



CENTRAL DESERT NATIVE TITLE SERVICES



ANNUAL REPORT 2012

WARNING TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER READERS:

This report may contain culturally sensitive information and images of people who have passed away since publication. We sincerely regret any distress that may be caused.

GLOSSARY

AC	Aboriginal Corporation
CATSI Act	Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
Central Desert	Central Desert Native Title Services Limited
CDEP	Community Development Employment Project
CSR	Canning Stock Route
DEC	WA Department of Environment and Conservation
DSS	Desert Support Services Pty Ltd
FaHCSIA	Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FFRR	Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal
GDNR	Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
ILUA	Indigenous Land Use Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NTA	<i>Native Title Act 1993</i>
NTRB	Native Title Representative Body
NTSP	Native Title Service Provider
NTU	Ngaanyatjarra Council (AC) Native Title Unit
ONT	WA Office of Native Title (Department of the Attorney General)
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate
PFA	Program Funding Agreement
RNTBC	Registered Native Title Body Corporate
RPA	Regional Partnership Agreement
SEWPAC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities





The Hon. Jenny Macklin MP
Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

5 September 2012

Dear Minister,

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of Central Desert Native Title Services Limited for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

This report includes the organisation's report of operations and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Irving". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

George Irving
Chairperson



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DIRECTORS



Mr George Irving LLB (Chairperson)

Appointed 11 September 2007

George Irving is a barrister and solicitor who specialises in native title law. He was Legal Officer with Kimberley Land Council from 1993 to 1997 and Principal Legal Officer from 1997 to 2002. He then practised as a barrister and successfully represented Aboriginal groups from around the State in Federal Court hearings, National Native Title Tribunal hearings and in negotiations with the State and other respondents to native title claims. In February this year he left the WA Bar, to take up a position as the Director of Legal Services with the Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation, and in that position is the acting solicitor and in-house counsel for Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, the prescribed body corporate for the Yindjibarndi People in the Pilbara.



The Honourable Fred Chaney AO LLB

Appointed 11 September 2007

In recent years Fred Chaney has served as a member and Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal, Co-Chair and director on the board of Reconciliation Australia Limited, Chair of Desert Knowledge Australia and Chair of the Consultation Committee on a Human Rights Act for Western Australia. In 2008 he was awarded the Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award for "Exceptional leadership in the fields of social justice, human rights, equality and anti racism". Fred continues to serve as a director of Reconciliation Australia Limited, Chair of Desert Knowledge Australia, and is a co-founder and Deputy Chair of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation. In 2011 he was a member of the Expert Panel on the Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.



Dr Fiona Skyring PhD BA(Hons)

Appointed 7 October 2008

Fiona Skyring is a historian. While employed by the Kimberley Land Council from 1999 to 2005 as an expert witness, Fiona gave evidence on behalf of the native title applicants in five trials in the Federal Court. Since then Fiona has worked for organisations representing native title applicants, and has contributed to a range of community history projects and academic publications. Fiona is the author of 'Justice: A history of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia', which was published by UWA Publishing in 2011 and has since won the 2012 Margaret Medcalf Award, for excellence in research and referencing using the State Archives Collection.



Mr Peter Thomas MBA BEcon BSc (Chairperson Audit Committee)

Appointed 5 November 2008

Peter Thomas is a senior executive at Fortescue Metals Group Limited and is currently Project Director – Port and Rail Expansion. He was previously Chief Financial Officer (TPI) at Fortescue where he was responsible for group management and commercial project performance. His strong international finance, corporate and investment banking skills have developed over the last 20 years while he served in various executive, corporate and advisory roles.

COMPANY OFFICERS



Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary

Mr Ian Rawlings

Appointed Company Secretary 26 November 2007

Ian Rawlings has extensive experience working with Indigenous organisations in Western Australia. Since the early 1990s he has held community development and administration roles in remote communities, worked in the field for ATSIC and was the Administration Manager for the Ngaanyatjarra Council Native Title Unit for five years and Acting Unit Manager for one and a half years prior to taking on the role of Chief Executive Officer at Central Desert. Mr Rawlings is the Chairman for Carbon Neutral Ltd.



Chief Operating Officer and Principal Legal Officer

Mr Malcolm O'Dell LLB(Hon) BEcon DipTeach

Malcolm O'Dell serves as the company's Principal Legal Officer and also manages and leads its operational activities. Malcolm worked for the National Native Title Tribunal from 1996 to 1999 before entering practice with Dwyer Durack. He joined Ngaanyatjarra Council in 2004, working in the Native Title Unit, and moved to Central Desert when it was formed in 2007. He has experience in native title in the areas of mediation, negotiation, agreement making, court representation, arbitral inquiries and hearings. Mr O'Dell is a committee member of Access Housing Association and a Board Member of Access Housing Australia Ltd.



Business Services Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

Mr Ric West JP MAcc BA CSA(Cert) CPA FIPA

Appointed Company Secretary 24 September 2010

Ric West serves as the company's Business Services Manager and fills the roles of Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary. Mr West has worked with and for Indigenous organisations since 1992 when he joined ATSIC. His experience includes working in a private accounting practice providing offsite accounting solutions for remote Indigenous organisations, serving as CFO for a large city-based CDEP and running his own firm specialising in audits of Indigenous and other non-profit organisations. Mr West is a certificated member of Chartered Secretaries Australia. He is currently undertaking the MSc (Mineral Economics) program at Curtin GSB and expects to graduate in December 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



I am pleased to present the 5th Annual Report of Central Desert Native Title Services Limited ("Central Desert").

A number of changes occurred over the past twelve months, not the least of which was the relocation of the Central Desert office from the Wellington Street building, to the old but now refurbished school building in Wittenoom Street, East Perth. Our new office provides a far better working environment for Central Desert staff and a bright conference room for board meetings. On behalf of the board and staff, I thank both Lotterywest and FaHCSIA, for making this possible. I would also like to thank FaHCSIA for finding the additional funds we needed this year to support the Yilka litigation.

Congratulations are due to Ian Rawlings and Susan Ware, both of whom celebrated their 11th anniversary in working with the indigenous peoples of the Central Desert region and on behalf of the board, I thank you both for your dedication and commitment. Likewise, a special thanks to Sian Hanrahan who worked tirelessly for many years before leaving us during this year.

While a number of important issues have yet to be resolved in mediation with the State Government, we are hopeful that the changes made to the Native Title Act, which transferred responsibility for mediation services from the National Native Title Tribunal to the Federal Court, will provide a fresh impetus for more consent determinations over the next twelve months.

As mentioned in previous reports, in April 2009, Australia endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("Declaration"); and, in so doing made a commitment on behalf of all Australians to strive

to achieve the minimum standards established in the Declaration for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world. The right to self-determination is central to those standards; and, in October last year, the Central Desert board approved the formation of a special purpose charitable company that may be used by Central Desert communities to help achieve self-determination. That company, Desert Support Services Pty Ltd, was established on 6 January 2012, and will shortly be used by communities for labour hire in land management projects.

As before, my sincere thanks to all Central Desert staff, for your commitment, energy and compassion; and to my fellow Directors for your ongoing generosity in giving your time to this impressive, professional service.

On behalf of my fellow Directors may I acknowledge with sadness the passing of important traditional owners in the past year and extend our sincere condolences to those who miss them.



George Irving

Chairperson

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Another demanding year has passed and I am pleased to report that Central Desert has maintained a steady momentum; progressing native title claims, managing future act matters, supporting and developing prescribed bodies corporate and exploring and building land related social, economic and cultural opportunities for our clients.

The year has brought a number of substantial developments complemented by the usual myriad of day-to-day matters that make up our very full workload. Major achievements have been the smooth running of the first tranche of on-country evidence for the Yilka litigation, the authorisation and lodgement of a compensation claim over the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve and the Birriliburu native title holders resolving to declare the whole of their lands as an Indigenous Protected Area. These and other matters are dealt with in more detail through this report.

In the recent budget the Federal Government announced reforms that transfer the task of native title claims mediation from the National Native Title Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia. This change has already had an impact on our works program. At a recent directions hearing Barker J set tight and demanding timeframes for a number of matters. While this is a welcome push to resolve matters expeditiously it will put significant pressure on an already stretched workforce.

Other pressures for Central Desert staff and resources are the demands associated with remote service delivery. The Central Desert region is very remote and only accessible from limited points. This means attendance on country is challenging in terms of time, cost and ensuring a safe working environment. Travel costs and wear and tear on staff and vehicles are high and we are operating in 'resource industry' markets with 'community sector' budgets.

Central Desert has been growing steadily since its inception and in August 2011 we relocated our head office. We moved to a heritage listed building offering a more comfortable working environment and room for our continued expansion. As with any move it had its stressful moments but I congratulate the Business Services Team for minimising and managing those moments with great care and skill. I also thank FaHCSIA and Lotterywest for their assistance with the move and the fit out.

To address a number of internal issues we have implemented a structural change, moving from a regionally based operational structure by creating a Statutory Functions unit and a Land and Community unit. This change is designed to improve internal communications and to focus our resources on stronger outcomes for our clients.

I acknowledge FaHCSIA for its ongoing core funding and its contributions to the Yilka litigation. I also appreciate the increased level of contributions from other sources, particularly the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities for their support of our post determination land and community projects.

We have been able to attract a reasonable amount of project funding to establish the post determination program, however, the implementation of the program is placing pressure on our administration budget. Our challenge is to make the post determination program sustainable by establishing an ongoing means for the additional administration needed to run the expanding program. Funding from Indigenous Business Australia has been used to develop a business plan for the project. The business plan is proving useful in engaging with the State and Federal Governments as well as industry players and identifying areas for their support and assistance.

None of the above could have happened without the strength, energy and commitment of the whole Central Desert Team. I would like to thank our Directors for their clear and considered direction and support, the Senior Management Team for their rigour and wise counsel and most of all our resilient, talented and vibrant staff for giving their all for the peoples of the Central Desert.

In a year full of development and change we bade farewell to Sian Hanrahan, our Senior Legal Officer and Senior Manager, who after 10 years of dedicated service and exceptional work has left the native title arena for other pursuits. Sian, we wish you all the best in your new endeavours.

Sincerely,



Ian Rawlings

Chief Executive Officer

PRINCIPAL LEGAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Operational Summary

During the reporting period Central Desert:

- Restructured the way it conducts its operations.
- Continued to significantly expand its operational activities.

Restructure of operations within Central Desert

The operational area within Central Desert was restructured during the reporting period to separate the area dealing with our core 'statutory functions' from our more discretionary activity dealing with land and community matters (which also incorporates the area dealing with the collection, collation, storage and distribution of our client and cultural knowledge and information).

Jo Franz, who joined Central Desert from the State Department of Indigenous Affairs in April 2012, heads the Statutory Functions area. The Land and Community section is headed by Rob Thomas who has presided over the dramatic growth of land and community activity within Central Desert over the last few years.

Staff

Central Desert continues to recruit and retain high quality staff which we consider to be our greatest asset. Staff numbers in our legal, major projects, applied anthropology, and land management areas have all expanded to add to our complement of existing excellent professional, administrative and field staff. We are also very pleased that we were able to retain and recruit additional indigenous staff, particularly in the land management area.

Native Title Claims

The progress of native title claims in the Central Desert region regained some momentum during the reporting period following the release of the state government's 'land management strategy' and the internal restructuring of the way the state deals with native title matters.

In May 2012 the Commonwealth Government announced that the National Native Title Tribunal would no longer be involved in the mediation of native title claims, with the progress of native title claims more directly controlled by the Federal Court. The Court intends to directly case manage claims which should see a significant acceleration in the progress of Central Desert claims. To that end, Central Desert expects resolution of native title in the unresolved areas within the Martu and Birriliburu claims and consent determinations in the Wiluna, Tarlpa and Pilki claim areas by the end of the 2012 calendar year.

