

Leaders in study

If you would like to know more about ORIC's governance training courses please see the training calendar on the ORIC website or call us—contact details below.

Governance courses are open to all directors, future directors, members and staff of corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*. The courses are fully funded by the Australian Government.

Note: To be eligible for the nationally-accredited **Certificate IV in Business (Governance)** course you must first complete the **Introduction to Corporate Governance** course. ORIC encourages you to apply.



Good governance is the cornerstone of every successful corporation

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, **Anthony Beven**

The class of 2011 Certificate IV in Business (Governance)

Top: **The Broome group** (from left to right): Glenys Benning, Allan Sambono, Andrew Amor, Christopher Bin Kali, Jody White, Eileen Riley, Leonie Kelly, Mary Ann Martin and Chris Coomer. Photo: ORIC

Bottom: **The Port Macquarie group** (standing from left to right): Anthony Beven (the Registrar), Alison Williams, Karyn Sam, Linda Wapau, Rosemary Norman-Hill, Deborah Foley, Christian Lugnan, Lee Chilman, Larry Foley, Glen Crump and facilitator Cathrena McRae. (Seated from left): Mabel Quakawoot, Peter Duncan and Denyse Potts. (Absent: Anne Towney) Photo: The Learning Workshop

AGM season and annual reporting time

Now that the 2010–11 financial year has closed it's time to prepare your reports and hold your annual general meeting (AGM).

Lodge your 2010–11 reports online! It's easy and it will save you time. Register at <https://online.oric.gov.au>.

Need help?

If you need help filling in your reports or some extra time contact us.

Do it now. Don't be late!

Call and hold AGM

Due between 1 July and 30 November

Lodge 2010–11 reports with the Registrar

*Due between 1 July and 31 December**

*Corporations that don't lodge their 2010–11 reports by 31 December 2011 could face prosecution.

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Learning journeys

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Horses, cattle and courses

Northern Territory: Riding horses, camping by the road and generally leading a drover's life are all part of the curriculum at Ngukurr School.

A few weeks ago a group of teenagers spent five days moving 50 head of cattle from Big River Station across the Roper Bar and Wilton River to Ngukurr township.

For the school students it was a huge adventure. They took turns walking and riding, carrying out chores such as setting up camp and the portable yards, and feeding and watering the animals. And as they went their efforts were assessed. Each is earning credits towards a Certificate II in Rural Operations Studies.

With community support the school has bought 15 horses and 50 head of cattle. 'The animals are an important part of our rural operations studies,' says Bill Armstrong, Principal of Ngukurr School. 'We've made the drive part of the course.'

Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Corporation is one of the school's main sponsors and has been behind persuading prospective iron-ore miners, Western Desert Resources, giving the funds to buy the cattle. 'It would be a great result if this event marks the first step in re-establishing a thriving cattle industry,' says Bill Blackley, CEO of the corporation. 'There are many families in the community who would like to see that happen.'

The Ngukurr School students are following a proud tradition. Not so long ago Aboriginal stockmen formed the heart of the Northern Territory's cattle industry.

Since the Certificate II in Rural Operations Studies has been available to students, school attendance has improved. It's a promising start and Bill Armstrong looks forward to expanding the program next year.

Top: On the range learning about horses, cattle and life. Photo: Katrina Bridgeford/News Ltd

Leaders in study

For four weeks spread over six months two groups of community leaders—one over on the west coast and the other on the east—found time to complete a Certificate IV in Business (Governance). Units ranged from monitoring financial budgets to managing board meetings.

'I found the training tough but very rewarding,' said Glen Crump, a Kamilaroi man and a director of Pius X Aboriginal Corporation in Moree. 'I now feel better equipped to make sound decisions for my corporation.'

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Working hard. Linda Wapau and Christian Lugnan. Photo: ORIC



A director of **Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation** and Dambimangari elder Donny Woolagoodja with young relatives (*left to right*) Georgie, Keira and Shontae at Cone Bay, north of Derby, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation works for the cultural, social and economic advancement of its members. Photo: Marie Nirme/News Ltd



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