Nukunu

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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.

Nukunu Report
The Nukunu report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Nukunu native title application (SC96/005). It was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the location of the Nukunu people.

Research Method
The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale’s 1940 and 1974 texts and Horton’s 1994 map and encyclopaedia.

Additional references were also found in Luise Hercus (1992) Nukunu Dictionary that is especially relevant to this report and is summarised in detail. It has been made available in the appendix.

The Norman Tindale website was also reviewed for further material, including any readily available manuscript materials listed on the net. Materials cited as relevant to Nukunu are not indexed by item and are not readily available without further research at the South Australian Anthropology Museum. The website is: http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tindale/HDMS/tindaletribes/nukunu

Additional general references were used:

- Capell, 1963, Linguistic Survey of Australia;
The search of AIATSIS Mura online catalogue of print collection material for the key word Nukunu displayed 47 titles. The following filtering process was applied. Sound tapes and film sources are difficult to process given time and resource constraints and they were omitted. Material on microfilm was omitted for the same reason. Foreign language material was also omitted. Also filtered from the list were repetitions of the same material, such as different editions of the same work.

Further filtering took place on examination of the expanded details from the Mura catalogue. Of the final list of print references sought, some have restricted access status and/or were not available on loan from AIATSIS or other sources within the timeframe allowed for this report.

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