at corporate governance for management committees and directors. It explores issues of: running your store, corporate structure, principles of good governance, good business practices, roles and responsibilities of directors, understanding financial records.	SA (ABY Lands) NT (Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine Tennant Creek) WA (Broome, Kununurra) QLD (Cairns)
Certificate IV in Business (Governance)	Provides a nationally recognised training package developed specifically for Indigenous people who wish to attain recognised skills in corporate governance and management. 13 units of competency are covered in four one-week blocks (Monday to Friday) over a period of several months. To be eligible to start this course you must have completed an Introduction to Corporate Governance workshop, and have year 10 education or ability equivalent literacy and numeracy skills.	WA (Pilbra, Perth) NT (Darwin)
Diploma in Business (Governance)	Provides a nationally recognised training package for Indigenous people to further develop their governance skills. 13 units of competency are covered over five one-week blocks (Monday to Friday) over a period of 6–12 months. To be eligible to start this course you must have completed the Certificate IV in Business (Governance), and have year 12 education or ability to demonstrate equivalent literacy, numeracy and analytical skills.	QLD (Cairns)

Further information about relevant training providers, courses and pathways for RNTBCs is available in the following booklets. These booklets were created as part of the [Indigenous](#)

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[Facilitation and Mediation Project](#) (IFaMP), and provide contact details for national, state and territory Training Authorities:

- [Finding Indigenous Training Solutions in Indigenous Dispute Management and Decision Making. Part 1: Training Solutions](#) (2005) PDF 818kb
- [Finding Indigenous Training Solutions in Indigenous Dispute Management and Decision Making. Part 2: Training Providers](#) (2005) PDF 889kb

3. OTHER ASSISTANCE

Native title holders, through RNTBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations that may be able to assistance, advice, information or resources. Some organisations of interest are listed in Table 6. The assistance available through these organisations is grouped through the following themes:

- Advocacy
- Business
- Caring for Country
- Employment
- Informational and procedural assistance
- Legal
- Research
- Whole of Government

Table 6: Other Assistance available for PBCs

Subject	Organisation	Organisation Details	Program Details	Contact
Administration	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Supports and regulates the corporations that are incorporated under the Act. It does this in a variety of ways: by advising them on how to incorporate, by training directors, members and key staff in good corporate governance, by making sure they comply with the law and by intervening when needed.		1800 622 431
Advocacy	Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTAR)	Persuades governments, through advocacy and lobbying, to show genuine leadership and build cross-party commitment to Indigenous policy.	Campaigns for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close The Gap, • Reducing Aboriginal incarceration • Eliminating violence and abuse • Constitutional change • Racism. 	02 9564 0594
	Australian Human Rights Commission	Promotes a human rights perspective on native title; assists in developing more efficient native title processes; and advocates for the co-existence of Indigenous and non-Indigenous land interests.		02 9284 9600
Caring for Country	Landcare Australia	Provides a partnership between community, government and business to protect and repair our environment, through bushcare, rivercare, coastcare, urban landcare, and sustainable agriculture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landcare • Coastcare • Rivercare • Bushcare • Indigenous Landcare 	02 9412 1040 enquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au

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	Greening Australia	Seeks to engage the community in vegetation management and to protect and restore the health, diversity and productivity of Australian landscapes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Community Programs. • Creating Sustainable Industries • Corporate Social Responsibility Partnerships. • Visionary Landscape Initiatives. 	02 6202 1600
	Indigenous Protected Areas Program	Refers to areas of Indigenous-owned land or sea where traditional owners have entered into an agreement with the Australian Government to promote biodiversity and cultural resource conservation.		02 6274 1111
	Caring for Country Facilitators Network	Facilitators help governments and regional bodies understand the key Australian Government NRM policies, and to act as a voice back to policy makers.		1800 552 008
	Working on Country	Seeks to link endeavours to protect and conserve the environment with efforts to increase Indigenous employment.		1800 552 008
Employment	Indigenous Employment Program (DEEWR)	Provides a range of programs that are responsive to the needs of employers, Indigenous Australians and their communities.		1300 363 079
Informational & procedural assistance	National Native Title Tribunal	Provides native title assistance with respect to native title claimant applications, mediating native title claims, notification of native title applications and indigenous land use agreements, maintaining the Register of Native Title Claims, the National Native Title Register and the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements, making arbitral decisions about some future act matters.		1800 640 501
Legal	Pro Bono	Encourages pro bono legal		2 9385 7381

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	Resource Centre	services; supports lawyers and law firms to provide high quality pro bono legal services; and works with the profession and community sector to match services with the clients and groups most in need of assistance.		info@nationalprobono.org.au
	Attorney General's Department: Native Title Unit	Is responsible for the formulation and provision of legal and legal policy advice to the Government on native title.		02 6141 6666
Research	Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements Project (ATNS)	Provides information that examines treaty and agreement-making with Indigenous Australians. An online database provides a gateway to current information, historical detail and published material relating to agreements made between Indigenous people and others in Australia and overseas.		61 3 8344 9163 admin@atns.net.au
	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)	Provides the world's premier institution for information and research about the cultures and lifestyles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, past and present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Title Research Unit • Library • Research • Audio Visual Unit 	02 6246 1111
	Desert Knowledge Australia	Is a national organisation committed to building harmony, sustainability and prosperity for all Australian desert people, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal. Seeks to meet desert challenges through: Desert knowledge exchange, partnership building, strategic targeted actions, and fostering desert knowledge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Knowledge Australia Outback Business Networks Project • Desert Knowledge Australia Solar Centre • Desert Knowledge Precinct • Desert Knowledge Symposium • Indigenous Employment and Education Taskforce • Our Outback Tourism Partnership • RemoteFOCUS • Virtual Meeting Place 	61 8 8959 6000
	Desert Knowledge	A research and brokerage institution that links		08 8959 6000

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	CRC	researchers with partners in dozens of settlements across desert Australia. Useful outcomes with commercial application are created for desert people, communities and partners.		info@desertknowledgecrc.com.au
	Tropical Savannas CRC	Aims to ensure that the vast area of the savannas are healthy and managed to provide long-term benefits (economic, aesthetic, social and cultural) to those who use them and to sustain the biodiversity and habitat endemic to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Alliance • Education and Training 	(08) 8946 7258 savanna@cdu.edu.au
	North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)	Provides an unincorporated bioregional forum for Indigenous land and sea managers across North Australia. It supports practical Indigenous land and sea management, emphasising on practical management by Traditional Owners across the whole of the North.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Water policy group • Indigenous Community Water Facilitator Network • Carbon Program • Dugong and Marine Turtle Project • Enterprise Development • Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Strategy 	08 8946 7691 joe.morrison@cdu.edu.au
Whole-of-government	Indigenous Coordination Centres (FaHCSIA)	Throughout regional Australia they help implement a whole-of-government approach to delivering Indigenous services and programs		1300 653 227

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