

Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC

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DEAR MEMBERS, TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE,

My name is Peter McQuoid and on 17 April 2021 the then Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Selwyn Button, appointed me special administrator for Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC (ATLA).

This is my fourteenth newsletter as the special administrator for ATLA. While I am in this role, I'll send regular newsletters to let you know what I'm doing to help get your corporation ready to hand back to member control.

From trainee to Purchasing Officer – celebrating Kayla's achievements!

ATLA is proud to celebrate the achievements of Kayla Jackson, a young Adnyamathanha woman who has recently been appointed as a full-time Purchasing Officer at Heathgate Resources following the successful completion of her Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations.

Kayla began her journey with Heathgate as a trainee, working diligently in the warehouse while undertaking formal study. Her determination and commitment quickly earned her the respect of her colleagues and a valued place in the Supply Chain team at Beverley.

In a statement shared by Heathgate, Kayla was recognised for her contributions:

"Kayla has worked hard to complete this course of study while contributing to our warehouse operations. She has become a key team member, and we look forward to her continued growth and contribution to supply operations at Beverley."

Her qualification was recently presented during a

small celebration with colleagues, complete with a chocolate cake for morning tea — a sweet reward for a well-earned milestone!

Special thanks were also extended to John Panozzo, Supply Supervisor, for mentoring Kayla and creating opportunities for young Indigenous talent to thrive.

"Kayla has a very bright future ahead of her, and we're proud to be part of her journey," said Tom Hedditch, Heathgate's Head of Aboriginal Affairs.

ATLA commends Kayla on her achievement and looks forward to sharing more stories of success from our young people who are making their mark in meaningful careers across the region and beyond.

**Congratulations,
Kayla — your hard
work and success are
an inspiration to our
community!**



ATLA Business Manager – applications are now open

ATLA seeks to appoint a dynamic Business Manager to report to the ATLA board (after special administration) providing management of the corporation on a day-to-day basis.

This position is responsible for the commercial operations of the corporation including:

- The development of existing and new **commercial activities**.
- Finance and resource management.
- Organisational governance and compliance.
- Community engagement, committee coordination and management; and
- Managing regulator relationships and strategic planning.

The Business Manager is also responsible for providing culturally respectful leadership that reflects the priorities of the Adnyamathanha community, including engaging with members, protecting the rights of common law holders and ensuring decisions are transparent and community-driven. Activities supporting this aspect of the work includes holding general meetings with members and being in the community to understand views and

opinions, providing financial reports and information, responding to community requests, ATLA representation, and demonstrating transparency and accountability for decision making. Developing and maintaining strong relationships is key to success.

As ATLA operates as a community-owned and controlled Aboriginal Corporation, the Business Manager must ensure that sector regulatory and reporting standards are maintained. The Business Manager is also expected to work in partnership with Adnyamathanha cultural leaders and community members, ensuring that all work is guided by cultural knowledge, community priorities, and local protocols.

ATLA values Aboriginal leadership and is committed to building long-term capacity. If the successful applicant is not a First Nations person, they will be expected to prioritise mentoring and developing Aboriginal staff to take on leadership roles within the organisation.

This is a unique opportunity to support the Adnyamathanha people in caring for Country, culture, and community. We encourage applications from those who are committed to working respectfully and collaboratively with Aboriginal communities.

For more information and details on how to apply please visit the ATLA website or call the ATLA office on **0435 297 479**.

Welcoming Interim Business Manager – Trent McKenzie

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Trent McKenzie as Interim Business Manager for ATLA.

Trent will be supporting ATLA during this important period of transition as we build internal capacity to manage and operate our own business functions more independently. While recruitment is underway for a permanent Business Manager, Trent will assume several of the role's key responsibilities with immediate effect.

This interim support arrangement will:

- Provide operational continuity and business management expertise;
- Reduce reliance on Moore Australia for day-to-day functions; and

- Assist in bringing ATLA's operating costs in line with its approved budget.

Trent will be formally introduced at the next Corporation Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, where he will assist with general coordination. Anthony Pike from Moore Australia will continue to attend for CHANT updates and other projects he is coordinating.



