

# CAPE YORK UNITED #1 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM NEWSLETTER – SOUTH- CENTRAL WESTERN WATERS AND SEFTON/ORINERS AREA



February 2022

## KEY DATES

Consultations from  
24 February 2022 to  
1 April 2022 with  
Traditional Owners  
from the Drumduff,  
Strathleven, King  
Junction and Mt  
Mulgrave Area

CYU#1 Update  
meetings in April  
and May 2022  
(dates to be  
advised)

## THE CAPE YORK UNITED #1 CLAIM

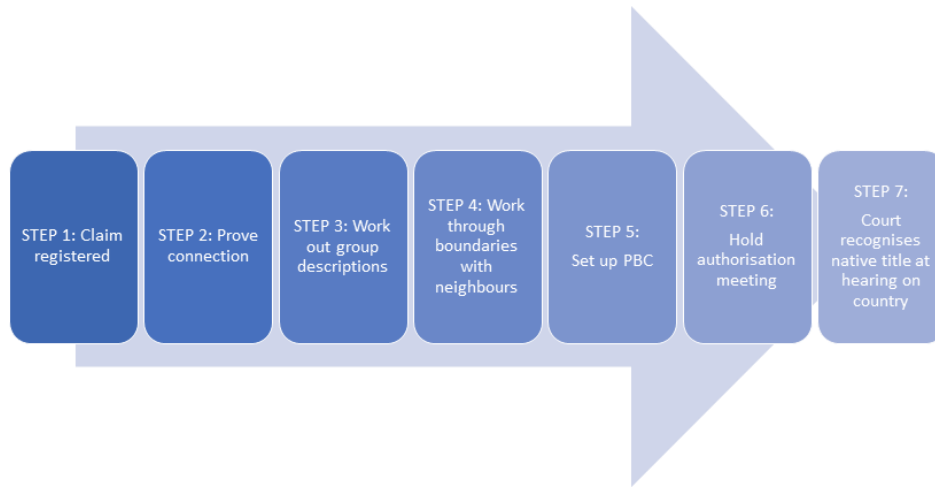
The Cape York United #1 Claim (CYU #1 Claim) was lodged in December 2014. The area of the CYU #1 Claim is shown on the map below.



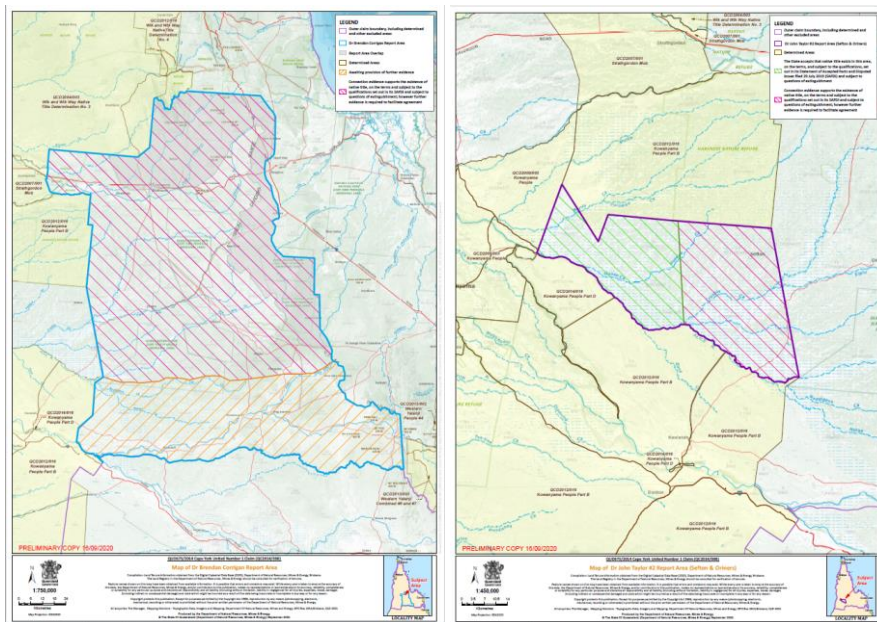
Since 2014 the CYU#1 Claim has progressed very well and in November 2021 the Federal Court recognised native title for the first two groups within the Claim area.



There are a number of steps which a native title group must take before the Federal Court will recognise native title.



Evidence of connection, including witness statements of Traditional Owners and reports prepared by consultant anthropologists have been provided to the State to prove connection in the South-Central Western Waters and Sefton/Oriners Areas. Those areas are shown on the map below.



The State of Queensland have agreed that the evidence supports the existing of the native title in the pink and green areas on the maps above, however they require further evidence in relation to the orange area (Drumduff, Strathleven, King Junction and Mt Mulgrave Stations) before they will agree to connection.

### CONSULTATIONS FEBRUARY 2022 – APRIL 2022

During the period from 24 February 2022 to 1 April 2022, the CYLC team will be holding meetings with families with connections to the area around **Drumduff, Strathleven, King Junction and Mt Mulgrave Stations**. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss possible land-holding group composition for the purpose of a determination of native title and a prescribed body corporate(s) (PBCs).

The CYLC team will travel to Cairns, Chillagoe, Cooktown, Kowanyama, Laura and Yarrabah to meet small family groups first.

After meeting family groups, CYLC will facilitate larger meetings in Mareeba, Laura and Kowanyama between family groups to discuss, and confirm, outcomes from the consultation. CYLC will notify the dates of the meetings in Mareeba, Laura and Kowanyama by mail, email, Facebook and on our website.

## CONSULTATIONS APRIL 2022 – MAY 2022

CYLC will be facilitating CYU#1 Claim meetings to provide an update to **all Traditional Owners from the South-Central Western Waters and Sefton/Oriners Areas** in April and May 2022. We will notify these meetings to all Traditional Owners in early April 2022.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please update your contact details with Cape York Land Council on our freecall number 1800 623 548 so we can ensure that you are contacted about these consultations.

If you have any queries about any of the matters in this newsletter please contact Sidonie Berke on 0428605160.

## ATTENDANCE BY VIDEO-CONFERENCE OR TELECONFERENCE AND COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Your safety is our priority. CYLC will take all means necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of its staff and clients and to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19, including provision of masks and social distancing. Video-conferencing and teleconferencing facilities will be made available at all meetings to provide every opportunity for persons invited to attend those meetings. If you would like to attend a meeting by video-conference or by teleconference, please contact CYLC on the number above.

Please note that the meeting and accommodation venues may require you to provide your contact information, proof of vaccination status or evidence of medical contraindication by using the 'Check In Qld' app when entering the premises.

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*Our Mission is to:*

*“Consult with, and according to their directions, effectively represent, the Aboriginal peoples of Cape York to regain rights to land and sea so we can preserve our culture and make our own decisions to achieve a better future”*

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