

Category 1

All documents and computer records including excel sheet records of Repatriations, letters, emails, file notes and photographs relating to the Repatriations located at Menera between Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and any other party up until the end of 2012.



File Note

Subject:

Date:

Menora - Remains in Stearing Shed.
15/11/11

Representatives from AAU with expertise in repatriation of remains met with Ken Knight re the remains on Menora. They did not view the remains but agreed to meet again with a view to take appropriate action.

Ken is happy with the process and confident the AAU people involved have the skills and appropriate contacts to be involved.

I stated that the ILIC encourages a resolution of this matter.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



File Note

Subject: Menera Station - Visit by David Clark
Date: Heritage Operations
Aboriginal Affairs
Victoria.

An email has been sent to OM Webke Billous requesting a visit to Menera be arranged for the 29 December 2011. David Clark wants to inspect the boxes of remains.

- What is AAU's intention re: reburial.
- Seek an opinion on registration - State or Commonwealth options.
- Reg's focus has always been to involve the Wamba Wamba - has this changed?

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: Billows, Wiebke
Sent: Tuesday, 20 December 2011 5:01 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Cc: Foster, Reg
Subject: FW: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

FYI and for discussion.

Wiebke Billows | Operations Manager | Indigenous Land Corporation | Central Division

-----Original Message-----

From: David.Clark [<mailto:David.Clark>]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 December 2011 2:02 PM
To: Billows, Wiebke
Subject: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

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Regards

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Aboriginal Affairs Victoria

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From: Foster, Reg
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2011 9:52 AM
To: Billows, Wiebke; Dearden, Mark
Subject: RE: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

David Is mistaken I think about the number at each site, however this is a great start to resolving the issue. Please help David engage with both Tyntynder and Menera. Our concern is only with Menera.

What has happened about following up registering the site where bodies are buried in NSW? I have found out from Ian Hamm that we can Register the site it does not have to be a TO group.

Reg Foster
 Divisional Manager
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From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2011 3:38 PM
To: 'david.clark'
Subject: FW: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

Hi David

I have spoken to John Manuel, Menera Station, and confirmed that you would visit on Thursday 29 December. I explained you were from the Heritage section of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and had arranged with the ILC to view the boxes of Aboriginal remains in the shearers quarters. I informed John Ken Knight would come out with you.

John will be around and is happy to assist. Please call and confirm closer to the date or to alter the visit date if required.

Regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
 Project Advisor
 Central Division Office
 Indigenous Land Corporation

-----Original Message-----

From: Billows, Wiebke
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2011 2:26 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: FW: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

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-----Original Message-----

From: David.Clark <David.Clark_>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2011 1:33 PM
To: Billows, Wiebke <wiebke.billows>
Subject: RE: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

Thank you Wiebke

I hope access can be arranged next week but, if not, I'm sure I can find the time for a trip to Swan Hill in the new year.

Best wishes

David Clark | Manager, Heritage Operations Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Department of Planning and Community Development

From: "Billows, Wiebke" <wiebke.billows@...>
To: "'David.Clark" <David.Clark@...>
Cc: "Dearden, Mark" <mark.dearden@...>
Date: 21/12/2011 12:17 PM
Subject: RE: Aboriginal skeletal remains at Munera Station

Hello David
Thank you for your email.

I have asked Mark Dearden, the ILC Project Advisor for Menera Station and Tyntynder to contact you about the remains issue. Mark has significant knowledge of the history of this issue from the ILC perspective and has also contacted the Sharefarmer at Menera regarding access to the property next week.

Kind regards
Wiebke

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File Note

Subject: Menwa

Date: 21/12/2011

I spoke to David Clark - he will try and arrange a visit to Menwa on Thursday 29 December to assess if the remains can be identified and if possible returned to the appropriate Traditional Owners.

David stated he would travel to the property with Ken Knight, a senior Wamba Wamba person.

