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KIMBERLEY LNG PRECINCT MONTHLY UPDATE

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After four months of intensive meetings and discussions, the formal process of consultation for the Aboriginal Social Impact Assessment (ASIA) has been completed.

The ASIA team held meetings with native title groups and other affected Indigenous people of Broome and the Dampier Peninsula, Derby, Beagle Bay, One Arm Point, Lombadina and Djarindjin on the Dampier Peninsula.

The team also met with 88 Indigenous organisations (Government, NGOs and Aboriginal organisations) that provide services to Aboriginal people and whose operations are likely to be impacted upon by an LNG Precinct, or which deliver services to affected Indigenous people.

In late February the ASIA report will be submitted by the Kimberley Land Council, forming part of the

overarching Strategic Assessment of the LNG Precinct undertaken jointly by the Commonwealth and the State Government.

Later in 2010 the Federal Government in Canberra is expected to decide whether the Gas Precinct should be allowed to go ahead, and if it is, what conditions should be placed on the project.

Those conditions will help make sure the Gas Precinct does not have any bad effects on land, sea country, on the lives of people or on their cultural heritage. They will also make sure that Traditional Owners and other affected Indigenous people can obtain benefits from the development of the Precinct.

The ASIA report will allow Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal people affected by the Precinct to have a loud and clear voice when the Federal Government makes its decisions.

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TRADITIONAL OWNER NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (TONC) UPDATE

2010 shapes as a pivotal year for Kimberley Traditional Owners.

The decisions we make will have future implications on the education of our kids, our employment and training prospects, our housing and health and the protection of our cultural and environmental values.

Already this year we've completed the consultation process for the Aboriginal Social Impact Assessment, finished a preliminary archaeological assessment of James Price Point and submitted a draft Indigenous Land Use Agreement to the State Government.

Through these processes we've seen Traditional Owners at the table, working with Government and industry and ensuring Aboriginal people play a central role in managing the development of natural resources on our country and making sure benefits come to our community.

In the coming months we have more critical decisions before us:

- In mid-February we'll be meeting with the Commonwealth and State Government as part of a tri-partite forum.

This meeting is about working with the Federal Government so that improving the living standards in Aboriginal communities is a key issue in relation to the LNG Precinct negotiations and also as an ongoing commitment for the wider Kimberley;

- Negotiations regarding the Indigenous Land Use Agreement will continue with the State Government and Woodside; and
- Key meetings with the Traditional Owner Task Force will ensure the broader Kimberley Traditional Owner groups remain informed of the LNG Precinct negotiation process.

Thanks for taking the time to take a look at the first of our monthly updates.

We think it's important that we keep you all informed as to what's happening on country, and the key meetings and milestones in the LNG Precinct negotiations.

If you have any feedback or suggestions on this newsletter, please email tonc@klc.org.au.

Wayne Barker & Frank Parriman
TONC Co-Chairs

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MEDIA, ON THE WEB AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES



TRADITIONAL OWNERS ON GOOLARRI TELEVISION TONC CO-CHAIR FRANK PARRIMAN AT JAMES PRICE POINT

Running twice-a-day through February, TONC Co-Chair Frank Parriman discusses the James Price Point LNG negotiations.



JOB OPPORTUNITY AT KLC RECEPTIONISTS (PART-TIME)

A fixed term two-year opportunity in Kununurra.
Contact Sarah at the KLC on (08) 9194 0100 for more information.



