



Extract from the National Native Title Register

Determination Information:

Determination Reference: Federal Court Number(s): QUD673/2014
NNTT Number: QCD2025/003

Determination Name: [Ross on behalf of the Cape York United #1 Claim Group v State of Queensland \(No 34\) \(Guugu Yimidhirr determination\)](#)

Date(s) of Effect: 23/10/2025

Determination Outcome: Native title exists in the entire determination area

Register Extract (pursuant to s. 193 of the *Native Title Act 1993*)

Determination Date: 23/10/2025

Determining Body: Federal Court of Australia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Not Applicable

REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE:

Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal Corporation
Trustee Body Corporate
32 Florence Street
CAIRNS Queensland 4870

Note: current contact details for the Registered Native Title Body Corporate are available from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations www.oric.gov.au

COMMON LAW HOLDER(S) OF NATIVE TITLE:

BY CONSENT THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

8. The native title is held by the Guugu Yimidhirr People described in Schedule 1 (the **Native Title Holders**).

Schedule 1 – Native Title Holders

The Native Title Holders are the Guugu Yimidhirr People. The Guugu Yimidhirr People are those Aboriginal persons who are descended by birth, or adoption in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and the traditional customs observed by the Guugu Yimidhirr People, from one or more of the following apical ancestors (listed alphabetically):

1. Andy Butchan;
2. Baabi;
3. Balkan (wife of Baabi);
4. Barney;
5. Bawayga Jack;
6. Biddy (mother of Bobby Dixon and others);
7. Billy (father of Dudley Bulmer);
8. Billy Webb;
9. Bilmbil (wife of Ngamu Ngakuburla);
10. Bindadelma;
11. Bujin;
12. Buthal (brother of Charlie Wallace);
13. Charlie Gibson (aka Charlie Cooktown);
14. Charlie Palmer;
15. Charlie Wallace;
16. Dirngulu (Maggie aka Maude);
17. Duka;
18. Elizabeth Tulo;
19. Father of Tommy and Sammy Brown;
20. Gaalgujan (Maggie Wallis);
21. Galganji;
22. Gulgi Galbay (Maggie Webb);
23. Gungunbi;
24. Henry Baru;
25. Jack Mclvor;
26. Jalbanmum Peter (grandfather of Lizzie Big Jack);
27. Jimmy (father of Charlie Wunbu Gordon and Tommy Confin);
28. Jimmy (father of Tommy Dowling and others);
29. Jinnie Bluey (mother of Sandy Petersen, Rita Florrie (Katchewan) and others);
30. Johnny (Binhdwarra);
31. Kalgurdam (spouse of Orlander Rattler);
32. Lizzie Douglas;
33. Lyla Gibson (wife of Charlie Summerhaze);
34. Maggie (mother of Sambo Walsh);
35. Maggie (wife of Jimmy Snider);
36. Maria (Burrans) (wife of Ngulun Jacko);
37. Maria (mother of Dudley Bulmer);
38. Matyi;
39. Maudie (wife of Ngandal (George Northcote));
40. Midhaking;
41. Minnie aka Wawumduha (wife of Norman Arrami);
42. Minnie Gibson (wife of Peter Rosser);
43. Miriam Ngamu Bandir;
44. Moira (wife of Ngulun Jacko);
45. Mulgal;
46. Nellie (mother of Polly Bulmer);
47. Nellie (mother of Polly Holdsworth);
48. Nellie (mother of Tommy and Sammy Brown);
49. Nellie (mother of Tommy Dowling and others);
50. Nellie Nunggal (Yarkan);
51. Ngamu Bayambi;
52. Ngamu Darnchidir (Stumpy);
53. Ngamu Guubanyu;
54. Ngamu Marrgu (Jimmy);
55. Ngamu Ngakuburla;
56. Ngandal (George Northcote);
57. Ngolongolo (Kitty);
58. Ngulun Jacko;
59. Ngumbuibigu (Billy);
60. Paddy Mclvor;
61. Peggy Rootsey;
62. Ruth Bandir (Dudur);
63. Tommy Point Lookout;
64. Topsy (mother of Peter Gibson and others);
65. Waarigan;
66. Wugali (mother of Charlie Wunbu Gordon and Tommy Confin);
67. Wuthal (Nellie Coates);

68. Yaalugure (wife of Barney);
69. Yalngkarijibur (father of Mitchell Earl);
70. Yegeeran (wife of Bindadelma);
71. Yirbil (Emma Capebedford).

MATTERS DETERMINED:

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. There be a determination of native title in the terms proposed in these orders, despite any actual or arguable defect in the authorisation of the applicant to seek and agree to a consent determination pursuant to s 87A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

BY CONSENT THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

2. Pursuant to s 199C(1A) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), the Registrar is not to remove the following indigenous land use agreements from the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements, at least to the extent the indigenous land use agreements fall within the External Boundary:

- (a) Seven National Parks Bama-Bi Bubu ILUA (QI2014/005);
- (b) Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) ILUA (QI2011/052);
- (c) Sandstone Western Land Transfer ILUA (QI2016/047);
- (d) Melsonby ILUA (QI2016/048);
- (e) Sandstone East Land Transfer ILUA (QI2016/017);
- (f) Munburra ILUA (QI2011/018).