I provided David with some background. He knew that Gary Murray had removed 5 boxes of Dja Dja Wurrong remains for reburial with members of the Stewart Family and others. He stated these remains had not been reburied and some Dja Dja Wurrong people were not happy with the process.

I told David we were happy to arrange the access and expect to be informed of what he thought the best approach to dealing with the matter was.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Confirmed with John Manuel 21/12/11

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, 3 January 2012 12:01 PM
To: 'David.Clark'
Subject: RE: Repatriated Aboriginal skeletal remains at Menera Station

Hi David

Thank you for this update. If there is other things we can do to support this process please contact me.

Regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor
Central Division Office
Indigenous Land Corporation

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, 3 January 2012 11:42 AM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: Fw: Repatriated Aboriginal skeletal remains at Menera Station

Mark

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Regards

David Clark | Manager, Heritage Operations Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Department of Planning and Community Development

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To: david.kaus "Raberts, Melanie"
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Cc: rmcwilliams Diana Smith
Wayne Webster
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Dearden, Mark

From: David.Clark
Sent: Wednesday, 4 January 2012 9:52 AM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: RE: Repatriated Aboriginal skeletal remains at Menera Station

Thanks Mark

That's very helpful.

Regards

David Clark | Manager, Heritage Operations Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Department of
Planning and Community Development

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From: "Dearden, Mark" <mark.dearden
To: "'David.Clark <David.Clark
Date: 04/01/2012 10:19 AM
Subject: RE: Repatriated Aboriginal skeletal remains at Menera Station

Hi David

Tyntynder Homestead was purchased by the ILC in December 1996 and title was divested to Wanilu Homestead Incorporated (WHI) in 1997. WHI changed its name in May 2008 to Tyntynder Homestead Incorporated and remains the THB for this property. I first became involved as Project Advisor in late 2008 at which time repatriated remains were stored in an open shed on the property. The ILC approved funding for essential maintenance and repairs to the property including the securing of these remains by fitting metal cladding to this section of the shed and making a secure room. This was undertaken in about 2009.

I was informed in 2011 by Rodney Carter that some of the remains stored at Tyntynder had been reburied.

Regards

Mark

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Project Advisor
Central Division Office
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From: "Dearden, Mark" <mark.dearden
To: "David.Clark
Date: 03/01/2012 12:30 PM
Subject: RE: Repatriated Aboriginal skeletal remains at Menara Station

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File Note

Subject: *Menara - Assess to burial site*
Date: *12/1/2012*

Action to be taken:

Seek regular updates.
Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

In relation to the remains David has written a letter to the Aboriginal Heritage Council for advice. The Council is established under Victorian legislation to provide advice on Aboriginal heritage matters. A letter has been sent to them requesting advice given the sensitive nature of this matter.



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Subject: Menewa
Date: 20/2/2012

David Clark, Heritage Section AAU called & stated Tida Julpalli had called stating remains were missing from Menewa. David confirmed that Menewa was outside AAUs jurisdiction but was calling to inform me of the calls. David stated that Gary Murray had also called but he did not intend returning his calls.

I informed David of Mr Murray's abusive call to me. I pointed out we were not able to determine what may or may not be missing as there was never a list of the contents of the room given to the ILC. Gary Murray claimed to have a list.

Note
There has been community concerns expressed about the remains which Gary Murray removed some time ago. The current agitation may be Gary trying to deflect attention from this problem. Discussed with Wable Pillans

Action to be taken:

& she will have further discussions with
Bg.

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Thursday, 8 March 2012 2:20 PM
To: Billows, Wiebke
Subject: FW: Menera

Hi Wiebke

The email from David Clark as discussed.

Regards

Mark

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From: David.Clark
Sent: Monday, 5 March 2012 10:53 AM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: Menera

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It seem likely that at least some boxes have been removed but information is pretty sketchy at best.

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Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
 Sent: Thursday, 8 March 2012 3:45 PM
 To: 'David.Clark'
 Subject: RE: Menera

Hi David

Thanks for your assistance and for following up on this matter.

