

**NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING
FOR A NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION AGREEMENT**

GUUGU YIMIDHIRR PEOPLE

Proposed Guugu Yimidhirr #2 (Cooktown Area Land Transfer ILUA) Determination

Cape York United # 1 Native Title Claim (QUD673/2014)

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026

COOKTOWN

This notice is to advise that Cape York Land Council (CYLC) will convene a decision-making **Authorisation Meeting** on behalf of the Cape York United #1 (CYU#1) Claim Applicant for the Guugu Yimidhirr People to consider whether to authorise a proposed native title agreement under s.87A of the *Native Title Act 1993* for a determination of native title over the Guugu Yimidhirr #2 (Cooktown Area Land Transfer ILUA) area. The proposed determination area is shaded in purple, as shown on the map [below](#).

Date: Tuesday 13 October 2026

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

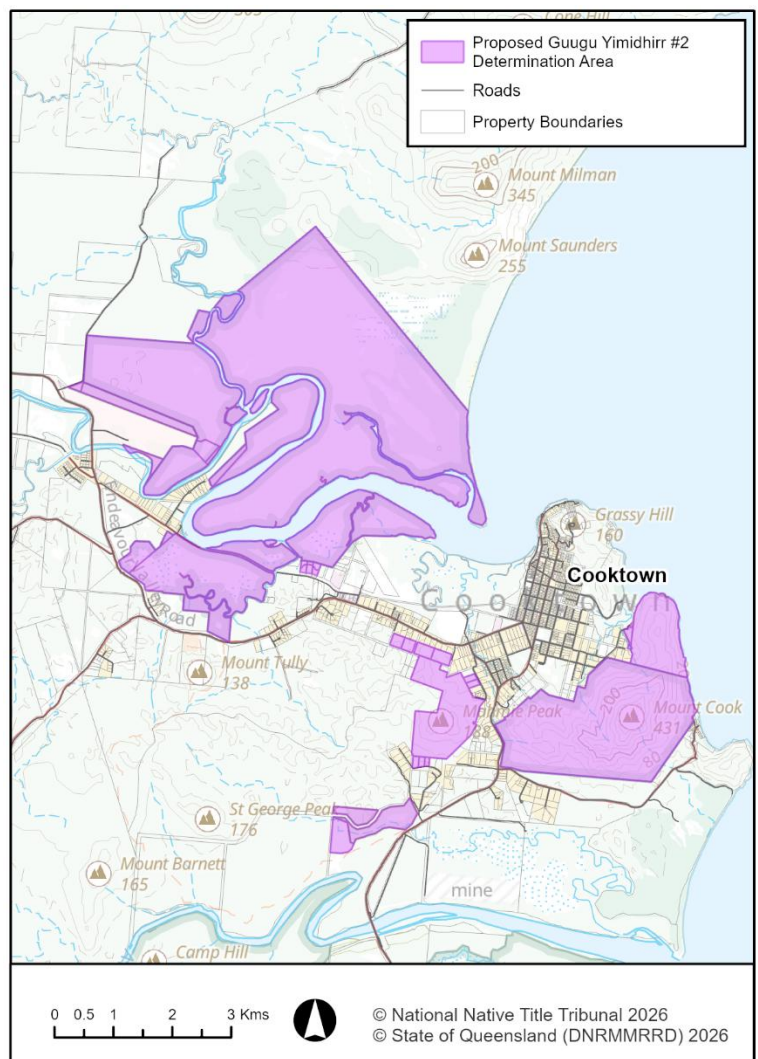
Venue: Cooktown Events Centre, 3 May Street, Cooktown

SECTION 87A AUTHORISATION MEETING

A determination of native title involves a decision of the Federal Court. A determination of native title means that the Federal Court determines (1) who holds native title; (2) what the native title rights are; (3) the area to which the native title rights apply after any determination is made; and (4) which corporation will represent the members of the determined native title group.

If the meeting on Tuesday 13 October 2026 decides to authorise the proposed s.87A native title agreement, a determination will then be sought in the Federal Court to be made 'on the papers' (meaning without a hearing) sometime after the end of November 2026.

A copy of the proposed s.87A native title agreement for a determination of native title for the area shown on the map will be available at the authorisation meeting. At the request of the Applicant in the CYU#1 Claim, CYLC staff will be in attendance at the meeting to explain matters such as the meaning and effect of the proposed agreement. Any person attending the meeting will be able to ask questions and state their views about the proposed agreement.



Map of proposed Guugu Yimidhirr #2 Determination

PURPOSE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

The purpose of this authorisation meeting is for the Guugu Yimidhirr People to decide whether to approve the proposed s.87A agreement for a consent determination of native title over the area shown on the map.

The meeting will be asked to consider and make decisions about the following:

1. Agree and adopt a decision-making process;
2. Approve the proposed s.87A agreement for a determination of native title;
3. Nominate the Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 11764), as the existing prescribed body corporate (PBC) of the Guugu Yimidhirr People, to be the PBC for the proposed determination of native title; and
4. Authorise the Principal Legal Officer of CYLC to nominate the Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC in writing to the Federal Court for it to be the PBC under s.56 of the NTA for the proposed determination of native title.