Work is also underway on the filing of a new native title claim in the northern Great Sandy Desert known as Ngurra Kayanta, with the authorisation meeting for that claim scheduled for mid August 2012.

Future Acts

In keeping with the instructions from our various native title claimant groups and prescribed bodies corporate, Central Desert negotiates Land Access Agreements on behalf of its clients on all future acts. Larger future act matters are dealt with as 'major projects' as mentioned below.

The State of Western Australia still maintains a policy of notifying all exploratory mining titles under the expedited procedure future act provisions of the Native Title Act. In keeping with our standing instructions, Central Desert lodged objections to the application of the expedited procedure in all such cases throughout the reporting period and a highlight of the period was a significant increase in the number of successful objection outcomes for our clients.

Major Projects

The number and diversity of 'major projects' within the Central Desert region continues to generate a significant amount of activity. During the reporting period:

- Negotiations continued with Magellan Metals for the reopening of its lead mine at Wiluna.
- Negotiations continued with Toro Energy for its Lakeway uranium deposits.
- The PBC for the Spinifex determination area, Pila Nguru began negotiations on a land access and mining agreement.
- Gold mining company Gold Road Resources Limited entered into a negotiation protocol with the Yilka claim group to negotiate a land access and mining agreement near the Cosmo Newberry community, east of Laverton, with negotiations commencing in August 2012.

As with all matters that affect the native title rights of Central Desert's clients, Central Desert spends a considerable amount of time and resources ensuring that the processes involved in all major projects are dealt with in a way that ensures not only high quality outcomes for our clients, but that the native title holders are able to provide their 'free, prior and informed consent' to any outcomes achieved. Central Desert considers this not only to be 'best practice', but it is also essential to comply with the statutory regulations that govern the way native title decisions are made.

Monitoring and Implementing Agreements

Central Desert continually monitors the effectiveness of all of the agreements it negotiates on behalf of its clients. During the reporting period Central Desert identified numerous examples of non-compliance or other breaches of agreements by mining companies and others, requiring appropriate remedial actions.

The monitoring of compliance with agreements and ensuring that our clients are able to fully and beneficially implement agreements continues to be an increasing area of activity for Central Desert.

Compensation Claims

During the reporting period a compensation claim was lodged over the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve. The claim will now be progressed through case management to either a negotiated settlement or to a litigated outcome.

Central Desert will also progressively seek instructions to file compensation claims on behalf of native title holders in our region with a view to seeking compensation for the numerous 'past acts' that have been undertaken on native title land since the advent of the Racial Discrimination Act in 1975, in circumstances where compensation has not already been paid.

Land and Community

The land and community area of activity within Central Desert continued to grow during the reporting period, both in the frequency and type of activity undertaken. The types of activities undertaken by the Land and Community section include land management, oral history recording, return to country trips, research orientated activity, 'fee-for-service' work, tourism related activity and consultations for matters such as Indigenous Protected Areas.

Important progress was made during the year on a declaration for large areas of the Little Sandy Desert as an Indigenous Protected Area. It is anticipated that the declaration will be made in October 2012.

The expansion of land and community activities into the eastern areas of the region is a particular highlight and we look forward to continuing to expand activity into the future.



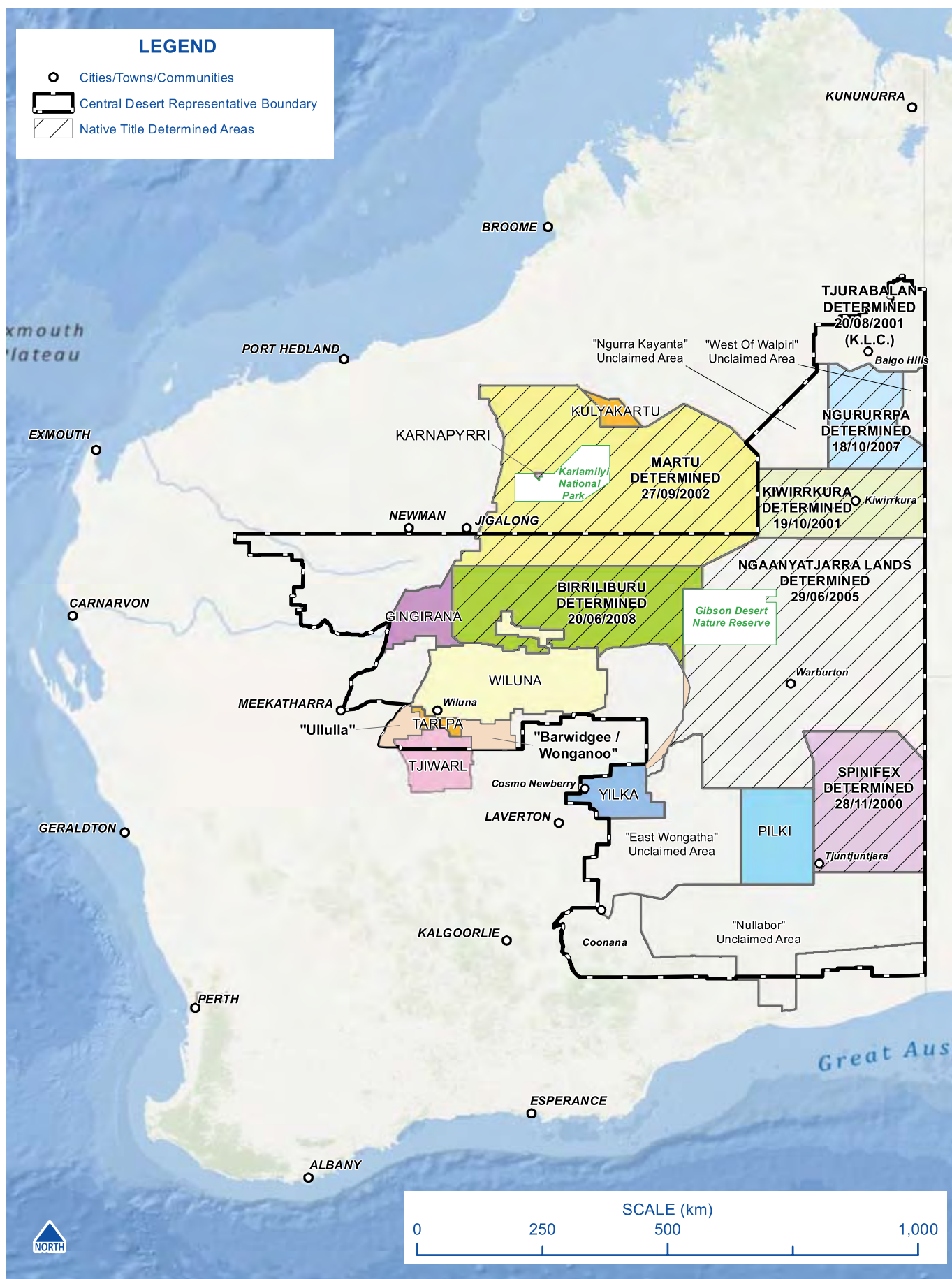
Malcolm O'Dell

Principal Legal Officer



Wildflowers on the Canning Stock Route

THE CENTRAL DESERT REGION



WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

That the Indigenous peoples of the Central Desert use their traditional lands to achieve their social, cultural and economic aspirations.

Our Mission

To secure for the Indigenous peoples of the Central Desert:

- The highest level of native title rights and interests;
- Alternative forms of title to land in those areas where native title cannot be recognised or where such titles are in their social, cultural and economic interests;
- Protection of cultural heritage; and
- Best practice agreements, which advance their social, cultural and economic interests.

To build for the Indigenous peoples of the Central Desert, native title/land title holding entities that are sustainable, effective and culturally appropriate and that empower them to use their traditional lands to achieve their social, cultural and economic aspirations.

Objectives

Our objectives are:

- Social, Cultural and Economic Outcomes
 - The social, cultural and economic conditions of the peoples of the Central Desert are improved within a culturally respectful framework.
- Traditional Owner Capacity
 - The Indigenous corporate entities established out of the native title process are functional, empowered and independent.
- Determinations and Agreements
 - Central Desert is maintaining momentum in progressing high value determinations and agreements.
- Central Desert Capacity
 - Central Desert has the capacity to deliver on its mission.

Our Values

- Professionalism and commitment.
- Respect for the peoples and cultures of the Central Desert.
- Respect, honesty, integrity and fairness towards all staff.
- Honesty and integrity towards all stakeholders.
- Innovation and imagination.



WHAT WE DO

Our Role and Functions

Central Desert Native Title Services Limited (Central Desert) was registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) on 16 April 2007 as a public company limited by guarantee.

Central Desert is the recognised native title service provider for the native title claimants and holders of the Central Desert region of Western Australia. Our professional team with their wealth of knowledge and experience are committed to advancing and protecting the native title rights and interests of our constituents.

Central Desert operates with core funding provided by the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) in accordance with s203FE of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

As a native title service provider Central Desert has specific functions under part 11, Division 3 of the Native Title Act. These functions are:

- Facilitation & assistance;
- Certification functions;
- Dispute resolution;
- Notification functions;
- Agreement-making;
- Internal review; and
- Other functions as are conferred by the Act.

Central Desert is committed to the promotion of a corporate culture that is ethical and transparent and an organisational culture that is client focused and based on merit, teamwork and results.

Central Desert places great value on a sound corporate governance platform to underpin high quality service delivery in a complex and evolving environment. The Central Desert constitution and governance framework documents are regularly reviewed to reflect our commitment to open, transparent and efficient governance. As is required under the Central Desert governance framework, an audit committee was established by the Board at its meeting in December 2008 to ensure proper management of corporate and financial risk.

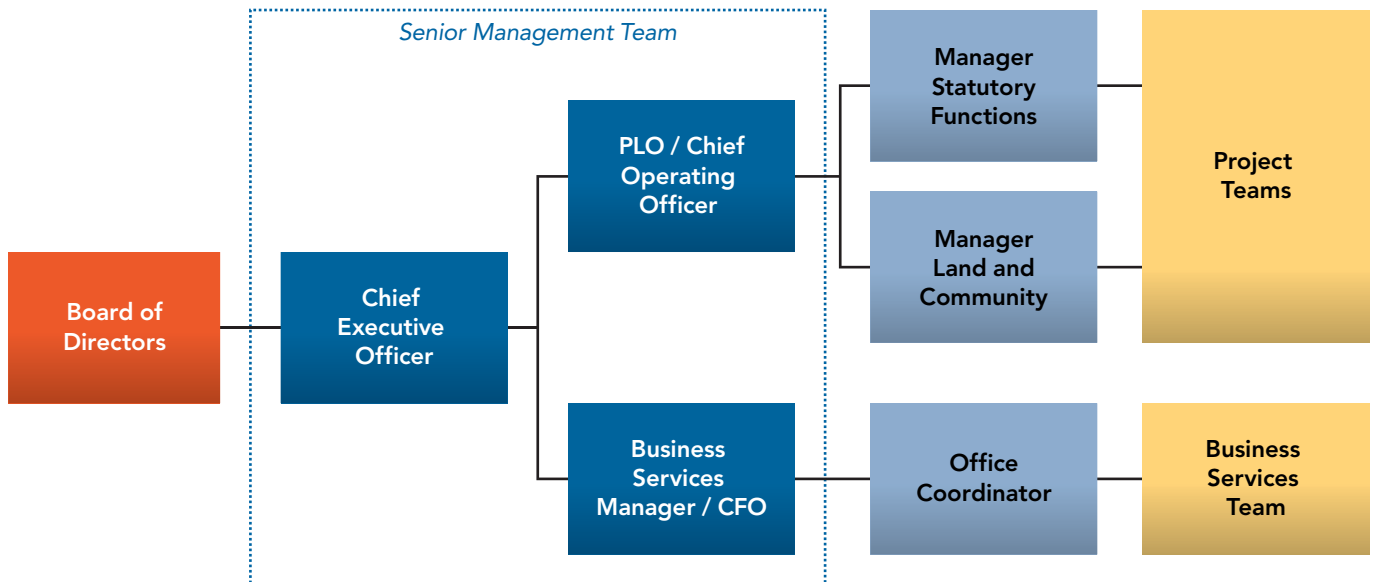
Central Desert is highly respected by its constituents, by government and by industry.



