

## **Managing Aboriginal Trust Funds**

### **A CNTA workshop at Lasseter's Convention Centre, Alice Springs**

### **27-28 May 2021**

#### **Day 1**

**8.15-8.45** Coffee and colleagues: Meet and Greet.

**9.00-9.45. Chair:** David Trigger

**David Martin - Setting the theme.**

*Why should more attention be paid to the governance of how PBCs and other Indigenous corporations apply or distribute the funds they hold for Native Title holders or other beneficiaries?*

**9.45-10.30. Chair:** Margaret Stephenson

**Susan Philips - Setting the scene.**

*What is going wrong in use of trust funds in PBCs and other Indigenous trustee corporations; and what remedies are there?*

**10.30-11.00 Morning tea**

**11.00-12.30** Small Group discussion (details will be available at the workshop)

**12.30-1.30 Lunch**

**1.30-2.30 Chair:** Felicity Thiessen

**Tony McAvoy in conversation with David Trigger**

*Trusts and native title holder beneficiaries: legal and anthropological perspectives*

- *Governance arrangements for the interface between Trusts and Indigenous beneficiaries*
- *Families and sub-groups' access to Trust funds*
- *Funds available for communal development purposes as well as for individuals' projects?*
- *How should lawyers, community development specialists and anthropologists contribute to both the establishment and management of such trusts?*

**2.30-3.30 small group discussion: a hypothetical case study involving issues discussed above.**

**3.30-4.00 afternoon tea**

**4.00-4.30 Chair:** Michael Cawthorn

**Panel discussion-** Mladen Mrvelj (YTAC), Tegen Scott (BNTAC), Jules Taylor (NQLC)

**4.30 finish**

**Workshop Dinner 6.30pm Alice Springs Golf Club (\$40.00 per head buffet)**



## Day 2

### Session 1

**8.45- 9.15** Chair: Patrick Sullivan

**Nic Peterson** (CNTA Director): *Native Title Funds and the Public Interest*

**9.15-9.45 Chair:** Julia Horsley

**Nadja Mack and Lisa Castanelli** Native Title Policy and Agreement and PBC Policy NIAA.  
*Key issues in the NTA amendments and regulations as they affect the PBC relationship with trusts.*

**9.45-10.30 Chair:** Craig North

**Kevin Smith and Felicity Thiessen (QSNTS)**

*Disentangling Indigenous governance – Who is the Boss? Deciphering complex community, organisational and operational governance domains may provide an answer.*

*The presentation will focus on Trustee/beneficiary tensions and solutions.*

**10.30-11.00 Morning tea**

### Session 2: What Models are out there?

**11.00-12.30** Chair: Petronella Vaazon-Morel

**Ian Sweeney/Louise Stanley and WETT:** *Lessons from the field – The experience of the Central Land Council and Warlpiri Education and Training Trust*

*CLC has been working with Warlpiri traditional owners and educators since 2001 to establish the WETT – an innovative trust established to invest mining royalties from the Tanami gold mine in education and training programs. Beneficiaries are four Warlpiri communities of Lajamanu, Nyirrpi, Yuendumu and Willowra.*

*Staff from the CLC's Community Development Unit and members of the WETT's Warlpiri advisory committee will discuss their achievements to date, how they found a workable governance structure and the challenges faced.*

**12.30-1.30 Lunch**

**1.30-2.00 Chair:** Louise Stanley

**David Martin:** *Managing trust funds for community and family development: an example of how it might be operationalised*

**2.00-3.30** Small group discussion (details available at the workshop)

**3.30-4.00 Afternoon tea**

**4.00 – 4.30**

*Pulling the threads together (lawyer and anthropologist)*