The ILC is not able to confirm whether skeletal remains have been removed from Menera Station and has never had any substantive details of the remains at any stage. The remains have always been a matter for Traditional Owners and the ILC has simply facilitated access to the property upon request.

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File Note

Subject: Menewa Remains - David Clark

Date: 5/10/12 Manager

Heritage Operations Aboriginal Affairs Vic.
Dept of Planning and Community Development

David confirmed he had produced a report from his visit to Menewa & inspection of the remains on 29 Dec 2011. He apologised for not sending a copy to the ILC & will now do so.

Copies have been distributed to relevant F.O.s. There is a difference of opinion among the groups about the most appropriate way to deal with the remains. Gary Murray believes that government funding should be given to him to undertake an elaborate ceremony and that people should be paid an attendance fee to participate. Others want a quiet ceremony & reinter the remains.

David has heard strong rumors that some remains have been removed but by people who are legitimate custodians and is not concerned.

AAU are continuing to work with all parties to resolve this matter.

David agreed that next Tuesday 9/10/12 is not an appropriate time for him to visit.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Friday, 5 October 2012 1:02 PM
To: 'David.Clark'
Subject: RE: Aboriginal human remains at Menera Station

Thanks David

Regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
 Project Advisor
 Central Division Office
 Indigenous Land Corporation

-----Original Message-----

From: David.Clark
Sent: Friday, 5 October 2012 10:49 AM
To: Dearden, Mark
Cc: marlon.parsons
Subject: Aboriginal human remains at Menera Station

Mark

Further to our telephone conversation, I am sending you a copy of the catalogue of Aboriginal human remains that were stored at Menera Station on 29 December 2011. Thirty-five boxes containing Aboriginal human remains were stored in the room of the shearers' quarters. The room also contained empty boxes and some documents associated with repatriated remains.

I understand that Aboriginal human remains were removed from Menera Station earlier this year and AAV has been unable to determine their location. It is likely that the Aboriginal human remains removed from Menera Station earlier this year were those associated with Barapa Barapa and Dja Dja Wurrung. If so, Aboriginal human remains associated with Wadi Wadi, Tati Tati, Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta and others will still be in the shearers' quarters. As discussed, AAV staff may be able to facilitate the return of the Aboriginal skeletal remains still at Menera Station to the appropriate people.

As far as can be determined, the background to the Aboriginal human remains being stored at Menera Station is:

Aboriginal human remains were stored at Tyntynder Homestead after an initial repatriation from Museum Victoria in 1996.

Other ancestral remains were repatriated from Museum Victoria, the National Museum and overseas institutions and the majority of the remains were reburied by the relevant traditional owners.

A small but significant component of the repatriated ancestral remains, approximately 30 individuals, continued to be stored at Tyntynder.

The Aboriginal human remains of some 40 individuals were reburied on Menera Station in 2005. A small number of Aboriginal human remains were stored in the shearers' quarters because there was some doubt about the appropriateness of re-burying them at Menera Station.

The remains of approximately five individuals from Dja Dja Wurrung country were removed from Menera Station by Mr Gary Murray and Mr Jida Gulpilil between 2005 and 2009.

In 2009, the Aboriginal human remains stored at Tyntynder were moved to Menera Station.

Regards

David Clark | Manager, Heritage Operations Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Department of Planning and Community Development

CONTAINER TYPE	CONTAINER SIZE	CONTAINER FABRIC	REGISTRATION NUMBER	PROVENANCE NOTATION	TRADITIONAL OWNERS (as identified on container)	ANCESTRAL REMAINS DESCRIPTION	OTHER NOTES	PROVENANCE FROM MUSEUM RECORDS	ORIGINALLY REPATRIATED TO	DATE REPATRIATED	Comments
Box, flat	medium	cardboard	E85879	Swan Hill			"Check notes indicate was to be reburied" - written on top of lid.				Contained within large cut out handled corflute trunk without lid.
Box, flat	medium	cardboard	X45544	Moulamein	Wamba		"Box 1 of 1. See Colin Walker, 1993"		Yorta Yorta (1993), Northwest Nations Crens (2002)	Incomplete repatriation in 1993. Repatriation completed 24 May 2002.	
Box, flat long	large	cardboard	KP00015	Melicol, NPWS, Murray Valley Sundry NSW			Label: University of Sydney - Department of Anatomy & Histology, J.L. Sheehar Museum.				
Box	small	cardboard	KP00022	Melicol, NPWS, Melicol Station, Stas Ma10, Ma11, Swan Hill					Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-	16-Sep-93	
Box	large	cardboard	49276				Contains white corflute box.				