Kiwirrkurra Country

OUR STRUCTURE

Our Organisational Structure



Our Outcome and Output Structure

In September 2011 the Board ratified the 2011 Central Desert Strategic Plan. This plan restates the Central Desert focus on achieving highest quality native title outcomes and land access agreements for our clients and facilitating them to use their native title to articulate and pursue their highest aspirations.

The plan is the basis of Central Desert's outcome and output structure which looks at four strategic focus areas;

- Empowering PBCs to improve the social, cultural and economic situations of their constituents;
- Establishing and supporting strong PBCs;
- Securing and protecting native title; and
- Building internal capacity.



HOW WE PERFORM

Objective: Social, Cultural and Economic Outcomes

The social, cultural and economic conditions of the peoples of the Central Desert region are improved within a culturally respectful framework.

Central Desert is committed to seeing tangible, ongoing benefits flowing to the peoples of the Central Desert as a direct result of the native title process. We have identified streams of activity to help facilitate on the ground outcomes. The first stream is working with claim groups and Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) to develop their long-term strategic thinking and to facilitate the appropriate planning and implementation processes that may flow from that. The second stream is working with government to ensure that the rights and benefits enabled by a native title determination or other alternative outcomes are fully appreciated and honoured, in the spirit of the preamble of the Native Title Act, by government and other stakeholders.

Tjamu Tjamu (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

FaHCSIA provided some funding to Tjamu Tjamu, via the Central Desert Program Funding Agreement (PFA), to support their day-to-day operations for the reporting period and Central Desert provided administrative and accounting advice and support to manage these funds. Central Desert also assisted Tjamu Tjamu to review its income management policy, which directs income into a range of activities for the benefit of the community.

Yilka

Central Desert has continued to support the Yilka claimants by facilitating discussion around capacity building and income management during regular claim meetings. Central Desert also provided administrative and accounting support to manage current and potential income.

Parna Ngururrpa (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

Central Desert has supported Ngururrpa native title holders to consider their approach to dealing with potential income as a part of the PBC set up and capacity building process.

Mungarlu Ngurrarangkatja Rirraunkaja (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

Central Desert has supported Birriliburu native title holders by facilitating governance and capacity building workshops and to consider their approach to dealing with potential income as a part of the PBC set up and capacity building process.

Land and Community Projects

Central Desert has continued to expand our services in the area of facilitating land and community projects. These services aim to assist emerging and established PBCs to become sustainable, effective and culturally appropriate. This support extends to working with and empowering native title holders to use and manage their traditional lands to achieve their social, cultural and economic aspirations.

These services complement our existing legal, anthropological and community engagement services to respond to and enable the delivery of integrated support services to native title holders and claimants on a determination-by-determination and claim-by-claim basis.

In providing these services, Central Desert continues to facilitate the establishment of strategic partnerships and alliances between our constituents and other relevant stakeholders in order to empower and enable native title holders and claimants to fully realise their native title rights and interests on their traditional lands.

While the majority of the focus for these services have been on the Wiluna claim and Birriliburu determination lands, the rollout of these services to other locations within our region commenced this year. This was brought about through securing two years of funding through Rangelands NRM WA for the *Keeping Desert Country Healthy Project*. This funding has meant the employment of a second Land and Community Project Facilitator which has enabled commencement of engagement of additional native title holders and claimants in Ngururrpa, Spinifex, Pilki and Yilka in natural and cultural resource management activities.

While the *Keeping Desert Country Healthy* project in these locations is in the early stages of implementation, the Land and Community Program within the Wiluna claim and Birriliburu determined lands continues to grow at a rapid rate.

Central Desert, under instruction from native title holders and claimants, has continued to facilitate and manage the following land and community projects over the year. The Wiluna and Birriliburu projects are strongly inter-related and involve a substantial overlap of participants.

Wiluna Martu Land Management Project

Over the last three years Central Desert's Land and Community team has developed and implemented a land management program across the Wiluna and Birriliburu Lands. This program uses cultural and natural resource management activities, which are productive in their own right, to create regional Indigenous employment and build social and cultural capital in the process. Early outcomes from the program have been very encouraging as it engages with intergenerational participants and a range of committed partners.

The model for this program is underpinned by a thorough participatory planning process that works within a framework of contemporary community decision-making processes combined with traditional cultural protocols to provide clear and sound governance. The participatory planning process combines on-country and off-country 'demonstration activities' with on-country works as a means of engaging Martu in planning and visioning for their country. It also provides an effective conduit to facilitate the transfer of stories and traditional knowledge about country from the old people and elders to younger generations.

The program received its seed funding in late 2009 through the Wiluna Regional Partnership Agreement (supported by Lotterywest, Newmont Asia Pacific, BHP Billiton, Golden West Resources, Toro Energy, Mega Uranium, Ngangganawilli Aboriginal Health Services, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Shire of Wiluna) and has gone on to secure a range of project, grant and fee-for-service funding. It has yet to secure core funding to enable longer-term workforce development and works program planning.

Over the past year, the Martu rangers have been operating across three primary work and learning spaces on a range of projects. These are Birriliburu (Birriliburu Indigenous Protected Area Project, Western Desert Traditional and Contemporary Fire Project, Western Desert Bio-regional NRM Project and Kuju Wangka (One Voice) Canning Stock Route Project); Lorna Glen and Earahedy ex-pastoral Leases (DEC Co-management project); and Jundee Pastoral Lease (Newmont Jundee Project). See below for further details.

Significant progress has been made on building a Martu land management base in Wiluna. Once completed, the base will bring together the various land based community projects operating within the Wiluna claim and Birriliburu determination lands, and foster the development of ideas, learning, collaborative planning and increased community ownership of existing and future projects.

Birriliburu Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) Project

In 2009, Central Desert successfully applied for Commonwealth government funding to begin 'on country' consultations about declaring an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) over Birriliburu native title determined lands.

A number of consultation trips over the last three years with the Birriliburu native title holders have focused on what sites and places need to be protected or carefully managed, what issues they may have in relation to the health of the country and aspirations for how they want to look after the country.

The outcomes of these consultations combined with a range of on-ground biodiversity, fire and visitor management projects and demonstration activities have informed the development of a final plan of management that is expected to be completed in the next few months.

In June this year, the Birriliburu native title holders resolved to declare the entirety of the Birriliburu native title determination (approximately 6.7 million hectares) as an Indigenous Protected Area. It is due to be formally declared in October 2012.

Canning Stock Route Kuju Wangka (One Voice) Project

Central Desert, in partnership with the Kimberley Land Council, Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa and the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPAC) continued to work with representatives from each of the five native title determination and claim groups spanning the Canning Stock Route (CSR) to develop a management strategy for the CSR. This strategy has been, in part, informed by the results of an ARC Linkage research project whilst reflecting the concerns and aspirations of traditional owners for the management of their country as well as the safety of visitors to their country.

The forum for developing this strategy is called Kuju Wangka, or 'One Voice', reflecting the traditional owners' desire to speak as a collective voice to protect the important values and look after the country along the length of the CSR.

This year saw a draft strategy completed, the launch of a new dedicated Kuju Wangka Website and web-based permit system and the publishing of a new CSR Information Pack.

[<http://www.canningstockroute.org.au>]

In June, Kuju Wangka partners and representatives sought and received feedback on the draft strategy from key stakeholders which will be incorporated into a final strategy for approval by the respective Native Title Holding Bodies later in 2012.

Western Desert Traditional and Contemporary Fire Project, Western Desert Bio-regional NRM Projects

Central Desert is partnering Birriliburu native title holders, Rangelands NRM WA, Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC), Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to manage biodiversity outcomes throughout the Martu and Birriliburu determined lands.

These projects have enabled native title holders to reacquaint themselves with the health of the country and recall how country should be looked after in traditional ways. It seeks to provide the catalyst for the merging of traditional ecological knowledge with contemporary science to undertake a range of environmental assessments, threatened species management and monitoring and habitat regeneration through the reinstitution of traditional fire regimes.

These projects (along with a participatory planning process) have also played an important practical role in informing the Birriliburu native title holders on their decision to declare the Birriliburu determination area as an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) and the development of a comprehensive plan of management for the Birriliburu IPA.

Wiluna Oral History Project

As a partnership between Wiluna claimants, Birriliburu native title holders and the Shire of Wiluna, Central Desert continued to facilitate the Wiluna Oral History project during the year. The project is run in conjunction with trips on-country, which not only enables native title holders and claimants to tell current generation young people about where they come from and the stories from the old people, but also to record and keep these stories for future generations.

While continuing to capture a range of stories, this year saw a specific focus on revisiting the story of Georgina Brown who, up to the age of about six years old, was one of the last people to be born and live a nomadic life in the Western Desert. She was brought into Wiluna in 1976. Professional film footage was shot during return visits to her home country and to the place where she was picked up from, along with footage telling the story of Georgina's life today. This footage will be made into a short feature film telling Georgina's story in the coming months.

It is expected that this and other film footage collected over the years will provide the foundations for a broader multi-media project. This will provide native title holders and claimants and their families with access to their own stories through an accessible archive for the Wiluna community. It is also envisaged that it will provide suitable footage to develop a series of broadcast quality cultural education products.

DEC Joint Management

In 2004, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC, then the Department of Conservation and Land Management) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wiluna claimants for the joint management of former pastoral leases Lorna Glen (Matuwa) and Earacheedy (Kurrara Kurrara). Over the last year, DEC and Central Desert have continued to work cooperatively in the development of a Wiluna Martu ranger team. This includes the regular casual employment for 5-6 young Martu men living in Wiluna. The ranger team is operated by Central Desert, but supported by DEC in the provision of work opportunities on Lorna Glen and Earacheedy as well as informal training and mentoring for certain land management activities, such as fence construction and maintenance, feral and native animal surveys, fire management and minor construction works. Central Desert also secured funding on behalf of the Wiluna native title claimants to progress co-management of Matuwa and Kurrara Kurrara through the Commonwealth's Indigenous Protected Area program.

This funding, combined with open access to the properties, regular consultation meetings, fee-for-service ranger activities and the building of Martu-ku Ngurra (the Martu Camp), will enable the Wiluna claimants to develop an informed vision and to clearly articulate their aspirations for the future use and management of these properties. This visioning will provide the platform for negotiations with the State on co-management of these properties in the future.

Newmont Jundee Project

The Newmont Jundee Project has emanated from the Wiluna Martu Land Management Project and reflects the joint commitment of Central Desert and Newmont to:

- create meaningful employment opportunities for local traditional owners;
- build the capacity of local traditional owners to develop sustainable business enterprises;
- enable employment programs and businesses to develop in a culturally appropriate manner; and
- work with other partners to achieve the desired outcomes.

The project launched in November 2011 with 'demonstration activities' on Jundee Pastoral Lease. These activities involved senior Martu and Martu rangers in a cultural exchange with Newmont management staff and the undertaking of trial environmental restoration works.

The project has evolved to a regular one week of every month of environmental restoration works for the Martu Ranger team on Jundee on a fee-for-service basis. Over the coming year, we envisage that the partnership will continue to build to include a wider scope of natural and cultural resource management activities on the lease and a regular cultural exchange program.

