

Darryl Pearce

Principal Indigenous Engagement Consultant

Alice Springs, Northern Territory



Profile

He has held several senior positions within Aboriginal Affairs, and including Executive Officer of the National Aboriginal Education, Employment & Training Committee (a Commonwealth Ministerial Advisory Council), Director of the Institute for Aboriginal Development (Alice Springs), Director of the Northern Land Council (Darwin), CEO of both the Noongar Land Council and The Southwest Aboriginal Land & Sea Council (Perth).

Darryl has been a member of numerous Territory, State & Federal Ministerial Advisory bodies including in the fields of Education, Environmental & Economic Development. He was also a member of the Team which negotiated the original Native Title Act.

Darryl is a native title holder for the Central Arrernte (pronounced "Arunta") Nation of People from Alice Springs. Darryl specialises in the facilitation of ILUA and native title claimant meetings, resulting in the authorisation of over 80+ ILUA agreements, all of which have been accepted for registration by the National Native Title Tribunal and many successful claimant meetings, which have stood the test of contested legal proceedings.

In addition to his consulting works Darryl works with various Indigenous groups building the vision of Indigenous corporations through preparation and implementation of strategic plans, capacity building boards and assisting in the facilitation of general meetings as well as looking at the opportunities for socio-economic and commercial/business development for those groups.

Relevant Experience

Principle Consultant – Darryl Pearce Consulting \ Indigenous Corporate Advisory

2011 - Current

Darryl began a career in private enterprise by establishing Darryl Pearce Consulting and growing business into Indigenous Corporate Advisory. Providing services in the native title, governance and talent management space.

During this time Darryl also attended Melbourne University to undertake an indigenous Business Master Class, University of Western Australia to gain an advanced diploma in Indigenous Legal Studies and university of Adelaide where he completed a professional certificate in arbitration. Darryl also continues to up skill by undertaking a Juris Doctor.

Initially the primary focus of the consultancy was the work in the native title space with representative bodies and Aboriginal people as native title claimants and common law holders.

Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA's)

I have been involved as a negotiator, facilitator and chairman of well over 80+ Indigenous Land Use Agreement meetings which have to abide by the letter of the law being native title act and the PBC regulations. These processes had to be undertaken in an unimpeachable manner as they may end up being challenged in a court of law and dedication to detail and community sentiment proved to be a successful formula in this space.

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Registered Native Title Body Corporate's (RNTBC'S)

I have been involved in chairing facilitating well over 100+ PBC meetings across all states and territories and continue to do so to support successful common law native title holders in their dreams and aspirations for not only their children's future first encapsulated in a native title determination but now realised in the functioning of a well represented Corporation.

Economic development

I have and continue to provide strategic advice and planning around economic development utilising the resources that people have been able to gain through a successful determination of native title.

Mining and oil and gas

I have significant experience in the space having dealt with mining and oil and gas companies right across Australia as well as being a member of the mineral Council of Australia Aboriginal working group for many years. I have worked with companies such as Shell, Origin, Santos, Woodside, Rio Tinto, BHP, etc... As well as many small capital operators were working to start their operations and tenements covered by native title determination's or claims.

Chief Executive Officer | Lhere Artepe

2007 to 2011

Darryl was appointed CEO of Lhere Artepe in 2007, it had \$500,000 in a lawyer's trust account and no assets. Its main role at the time was "welcome to country" speeches.

When he left in 2011, it had bought 3 IGA supermarkets turning over \$30M a year and had undertaken a property development which turned over \$20M and Lhere Artepe had an asset base of \$19M.

Chief Executive Officer | Southwest Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

1997 to 2005

As the inaugural CEO of SWALSC, Darryl was responsible for its development including policies and procedures, recruitment of staff and funding from the Federal Government.

He also conceived and executed the 'single' Noongar Native Title Claim over the Southwest of WA. This entailed face to face meetings in town hall across the southwest with some 3,000 plus Noongar people to not only explain the claim but to also garner support for its lodgement in the Federal Court.