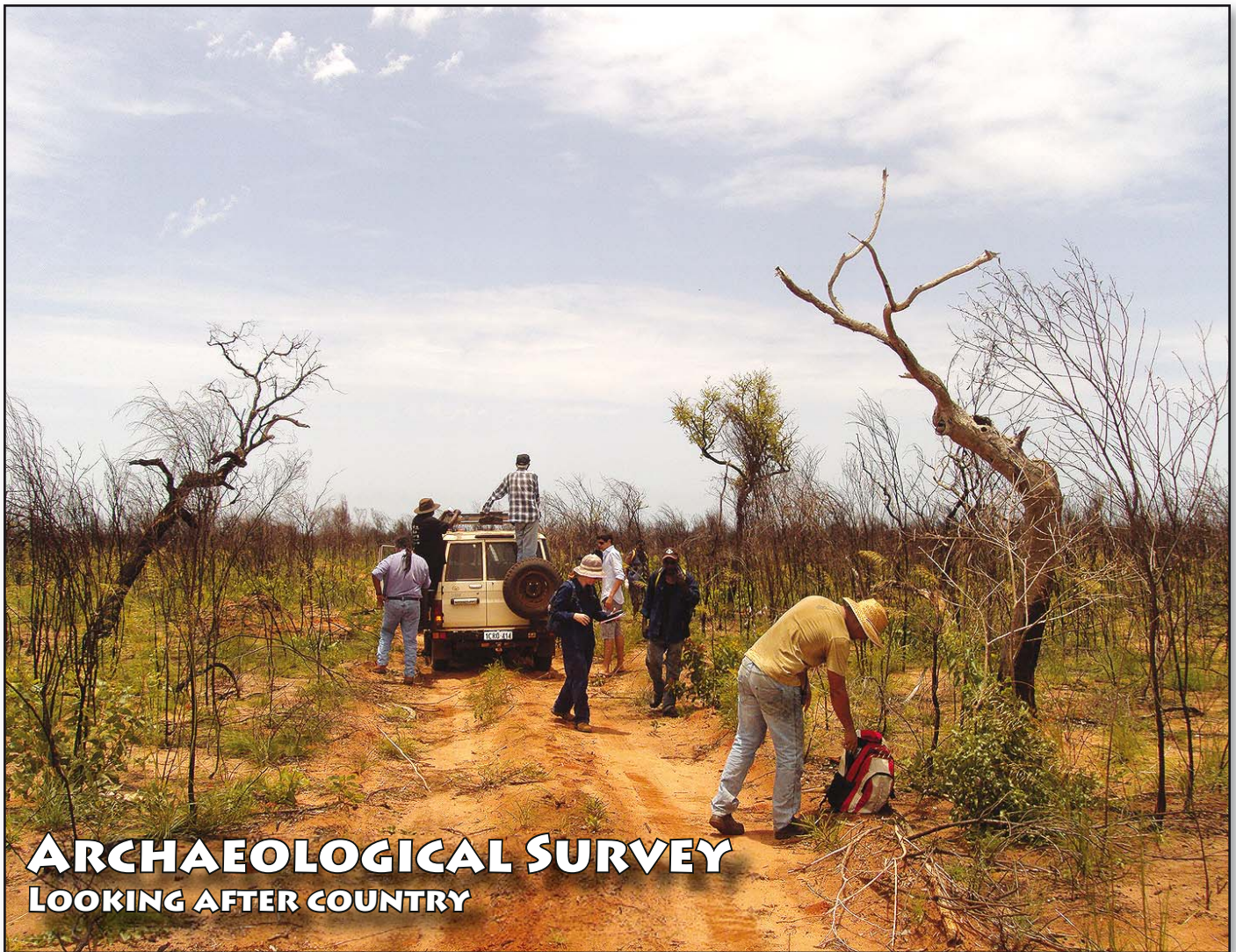
TRADITIONAL OWNERS ON YOUTUBE [HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USER/TRADOWNERS\\$PEAK](http://www.youtube.com/user/TRADOWNERS$PEAK)

Buggy McKensie and Henry Augustine discuss the recent trip to James Price Point for an archaeological survey.



TRADITIONAL OWNERS ON FLICKR [HTTP://WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/KIMBERLEYLANDCOUNCIL/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/kimberleylandcouncil/)

Photos from the last round of ASIA consultations.
Also some shots from the recent archaeological survey.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY LOOKING AFTER COUNTRY

In mid-January a team of archaeologists and Traditional Owners undertook a nine-day archaeological survey to identify the location and nature of archaeological material at James Price Point.

At the same time as the archaeological survey, an ethnographical survey of the site identified relevant stories, law and culture pertaining to James Price Point.