We also envisage that this partnership will form the basis of a model for engagement between Martu and industry on co-management of country that can be adapted to other industry held pastoral leases in the area.

Nyunnyulangku Tjuma (Telling Our Story) Project

Nyunnyulangku Tjuma is a series of cultural awareness products collaboratively developed and delivered by Wiluna Martu people and facilitated by staff from Central Desert. In addition to creating local employment opportunities for Martu, the aim of this project is to foster a greater understanding and relationship between Martu and non-Martu people about working with Martu people on Martu country.

Teaching non-Martu about Martu culture, history and language is a high priority for Martu as they seek to create opportunities for culturally responsive economic, social and cultural growth in Wiluna in a way that represents and supports their values and aspirations.

This year's cultural awareness training included the Newmont management staff, Curtin University Health Faculty Bush Camp and participants and supporters of the annual Wiluna - Nedlands junior football carnival.

Whilst primarily focussing on a cultural education service, it is important to highlight that this project actually forms part of a larger cultural maintenance and education project. This education service is expected to be the most 'commercial' component of the program and, as such, is expected to financially underpin the remainder of the project activities in time.

Ultimately, the *Nyunnyulangku Tjuma* program aims to bring current and future cultural maintenance and education activities into a self-sustaining model.



Land Management Facility, Wiluna

HOW WE PERFORM

Objective: Traditional Owner Capacity

The Indigenous corporate entities established out of the native title process are functional, empowered and independent.

As at 30 June 2012 there were seven (7) registered Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC) functioning within the Central Desert region.

Mungarlu Ngurrarangkatja Rirraunkaja (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

In the reporting period Central Desert provided information and capacity building to the Birriliburu people regarding the roles and functions and the running of a PBC. The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) registered the Corporation on 11 October 2010. Central Desert continued to provide advice throughout the reporting period in relation to the Corporation's obligations under its Rules and Commonwealth legislation and regulations. Capacity building in the last reporting period was focused on developing the understanding of members in relation to good governance and the management of Corporation funds.

Central Desert also provided assistance negotiating future act matters affecting Birriliburu lands.

FaHCSIA provided some funding to Mungarlu Ngurrarangkatja Rirraunkaja, via the Central Desert PFA, to support their day-to-day operations for the reporting period.

Parna Ngururrpa (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

In the reporting period Central Desert provided information and capacity building to the Ngururrpa people regarding the roles and functions and the running of a PBC. ORIC registered the Corporation on 18 September 2009. Central Desert continued to provide advice throughout the reporting period in relation to the Corporation's obligations under its Rules and Commonwealth legislation and regulations. A three day training session focused on the role of the PBC and the responsibilities of directors, supported by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies, was conducted in Balgo in September 2011.

Central Desert also provided assistance negotiating future act matters affecting Ngururrpa lands.

FaHCSIA provided some funding to Parna Ngururrpa, via the Central Desert PFA, to support their day-to-day operations for the reporting period.

Pila Nguru (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

The Spinifex native title holders nominated Pila Nguru (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC to hold on trust the rights and interests recognised in the Spinifex determination of native title by Black J in the Federal Court of Australia on 28 November 2000.

In the reporting period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 Central Desert continued to provide advice to the Directors and assist Pila Nguru in complying with its obligations under its Rule Book and the Corporations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Act (CATSI Act). Central Desert also provided legal advice to Pila Nguru to assist it in negotiating on future acts that affect the Spinifex Determination Area.

FaHCSIA provided some funding to Pila Nguru, via the Central Desert PFA, to support its day-to-day administrative functions for the reporting period.

Tjamu Tjamu (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

On 4 June 2003 the Kiwirrkurra native title holders nominated Tjamu Tjamu (Aboriginal Corporation) to hold on trust the rights and interests recognised to exist in the determination of native title made by French J in the Federal Court of Australia on 19 October 2001.

In the reporting period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 Central Desert continued to provide advice and assistance to maintain compliance with the CATSI Act and the Tjamu Tjamu Rule Book. Central Desert also provided legal advice to assist Tjamu Tjamu to negotiate on future acts affecting the Kiwirrkurra Determination Area.

FaHCSIA provided some funding to Tjamu Tjamu, via the Central Desert PFA, to support its day-to-day administrative functions for the reporting period.

Tjurabalan Native Title Land (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

The Tjurabalan native title holders nominated the Tjurabalan Native Title Land (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC (TNTLAC) to hold in trust the rights and interests recognised to exist in the determination made in the Federal Court of Australia on 20 August 2001.

TNTLAC did not seek assistance from Central Desert during the reporting period. Central Desert maintains open communications with TNTLAC.

Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (Jamukurnu-Yapalikunu) RNTBC

The Martu native title holders nominated that the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (Jamukurnu-Yapalikunu) is to hold in trust the rights and interests recognised to exist in the determination made in the Federal Court of Australia on 27 September 2002.

Central Desert provided some legal advice and assistance to WDLAC during the reporting period together with some GIS and mentoring assistance.

Yarnangu Ngaanyatjarraku Parna (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

The Ngaanyatjarra Lands native title holders nominated that the Yarnangu Ngaanyatjarraku Parna (Aboriginal Corporation) is to hold in trust the rights and interests recognised to exist in the determination made in the Federal Court of Australia on 29 June 2005.

YNP (AC) did not seek assistance from Central Desert during the reporting period. Central Desert maintains open communications with YNP (AC).



Gibson Desert Country

HOW WE PERFORM

Objective: Determinations and Agreements

Central Desert is maintaining momentum in progressing high value determinations and agreements.

Native Title Matters

As at 30 June 2012 there had been eight (8) determinations that native title exists on lands within the Central Desert region.

CLAIM	FCA NO.	AREA	DATE FILED	DATE DETERMINED
Spinifex	WAD6043/98	50,000 km ²	30/09/98	28/11/00
Tjurabalan	WAD160/97	25,917 km ²	18/12/97	20/08/01
Kiwirrkurra	WAD619/98	42,905 km ²	30/09/98	19/10/01
Martu	WAD6110/98	16,764 km ²	30/09/98	27/09/02
Ngaanyatjarra Lands part A	WAD6004/04	187,600 km ²	23/04/04	26/06/05
Ngururrpa	WAD357/06	29,600 km ²	08/12/06	18/01/07
Ngaanyatjarra Lands part B	WAD6004/04	1,427 km ²	23/04/04	03/06/08
Birriliburu	WAD6284/98	66,875 km ²	30/09/98	20/06/08

There were no native title claims determined during the reporting period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Central Desert had 13 native title claims, and one compensation claim in progress for the reporting period 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012.

Birriliburu People No 2 parts A&B

FCA No. WAD108/08
Area 105km²
Date Filed 27/06/08

During the reporting period, Central Desert remained in mediation in the National Native Title Tribunal to reach an agreed approach with the State for finalising the matter. Mediation protocol timetables have been periodically filed with the Court. It is anticipated that the matter will continue to be mediated by a member of the National Native Title Tribunal.

Birriliburu People No 3

FCA No. WAD50/10
Area 3319km²
Date Filed 15/03/10

During the reporting period, Central Desert remained in mediation in the National Native Title Tribunal to reach an agreed approach with the State and the pastoral respondent for finalising the matter. Mediation protocol timetables have been periodically filed with the Court. It is anticipated that the matter will continue to be mediated by a member of the National Native Title Tribunal.

Birriliburu People No 4

FCA No. WAD299/11
Area 15km²
Date Filed 18/07/11

Central Desert filed a Form 1 in July 2011. In the last reporting period the claim did not pass the registration test as the claim overlaps Birriliburu People No 2 and has been filed for technical reasons. During the reporting period, Central Desert remained in mediation in the National Native Title Tribunal to reach an

agreed approach with the State for finalising the matter. Mediation protocol timetables have been periodically filed with the Court. It is anticipated that the matter will continue to be mediated by a member of the National Native Title Tribunal.

Gibson Desert Nature Reserve Compensation Application

FCA No. 86/2012
Area 18,458km²
Date Filed 29/03/12

The Gibson Desert Nature Reserve Compensation Application Form 4 was filed in March 2012. The Parties will identify the issues in dispute and then seek to narrow the issues through mediation or pleadings.

Gingirana

FCA No. WAD6002/06
Area 12,150km²
Date Filed 10/03/06

Further research to establish connection over the native title claim area has been completed with a view to progressing the claim. During the reporting period, the matter was in mediation with the National Native Title Tribunal, however no mediation conferences were held as the matter is low priority. Subsequent to the close of the reporting period, due to changes to the role of the National Native Title Tribunal, the matter was referred for case management in the Federal Court of Australia.

Kulyakartu

FCA No. WAD293/05
Area 3,550km²
Date Filed 11/10/05

Some background research has been completed in previous periods, however substantive research towards a connection report or report to the court did not take place because of funding restrictions. It is hoped that further research will take place in the next reporting period. During the reporting period, the matter was in mediation with the National Native Title Tribunal, however no mediation conferences were held as the matter is low priority. Subsequent to the close of the reporting period, due to changes to the role of the National Native Title Tribunal, the matter was referred for case management in the Federal Court of Australia.

Martu #2

FCA No. WAD141/10
Area 836.29km²
Date Filed 01/06/10

Mediation with the State and other respondent parties is continuing, and it is anticipated that a consent determination of native title will proceed in the next reporting period.

Karnapyrri

FCA No. WAD77/06
Area 151km²
Date Filed 22/03/06

Mediation with the State and other respondent parties is continuing, and it is anticipated that a consent determination of native title will proceed in the next reporting period.

Pilki

FCA No. WAD6002/02
Area 24,399km²
Date Filed 12/08/02

Connection materials and supplementary connection materials have been submitted to the State. The claim is in Federal Court mediation. Substantial progress has been achieved in the past six months and it is anticipated that a consent determination could take place before the end of 2012.

Taripa

FCA No. WAD248/07
Area 5,369km²
Date Filed 14/12/07

All parties to the claim are currently in Federal Court mediation. The matter has progressed substantially in this reporting period.

Tjiwarl

FCA No. WAD288/11
Area 13,623.41km²
Date Filed 17/06/11

Central Desert filed Form 1 in the Federal Court in June 2011 and the claim passed the registration test and has been registered. An order was made by the Federal Court that the claim be placed in case management.

Wiluna

FCA No. WAD6164/98
Area 47,594km²
Date Filed 30/10/98

All parties to the claim are currently in Federal Court mediation. The matter has progressed substantially in this reporting period.

Wiluna No 2

FCA No. WAD241/04
Area 5,615km²
Date Filed 26/10/04

All parties to the claim are currently in Federal Court mediation. The matter has progressed substantially in this reporting period.

Yilka

FCA No. WAD297/08
Area 12,260 km²
Date Filed 15/12/08

On 22 July 2011, the anthropological experts for the Applicant and the State met and discussed the Yilka native title claim during a Court-facilitated Conference of Experts. Following this, the Applicant and the State filed final expert reports.

Opening statements were heard in Perth in October 2011. In late October and November 2011, indigenous evidence was heard at Cosmo Newberry community and various locations on the claim area. Further indigenous evidence was heard in Perth in early December 2011.

On 7 December 2011, an overlapping claim was lodged over the same area as the Yilka claim – the unrepresented Sullivan and Edwards Family Group claim (WAD498/2011). Programming orders progressing the Sullivan claim towards the advanced stage of litigation of the Yilka claim have been agreed between the Yilka Applicant, the Sullivan Applicant and the State. Additional programming orders on the progress of the Yilka claim have also been agreed between the Yilka Applicant, the Sullivan Applicant and the State.

Progress on Other Native Title Activities

Additional to those registered claims Central Desert is researching and preparing claim applications for a number of groups across the region.

