# Notice of an Authorisation Meeting of the South Coast Native Title Claim Group (NSD1331/2017)

**When:**

**Friday, 4 December 2026**
10:00am to 1:00pm – Meeting registration*
1:00pm - Meeting opened
5:00pm – Meeting closed

**Saturday, 5 December 2026**
8:00am to 9:00am – Meeting registration*
9:00am – Meeting opened
5:00pm – Meeting closed

***Note:** To attend in person, registration will be open to South Coast People native title claim group members anytime throughout the meeting, but members are encouraged to register on the Friday between 10:00am to 1:00pm or on Saturday between 8:00am and 9:00am to allow adequate time for all business to be addressed. To attend by videoconference/telephone you **must** register by 5.00pm on Thursday, 3 December 2026.

**Where:**

**Novotel Wollongong Northbeach - Grand Ballroom,**
2/14 Cliff Rd
Wollongong NSW 2500

**Remote access:** Contact NTSCORP to attend by videoconference or telephone (by **5.00pm Thursday, 3 December 2026** at the latest)

**Who should attend:** The meeting is open to **all members of the native title claim group in the South Coast People native title determination application** (NSD1331/2017) (*'South Coast Claim Group', 'the Claim Group*' and '*South Coast Claim'* respectively), being all the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

1. Mary Ann, mother of Emily and Joseph Johnson
2. Charles ADGERY
3. Robert ANDY
4. Maria BILLYBOY (aka Coommee Nullanga)
5. Arthur BLOXSOME
6. Richard BOLLOWAY
7. Alick BOND
8. Charlotte BOND
9. Oswald BRIERLEY
10. William BROUGHTON
11. Jane BROWN
12. Thomas Golden BROWN
13. James BUNDLE
14. Jerry BUNGIL
15. Louisa BURROWS
16. William CAMPBELL
17. John CARPENTER
18. Johnny CARTER
19. Henry CHAPMAN
20. Henry COOLEY
21. Tom COOLEY
22. Bob CURRAN
23. Henry DAVIS

24. Ellen DEMESTRE
25. Julia DIXON
26. Willam DIXON
27. Jimmy Coombala FRIDAY
28. Biddy GILES
29. James GOLDING
30. Patrick HADDIGADDI
31. Jessie JENKINS
32. Donald JOHNSON
33. Annie JOHNSTON
34. Judy KENNY
35. John KERRY
36. Lucy LYONS
37. Mary Ann LYONS
38. Richard MARSHALL
39. Caroline MATHEWS
40. Elizabeth MATTHEWS
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46. Margaret Ann NIXON
47. Harry PICKALLA
48. John PITTMAN
49. Mary Ann ROSE
50. Minnie ROWLEY
51. John SIMS
52. Sally of Wandandian, spouse of Dan Parsons
53. Governor STEWART
54. Mary Ann STEWART
55. Peter THOMAS
56. George TIMBERY
57. Mary TURNER
58. Edward WALKER
59. William WALKER

and persons adopted and incorporated into the families of those persons in accordance with the South Coast People's traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such persons).

## Background

The area that is the subject of the South Coast Claim covers a large area of land and waters stretching from southern Sydney to Towamba River, south of Eden, including the area from the high-water mark on the mainland to the eastern sea boundary of the claim 3 nautical miles to the east as depicted on the map at **Attachment B** (the claim area).

The Applicant for the Claim is currently undertaking negotiations with respondent parties to reach agreement on the South Coast People's connection for the purpose of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). At the most recent Claim Group meeting held in Wollongong on 1-2 November 2025, the Claim Group were provided an update on this process. This update included details of the Applicant's negotiations with the State and Commonwealth about the claim group description, and the native title rights and interests claimed.

At this meeting you will be asked to consider and make decisions about proposed amendments to the list of apical ancestors and to the removal of the incorporation criterion for claim group membership. You will also be asked to make decisions about an amendment to one of the native title rights claimed in the application.

As such, at this South Coast native title claim group meeting:

a. There will be an update on the negotiations undertaken with the State of NSW and the Commonwealth in relation to establishing that there is a credible basis for the recognition of native title by consent in the area subject to the South Coast Claim;

b. The South Coast Applicant will report back on the outcomes of mediation with the Indigenous Respondents and the next steps in the Court process;

c. The South Coast native title claim group will be asked to consider and make decisions in relation to proposed amendments to the description of the South Coast People native title claim group in the South Coast native title determination application as outlined in Attachment A; and

d. The South Coast native title claim group will be asked to consider the following change to the one of the native title rights contained in the Application:

"right to access, remain in and use the [non-exclusive] areas ~~for any purpose~~"

If the South Coast native title claim group makes decisions amending the description of the South Coast People native title claim group, the Amended South Coast native title claim group will be asked to consider and make decisions at a meeting on Sunday, 6 December 2026 including in relation to:

a. approving the amendments to the description of the South Coast People native title claim group;

b. approving the amendments to one of the native title rights contained in the Application and

c. authorising an Applicant to make the South Coast People native title determination application (as amended) and deal with matters arising in relation to it.