EMPTY CONTAINERS

White lidded boxes	medium	plastic					12 x empty boxes - probably ex VAS/AAV boxes.				
Box	large	cardboard		Swan Hill, Melby, Seal-Lake.							
Box	large	cardboard		Melicol, Dougal McDonald?			"Repeat NMA?"				
White flat box	medium	Corflute	X72659					Woomelang	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16/09/1993 (see also X 72659, above)	
White flat box	medium	Corflute	X72780					Watchupga	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16/09/1993 (see also X 72780, above)	
Black suitcase	small	woven fabric, zipped					contains leaves				
DOCUMENTS											
Yellow sticky label	small	Post-it note	0000/64								"Bones x 2 from the Nyah School possible burial site 0000/64" - the label was replaced back into the box (labelled Nyah School with same registration number. Contains a series of emails, correspondence and press clippings about the repatriation of the skeletal remains of Watchupga, and Aboriginal stockman from the Beveridges' Tyrnander Station.
Receipt											Receipt no 0385. National Museum of Australia. ATSG (Edinburgh Collection) One human skull. Despatched to Swan Hill Aboriginal Community. Date 5/8/96. Returned per Mark Grief, Museum Victoria.
Notes											Bones from Swan Hill. Received 21/9/1977. Skull and post-cranial bones listed [possibly museum documentation].
Notes											Handwritten notes by Michael Westaway documenting his reasoning as to why a bone is not human.

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White lidded box	medium	plastic	X48045-8				X 3	Lascelles	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	
White lidded box	medium	plastic	X48045-8				X 1	Lascelles	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	
Archival flat box	medium	cardboard	X48046	Lascelles Gypsum		X 1 cranium and teeth		Lascelles	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	
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Archival box	medium	cardboard	X48047	Lascelles Gypsum		X 1 cranium and teeth		Lascelles	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	
Archival box	medium	cardboard	X48048	Lascelles Gypsum		X 1 cranium and teeth	"Teeth, #8045-48047, #8048"	Lascelles	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	
Flat lidded box	large	cardboard	X48045-8	Lascelles				Lascelles	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	
Box	small	cardboard	*28253 X?	Sea Lake				Watchupga	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	Not Museum Victoria
White lidded box	medium	plastic	X72780	Sea Lake				Woomelang	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	Three white plastic boxes
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White lidded box	medium	plastic	49238	Sea Lake Vic				Mount Templar, Haysdale	Northwest Nations Clans	24-May-02	
White lidded box	large	cardboard	X76717	Mount Templar	Wadi		Box 1 of 2	Mount Templar, Haysdale	Northwest Nations Clans	24-May-02	
White lidded box	small	cardboard	X75717	Mount Templar, Haysdale	Wadi		Box 2 of 2	Mount Templar, Haysdale	Northwest Nations Clans	24-May-02	
White lidded box	large	cardboard	0000/0080	Nyah/ Buckingham Property			Box 1 of 1	Mount Templar, Haysdale	Northwest Nations Clans	10-Sep-04	Remains transferred from AAV to Museum Victoria on 9 Sep 2004 for repatriation on 10 Sep 2004.
White lidded box	small	cardboard	KP00018	NPWS - Tooleybuck Tip				Label: University of Sydney - Department of Anatomy & Histology. J.L. Shellisnear Museum.	Northwest Nations Clans		Not Museum Victoria
White lidded box	small	cardboard	0000/0064	Nyah School		Humerus Head	1 of 1		Northwest Nations Clans	10-Sep-04	Remains transferred from AAV to Museum Victoria on 9 Sep 2004 for repatriation on 10 Sep 2004.
White lidded box	small	cardboard		Edinburgh		1 cranium, 1 mandible, 1 small packet	"Note Mark Grist, Nyah Burra?"		Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative		Repatriated by National Museum of Australia via Museum Victoria
White lidded box	medium	cardboard	72656	Chillingollah	Wadi?			Chillingollah	Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	16-Sep-93	Museum Victoria - collected 1913

