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Introduction

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It should be noted that the contents and production of these reports are governed by time and resource constraints. They are often prepared in four to eight weeks by a single research officer with some input from a research assistant and Tribunal librarian.

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Central Southern Queensland Region Report

The Central Southern Queensland Region report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist Queensland South Native Title Services Limited with base-level historical research, in order to help facilitate strategic management of native title issues in an area south of Longreach in western Queensland.

The area is represented by two Native Title Representative Bodies — the Gurang Land Council and the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited.

The broad area with which the report is concerned is in places encroached upon by four native title claims: QC97/49 Bidjara 3, QC01/30 Boonthamurra People, QC02/35 Mithaka People, and QC99/11 Maiawali and Karuwali People 2.

The study area is defined as Longreach east to Barcaldine, then south to the town of Blackall and south-west across the headwaters of Ravensbourne and Boree Creeks north-west to include the Welford National Park, north to the Lochern National Park then north-east to the town of Westfield. The area includes Idalia National Park and Hell Hole Gorge National Park.

Towns within the area include Jundah, Stonehenge, Westfield, Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall and Isisford. Major rivers include the Barcoo and the Thomson, and important creeks mentioned in the literature include the Ravensbourne, Boree, Boundary, Alice and Powell.
Research Method

This report contains summaries of information that is publicly available and relevant to the traditional location of groups within the Central Southern Queensland region. It should be noted that the contents and production of these reports are governed by time and resource constraints. They are usually prepared in six weeks by a single research officer with some input from a research assistant and Tribunal librarian. Many of the references sought for these reports are available only from the AIATSIS library which has limited resources available to supply material. Therefore care is taken to request only that material which appears relevant to the scope of a particular report.

A search was made of the AIATSIS library catalogue for references which applied to the geographical area. The material generated by the AIATSIS search was supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale's (1974) *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*. The following general references were also used:

- Davidson, 1938a, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Davis, 1993, *Australia’s Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories*;
- Horton, 1994, *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*;
- Tindale, 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey'; and
- Greenway, 1963, *Bibliography of the Australian Aborigines and the natives of Torres Strait to 1959*. 
The AIATSIS on-line catalogue was searched using the terms 'Kungkari (L38)' in the language field, and using the following 1:250,000 survey map sheet numbers in the place field: Adavale SG55-05, Blackall SG 55-01, Longreach SF55-13 and Jundah SG 54-04. A search was also made according to the names of prominent towns, rivers and mountain ranges within the study area. Each record was examined to determine its likely relevance or usefulness. Materials with access or reproduction restrictions were omitted, as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, apparent cataloguing errors, microforms, audio material and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula. Materials relating to places or areas clearly outside of the study region were also omitted.

The searches of prominent landmarks, rivers and towns ultimately identified the same works as the map-sheet search. It is also noted that not all potentially useful items generated by the search were available for examination at the time of the research. Some works found are also duplicated across a number of map-sheet areas.

The Tribunal's library holdings were also examined for material relevant to language/tribal group in the region. The Tribunal's Research Reports on native title applications in the Gurang Land Council's Western region were also examined for material relevant to the present report.
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