About Trent McKenzie – Director, NLH Group

Trent brings over 25 years of senior executive experience across the Indigenous, public, and corporate sectors. As former Acting CEO of the Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (Waanyi RNTBC), he has led comprehensive governance and financial reform, introduced long-term budgeting processes, and strengthened compliance frameworks to ensure sustainability and audit readiness.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Business (Management), is a graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course, and is admitted to practice as a solicitor in the Queensland Supreme Court and the High Court of Australia. Trent also serves as a Queensland Government mentor for growth, supporting organisations through structural and strategic transitions.

In addition to his legal and financial credentials, Trent is a Waanyi representative to the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee for the Riversleigh and Naracoorte Fossil Sites.

Trent brings a leadership style that balances hands-on delivery with values-driven decision-making. His approach ensures that governance and operations remain aligned with the aspirations of Traditional Owners and the long-term goals of the organisation.

We are excited to welcome Trent to the ATLA team and look forward to working alongside him as we strengthen our foundation for a strong, self-determined future.

NTMA Meetings Introduce Exploration Proposals – Community Consultations Underway

ATLA has recently held a series of important meetings with Adnyamathanha Common Law Holders to introduce three exploration companies seeking to negotiate Native Title Mining Agreements (NTMAs) for early-stage exploration on Adnyamathanha country.

The companies involved include:

- Adavale Resources, undertaking exploration activities at the Mundowdna Depocentre which includes Mundowdna station.

- Orpheus Uranium, undertaking exploration activities for the Frome project which overlaps Curnamona, Erudina, Frome Downs and Billeroo stations. Also, the Maree project which overlaps Mount Lyndhurst, Mundowdna and Murnpeowie stations.
- Havilah Resources, continuing to undertake exploration activity in the Curnamona North region for its Kalkaroo project.
- Copar Resources, undertaking exploration activities with exploration licences at Tea Tree, Holowilena, Eveline and Leigh Creek.
- Cross Keys Mining, undertaking exploration activity in the Christmas Mine area southeast of Leigh Creek.

These meetings are a vital step in ensuring that Adnyamathanha are fully informed and can consider the potential benefits and risks of exploration on Country.

Presentations and Engagement

Adavale, Orpheus and Havilah staff have presented their proposals both online and in-person, with sessions recently held in Port Augusta and Hawker. These meetings were well attended and included detailed discussions on:

- Exploration method (e.g., drilling techniques and target identification)
- Environmental and cultural protections
- Opportunities for cultural heritage work, employment, and future compensation
- Commitments to long-term respectful partnerships with ATLA and the Adnyamathanha community

Presentations can be accessed via the ATLA website or by contacting the ATLA office directly at admin@atla.com.au

Further presentations will be made by Copar and Cross Keys in September 2025.

Upcoming Decision-Making Meeting – 18 October 2025

We are planning for ATLA Common Law Holders to gather on Saturday, 18 October 2025 for a community decision-making meeting to be held on Country and online.

At this meeting, Adnyamathanha will have the opportunity to discuss and decide whether to proceed with NTMA negotiations for up to five exploration NTMA proposals. It is planned that all exploration NTMA documents will have the same wording. We hope this will make the decision process easier for all those at the meeting. The outcomes of this meeting will determine whether ATLA enters formal negotiation with the explorers under South Australia's regulatory framework.

This meeting is a significant moment for the community, as it ensures that any exploration is consent-based, well understood, and respectful of both cultural heritage and the aspirations of Traditional Owners.

Building Future Opportunities While Protecting Culture

Each company has emphasised that exploration is not mining, and that any progression to mining would require a separate NTMA and full community consultation and consent.

While exploration carries no guarantee of discovery, it can lead to long-term benefits including:

- Cultural heritage employment and documentation
- Youth training and capacity-building
- Future income streams and community projects if successful

ATLA will continue to ensure that all proposals are transparent, culturally respectful, and led by the voices of Adnyamathanha.