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Lidded box	medium	cardboard	0000/0086	Hopetoun - Woomelang - Patchewollock			1 of 1 [Mike Green's handwriting?]			10-Sep-04	Remains transferred from AAV to Museum Victoria on 9 Sep 2004 for repatriation on 10 Sep 2004.
Lidded box	large	timber		Speewa		box contains crania wrapped in kangaroo skins	"See Rodney Carter, Mark D-G"				Not Museum Victoria
Box	large	cardboard	76259	Swan Hill Melley, Swan Hill Melley		female individual	"R B Durin" [??]				Not Museum Victoria
Box	small	cardboard	E.65852	"Singing Park", Riverina Area, NSW, Aust. E.65853 -struck out] Moulamein, Riverina Area, NSW, E.65852		Human Mandible fragment	[Yellow sticky dot on box]				Australian Museum
Flat White archival lidded box	medium	Confute	X75986	Manangatang, Vic		Remains of Aboriginal female	found 1936, Feb.		Swan Hill & District Aboriginal Co-operative	4-Mar-94	
Flat White archival lidded box	medium	Confute	X75987	Manangatang, Vic		Bones - Remains of Aboriginal female	found near Manangatang February 1938.	Echuca - Cohens Sand Pit, 5 miles east of Echuca	Njerrida Aboriginal Co-operative	Oct-91	Box label incorrect
Box	small	cardboard	X44923	Barham	Barap	Male		Barham	Northwest Nations Clans	24-May-02	Contained within large cut out handled conflate trunk without lid.
Box	small	cardboard	X1235A	Tooroogabby Station, 35 Miles from Moama.			"See Ken Atkinson, 1993"	Tooroogabby Station, 35 miles from Moama	Moama Local Aboriginal Land Council (1993). Northwest Nations Clans (2002)	Incomplete repatriation in 1993. Repatriation completed 24 May 2002.	
Box	small	cardboard	X42094	Beratta Station	Barap	Female	"See Darcy Pettit", "Box 1 of 1"	Baratta Station	Darcy Pettit (1996). Northwest Nations Clans (2002)	Incomplete repatriation in 1986. Repatriation completed 24 May 2002.	
Box	small	cardboard	X44949	Balpool Stn	Barap		"See Darcy Pettit (1996)", "Box 1 of 1"	Dentiquin	Northwest Nations Clans	24-May-02	
Box	small	cardboard		Swan Hill		1 x human skull ("apparently Aboriginal")	Property Receipt no. B9934266, No. 116704, Swan Hill, 28/2/04. Received from: Ken Stewart, NWRACH. Address: 231 Campbell St, Swan Hill, Ph: 5033 0666. 1 x human skull (apparently Aboriginal), Officer: A. Hall, Rank L/S/C 31554, (Attached Coroner's Office Label: "Unknown Skull")				

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, 10 October 2012 3:24 PM
To: 'Kirby
Cc: 'khampton
Subject: FW: Aboriginal human remains at Menera Station
Attachments: Menera Station-Ancestral Remains Inventory-29Dec2011 incorp Mus notes.xls

Hi Rudi

Attached is the email we discussed at Menera from David Clark, AAV, with the attached list.

