

## How to get involved workbook

### Advice for young people

Getting involved in your Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) and your native title claim starts with finding out what native title is, what PBCs do and how they operate. Native title especially can be very confusing.

But don't worry! There are lots of ways to find out more. You can start by talking with a family member or friend who is involved in their PBC or who has some native title experience. There is also plenty of information online. Here are some basic resources you can explore to get started:

- [Native title, rights and interests](#), PBC website, 2020
- [What is native title](#), SixtySeconds.com
- [Information for PBC operations](#), Office of the Registrar of indigenous Corporations (ORIC), 2014
- [Why have native title?](#) National Indigenous Television, 2017
- [Types of native title claims](#), National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)
- [Native Title National Practice Area](#), Federal Court of Australia.

The best way to get involved is connecting with and meeting people who have interest or work in native title or PBCs. Important connections include talking to your family or elders specifically about native title. They may have irreplaceable knowledge from experiencing the process of fighting for native title.

You could ask questions like:

- Was our family involved in a native title claim and what was our involvement?
- Who should I talk to about this experience?
- Are you a member of the PBC and what does this involve?
- Can you take me along to native title meetings or events if this is possible?
- Can you become my mentor?

It is also good to reach out to people with technical expertise who are employed by a PBC. It is likely that they would be eager to chat about their work. Equally important is meeting other like-minded young people. Given the variety of significant people you can connect with, there are many options in how to do so. Below are listed some ideas:



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**Australian Government**  
**National Indigenous  
Australians Agency**

## Finding out about your native title and PBC

You can learn about the status of native title claims on your country, or about your native title rights and interests as well as your PBC with the following resources:

- google for information on your nation, native title or language group. PBCs often provide information on their websites.
- Use this website to [find a PBC](#). In contacting the PBC they can tell you if there are any events or other ways to get involved.
- Check out if your PBC has a website and if they offer any youth programs or services.
- The NNTT uses [maps to visualise native title](#) across Australia.
- The [NNTT register](#) allows for searches on applications, determinations and decision.
- Connect to your PBCs social media website and sign up to their news feed and newsletters.

All PBCs are listed with ORIC and can be searched via the [Find a corporation \(public register\)](#). You can search by name, town, postcode or Indigenous Corporation Number. If you wish to get in contact with your PBC the register lists all corporation's key documents, including the corporation's and director's details.

Check if you are eligible to become a member of your PBC and sign up. It is a great way to get meeting notices and start learning about what your PBC does. You can also have the opportunity to vote at the AGM and other meetings. PBCs sometimes offer programs or services for youth in their region. You can enquire if you are eligible for any of them.

If possible, attending your PBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a good way to find out about your PBCs operations and to connect with other PBC members. AGMs are held once a year to discuss what has been done during the year and are usually open to observers. Check if this is the case with your PBC.

Connect with young people who share similar desires to be involved. Potentially a network of people within your area could be established to meet for support and ideas.

## State and national networks and events

Social media can be used to connect with people that you may not otherwise meet and strengthen existing groups. It can also be helpful to find out about events or opportunities of interest. For example, the Koori Summit [state-wide network](#) of deadly young people is good for those in Victoria.

Keep an eye out for state or national events. These can provide education and important networking opportunities. Many of these have financial assistance to aid young people to attend. You could also talk to your PBC and see if they are able and willing to support you to go to an event. Events specifically targeted to native title are:

- [National Native Title Conference](#), AIATSIS, biannual event
- [National Native Title Council](#), offers events and workshops.

## Training opportunities

There is a wide variation of training programs and workshops available which you can find here. These events are an excellent opportunity to connect and network with like-minded youth. Below you will find a selected list of programs targeted at your people and leaders:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Who is it for</b>	<b>Grants</b>
<u><a href="#">Youth Leadership Program</a></u> or other <u><a href="#">AILC</a></u> <u><a href="#">courses</a></u>	The Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) offers a range of accredited and non-accredited Indigenous leadership training programs that focus on leadership for governance.	Delivered over 10 months	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 16 - 25	Employment or ABSTUDY can cover costs
<u><a href="#">Introduction to Corporate Governance Workshops</a></u>	Run by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC), these workshops are a good overview of corporate governance, highly relevant to the management of PBCs.	3 days	All directors, future directors and members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations registered under the CATSI Act.	ORIC covers the cost of the workshop, and participants may be eligible to apply for assistance with travel costs
<u><a href="#">Young Indigenous Leadership Program (IMPACT)</a></u>	Develops students' skills in leadership and community contribution through a range of activities including leadership workshops, residential programs and activities. Students are supported over the three years with the project coordinator and a mentor.	Delivered across 3 years during year 10 – 12.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in secondary schooling in the NT and WA.	Seek further information.
<u><a href="#">Stronger Smarter Leadership Program</a></u>	Through a series of workshops, community leaders are challenged and supported to pursue educational excellence.	Delivered over 12 months or can be <u><a href="#">hosted</a></u>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in schooling	Costs are self-covered

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<u><a href="#">National Indigenous Youth Parliament</a></u>	The program provides training in government and legal operations, public speaking and media relations. The youth meet with national leaders, Parliamentarians, and Indigenous leaders.	1 day event in Canberra	Young Indigenous Australians, aged 16 - 25, are selected based on applications. 6 are selected from each state and territory, and 2 from the Torres Strait Islands	Seek further information
<u><a href="#">Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program</a></u>	Combines workshops, mentoring and networking and also guidance on career development and community project proposals.	6 days	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland aged 18 – 35	Seek further information
<u><a href="#">National Native Title Conference Youth Forum</a></u>	A forum for presentations by Indigenous leaders, and then discussions between youth attendees. This provides education for youth on native title, and forges a connected network of young leaders within the sector.	1 day annually	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 - 35	Requires a conference ticket, but self-sponsored delegate applications are available for coverage of all costs
<u><a href="#">Koorie Youth Summit</a></u>	Centring on a yearly theme, the event creates a safe space for young mob to come together to connect, yarn, be proud, learn, share and celebrate.	1 day annually in Victoria.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 18-28 years	Seek further information
<u><a href="#">Youth in governance masterclasses</a></u>	Run by the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute (AIGI), the masterclass involves presentations and interactive workshops aimed to increase engagement in community governance.	1 day	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18-35	Sponsorship is available for delegates requiring financial support

More training opportunities are also listed on the PBC website under [Find training](#).