Cosmo Newberry (Appeal)

FCA No. WAD 43/07
Area 12,260km²

The Cosmo Newberry claim boundary was located wholly within the Wongatha native title claim area. On July 5 2007 the Federal Court of Australia dismissed the Cosmo Newberry claim along with all other overlapping claims in the Wongatha area. On March 2 2007 Central Desert lodged on behalf of the Cosmo Newberry claimants an appeal against the decision.

The Cosmo Newberry appeal is adjourned pending the resolution of the Yilka native title claim.

East Wongatha

Central Desert is researching the eastern part of the area left unclaimed following the dismissal of the Wongatha claim in 2007. During the reporting period Central Desert undertook further desktop research. Central Desert is yet to formalise a claim strategy in relation to this area.

Ngurra Kayanta (previously known as East of Martu)

During the reporting period Central Desert completed final research to enable the filing of this claim. It is anticipated that an authorisation meeting will be held in the first half of the next period, with the claim to be filed before the end of 2012.

West of Warlpiri

This is a low priority area and little more than maintaining ongoing communications with Central Land Council and monitoring any future act notifications is expected in the next reporting period.

South of Tarlpa

The Tjiwarl claim has been filed over part of this area. The areas that are unclaimed will now require further anthropological research.

Nullarbor

Central Desert has briefed out preliminary anthropological and historical research and is running the project in conjunction with work on East Wongatha.

Compensation Matters

As at 30 June 2012 there is one compensation application lodged by Central Desert, being the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve compensation application. There are however a number of other areas of compensable extinguishment or partial extinguishment of native title together with other areas where native title rights and interests may have been otherwise affected that would also give rise to compensation.

Gibson Desert Nature Reserve

As stated by Black J at the Ngaanyatjarra Lands determination in June 2005, but for the creation and vesting of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve, the people of the Gibson Desert would have been enjoying the full benefits of exclusive possession native title rights over their land.

A claim seeking compensation for the people of the Gibson Desert for the extinguishment of their native title rights and interests was filed in the Federal Court on 29 March 2012.

Other Compensation Matters

Central Desert is undertaking consultations with native title holders with a view to seeking compensation for the numerous other areas of extinguishment or the affect of 'past acts' that have been undertaken on native title land across the region since the advent of the Racial Discrimination Act in 1975 where compensation previously has not already been paid.

Agreements

Land Access and Agreements

Central Desert, on instructions from its various client groups, continues to develop strong Land Access and Heritage Agreements with mining companies wishing to enter onto native title lands. The agreements vary from area to area depending on the nature of the land tenure and whether an area is subject to a determination of native title.

On areas where native title is determined, the agreements that have been developed encompass all aspects of land access including: heritage issues, rehabilitation of the land, compensation, cultural awareness, employment and training opportunities and access to and from an area of interest. Some agreements also include special conditions for mining companies wishing to explore for uranium.



Directors of Tjumu Tjumu and Parna Ngururpa PBCs together with Dave Martin (Consultant Anthropologist), Tran Tran (AIATSIS Staff Member), Heather Lynes, Phil Ramsay and Tessa Herrmann (Central Desert Staff) at Directors Training run in Balgo (funded by AIATSIS)

Other Agreements

Central Desert on instructions from its various clients continues to develop agreements designed to facilitate access to determined native title land. These agreements may be utilised by such interest groups as tourists, tour operators and researchers.

Outcomes from Agreements

Educating explorers on native title rights and interests

With the establishment of the Agreement Implementation team at Central Desert, greater efforts are being made to increase explorers' understanding of our clients' native title rights and interests and their obligations under the exploration agreement. This has largely involved an increased dialogue with exploration and mining companies and higher levels of attendance from exploration personnel at native title meetings. The latter strategy has allowed explorers and miners to engage directly with our clients and hear first hand the importance of respecting the traditional owners cultural practices.

Kiwirrkurra Cultural Awareness Project

Through funding obtained from exploration agreements and through the Office of the Arts Indigenous Cultural Support Program, Central Desert has been working with the Kiwirrkurra People to develop a cultural awareness film which will be used to showcase Kiwirrkurra culture and history to non-indigenous audiences. The project is in its final stages.

Wiluna Cultural Awareness Project

Through funding obtained from exploration and mining agreements within the Wiluna area, the traditional owners in conjunction with Central Desert have been able to develop a cultural awareness program which will be used to educate Non-Indigenous audiences about Martu culture and history. For further details about this program, please refer to page 17 *Nyunnyulangku Tjuma (Telling Our Story) Project*.

HOW WE PERFORM

Objective: Central Desert Capacity

Central Desert has the capacity to deliver on its mission.

Central Desert's capacity to perform is limited only by the funding constraints that all not-for-profit organisations experience. Our strategies involve focussing on four key areas: sound governance, recruiting the best people, building robust systems and broadening our resource base.

Sound Governance

Central Desert is a company limited by guarantee. Our Directors bring a strong blend of skills and experience to the company's corporate governance. Their profiles are available on page 4. Being a not-for-profit organisation, our Directors do not have a beneficial interest in the company. They volunteer their time, enthusiasm and expertise to this important work. While the Board maintains strict independence from operational matters involving claims and future acts, their influence is felt through the company's strategic and policy frameworks. These flow from their keen interest in setting a clear strategic direction for the company with the co-operation of the CEO, senior management team and staff.

High-Quality Staff

Central Desert is blessed with skilled, experienced and professional staff. We pride ourselves on recruiting well. We provide staff with clear expectations through the ongoing review and development of job descriptions, employment contracts and conditions, and the management of a Performance Evaluation and Learning system. This system provides the opportunity for performance evaluation as well as encouraging learning and development. We partner with another not-for-profit organisation, Community Business Bureau (CBB), to provide tailor-made salary packaging opportunities to staff. This, and our family friendly workplace, enables us to go some way to competing with the resource industry for talent. At the foundation of this outcome is the creation of a shared view of directions and values that contribute to building long term relationships and tenure for staff within Central Desert.

Effective Systems

Central Desert has a clear focus on delivering to our clients outcomes related to native title and land. We also know that to do this consistently in some of the remotest parts of the country we have to:

- build and maintain effective finance, administrative and business systems to support our operational staff;
- preserve our corporate knowledge; and
- keep our stakeholders informed.

Our Business Services, Administration, Logistics and Compliance teams do this behind-the-scenes work with enthusiasm, skill and dedication.

Particular initiatives this year include:

- moving our head-office to a new premises in East Perth and fitting out the building with the generous help of Lotterywest and FaHCSIA;
- taking the first steps in a knowledge management project that will bring several separate databases together;
- the ongoing development of a project specific accounting and reporting system using MYOB and Calxa;
- the upgrade and ongoing maintenance of our IT systems and network;
- developing and implementing documented policies and procedures; and
- involving staff in decisions at all levels of planning and reporting of projects and encouraging them to contribute ideas and give feedback. Staff develop project plans, attend operational planning meetings and regular staff meetings.

This coming year will see Central Desert focusing on the development of risk management strategies for both operational and financial areas of business, and the continual development and implementation of documented policies, including a formal code of conduct for all staff, senior management and the Board of Directors outlining appropriate ethical standards.

Adequate Resources

In order to support and add to its current range of activities, Central Desert is continually investigating further funding and income opportunities.

FaHCSIA provided Central Desert with core funding from the native title program to provide the services described and approved in the 2009/2010 grant funding agreement operational plan. Core funding for the year and anticipated core funding in forward years is:

- 2012-13 \$3,625,000
- 2013-14 \$3,693,452 (notional)
- 2014-15 \$3,767,282 (notional)

The agreement with State Office of Native Title (ONT) to provide funding for Future Acts, being in recognition of the pressures brought to bear by the resources boom, expired on June 30, 2010. Unfortunately, Central Desert has not received funding from the State Government to deal with native title matters since that time.

Central Desert continually negotiates with industry to assist with the funding of meetings and to provide training to claimants or native title holders in situations where there are mutual benefits. In this reporting period, mining and exploration companies have been encouraged to assist with funding for meetings to ensure fast tracking of agreement negotiations. They have also supported training of claimants and native title holders in relation to monitoring compliance with exploration agreements. We are particularly proud of the development with WA Department of Environment and Conservation and Newmont Mining Corporation for their assistance in developing land management projects in the Wiluna and Birriliburu areas. Golden West Resources and Toro Energy are also notable in the assistance they have provided to project development and negotiations in the Wiluna area.

Other grant funding received during the year included amounts from:

- Rangelands NRM for several land management projects under their Caring for Country program;
- The Commonwealth Department for SEWPAC under their Indigenous Heritage Program and their Indigenous Protected Area Program;
- Lotterywest to fund the non-fixed items required in the fitout of our new head-office;
- The WA Department of Agriculture and Food for projects in Ngururpa country and Carnarvon Ranges;
- The Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet through the Office of the Arts under their Indigenous Culture Support program to share stories and culture of the Kiwirrkurra people through film;
- Indigenous Business Australia to fund the development of a business feasibility plan for our Martu Ranger program;
- The Commonwealth Attorney General's Department to support the Anthropologists and reduce delays associated with the connection process;
- Continued support from the Mid West Development Commission to assist us to construct a Land Management facility in Wiluna;
- The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal to support a Return to Country trip for Ngururpa people; and
- ScreenWest and Film and Television Instituted to film a return to country trip for the Brown family.

The ratio of funding from FaHCSIA to all other sources for 2011-2012 was 60% to 40%, compared to 85% to 15% in 2010-2011.

Central Desert wishes to thank the various departments and companies for their support during the year.



New Head Office at 76 Wittenoom Street East Perth

TRENDS INFLUENCING PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

1. The transfer of native title mediation functions from the National Native Title Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia and having matters put into Court directed case management should expedite native title matters in the region. However it may also increase workloads for Central Desert staff if current priorities are to be maintained.
2. Continuing high levels of activity in the resources sector attract staff from the native title bodies and create an employment environment that native title bodies find it hard to compete in.

EXTERNAL SCRUTINY

The Minister has made no directions or determinations during the reporting period in relation to Central Desert.

There have been no judicial or Administrative Tribunal decisions in relation to Central Desert during the reporting period, other than legal decisions that affected native title matters generally.

There have been no other reports on Central Desert operations by any of the above bodies during the reporting period.

During the reporting period Central Desert was subject to one external review request under 203FBA of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The review has been undertaken. Central Desert is yet to be notified of the findings of the reviewer.

MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Our Staff

Central Desert Native Title Services owes its continued success to the outstanding efforts of our staff. We value each of them highly and thank them all for their dedication to helping achieve successful, sustainable native title outcomes for the people of the Central Desert.

We thank all of the people listed below who were employed by Central Desert during the 2011-2012 year.

2012	
Abigail Watson	Kim Baldwin
Alex Toyne	Leah Davies
Alissa Smart	Lindsey Langford
Allister Hill	Malcolm O'Dell
Ben Brown	Mark D'Lima
Cecilia Tucker	Max Harwood
Christina Araujo	Michael Ierace
Claire Greer	Michelle Alexander
Darren Farmer	Mike Allbrook
Des Godber	Monica Franz
Ellen Maybery	Monique Jekel
Emlyn Collins	Nyssa Colquhoun
Emma Thompson	Phil Ramsay
Gemma Wheeler-Carver	Rachel Ropiha-Melville
Grant Sutherland	Ric West
Hamish Morgan	Rob Thomas
Heather Lynes	Robbie Wongawol
Ian Rawlings	Robin Smythe
Irene Assumpter Akumu	Sarah Hobson
Isobel Milnes	Sean Calderwood
Jacob Tyndall	Sian Hanrahan
Jarrad Goold	Sorcha Stapleton
Jeremy Maling	Stephen Bai
Jo Franz	Sue Ware
Karine Flematti	Sue Yoong
Kate Fuller	Tessa Herrmann
Kate Fulton	Vera Elliott
Katrina Shaw	Victor Ashwin
Kelman Patch	

Staffing Levels and Retention Rates for the Year

	2012	2011	CHANGE	%
Staff as at 30 June	49	44	5	11
During Year				
Full time	36	38	(2)	(5)
Part Time	6	6	-	-
Casual	7	11	(4)	(36)
Temporary	-	2	(2)	(100)
Maternity Leave	1	-	1	-
Total	50	57	(7)	
Staff Turnover	10	12	(2)	(17)
% Change	20	21		
Retention rate	80	79		

At 30 June 2012 Central Desert Native Title Services comprised a core staff of 36 full-time employees, 6 part-time and 7 casual.

