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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.

South West South Australia Report

The South West South Australia report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of native title claims in south west South Australia.

Research Method

The material used for these reports is derived largely from a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue. The majority of this material is 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.

The Tribunal Library also has substantial holdings of reference material which is used where appropriate. In this report the following general references were used:

- Curr, 1886, *The Australian Race*;
- Horton, 1994, *Aboriginal Australia*;
- Oates and Oates, 1970, *A revised linguistic survey of Australia*;
- O’Grady, Wurm and Hale, 1966, *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*;

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• Tindale, 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey';
• Tindale, 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*; and

This report contains summaries of information that is publicly available and relevant to the traditional location of groups within south west South Australia. This area falls between 129° and 135° E and 30° and 33° S - roughly, from Bulgunnia south to the Kulliparlu Conservation Park and from both these points west to the border with Western Australia.

The Register of Native Title Claims shows four native title claims within the area described above:

- WC95/13 Mirning People
- SC01/1 Far West Coast Native Title Claim
- SC99/3 Kokatha Munta
- SC95/5 Ted Roberts

Maps produced by linguists and anthropologists generally show three language or tribal names within this area:

- Mirning
- Wirangu
- Kokatha

The AIATSIS catalogue was therefore searched in two ways: by 'place' to identify the language or tribal names that appear in the records relating to the area described; and by 'language group' to identify the areas occupied by the three language names listed above. To GeoScience Australia website was accessed to determine the grid references for the south west of South Australia. The AIATSIS library catalogue was searched with these grid references in the 'place' field.

Each record was examined to determine its likely relevance or usefulness. Materials with access 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. Material was also omitted if the catalogue annotations did not refer to specific language group names. The result of these searches is set out in the tables below:

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The AIATSIS catalogue was then searched with Mirning in the 'language group' field. This search yielded 99 results. After filtering, this was reduced to 50. The Research Unit had previously prepared reports on Wirangu and Kokatha so relevant material from these reports was used.

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