The area as shown on the map was not included in the previous Guugu Yimidhirr determination made on 23 October 2025 because that area is subject to the Cooktown Area Land Transfer ILUA which, at the time of the previous determination, was awaiting registration by the National Native Title Tribunal. The ILUA was subsequently registered on 11 March 2026, meaning that the area can now be determined in favour of the Guugu Yimidhirr People.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

All Guugu Yimidhirr People as described below are invited and eligible to attend the authorisation meeting.

The Guugu Yimidhirr People are the descendants by birth, or adoption in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by the Guugu Yimidhirr People, from one or more of the following apical ancestors (listed alphabetically):

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| 1. Andy Butchan | Wunbu Gordon and Tommy | 47. Nellie (mother of Polly |
| 2. Baabi | Confin) | Holdsworth) |
| 3. Balkan (wife of Baabi) | 28. Jimmy (father of Tommy | 48. Nellie (mother of Tommy and |
| 4. Barney | Dowling and others) | Sammy Brown) |
| 5. Bawayga Jack | 29. Jinnie Bluey (mother of Sandy | 49. Nellie (mother of Tommy |
| 6. Biddy (mother of Bobby Dixon | Petersen, Rita Florrie | Dowling and others) |
| and others) | (Katchewan) and others) | 50. Nellie Nunggal (Yarkan) |
| 7. Billy (father of Dudley Bulmer) | 30. Johnny (Binhdwarra) | 51. Ngamu Bayambi |
| 8. Billy Webb | 31. Kalgurdam (spouse of | 52. Ngamu Darnchidir (Stumpy) |
| 9. Bilmbil (wife of Ngamu | Orlander Rattler) | 53. Ngamu Guubanyu |
| Ngakuburla) | 32. Lizzie Douglas | 54. Ngamu Marrgu (Jimmy) |
| 10. Bindadelma | 33. Lyla Gibson (wife of Charlie | 55. Ngamu Ngakuburla |
| 11. Bujin | Summerhaze) | 56. Ngandal (George Northcotte) |
| 12. Buthal (brother of Charlie | 34. Maggie (mother of Sambo | 57. Ngolongolo (Kitty) |
| Wallace) | Walsh) | 58. Ngulun Jacko |
| 13. Charlie Gibson (aka Charlie | 35. Maggie (wife of Jimmy Snider) | 59. Ngumbuibigu (Billy) |
| Cooktown) | 36. Maria (Burrin) (wife of Mulun | 60. Paddy Mclvor |
| 14. Charlie Palmer | Jacko) | 61. Peggy Rootsey |
| 15. Charlie Wallace | 37. Maria (mother of Dudley | 62. Ruth Bandir (Dudur) |
| 16. Dirngulu (Maggie aka Maude) | Bulmer) | 63. Tommy Point Lookout |
| 17. Duka | 38. Matyi | 64. Topsy (mother of Peter Gibson |
| 18. Elizabeth Tulo | 39. Maudie (wife of Ngandal | and others) |
| 19. Father of Tommy and Sammy | George Northcotte) | 65. Waarigan |
| Brown | 40. Midhaking | 66. Wulgali (mother of Charlie |
| 20. Gaalgujan (Maggie Wallis) | 41. Minnie aka Wawumduha (wife | Wunbu Gordon and Tommy |
| 21. Galganji | of Norman Arrami) | Confin) |
| 22. Gulgi Galbay (Maggie Webb) | 42. Minnie Gibson (wife of Peter | 67. Wuthal (Nellie Coates) |
| 23. Gungunbi | Rosser) | 68. Yaalugure (wife of Barney) |
| 24. Henry Baru | 43. Miriam Ngamu Bandir | 69. Yalngkarijibur (father of Earl |
| 25. Jack Mclvor | 44. Moira (wife of Mulun Jacko) | Mitchell) |
| 26. Jalbanmun Peter (grandfather | 45. Mulgal | 70. Yegeran (wife of Bindadelma) |
| of Lizzie Big Jack) | 46. Nellie (mother of Polly | 71. Yirbil (Emma Capebedford) |
| 27. Jimmy (father of Charlie | Bulmer) | |

To enquire as to whether you are a member of the Guugu Yimidhirr People as described above and are eligible to attend, please contact CYLC Anthropologist **Tara Zaicz** by email tzaicz@cylc.org.au or on free call number **1800 623 548**.

If you have any queries about the purpose of the meeting, please contact CYLC Deputy Principal Legal Officer **Louise Keepa** by email lkeepa@cylc.org.au or on the free call number **1800 623 548**.

For all other enquiries, including to RSVP, please contact CYLC Business Support Officer **Elenoa Bolawaqatabu** by email ebolawaqatabu@cylc.org.au or on the free call number **1800 623 548**.

IMPORTANT - Attendance, Travel Assistance & Teleconferencing

For travel assistance, to confirm your attendance or for any general queries about the meeting, please contact **Elenoa Bolawaqatabu** at CYLC on free call number **1800 623 548** or by email ebolawaqatabu@cylc.org.au. Note that there is limited funding available for travel assistance and requests must be made by **Tuesday 6 October 2026**. Teleconferencing facilities will also be made available at the meeting. If you would like CYLC to arrange a teleconference from your location into the meeting, whether you live at the location of the meeting or elsewhere, please contact Elenoa Bolawaqatabu at CYLC. CYLC is committed to providing every opportunity for eligible persons to attend the meeting.