A turnover of 10 staff (which includes casual staff and those on fixed term contracts) during the reporting period represents a retention rate of 80%, compared with 79% in 2011.

The predicted increase in workload for the 2012-2013 year will necessitate the recruitment of a further 3-4 operational and liaison staff.

Staff remuneration is based on individual common-law agreements negotiated with regard to operational requirements, the prevailing recruitment environment, and available resources. All staff are supported and encouraged to participate in regular professional development workshops and courses. These are sourced from a wide range of training providers to consolidate and increase relevant skills and knowledge.

Occupational Safety and Health Performance

Central Desert Native Title Services has a comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Policy and is fully compliant with the statutory obligations of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984* and the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996*.

The organisation's OSH procedures are reviewed regularly and updated as necessary.

Injuries and Lost Time

	2012	2011	2010
Incidents reported	-	2	2
Lost Time (days)	-	1	-

CONSULTANTS AND COMPETITIVE TENDERING AND CONTRACTING

Central Desert is committed to achieving value for money in the purchasing of goods and services, including tendering and contracting. Central Desert maintains a register of consultants with skills and experience in relevant areas.

In accordance with our grant conditions Central Desert ensures that contract specifications do not bias or predetermine the outcome by placing unreasonable restrictions or qualifications on the prospective tenders.

Where services are expected to cost more than \$20,000 but not greater than \$80,000 we obtain three written competitive quotes from suitable suppliers or service providers.

Where we expect the cost of an asset or service to exceed \$80,000 we either obtain public tenders or invite three

suitable, qualified service providers to tender for the provision of the asset or service.

Exemptions to the above procedures apply to:

- The engagement of an auditor;
- The acquisition of services from water, electrical, telephone, gas or municipal authorities where there is no other competitor in reasonable proximity; or
- In respect of native title related activities for the engagement of anthropological, legal or other professional service providers, or their staff, who are members of, or eligible for membership of the relevant professional association, where the service fee is less than \$80,000.

Native Title Consulting Agreements

	2012	2011	2010
Number of Consultancies for goods or services	18	26	28
Value of consultancies for Goods or Services	\$826,200	\$747,024	\$392,683
Consultancies with Traditional Owners	\$19,504	\$50,490	\$8,905



OUTPUTS

NTRBs are required to report on the number of the following they have dealt with throughout the year.

	2012	2011	2010	2009
FACILITATION AND ASSISTANCE				
The Claims Experience				
Number of claims at 1 July	13	13	10	9
Plus: Filed this year by NTSP	-	2	3	1
Less: Claims determined	-	-	-	-
Less: Claims dismissed	-	-	-	-
Less: Claims Withdrawn	-	-	-	-
Less: Claims amalgamated/Altered	-	2	-	-
Number of Current active Claims at 30 June	13	13	13	10
Claims in Development	6	5	3	3
Non-claimant Applications	-	-	-	-
Compensation claims	1	-	-	-
The Agreements Experience				
Future Acts				
Notices received	335	238	321	81
Responses to Future Acts	335	238	321	81
Agreements				
Agreements concluded	74	55	56	104
Agreements in development	-	-	-	-
ILUAs				
ILUAs concluded and registered	-	-	-	-
ILUAs in development	-	-	-	-
COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES				
Complaints				
Received	-	1	-	-
Resolved	-	1	-	-
Pending	-	-	-	-
Disputes relating to native title	-	-	-	-
Disputes relating to ILUAs, rights of access and other matters	-	-	-	-
Requests for reviews of decisions not to assist				
Completed	1	-	-	-
Pending	-	-	-	-

ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd
(ABN 53 124 921 811)

Annual Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

Issued: 20 August 2012

GLOSSARY

The "Act"	the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>
AGD	the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department
ASIC	the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ATO	the Australian Taxation Office
DIA	the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs
DSS	Desert Support Services Pty Ltd
FaHCSIA	the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FRRR	the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
FTI	Film and Television Institute
GDNR	Gibson Desert Nature Reserve
GST	Goods and Services Tax
IBA	Indigenous Business Australia
IHP	Indigenous Heritage Program
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area
KDCH	Keeping Desert Country Healthy
LM	Land Management
MWW	Mutuwa Kurrara Kurrara
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NTA	the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate
PMC	the Commonwealth Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
SEWPAC	the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
TO	Traditional Owner



Gibson Desert Country

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present this report on the company for the year ending 30 June 2012.

Directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year to the date of this report are listed below.

- Mr George Marshall Irving LLB
Chairperson and Audit Committee Member
- Hon. Frederick Michael Chaney LLB AO
Audit Committee Member
- Dr Fiona Mary Skyring PhD BA (Hons)
- Mr Peter James Thomas MBA BEcon BSc
Audit Committee Chairperson

The directors have been in office since the beginning of the financial year unless otherwise stated. Their profiles are provided in the annual report.

Company Secretaries

The company has two company Secretaries who both served throughout the year:

- Mr Ian James Rawlings
- Mr Ric West JP MAcc BA

Mr Rawlings is the Chief Executive Officer of the company. Mr West serves as Business Services Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

Review of Operations

This is the company's sixth year of operations and it has continued to perform its responsibilities under the *Native Title Act 1993* ("NTA") as well as providing a range of related services to Indigenous communities in the Central Desert area. The details of these services and the operating results are shown below and are further expanded upon in the full Annual Report.

Operating Results

The total comprehensive income of the company for the year was \$303,487. (2010: loss of \$130,348).

Principal Activities

The company provides services equivalent to a Native Title Representative Body, and therefore the company has specific functions under Part 11, Division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. These functions are:

- (i) Facilitation & assistance functions referred to in section 203BB;
- (ii) Certification functions referred to in section 203BE;
- (iii) Dispute resolution functions referred to in section 203BF;
- (iv) Notification functions referred to in section 203BG;

- (v) Agreement-making functions referred to in section 203BH;
- (vi) Internal review functions referred to in section 203BI, and
- (vii) Other functions referred to in section 203BJ, and such other functions as are conferred on representative bodies by the Act.

The Australian Taxation Office ("ATO") endorsed the company as a Public Benevolent Institution and it conducts a range of charitable activities. The company is also endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

No change in its tax status as a result of activities undertaken during the year is likely.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

On the 6th of January 2012 the Company formed a not-for-profit wholly-owned subsidiary, Desert Support Services Pty Ltd (ABN 41 154 511 494) ("DSS"). DSS did not trade in the period to 30 June 2012.

Other than the matter listed above, no other significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the year.

After Balance Date Events

On 3rd August 2012 the sub-lease over a portion of the company's Wittenoom St head office ended and the company took possession of the whole building. The company will occupy the majority of this space as its activities expand. This will materially increase occupancy costs in future years. The company is in discussions with three entities to lease portions of the additional space to defray some of the increase in costs.

Other than the matter listed above, no matter has arisen since the end of the year that will or may significantly affect:

- (i) the company's operations in future financial years;
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years; or,
- (iii) the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Likely Developments

DSS was formed to deliver administrative, financial, labour hire, and training services to support communities, Prescribed Bodies Corporate ("PBCs") and other projects on Aboriginal Land. DSS will begin operations during 2012-13. Administrative and financial support services currently being delivered to several PBCs and to Tjuntjuntjara community will be transferred to DSS with the client's consent. A consultation program is underway with PBCs and claimant groups to discuss the implications of the transfer of these administrative services to DSS.

In addition DSS will take over responsibility for paying people working in the Ranger program and those engaged from time to time in heritage surveys.

Other than the matters listed above, there are no significant changes expected in the nature of the operations of the company.

Environmental Performance

The company is not subject to any particular and significant environmental regulation under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Distributions to members during the year

No dividends or distributions were recommended, declared or paid to members during the year. The company is a non-profit company and its Constitution does not allow payments including dividends, bonuses or distributions of profit, directly or indirectly, to members, officers, servants, agents or employees other than as reasonable remuneration for services actually rendered.

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, meetings of directors, including committees of directors, were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS		AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	Eligible to attend	Number attended	Eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr George Marshall Irving	3	3	0	0
Hon. Frederick Michael Chaney	3	3	0	0
Dr Fiona Mary Skyring	3	3*	0	0
Mr Peter James Thomas	3	3	0	0

*Dr Skyring attended one meeting by Teleconference.

Indemnifying Officers or Auditor

The company has provided Deeds of Access and Indemnity to directors to the extent allowed at law. Other than these, no indemnities have been given during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company. The company holds an association's liability insurance policy which includes both director's and officer's and professional indemnity cover.

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or to intervene in any proceedings, to which the company is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The company's auditor is Mr Simon James Edward Foley CPA BBus (ASIC Reg. 273581). Mr Foley's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2012 has been received.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors:



George Irving

Chairperson

20 August 2012

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



The Directors
Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd
76 Wittenoom Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

Dear Directors,

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE *CORPORATIONS ACT 2001*

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the Year Ended 30 June 2012 there have been:

1. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. no contraventions of the requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon Foley".

Simon Foley CPA BBus
Registered Company Auditor

20 August 2012

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

For The Year Ended 30 June 2012

The directors of the company declare that:

- 1) The financial statements and notes, as set out in the following pages, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a) comply with applicable Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
- 2) In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors.



George Irving

Chairperson

20 August 2012



Peter Thomas

Director

20 August 2012

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Members

Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd



Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd (the "company") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the directors' declaration. We have also audited the grant acquittal statements.

The Responsibility of Directors for the Financial Statements

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirement and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of the company are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including

1. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its performance for the Year ended on that date; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirement and complying with the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Inherent Uncertainty Regarding Going Concern

Without qualification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the following matter. The financial statements are prepared on the basis of company being a going concern. This is dependent upon continued funding from government agencies.

Report on other Legal, Contractual and Regulatory Requirements

Compliance with Commonwealth Grant Conditions for Native Title Grants

In accordance with clauses 10.7 and 41.7 of the *Terms and Conditions - Native Title Agreement: for Agreements entered into after 1 July 2010*, I certify that:

1. The actual expenditure is in accordance with the budget;
2. The financial statement for the activity for the financial year is based on proper accounts and records and the financial statements are in agreement with those accounts and records;
3. You are able to pay all your debts as and when they fall due and that you have sufficient resources to discharge all your debts at the end of the financial year;
4. Where an asset has been purchased using grant funds, adequate insurance has been arranged in accordance with clause 12 of the Agreement, and the asset has been included in the Corporation's asset register; and,
5. The receipts, expenditure and the investment of money, and Central Desert's acquisition and disposal of assets during the year, have been in accordance with:
 - a. the provisions of the Act (including the conditions of funding set out in section 203CA(1)); and,
 - b. the Agreement.