Heritage Surveys

The CHANT members have implemented the following heritage survey process which has been structured to ensure Elders are provided with assistance and opportunity to review and provide input into every survey conducted. We are keen to hear from Elders before, during and after each survey. Recent surveys

have used this new process with a generally positive response. We welcome your feedback on the process:

admin@atla.com.au

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ATLA SURVEY PROCESS

1. Receipt of request for survey from proponent. ATLA to confirm timing of survey and heritage agreement in place.
2. ATLA to advertise on ATLA Facebook ("FB") page and ATLA website the region the survey is being conducted [proponents name and cultural information is not disclosed].
3. The notification on FB requests Elders to contact Anthony Pike to discuss. It also asks interested community members to contact Dolly Ratara at dolly@atla.com.au to register their interest in undertaking survey work. There will also be a telephone line available for people to contact to discuss the survey opportunity and register their interest.
4. An advertisement will be run in the Transcontinental referring to survey work opportunities displayed on FB and the ATLA website.
5. Elders that have attachment to that part of country can nominate up to 2 people for the survey team.
6. Request for survey to be tabled at CHANT meeting and balance of survey team nominated and heritage specialist is selected.
7. Heritage specialist is booked by ATLA.
8. Proponent is advised of heritage specialist and survey team.
9. Prior to the survey there is a consultation meeting online between the Elder(s), heritage consultant and survey participants to ensure that culturally significant knowledge is passed across to survey participants.
10. After the survey, the survey report is shared with the representative Elders for any feedback they wish to make.
11. Elders feedback (or Elder(s) attends part of CHANT meeting) is tabled at CHANT meeting together draft survey report with heritage consultant present and report finalised and subsequently approved.



Ikara, Flinders Ranges National Park taken during the Rabbit Warren Survey (Left to right: Karmella Coulthard, Niamh Douglas DEW, and Victor Clark)

DIT Strzelecki Track Survey (Left to right: Leonie Brady, and Beverley Patterson)



DIT Strzelecki Track Survey (Left to right: Erica Wilson, Gordon Stenhouse, Danny Shannon, Deana Wilton, Anita Spiniello, and Thomas Brown)

Mulyungarie, taken during the Havilah Survey (Left to right: Monique Strangways, Charlie Jackson, and Tarquin Strangways)



ATLA Committee Register

The following is a register of the different committees and boards where ATLA is involved with appointing members. If you would like more information on any of these positions, please contact the ATLA office. This register is now on the ATLA website and is updated monthly.

Adnyamathanha Corporation Advisory Group (CAG)

Amanda Richards
Cynthia Webster
Haydyn Bromley
Julie Brady
Maxine Jackson
Raelene Webb (Specialist Independent Director)
Robert (Jimmy) Neville
Teresa Brady
Wayne Matthew (Specialist Independent Director)

Vacancy and Tenure Status: ongoing, open to expressions of interest

Adnyamathanha Cultural Heritage and Native Title (CHANT)

Anthony Brady
Charlie Jackson
Cherylin Wimbcha
Dedre McKenzie
Kiara Brady
Kristy Betts
Leverne Johnson
Liam Anderson
Loralee Wright
Mark Austin
Nicholas Demell
Sue Coulthard

Zane Weetre

Vacancy and Tenure Status: ongoing, open to expressions of interest

Vulkathunha - Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board

Diedre Coulthard
Sandra Coulthard
Cheryl Waye
Ian Johnson
Roger Johnson
Reg Wilton
Mark Austin

Vacancy and Tenure Status: Tenure ends 27 November 2026

Ngadjuri Adnyamathanha Wilyakali Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (NAWNTAC)

Carlos Sansbury*
Roslyn Weetra (3)
Lorna Crowe (3)
Janet Coulthard (3)
Sandra Clark (2)
Dulcie O'Donnell (3)
Pat Waria-Read (2)
Terence Coulthard (2)
Elizabeth Hunter (2)
Vivianne McKenzie (2)
Lynette Newchurch (2)
Anthony Brady (2)

Vacancy and Tenure Status: (2) means up for election at 2026 AGM, (3) means up for election 2027 AGM. *Tenure not listed on ORIC extract.