## Agenda for the Meeting

1. **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country;**
2. **Meeting Protocol;**
3. **Update on developments in relation to the South Coast People's native title determination application and related future acts;**
4. **Confirm the process of decision-making for the purposes of authorising the making of the native title determination application and dealing with matters arising in relation to it, including authorising amendments to the South Coast People native title determination application;**
5. **Authorising Amendments to the South Coast People native title determination application**

(a) At this South Coast native title claim group meeting:

i. There will be discussion and information regarding the process undertaken with the State of NSW and the Commonwealth in relation to establishing that there is a credible basis for the recognition of native title by consent in the area subject to the South Coast Claim;

ii. The South Coast Applicant will report back on the outcomes of their engagement with the Indigenous Respondents; and

iii. The proposed amendments to the description of the South Coast People native title claim group in the South Coast Claim are contained in **Attachment A.**

In Attachment A:

a. the apical ancestors proposed to be removed appear in red strike through;

b. the apical ancestors proposed to be added appear in red; and

c. the drafting changes to remove incorporation as a separate mechanism for membership are marked in red text and red strike through.

The proposed amendments to the description of the South Coast People native title claim group in the South Coast Claim will be considered and discussed.

(b) Legal advice and information will be provided in relation to the process for amending the South Coast Claim and the amendments proposed to the South Coast Claim;

(c) Following consideration and discussion, the South Coast native title claim group will consider resolutions and make decisions in relation to whether to authorise the Applicant to:

i. make amendments to the description of the South Coast People native title claim group in the South Coast Claim as outlined in Attachment A;

ii. make the following amendment to one of the native title rights contained in the Application;

"right to access, remain in and use the [non-exclusive] areas ~~for any purpose~~"

iii. make any other amendments necessary to ensure that the South Coast Claim is capable of being registered by the National Native Title Tribunal.

**6. Other business**

(a) Any other matters, as determined by members of the South Coast native title claim group.

## Attending the Meeting

The South Coast native title claim group meeting will be held in-person, and there will also be the option to participate remotely by telephone or videoconference.

### *Attending in person*

If you wish to attend the South Coast native title claim group meeting in person, please contact NTSCORP by no later than **Friday, 27 November 2026**, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the venue.

For those attending the South Coast native title claim group meeting in person, mileage assistance and accommodation may be available in accordance with NTSCORP's meeting assistance policies, as reasonably adjusted to account for COVID-19 related variations. If you require accommodation **you will need to contact NTSCORP by telephone or send an email to** CFC@ntscorp.com.au **with confirmed details, by no later than Friday, 27 November 2026.**

Please note, due to funding constraints/budgetary restrictions and in line with NTSCORP policies, assistance is not provided to persons whose attendance is not relevant to the meeting (spouses, carers, drivers who are not part of the South Coast People native title claim group and children under 18).

Please further note if you do not contact NTSCORP by **Friday, 27 November 2026** to confirm your request for mileage and accommodation assistance, NTSCORP cannot guarantee we will be able to assist with travel and accommodation arrangements — although you would still be more than welcome to attend the meeting.

### *Attending remotely*

You may also choose to attend the South Coast native title claim group meeting by videoconference or telephone. You will still be able to listen, ask questions, and vote on resolutions if you attend remotely.

In order to attend the South Coast native title claim group meeting by videoconference or telephone, members must:

1. **REGISTER** - Call or email NTSCORP to register your attendance.

Please contact NTSCORP as soon as possible by calling the below number or sending an email to the address below. Registration to attend remotely will close at **5pm on Thursday, 3 December 2026.**

2. **MEETING ACCESS** - Once you have registered, we will send out details of how to attend the meeting by videoconference or telephone. Please contact NTSCORP by telephone to discuss.

**NTSCORP's contact details:** Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188

Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

Email: CFC@ntscorp.com.au

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact NTSCORP Limited.

Yours sincerely,

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| **Annika Rotumah** | **Sandy Chalmers** | **Morgan Westley** |
| **Deputy Manager** | **Deputy Principal Solicitor** | **Solicitor** |
| **Community Facilitation** | | |

**Attachment A**

The South Coast People are the native title claim group on whose behalf the Applicant makes this application.

The South Coast People native title claim group comprises all the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

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**Attachment B**