Simon Foley CPA BBus

Registered Company Auditor

20 August 2012



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For The Year Ended 30 June 2012

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue from continuing operations	4	7,999,771	6,565,037
Other gains	4	1,275	69,495
Employee benefits expense		(3,303,546)	(3,093,648)
Services and supplies		(2,386,120)	(1,938,049)
Other expenses	5	(1,746,973)	(1,450,307)
Interest expense			-
Depreciation / amortisation		(260,920)	(270,579)
Other Losses		-	(12,295)
Net Income before income tax		303,487	(130,348)
Income tax expense	3	-	-
Net Income after income tax		303,487	(130,348)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		303,487	(130,348)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As At 30 June 2012

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,395,093	1,351,158
Trade and other receivables	8	368,664	426,291
Other current assets	9	66,130	85,189
Total Current Assets		1,829,887	1,862,638
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	10	800,684	450,028
Investments in Associates	11	100	-
Other non-current assets	12	265,899	294,024
Total Non-Current Assets		1,066,683	744,052
Total Assets		2,896,570	2,606,690
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	312,838	246,255
Current tax liabilities	14	82,277	127,191
Payroll liabilities	15	1,167	32,228
Provisions and accruals	16	309,647	268,167
Unexpended grants	17	711,479	913,402
Trust liabilities	18	164,811	51,809
Other current liabilities	19	37,111	10,908
Total Current Liabilities		1,619,331	1,649,960
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions and accruals	16	192,467	175,445
Total Non-Current Liabilities		192,467	175,445
Total Liabilities		1,811,798	1,825,405
Net Assets		1,084,772	781,285
Equity			
Member's Funds		1,084,772	781,285

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For The Year Ended 30 June 2012

	RETAINED EARNINGS	RESERVES		TOTAL
		GENERAL	ASSET REVALUATION	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2010	911,633	-	-	911,633
Total comprehensive income for the period	(130,348)	-	-	(130,348)
Movement in reserves	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increment	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2011	781,285	-	-	781,285
Total comprehensive income for the period	303,487	-	-	303,487
Movement in reserves	(105,700)	105,700	-	-
Revaluation increment	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2012	979,072	105,700	-	1,084,772

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For The Year Ended 30 June 2012

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Receipts from government and customers		7,850,547	7,239,219
Payments to employees		(3,296,532)	(3,061,296)
Payments to suppliers		(3,977,995)	(3,297,786)
Interest received		50,192	62,548
Finance costs		-	-
Net cash from operating activities	7	626,212	942,685
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from sale of property & equipment		3,064	-
Payment for property & equipment		(585,240)	(563,643)
Payments for investments in associates		(100)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(582,276)	(563,643)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Repayment of financing commitments		-	-
Increase in financing commitments		-	-
Net cash from financing activities		-	-
Net Increase / (Decrease) in cash held		43,936	379,042
Cash at the end of the financial year	6	1,395,094	1,351,158
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	6	1,351,158	972,115
Net Increase / (Decrease) in cash held		43,936	145,142

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended 30 June 2012

1. THE REPORTING ENTITY

Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* on 16 April 2007 and domiciled in Australia.

The financial statements cover the company as an individual entity. The newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary, Desert Support Services Pty Ltd incorporated on 6 January 2012, did not trade during the period ended 30 June 2012

The company's registered and business address is:

76 Wittenoom Street
East Perth, WA, 6004

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Date of Issue

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 20 August 2012. The directors have the authority to amend the financial statements after that date.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Regulations and the company's constitution.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The company has determined that it is a Tier 2 entity for the purposes of AASB 1053 and has consequently applied the Reduced Disclosure Regime in these financial statements.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis from the records of the company.

They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The report is presented in Australian dollars (\$AUD) and are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Economic Dependence

The ability of the company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon continued support from various Government funding bodies. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe that governments will not continue to fund the native title operations of the company.

Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

Australian Accounting Standards require a statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) to be made where the financial statements complies with these standards. Some Australian equivalents to IFRSs and other Australian Accounting Standards contain requirements specific to not-for-profit entities that are inconsistent with IFRS requirements. The company is a not-for-profit entity and has applied these requirements, so while these financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards including Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRSs) it cannot make this statement.

Application of new and revised Accounting Standards

Standards affecting presentation and disclosure.

REFERENCE	TITLE
AASB 2010-4	Amendments to AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements' clarifying the presentation of items of other comprehensive income either in the statement of changes in equity or in the notes to the financial statements.
AASB 1054	AASB 1054 sets out the Australian-specific disclosures for entities that have adopted Australian Accounting Standards. This Standard contains disclosure requirements that are in addition to IFRSs in areas such as compliance with Australian Accounting Standards, the nature of financial statements (general purpose or special purpose), audit fees, imputation (franking) credits and the reconciliation of net operating cash flow to profit (loss).
AASB 2011-1	AASB 2011-1 makes amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations for the purpose of closer alignment to IFRSs and harmonisation between Australian and New Zealand Standards. The Standard deletes various Australian specific guidance and disclosures from other Standards (Australian-specific disclosures retained are now contained in AASB 1054), and aligns the wording used to that adopted in IFRSs.
AASB 2011-2	AASB 2011-2 establishes reduced disclosure requirements for entities preparing general purpose financial statements under Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements in relation to the Australian additional disclosures arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project.
AASB 124	<p>AASB 124 (revised December 2009) has been revised on the following two aspects: (a) AASB 124 (revised December 2009) has changed the definition of a related party and (b) AASB 124 (revised December 2009) introduces a partial exemption from the disclosure requirements for government-related entities.</p> <p>The company and its subsidiary are not government-related entities. The application of the revised definition of related party set out in AASB 124 (revised December 2009) in the current year has resulted in the identification of related parties that were not identified as related parties under the previous Standard. Specifically, associates of the ultimate holding company of the company are treated as related parties of the Group under the revised Standard whilst such entities were not treated as related parties of the Group under the previous Standard. The related party disclosures set out in note 45 to the consolidated financial statements have been changed to reflect the application of the revised Standard. Changes have been applied retrospectively.</p>
AASB 2009-12	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards. The Standard makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations. The application of AASB 2009-12 has not had any material effect on amounts reported in the Group's consolidated financial statements.
AASB 2010-5	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards. The Standard makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations. The application of AASB 2010-5 has not had any material effect on amounts reported in the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Standards and Interpretations adopted with no effect on financial statements

REFERENCE	TITLE
AASB 2009-14	AASB 2009-14 'Amendments to Australian Interpretation – Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement'. Interpretation 14 addresses when refunds or reductions in future contributions should be regarded as available in accordance with paragraph 58 of AASB 119; how minimum funding requirements might affect the availability of reductions in future contributions; and when minimum funding requirements might give rise to a liability. The amendments now allow recognition of an asset in the form of prepaid minimum funding contributions. The application of the amendments to Interpretation 14 has not had material effect on the Group's consolidated financial statements.
AASB 2009-12	AASB 2009-12 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards. The Standard makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations. The application of AASB 2009-12 has not had any material effect on amounts reported in the Group's consolidated financial statements.
AASB 2010-5	AASB 2010-5 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards'. The Standard makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations. The application of AASB 2010-5 has not had any material effect on amounts reported in the Group's consolidated financial statements.
AASB 2010-6	<p>AASB 2010-6 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfers of Financial Assets'. The application of AASB 2010-6 makes amendments to AASB 7 'Financial Instruments – Disclosures' to introduce additional disclosure requirements for transactions involving transfer of financial assets. These amendments are intended to provide greater transparency around risk exposures when a financial asset is transferred and derecognised but the transferor retains some level of continuing exposure in the asset.</p> <p>To date, the Group has not entered into any transfer arrangements of financial assets that are derecognised but with some level of continuing exposure in the asset. Therefore, the application of the amendments has not had any material effect on the disclosures made in the consolidated financial statements.</p>

Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

Financial Instruments

Recognition and Initial Measurement

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities, are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Trade date accounting is adopted for financial assets that are delivered within timeframes established by marketplace convention.

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs where the instrument is not classified as at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs related to instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

De-recognition

Financial assets are de-recognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed is recognised in profit or loss.

Classification and Subsequent Measurement

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management and within the requirements of AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Held-to-maturity investments

These investments have fixed maturities, and it is the company's intention to hold these investments to maturity. Any held-to-maturity investments held by the company are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Derivative instruments

The company does not deal with or hold derivative instruments.

Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

Inventories

The company does not hold inventories of goods for sale.

Investments (financial assets)

Available-for-sale financial assets

All investments are classified as available-for-sale financial assets. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value unless their fair value cannot be reliably measured. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Recognition

Financial assets are initially measured at cost of trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a diminishing-value basis over the asset's useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are based on their useful life. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Intangible assets

Software

Software developed specifically for the company is recorded at cost. Software has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. It has an estimated useful life of between one and two years. It is assessed annually for impairment. All other software is expensed as it is purchased.

Employee benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. These cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows.

Government grants received by the company do not currently allow the charging of employee liabilities against the grant revenue. The result is that unexpended grant liabilities are overstated by the amount of the accrued benefits. FaHCSIA permits employee entitlements to be charged against grants as and when they fall due and payable and may provide additional funds.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Borrowings

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in income in the period in which they are incurred.

Funds Held on Trust

From time to time the company holds funds on trust for Native Title Claimant groups pending the formation of a Prescribed Body Corporate ("PBC"). Such funds are held as liabilities and retained in the company's bank accounts pending the establishment of bank accounts for the purpose. The receipt of those funds, and interest pertaining to the bank accounts, are not recognised as revenue to the company.

Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. Any consideration deferred is treated as the provision of finance and is discounted at a rate of interest that is generally accepted in the market for similar arrangements. The difference between the amount initially recognised and the amount ultimately received is interest revenue.

Grant Revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when it is controlled. When there are conditions attached to the grant revenue relating to the use of those grants for specific purposes it is recognised as a liability until such time as those conditions are met or the services provided.

Sale of Services

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date and where the outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is presently recoverable.

Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest

Interest revenue derives from interest on funds held on deposit and are recognised when they are received. Other interest received is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Donations and Bequests

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received unless they are designated for a specific purpose where they are carried as prepaid income.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Taxation

Public Benevolent Institution

The Australian Taxation office endorsed the company as a Public Benevolent Institution and it is eligible for the following concessions:

- (i) GST concession;
- (ii) FBT exemption;
- (iii) Income taxation exemption.

The company is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

No change in its tax status as a result of activities undertaken during the year is likely.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a net basis.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies. The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group. No accounting assumptions or estimates have been identified that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next accounting period.

NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
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4. REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

Revenue from continuing operations			
Net grant revenue	17	5,903,537	4,809,252
Revenue from the sale of services			
Administration fees		213,963	134,093
Fee for service		1,495,136	1,196,759
Reimbursements		336,543	356,175
Sales of goods		340	-
Donations		-	2,025
Sundry		60	4,185
Interest		50,192	62,548
		7,999,771	6,565,037
Other Gains			
Proceeds on sale of non-current assets		1,275	69,495
		1,275	69,495

NOTE

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5. NET OPERATING RESULT

Net Operating Result before Income Tax is determined after the following significant Other Expenses:

Occupancy costs	623,990	355,110
Travel and accommodation expenses	578,801	648,599
Motor vehicle expenses	326,200	227,548
Program expenses	200,000	200,000
Repairs & maintenance	16,967	13,196
Charitable activities	1,015	2,351
Sundry	-	3,504
	1,746,973	1,450,307

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at Bank		
Operating account	63,320	111,476
Max-i direct	79,654	244,554
FaHCSIA account	547,784	553,403
IPA cash mgt account	116,170	188,487
Gift fund account	6,612	6,547
Paypal Account	97	-
Term deposit 1	205,615	-
Term deposit 2	154,660	154,660
Term deposit 3	56,173	56,173
Trust Accounts		
Pilki claimant group	48,960	35,559
Taripa claimant group	25,123	-
Cosmo claimant group	90,625	-
Cash on Hand		
Petty cash	300	300
	1,395,093	1,351,158

Terms

Cash at bank is held in at-call interest bearing deposits.

