

# CAPE YORK UNITED #1 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM NEWSLETTER



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## RECENT SUCCESSES

Consultations on  
Cape York have  
recommenced

New ways of  
meeting are now  
in place – Cape  
zooms, CY  
United #1  
zooms, PBC  
board zooms...

All dates in the  
Court timetables  
for this year met

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE LAST UPDATE?

In June and July 2020 Cape York Land Council worked hard to progress the 'desktop' work in accordance with the Court Workplan for the Cape York United #1 native title claim (QUD 673/2014). This involved reviewing anthropological and other materials in relation to areas of country and connection of particular apical ancestors associated with groups in the claim area. The outcomes of this work will be presented to Traditional Owners during the 'field work' phase of the Court timetables.

During the period where travel was restricted to the Cape, CYLC conducted regular videoconferences with Traditional Owners from Cape York, including with PBC boards.

Case management hearings before Justice Mortimer were also conducted by videoconference during this period and it is likely that this will continue for some time as Her Honour lives in Melbourne. Some of the expert anthropologists for the claim also live in areas where travel is likely to be restricted for the coming months, including New South Wales. CYLC will work to facilitate videoconferences where travel is restricted and is currently looking at placing some staff members up in Cape York communities to assist in progressing consultations, which will ensure that Court timetables are met and native title determinations are achieved by the expected dates.

## CONSULTATIONS IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020

Consultations with Traditional Owners on Cape York recommenced at the start of August 2020. There will be some very important meetings in the coming months as part of the field work phase for native title group descriptions and areas of country, particularly in the areas where the Court has set down detailed timetables and dates for determinations of native title.



These meetings will be notified widely, including by advertising in the Cairns Post, letters to Traditional Owners on our contact database, the CYLC website and Facebook page and community notice boards. If you are able to attend the meetings as notified, please contact the CYLC offices or the contact persons in the notice to confirm your attendance.

Please contact Cape York Land Council if you have any questions about the claim, would like to know when meetings are being held or to update your details on our contact database.

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*Our Mission is to:*

*“Consult with, and according to their directions, effectively represent, the Aboriginal peoples of Cape York to regain rights to land and sea so we can preserve our culture and make our own decisions to achieve a better future”*

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