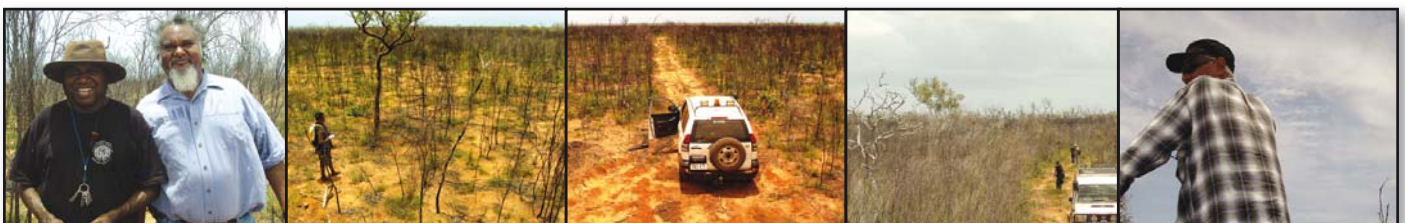
A report on the preliminary archaeological and ethnographic assessment will be filed by the end of February and will make up part of the over-arching Strategic Assessment into James Price Point. A final decision on environmental approvals is not expected from Minister Garrett until mid to late 2010

DONALD 'BUGSY' MCKENZIE:

“By being at the table with these negotiations, Traditional Owners can inform industry and government on how to best protect and manage our heritage and culture.”

HENRY AUGUSTINE:

“I believe these surveys are important in two ways. Firstly, so that everybody knows exactly where the important sites are, and secondly so that everybody knows that it’s important and that it can be looked after properly.” -



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MEETING CALENDAR

2nd Feb to 4th Feb: TONC

12th Feb: ASIA Presentation TONC

19th Feb: Tri-Partite forum

23rd Feb to 25th Feb: Negotiation committee

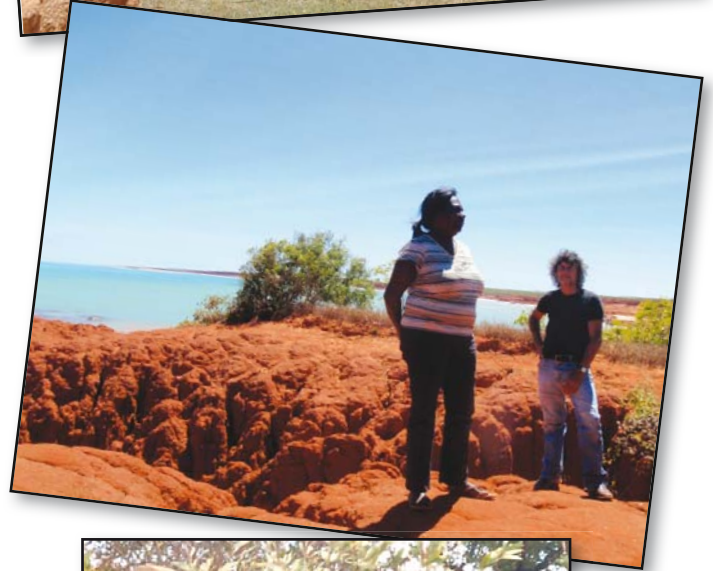
2nd March to 4th March: TONC

8th March to 10th March: Negotiation committee

9th March to 10th March:
Traditional Owner Taskforce

11th March to 12th March: Kimberley Futures

*Please note meetings times are a guide only, and are subject to change



KEY ACTIONS

INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

Negotiations regarding the ILUA are ongoing with the State Government and Woodside.

COMMONWEALTH ENGAGEMENT

Negotiations continuing via tri-partite forum (State, KLC and the Commonwealth).

ABORIGINAL SOCIAL IMPACT

Report will be sent to the State and Commonwealth in late February.

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Report will be sent to the State and Commonwealth in March.

HERITAGE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Signed November 2009.

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Kimberley LNG Precinct Monthly Update is produced by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC). The KLC is the Native Title Representative Body for the Kimberley region and as such provides assistance to Traditional Owners of the Kimberley to have their traditional interests in country recognized through the native title process.

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