Restrictions

Cash at bank includes an amount of \$711,479 representing the balance of unexpended grants. The restriction arises as a result of the terms and conditions of various funding agreements which require unspent funds to be returned or used in future years for the purposes specified in the funding agreements. A further amount of \$164,881 is held on Trust for claimant groups – see note 18. Term deposit 1 is held as security for the bank guarantee referred to in note 24.

NOTE

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7. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

a) Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operating activities

Profit after income tax	303,487	(130,348)
Non Cash Flows included in Profit		
Depreciation and amortisation	260,920	270,579
Contribution of assets	-	565
Net other non cash flows in profit	(1,274)	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	57,524	(82,786)
(Increase)/Decrease in other current assets	19,162	115,333
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	66,583	76,297
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions and accruals	58,501	3,213
Increase/(Decrease) in current tax liabilities	(44,914)	(14,208)
Increase/(Decrease) in unexpended grants	(201,924)	683,078
Increase/(Decrease) in other liabilities	108,147	20,962
Cash flows from operating activities	626,212	942,685

8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables	360,899	435,860
Other receivables	20,060	2,726
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(12,295)	(12,295)
	368,664	426,291

Terms

Trade and other debtors are non-interest bearing and are generally settled on terms of 30 days. Trade debtors are reported net of GST.

9. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	64,127	57,287
Bonds	1,900	1,700
Deposits	-	14,183
Accrued Income	103	12,020
	66,130	85,189

Accrued Income included \$103 in PAYG withholding on trust accounts incorrectly withheld by Westpac.

10. PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
Leasehold improvements			
Leasehold improvements at cost		601,957	374,843
Less: accumulated depreciation		(88,831)	(253,725)
		513,126	121,118
Motor vehicles			
Motor vehicles at cost		698,588	627,636
Less: accumulated depreciation		(537,616)	(399,315)
		160,972	228,321
Office equipment & furniture			
Office equipment & furniture at cost		255,368	187,159
Less: accumulated depreciation		(147,488)	(113,728)
		107,880	73,431
Plant & equipment			
Plant & equipment at cost		54,909	50,094
Less: accumulated depreciation		(36,203)	(22,936)
		18,706	27,158
Carrying Amount		800,684	450,028

L/HOLD IMP \$	MOTOR VEHICLES \$	OE & FURN \$	PLANT & EQUIPMENT \$	TOTAL \$
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a) Movements in carrying amounts

2010					
Balance at 1 July 2010	78,194	278,630	76,430	18,299	451,553
Additions					
by purchase	84,759	134,780	29,370	20,711	269,620
Depreciation expense	(41,835)	(184,648)	(32,245)	(11,852)	(270,580)
Disposals	-	(441)	(125)	-	(566)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2011	121,118	228,321	73,431	27,158	450,028
2011					
Additions					
by purchase	469,390	70,953	68,208	4,815	613,365
Depreciation expense	(75,592)	(138,301)	(33,759)	(13,267)	(260,920)
Disposals	(1,789)	-	-	-	(1,789)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2012	513,126	160,973	107,879	18,706	800,684

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
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11. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

Desert Support Services Pty Ltd		100	-
		100	-

Desert Support Services Pty Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary. It did not trade in the year ended 30 June 2012.

12. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Work In Progress		265,899	294,023
		265,899	294,023

Work in Progress

Work in Progress at 30 June 2012 comprises the cost of construction work on the company's Land Management facility, situated at Lot 501 Wotton Street Wiluna. The 2011 balance included \$287,063 for the fitout of 76 Wittenoom Street East Perth.

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade payables		235,661	157,270
Other payables		880	1,717
Credit card			
MasterCard		50,249	51,310
American Express		26,048	35,958
		312,838	246,255

Credit Card Facilities

The company has a \$100,000 credit card facility with Westpac Banking Corporation of which \$49,751 remained unused at balance date. The company has a \$70,000 credit card facility with American Express of which \$43,952 remained unused at balance date. MasterCard and American Express purchasing card balances are cleared on or about the 27th of each month.

14. CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES

GST payable		143,540	195,504
GST receivable		(99,156)	(125,880)
PAYG Withholding payable		37,893	57,567
		82,277	127,191

15. PAYROLL LIABILITIES

Superannuation payable		1,167	32,228
		1,167	32,228

NOTE

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16. PROVISIONS AND ACCRUALS

a) Current

Provisions		
Audit fees	9,325	8,000
Accrued Employee Entitlements		
Wages		-
Annual Leave	177,674	152,217
Long Service Leave	88,589	92,995
Program Expenses	34,059	14,955
	309,647	268,167

b) Non-current

Accrued Employee Entitlements		
Long Service Leave	192,467	175,445
	192,467	175,445

Accrued Entitlements

Some employees continue to have entitlements accrued from their service with a predecessor entity. These entitlements were recognised by the company under "transmission of business" provisions which transferred to the company. Accruals for Annual and Long Service Leave are not charged to grant funding unless approved by the relevant funding bodies.

17. UNEXPENDED GRANTS

FaHCSIA

	YEAR	UNEXP B/FWD	NEW GRANTS	AGI	TRANSFERS / REPAY	EXP'D	UNEXP C/FWD
Native title - capital	11/12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native title - operational	11/12	152,838	3,600,470	347,004	-	4,100,312	-
Cont. lit. - GDNR	10/11	144,543	-	-	-	125,109	19,434
Cont. lit. - Yilka	11/12	89,467	887,336	-	100,000	647,467	429,336
PBC support funds	11/12	100,000	200,000	-	(100,000)	200,000	-
		486,848	4,687,806	347,004	-	5,072,888	448,770

AGD	11/12	-	28,214	-	-	28,214	-
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SEWPAC

IPA Birriliburu	10/11	58,590	-	-	-	58,590	-
IPA MWW	10/11	100,000	40,000	-	-	110,660	29,340
IPA Birriliburu	11/12	-	140,000	-	-	111,295	28,705
Lotterywest - office fitout	11/12	-	175,000	-	-	169,174	5,826

Rangelands NRM

Biodiversity	10/11	84,337	14,100	9,739	-	108,176	-
Biodiversity	11/12	-	93,398	-	-	35,088	58,310
KDCH	11/12	-	228,786	-	-	183,124	45,662
Fire management	11/12	-	59,070	-	-	59,070	-

MWDC - LM facility	10/11	110,872	-	-	-	110,872	-
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IHP

Kuju Wangka	10/11	64,376	-	-	-	64,376	-
Kuju Wangka	11/12	-	100,000	10,833	-	66,296	44,537

State NRM

Carnarvon Ranges	11/12	-	25,000	-	-	5,116	19,884
Ngururrpa	11/12	-	49,740	-	-	19,295	30,445
PMC	11/12	-	30,000	-	-	30,000	-
IBA	11/12	-	28,500	-	-	28,500	-
FTI	11/12	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	-

		418,175	1,013,808	20,572	-	1,189,846	262,709
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Auspiced Grants

FRRR - Parna Ngururrpa	10/11	8,380	-	-	-	8,380	-
DIA - Kutkabubba	11/12	-	10,000	-	2,000	12,000	-
		8,380	10,000	-	2,000	20,380	-
		913,403	5,711,614	367,576	2,000	6,283,114	711,479

Net Grant Revenue

Net Grant Revenue is represented by new grants plus Unexpended Grants b/fwd less unexpended grants c/fwd. 2012 \$5,903,537 (2011: \$4,809,252)

18. TRUST LIABILITIES

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
Funds held for			
Pilki Native Title claimants		48,960	35,559
Tarlpa Native Title claimants		25,226	-
Cosmo Newberry non-resident claim members		90,625	16,250
		164,811	51,809

19. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Unearned Income		37,111	10,908
		37,111	10,908

Unearned Income

Funds are held under agreements with mining companies to deliver particular services including the purchase a motor vehicle for women's activities and develop cross cultural training packages.

20. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The company's Key Management personnel comprise the directors identified in the director's Report and the following Management staff:

POSITION	2012	2011
Chief Executive Officer	Ian Rawlings	Ian Rawlings
Principal Legal Officer	Malcolm O'Dell	Malcolm O'Dell
Business Services Manager	Ric West	Ric West

a) Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

	DIRECTORS		MANAGEMENT STAFF	
	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Short Term Benefits				
Salaries & allowances	-	-	491,854	510,576
Directors fees	-	950	-	-
Travel allowances	-	-	-	-
Post Employment Benefits				
Superannuation	-	-	43,636	45,952
Total	-	950	535,490	556,528

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the financial year. Where related party transactions occur they are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

22. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

Capital Expenditure Commitments

The company is constructing a land management facility in Wiluna, Western Australia. It is reasonably expected that a further \$50,000 will be expended to complete Stage 1 of the project. Stage 2 of the project will be conducted once further funding is secured. The company has ordered a motor vehicle that will not be delivered until November 2012. The cost is \$48,000.

Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements relate to office properties in Perth, Kalgoorlie and Wiluna, Western Australia and leases for office equipment. Rental lease arrangements include market review clauses.

OPERATING LEASE	EXPIRING	PAYMENTS DUE		
		WITHIN 1 YEAR	1-5 YEARS	OVER 5 YEARS
76 Wittenoom Street East Perth ¹	31/03/16	365,925	1,097,775	-
225 Piccadilly St Kalgoorlie	18/07/13	23,140	1,928	-
Wiluna Office - Thompson Street ²	1/10/12	110	4,400	-
Wiluna LM Facility - Wotton Street	29/06/22	1,100	5,500	-
Storage units (2 units)	30/06/12	10,116	-	-
		400,391	1,109,603	-

1. Lease Options

The property at 76 Wittenoom Street has 2 three year options expiring in 31/3/2022.

2. Crown Lease

The Crown Lease on the office at Thompson Street Wiluna expires on 1/10/2012. The company has commenced an application to the WA Department of Regional Development and Lands for the renewal of the lease and it is expected that the lease will be extended for a further 10 year period. At balance date we are unable to determine what the rent will be on the renewed lease. If granted but it is expected not to exceed \$2,000 per annum.

23. COMMITMENTS – GRANT FUNDING

Commitments entered into by the company for the supply of goods and services as at 30 June 2012, and which are to be paid from grant funds carried forward are as follows:

	NOTE	2012 \$	2011 \$
Commitments relating to capital contracts entered into		-	127,163
Commitments for other goods or services		-	14,956
		-	142,119

The commitments arise from contracts for the delivery of goods or services that were entered into by 30 June 2012 but for which the goods or services had not been delivered or completed at balance date. Additionally, the company is committed to rental and operating lease commitments and accrued annual and long service leave entitlements for staff. Other than those items listed above, there are no other grant funding commitments.

24. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Contingent Assets

The company is eligible for an additional \$13,647 in funding from Mid West Development Commission under the Royalties-for-Regions program upon completion of Stage 1 of the Land Management Facility.

Contingent Liabilities

A Bank Guarantee in favour of Kella Nominees Pty Ltd in the amount of \$201,614.60 is in place and represents the equivalent of 6 month's rental. The guarantee is secured by a term deposit.

25. MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

Central Desert is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

If the company is wound up the constitution requires each member to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards the property of the company for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company. At 30 June 2012 the number of members was four (4).

26. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.



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- The Commonwealth Attorney General's Department (Anthropologist Initiative Grant)
- The Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, through the Office for the Arts
- The Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPAC)
- The WA Department of Agriculture and Food
- The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)
- Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)
- Lotterywest
- Mid West Development Commission
- Mining companies participating in the Wiluna Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA)
- Rangelands NRM
- ScreenWest and Film and Television Institute

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