For your information, the ILC received a request today from Garry Murray for Ken Stewart and himself to access Menera to collect some of the ancestral remains and return them to Wadi Wadi, Tati Tati, Yupagalk and other appropriate clan groups at a Native Title meeting to be held this weekend 12-14 October 2012 at Kerang.

We have agreed to this request. However, even if this is undertaken there will still be some Wamba Wamba ancestral remains stored in the shearers quarters at Menera.

Regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
 Project Advisor
 Central Division Office
 Indigenous Land Corporation

-----Original Message-----

From: David.Clark
Sent: Friday, 5 October 2012 10:49 AM
To: Dearden, Mark
Cc: marlon.parsons
Subject: Aboriginal human remains at Menera Station

Mark

Further to our telephone conversation, I am sending you a copy of the catalogue of Aboriginal human remains that were stored at Menera Station on 29 December 2011. Thirty-five boxes containing Aboriginal human remains were stored in one room of the shearers' quarters. The room also contained empty boxes and some documents associated with repatriated remains.

I understand that Aboriginal human remains were removed from Menera Station earlier this year and AAV has been unable to determine their location. It is likely that the Aboriginal human remains removed from Menera Station earlier this year were those associated with Barapa Barapa and Dja Dja Wurrung. If so, Aboriginal human remains

associated with Wadi Wadi, Tati Tati, Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta and others will still be in the shearers' quarters. As discussed, AAV staff may be able to facilitate the return of the Aboriginal skeletal remains still at Menera Station to the appropriate people.

As far as can be determined, the background to the Aboriginal human remains being stored at Menera Station is:

Aboriginal human remains were stored at Tyntynder Homestead after an initial repatriation from Museum Victoria in 1996.

Other ancestral remains were repatriated from Museum Victoria, the National Museum and overseas institutions and the majority of the remains were reburied by the relevant traditional owners.

A small but significant component of the repatriated ancestral remains, approximately 30 individuals, continued to be stored at Tyntynder.

The Aboriginal human remains of some 40 individuals were reburied on Menera Station in 2005. A small number of Aboriginal human remains were stored in the shearers' quarters because there was some doubt about the appropriateness of re-burying them at Menera Station.

The remains of approximately five individuals from Dja Dja Wurrung country were removed from Menera Station by Mr Gary Murray and Mr Jida Gulpilil between 2005 and 2009.

In 2009, the Aboriginal human remains stored at Tyntynder were moved to Menera Station.

Regards

David Clark | Manager, Heritage Operations Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Department of Planning and Community Development

Category 2

All ILC records and documents and photographs *confirming* the removal of all Repatriations from Menera Station in 2014/15.



File Note

Subject: Ancestral Remains - Menewa

Date: 12/3/15

Rob Connolly reported that the Ancestral remains have been removed from Menewa by the appropriate NSW authority. A report on the matter is being prepared by NSW, AAU and Malke.

The remains have been taken to a safe keeping place and will be cleared and repackaged. There was insect & rodent infestation. The remains will then be handed to the Heritage section of AAU for safe keeping until reburial is arranged. Malke has been working with T.O. group in relation to reburial and will support them with transport and catering cost for the ceremonies.

A smoking ceremony will be undertaken next week at the building where the remains have been stored.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



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File Note

Subject: *Menera Ancestral Remains*

Date: *30/9/15*

I called and spoke to Marlene Parsons, Loddon Mallee Heritage Programs OAAU about the letter from Robert Nicholls WWB. Marlene confirmed that, as reported by MIAA OAAU staff coordinated with the NSW Heritage Office who removed the inappropriately stored Ancestral Remains store in the sheaves sleeping quarters on Menera and placed them in the custody of Heritage Services OAAU.

The remains were cleaned of insect and vermin contamination, repackaged and re-identified and placed in a safe keeping place for return to Traditional Owners for repatriation.

OAAU have written to Traditional Owners to inform them they are holding remains for repatriation and will give them a full report when they meet in the near future.