3. There be a determination of native title in the terms set out below (the **Determination**).

BY CONSENT THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

5. In this Determination, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Animal" has the meaning given in the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (Qld);

"External Boundary" means the area described in Schedule 3;

"High Water Mark" means the ordinary high-water mark at spring tides;

"land" has the same meaning as in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth);

"Laws of the State and the Commonwealth" means the common law and the laws of the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia, and includes legislation, regulations, statutory instruments, local planning instruments and local laws;

"Local Government Area" has the meaning given in the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld);

"Native Title Determination Application" means the Cape York United #1 native title claim filed on 11 December 2014 in QUD 673 of 2014;

"Natural Resources" means:

- (a) an Animal, a Plant, or any other non-human life form; and
- (b) inorganic material;

but does not include:

- (c) Animals that are the private personal property of any person;
- (d) crops that are the private personal property of another;
- (e) minerals as defined in the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld); and
- (f) petroleum as defined in the *Petroleum Act 1923* (Qld) and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld);

"Plant" has the meaning given in the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (Qld);

"Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements" has the same meaning as in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth);

"Reserve" means a reserve dedicated, or taken to be a reserve, under the *Land Act 1994* (Qld);

"Spouse" has the meaning given in the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* (Qld);

"Water" means:

- (a) water which flows, whether permanently or intermittently, within a river, creek or stream;
- (b) any natural collection of water, whether permanent or intermittent;
- (c) water from an underground water source; and
- (d) tidal water; and

"waters" has the same meaning as in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Other words and expressions used in this Determination have the same meanings as they have in Part 15 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

6. The determination area is the land and waters described in Schedule 4 and depicted in the map attached to Schedule 6 to the extent those areas are within the External Boundary and not otherwise excluded by the terms of

Schedule 5 (the **Determination Area**). To the extent of any inconsistency between the written description and the map, the written description prevails.

7. Native title exists in the Determination Area.

8. The native title is held by the Guugu Yimidhirr People described in Schedule 1 (the **Native Title Holders**).

9. Subject to orders 10, 11, and 12 below, the nature and extent of the native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters described in Part 1 of Schedule 4 are:

(a) other than in relation to Water, the right to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the area to the exclusion of all others; and

(b) in relation to Water, the non-exclusive right to take the Water of the area for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes.

10. Subject to orders 10, 11, and 12 below, the nature and extent of the native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters described in Part 2 of Schedule 4 are the non-exclusive rights to:

(a) access, be present on, move about on and travel over the area;

(b) live and camp on the area and for those purposes to erect shelters and other structures thereon;

(c) hunt, fish and gather on the land and waters of the area;

(d) take the Natural Resources from the land and waters of the area;

(e) take the Water of the area for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes;

(f) be buried and to bury Native Title Holders within the area;

(g) maintain places of importance and areas of significance to the Native Title Holders under their traditional laws and customs on the area and protect those places and areas from harm;

(h) teach on the area the physical and spiritual attributes of the area and the traditional laws and customs of the Native Title Holders to other Native Title Holders or persons otherwise entitled to access the area;

(i) hold meetings on the area;

(j) conduct ceremonies on the area;

(k) light fires on the area for cultural, spiritual or domestic purposes including cooking, but not for the purpose of hunting or clearing vegetation; and

(l) be accompanied on to the area by those persons who, though not Native Title Holders, are:

(i) Spouses of Native Title Holders;

(ii) people who are members of the immediate family of a Spouse of a Native Title Holder; or

(iii) people reasonably required by the Native Title Holders under traditional law and custom for the performance of ceremonies or cultural activities on the area.

11. The native title rights and interests are subject to and exercisable in accordance with:

(a) the Laws of the State and the Commonwealth; and

(b) the traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by the Native Title Holders.

12. The native title rights and interests referred to in orders 8(b) and 9 do not confer possession, occupation, use or enjoyment to the exclusion of all others.

13. There are no native title rights in or in relation to minerals as defined by the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and petroleum as defined by the *Petroleum Act 1923* (Qld) and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

14. The nature and extent of any other interests in relation to the Determination Area (or respective parts thereof) are set out in Schedule 2.

15. The relationship between the native title rights and interests described in orders 8 and 9 and the other interests described in Schedule 2 (the **Other Interests**) is that:

(a) the Other Interests continue to have effect, and the rights conferred by or held under the Other Interests may be exercised notwithstanding the existence of the native title rights and interests;

(b) to the extent the Other Interests are inconsistent with the continued existence, enjoyment or exercise of the native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters of the Determination Area, the native title rights and interests continue to exist in their entirety but the native title rights and interests have no effect in relation to the Other Interests to the extent of the inconsistency for so long as the Other Interests exist; and

(c) the Other Interests and any activity that is required or permitted by or under, and done in accordance with, the Other Interests, or any activity that is associated with or incidental to such an activity, prevail over the native title rights and interests and any exercise of the native title rights and interests.

THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

16. The native title is held in trust.

17. The Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal Corporation (ICN: 11764), incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth), is to:

(a) be the prescribed body corporate for the purpose of ss 56(2)(b) and 56(3) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth); and

(b) perform the functions mentioned in s 57(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) after becoming a registered native title body corporate.

REGISTER ATTACHMENTS:

1. Schedule 2 - Other Interests in the Determination Area, 5 pages - A4, 23/10/2025

2. Schedule 3 - External Boundary, 15 pages - A4, 23/10/2025
3. Schedule 4 - Description of Determination Area, 13 pages - A4, 23/10/2025
4. Schedule 5 - Areas Not Forming Part of the Determination Area, 2 pages - A4, 23/10/2025
5. Schedule 6 - Map of Determination Area, 41 pages - A4, 23/10/2025

Note: The National Native Title Register may, in accordance with s. 195 of the Native Title Act 1993, contain confidential information that will not appear on the Extract.