Discovery Parks Partnering Committee

Haydyn Bromley

Julie Brady

Teresa Brady

Vacancy and Tenure Status: ongoing

IKARA - Flinders Ranges National Park Co-Management Board

Charles Jackson

Jaimie Johnson

Haydyn Bromley

Kristian Coulthard

Valeire Wilton

Vacancy and Tenure Status: Tenure ends 27 November 2026

Flinders Ranges World Heritage Nomination – Common Law holders' vote

A message from the Department for Environment and Water:

The Flinders Ranges, Adnyamathanha Yarta, is being nominated for World Heritage status for its outstanding fossil and geological record. The Flinders Ranges is the only place on Earth where 350 million years of near-continuous geological sequence can be seen, demonstrating the rise of a habitable planet and the dawn of animal life. There is nowhere else in the world where this is so clear, so connected and so well presented.

Achieving World Heritage status requires that a property is aligned with very specific criteria, and strong evidence that the values being nominated are not replicated anywhere else in the world.

Pursuing World Heritage status in line with these specific criteria in no way diminishes the cultural and environmental values of the Flinders Ranges – but it will provide an opportunity to celebrate and share them on a global scale.

A Common Law Holders meeting was held on 14 June 2025 at which a majority vote **gave consent to the submission of World Heritage documents to UNESCO for assessment.**

This important meeting was attended by the Department for Environment and Water and independent World Heritage expert Terry Bailey. The special administrator has now confirmed this consent via a letter provided to the Australian Government.

Background of the project with Adnyamathanha

The South Australian Department for Environment and Water (DEW) have been engaging with the Adnyamathanha community on the project since its early inception, with conversations with the Co-management Boards for Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park taking place since 2018. The Boards considered and agreed to participate in the nomination process and provided advice on site selection for the serial property.

A formal, Adnyamathanha-led Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) process with the Adnyamathanha Cultural Heritage and Native Title (CHANT) committee commenced in 2023, with the support of Australian Government funding. This process is recognised under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Engagement and discussions so far have included:

- Regular attendance at CHANT meetings to discuss the project and the preferred FPIC approach
- 5 workshops attended by CHANT members and Co-management Board representatives. At the request of Adnyamathanha to broaden the scope of workshops to the wider community, attendees were also supported to bring an invited guest. Workshop numbers increased from 6 at the first workshop to 27 at the April 2025 workshop.
- On-Country community drop-in information sessions
- Online Q&A
- Annual 'Yuras days' at Nilpena Ediacara National Park, offering free tours for Adnyamathanha community and additional World Heritage engagement.
- Presentation and Q&A at the most recent ATLA AGM
- Adnyamathanha representation on the Inter-agency Steering Committee

Next steps

DEW will continue to work with Adnyamathanha through the CHANT and wider community as requested over the next 18 months. The next upcoming activities include:

- Workshop with CHANT, Co-management Boards and others to finalise cultural content for the nomination dossier on 1st and 2nd September 2025
- On-Country workshop at Wilpena in March 2026
- Regular Co-management Board meetings
- Yura's day at Nilpena in 2026

If the assessment process deems that the Flinders Ranges nomination has Outstanding Universal Value and meets the criteria for World Heritage Listing, **a final consent of Adnyamathanha will be sought before any listing proceeds.**

For more information, please contact **DEW.FRWH@sa.gov.au** or visit **www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/flinders-ranges-world-heritage-nomination**

Cultural sites protections

Adnyamathanha has given a clear message to Government that more work is needed to provide better protection for their important cultural sites across the Flinders Ranges.

DEW has given a commitment to Adnyamathanha to do this work.

As a first step, DEW has arranged an independent contractor to work directly with Adnyamathanha on a phase 1 cultural sites protection project. The project is working through the CHANT and with appropriate community representatives to develop recommendations to Government on opportunities to better protect a priority list of 6 important cultural sites.

This project will continue over the coming 6-8 months to deliver a report to DEW for further action.

Court Proceedings – Rangelea's application to the High Court

In my last newsletter in May 2025, I reported that Rangelea Holdings Pty Ltd (Rangelea) has commenced a new appeal, seeking to challenge the decisions of both the Full Bench of the South Australian Court of Appeal and the Chief Justice of the South Australian Supreme Court.

I advise that Rangelea Holdings Pty Ltd's (Rangelea) application for special leave to appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court of South Australia's Court of Appeal was refused by the High Court of Australia on 7 August 2025.

