Kaurna

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**Introduction**

The Tribunal’s Research Unit prepares bibliographies as a ready reference for anyone wanting to locate readily available, published material about Indigenous Australian people within a particular region or locality. The bibliographies are produced for general library use from reports prepared by the Tribunal for parties to native title mediations. The bibliographies are not exhaustive reference lists about any particular Indigenous group, nor is the published material necessarily an accurate or insightful report of Indigenous society. The Research Unit may update bibliographies from time to time, usually because a new research report has been reproduced for parties to mediation.

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. Generally most of the references sought for these reports are available only from the AIATSIS library, which in turn 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.

**Disclaimer:** The bibliographies are a list of materials that have been used by the Research Unit of the Tribunal to provide background information for native title mediations. The Tribunal forms no view on the accuracy, completeness, or relevance of the reference material cited in these bibliographies. Most of this material is held at libraries and is available to the public. The Tribunal library may be able to assist in locating items.

**Kaurna Report**

The Kaurna report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Kaurna People’s native title application (SC00/1). The report was based on publicly and readily available recorded descriptions of the location of the Kaurna People, and some Aboriginal/European contact history.

**Research Method**

The AIATSIS research material used for the Kaurna Report was supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale’s (1974) *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia* under the heading ‘Kaurna’, and the following general references:

- Curr, E.M. 1886-7, *The Australian Race*;
- Howitt, A.W. 1904-1996, *The Native Tribes of South-East*;
- Ehrlich L. 1922, *Origins of Australian Beliefs*;
- Davidson, D.S. 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Tindale, N. 1940, Distribution of Australian aboriginal tribes;
- Tindale, N. 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*;
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- Sutton, P. 1995, *Country: Aboriginal Boundaries and Land Ownership in Australia*; and
- Davis, S. 1993, *Australia’s Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories*.

The search was made only from the ‘print collection’ of the AIATSIS online catalogue, *Mura*, since sound tapes, film sources and material on microfilm are difficult to process within the time and resource constraints. The AIATSIS catalogue displayed 231 titles using Kaurna in the ‘word or phrase’ and ‘language group’ fields. A search was also made of HERA, an Environment Australia web catalogue1 of heritage survey research reports and other relevant material. The aim of the search was to identify additional relevant materials that may not be held by AIATSIS. This catalogue displayed 41 possible sources for 5 major cities or towns in the location.

Materials with access restrictions were omitted from the list of items requested, as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, microforms and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula.

In addition a search was made of the Tribunal’s library holdings for material relevant to the region. These items have also been listed in the bibliography.

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