



Aunt Janet Busch with Justice Logan at the Tagalaka determination.

Credit: NQLC.

### Going forward

The Tagalaka Aboriginal Corporation has a long established history pre-native title and this corporation is now undergoing a transition period as it becomes the PBC [Prescribed Body Corporate]. For Tagalaka to go forward it's really important that we have good knowledge of the native title system and processes, for example, the *Native Title Act* and the PBC constitutions. Once that becomes apparent, people will say 'hold on, these people do know about native title'. Your vision is then formulated based on knowledge.

After building that knowledge base, then opportunities will present themselves. We can't get up and say 'We're going to do this and we're going to do that' without first knowing the system.

Obviously there is still a long way to go, especially in terms of understanding native title. But at least now with the determination in place there are pathways to go forward collaboratively. If there are more seats around the native title table, it will be for the benefit of all.

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# ACCESS TO AIATSIS PRINT & AUDIOVISUAL COLLECTIONS

**By Grace Koch**

**G**race Koch, Native Title Research and Access Officer (NTRAO), has returned from five months long service leave and is ready to help you with requests for native title-related material from the AIATSIS Library and Audiovisual Archives. While she was away, Rita Metzenrath from the Library acted in the position and brought much professionalism in information management to clients. Rita has returned to her substantive position in the Library, so please contact Grace Koch for native title requests from now on.

Some of the services provided include:

- Catalogue searches and listings of AIATSIS Library and Archives holdings
- Arranging for individual and group research visits

- Copying relevant material from the Library or the Audiovisual Archives
- Providing contacts for further research and relevant Indigenous organisations

Searches can be done for you if you provide the NTRAO with names, geographical areas, or language groups that you are researching. These can be sent either by email or provided in hard copy. All information provided will be treated as confidential.

There are benefits in visiting AIATSIS to do your research as you can work directly with the NTRAO and, where you require copies of items, you may make photocopies free of charge. If you can't arrange to visit, photocopying services are 50c per page and quotes for copies of audiovisual materials can be provided on request.

The NTRAO can provide help from 9am–5pm Mondays through Fridays. Although the Library operates on more limited hours, native title clients can have full service the entire working day.

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