This means Rangelea has no other way of appealing and must accept the decision of the SA Supreme Court that the Adnyamathanha Master Trust is not a charitable trust, and that Rangelea must provide access to its trust records.

On 21 August 2025 the SA Chief Justice made orders:

- By 4 September 2025, Rangelea must produce to ATLA's lawyers records for the Adnyamathanha Master Trust for the period from 30 June 2018 to 30 June 2025, and the Traditional Owner Register. The Inspector is to continue his investigation into Rangelea's administration of the Adnyamathanha Master Trust, including any distribution to and use by the Sub-Groups and Sub-Group members.
- The Inspector is to report to the Court within three months.
- A hearing has been scheduled for 25 November 2025 for further directions / orders from the Court.

Copies of the following Court orders have been posted to the ATLA website at www.atla.com.au:

1. High Court disposition (decision on Rangelea's request for special leave).
2. Chief Justice's order dated 21 August 2025.
3. Chief Justice's order dated 26 April 2023.

The Inspector, Mr Hugh McPharlin of Nexia Edwards Marshall, will now continue his investigation into the administration of the Adnyamathanha Master Trust by the trustee, Rangelea. The Inspector is appointed by the Court and reports directly to the Court. The report is due to be finished by 21 November 2025.

Compensation money (85%) will continue to be held by the SA Supreme Court while the investigation is conducted by the Inspector.

Some common law holders have asked why they cannot have their compensation money / royalties now. The reasons are:

- Most of the compensation money / royalties are being paid into Court (15% is still being paid to Rangelea) and will not be released from Court until the court proceedings are finished, including the Inspector's report.
- Rangelea has been asked to tell the common law holders how it has spent their compensation money, that is:
 - o how much has been paid to common law holders
 - o how much has been used for admin costs of Rangelea
 - o how much has been used for admin costs of the sub entities
 - o how much has been paid to accountants and others
 - o how much has been paid in wages and
 - o if any money has been paid to the Rangelea directors etc.
- Rangelea has refused to tell the common law holders what they have done with the compensation money / royalties.
- The Supreme Court has ordered that an Inspector will be sent in to look at the Rangelea books and report to the Court on how the money has been spent. Rangelea has been appealing this decision and was saying it does not need to report these things to anyone.
- We do not know why Rangelea does not want to say how it has spent the common law holder compensation money / royalties.
- Since 2010 we understand Rangelea has been paid over \$26,000,000 in compensation money / royalties. Rangelea has refused to report to the common law holders on how this money has been spent.

- There is now over \$20,000,000 in compensation money being held by the Court. The Court will not release this money until after the Court appointed Inspector's report has been received and considered.

Rangelea is a company that is controlled by its directors. What it does is decided by those directors. The current directors of Rangelea are:

1. Beverley May Patterson
2. Sandra Margaret Coulthard
3. Vincent Coulthard
4. Michael McKenzie
5. Lynlee Smans
6. Roger Wayne Johnson

It is hoped the Court Inspector will be able to complete his work as soon as possible and the compensation money released to the common law holders.

Keep Your Details Up to Date – Stay Connected with ATLA

ATLA is moving into a new phase of growth and opportunity. Whether it's negotiating future projects, offering cultural heritage work, or calling meetings of Common Law Holders — we need to be able to reach you.

Now is the time to check your contact details are current. If you or your family have changed your phone number, email address, or postal address — let us know.

- ✓ Are you receiving updates?
- ✓ Have you moved house?
- ✓ Changed your mobile or email?
- ✓ Know someone else who hasn't heard from ATLA in a while?

Take 2 minutes and get in touch:

admin@atla.com.au

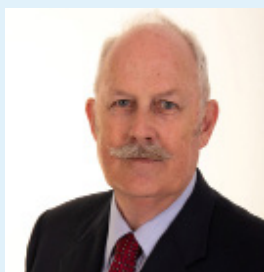
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More on special administrations

See ORIC's fact sheet 'Special administrations: what members and directors need to know', and other fact sheets on corporate governance at **oric.gov.au**.

You can find out more about special administrations by visiting **oric.gov.au** or by calling the Registrar's office on freecall **1800 622 431**.

Many thanks



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