Director | Northern Land Council

1993 to 1996

Darryl is the only person who has been 'elected' as the Director of any of the statutory Land Councils and was appointed at a time when the NLC was under investigation by the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) who had been tasked by the then minister for Aboriginal affair Robert Tickner to find any irregularities in its processes.

The ANAO report identified a number of remedial actions and there was a requirement to 'front' the Senates Estimates standing committee on a 5-year rolling basis. After the first 2 appearance the ANAO reported to Parliament that they felt there was no requirement to continue to report as the progress made and the process that were instituted at my direction had ensured clarity and transparency.

Native Title

- Member of the negotiation team who negotiated the original 1993 Native Title Act with Paul Keating as the Prime Minister of Australia.
- Member of the negotiation team who negotiated the 1994 "Land Fund" deal with Paul Keating as the Prime Minister of Australia. This is the same Act which brought into existence the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC).

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- Negotiation of over 80+ ILUA agreements, all of which have been accepted for registration by the National Native Title Tribunal and many successful claimant meetings

Other Relevant Experience

- Principle – Indigenous Corporate Advisory Pty Ltd
- Managing Director – Thirntu Pty Ltd
- Chief Executive Officer Lhere Artepe (Aboriginal Corporation) (RNTBC)
- Executive Director Lingiari Policy Centre, Sydney NSW
- Chief Executive Officer, South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council, Perth WA
- Chief Executive Officer, Noongar Land Council, Perth WA
- Managing Director of Indigenous Management Group, Perth, WA.
- Mediator, National Native Title Tribunal, Perth, WA
- Director of the Northern Land Council, Darwin, NT
- Policy Officer, Central Land Council, Alice Springs, NT
- Policy Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. Melbourne. VIC
- Executive Officer for the National Aboriginal Employment Education and Training Committee, Canberra, ACT
- Director of the Institute for Aboriginal Development, Alice Springs, NT
- Community Adviser with the Kiwirrkurra Community in Western Australia

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Professional Qualifications / Memberships

- Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Legal Studies, University of Western Australia
- Indigenous Business Master Class, University of Melbourne – Business School, 2013
- Professional Certificate of Arbitration, University of Adelaide
- Mediation Certification – Resolution Institute, Australia & Aotearoa

Committees and Boards – Previously Held Positions

Name: Co-operative Research Centre for Tropical Savanna's
Function: Management Board
Position: Board Member

Name: Co-operative Research Centre for Tropical Savanna's
Function: Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Position: Chairperson

Name: Indigenous Management Group Pty Ltd
Function: Management Consultants
Position: Managing Director

Name: Western Australia - Aboriginal Economic Development Council
Function: Ministerial Advisory Committee
Position: Member

Name: Central Aboriginal Investment Corporation
Function: Investment Agency
Position: Director

Name: Peter Kittle Motor Company
Function: Motor Vehicle Dealership
Position: Director

Name: National Museum
Function: Aboriginal Advisory Council - Ex-Officio on Full Council
Position: Chairperson

Name: Indigenous Marine Reference Group
Function: Ministerial Council
Position: Council Member

Name: Australian Council of Environmental Employment Opportunities
Function: Ministerial Council
Position: Council Member

Name: Aboriginal Native Title Working Group
Function: Lobby/Negotiation team
Position: Negotiator

Name: Indigenous Land Fund
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Position: Negotiator

Name: Alice Springs Town Council Economic Development Committee
Function: Economic Development Advisory Panel
Position: Committee Member

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Name: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
Function: Independent Aboriginal Health Organisation
Position: 1 year as Vice President 2 years as Board Member

Name: NT Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (FEPPI)
Function: Advisory Group to the NT Government on Education
Position: 3 years as a Representative in the area of Employment and Training.

Name: Institute for Aboriginal Development (IAD)
Function: Adult Education Institution
Position: 2 years as Board Member 1 year as Ex-officio Member (Director) Board Member

Name: Joint Aboriginal Management Information Service (JAMIS)
Function: Accounting and Computer Hardware and Software Supplier
Position: 1 year as Interim Chairperson 1 year as Board Member