WWB is applying for Recognised Aboriginal Party status but currently don't have this. Marlene stated OAAU will consult much wider than the small group of people

Action to be taken: *WWB represent.*

Jane Sweeney, Director Heritage Services OAAU

Mark Dearden will provide a detailed report on this matter
Project Advisor, CDO *in the coming weeks.*

Action: *Email Robert Nicholls in response to his emailed letter.*



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File Note

Subject: *Manera Ancestral Burials*

Date: *31/9/15 1/10/15*

I called and spoke to Steve Meredith Regional Manager Southern Region Heritage Division NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

I confirmed my discussion with Marlon Parsons OAHV of yesterday. Steve provided some more background. His dept. took action in relation to the inappropriately stone remains under sections 85 & 87 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and with consideration of the Coroners Act 2009. A draft report has been prepared and Steve will provide the ILC with a copy.

Steve confirmed they had been in contact with Pat Connelly and Keith Hempton, MDAS and were happy to provide information and training to community members in relation to the registration of heritage places. He will work with MDAS to have the relevant area as Manera registered on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System which will record the location and

Action to be taken: details of the burials at this site.

I agreed to email my contact details.

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Sent 2/10/2015

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Mr Robert Nicholls
Chair, Wadi Wadi Wemba Wemba, Barapa Barapa
First Nations Aboriginal Corporation

2 October 2015

Dear Mr Nicholls

I write in response to your email received on 29 September 2015 concerning Aboriginal Ancestral remains which were left in the shearer's quarters of the Indigenous Land Corporation's (ILC) property, Menera Station, Mellool, NSW. Your interest is noted and I can offer the following information.

The Heritage Programs section of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, Victoria (OAAV) and the Heritage Division of the Department of Environment and Heritage, New South Wales have worked together to appropriately manage this matter. I understand that Marlon Parsons has written to your organisation about this and will provide a report at a meeting of community members to be held in the near future. The ILC is encouraged that this matter is now being appropriately resolved.

As you are aware the ILC presently leases the Menera property to MDAS. MDAS is cooperating with OAAV and is coordinating community liaison in relation to the reburial of repatriated Ancestral remains on Menera Station. I recommend that you contact MDAS's Executive Operations Officer, Rob Connelly on Ph: 03 50184100 should you seek greater involvement in the project.

Yours sincerely

Greg Irengove
Operations Manager
Central Division Office
Indigenous Land Corporation

Category 3

All documents held by the ILC that relate to the Repatriations at Menera prepared by or involving:

- a. the ILC and staff;
- b. Graham Atkinson;
- c. the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) members;
- d. Rodney Carter; and
- e. John Manuel.



File Note

Subject: Discussion with Ken Stewart.
Date: 21/4/2008.

Ken will liaise with some traditional owner groups to enquire what to do with the human remains on the property. If they do not have a better option, Ken will send them back to the Melbourne Museum where they have a Keeping Place. Ken stated the human remains will be removed from the property by the end of May 2008.

Dominic Skehan
Project Advisor CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: Richard Mintern
Sent: Thursday, 17 December 2009 3:15 PM
To: Alderton, Kate
Cc: Harvey Johnston
Subject: contacts

Hi Kate

I suggest that you contact Harvey Johnston regarding your concern of how to appropriately deal with the remains you described. His ph number is [redacted] and his email contact is [redacted]

Michael Westaway may also be able to give advice regarding the origins of the collection. His mobile no is [redacted]

The contact number for Dept of Sustainability and Environment (VIC) in Swan Hill is [redacted]

Good luck



Richard Mintern
Executive Officer
Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area

Dearden, Mark

From: Michael Pickering
Sent: Wednesday, 6 January 2010 1:51 PM
To: Alderton, Kate
Subject: Re: Request for contact

G'day Kate

When you mention identifying remains I'm not sure whether you mean just doing the archival - box by box - sorting or specialist examination of the remains themselves through biological analysis. In either case Colin Pardoe would be the top man. He's at

The reason is that Colin has done lots of work analysing remains across Australia and from that region, he has therefore got a much larger comparative data base that allows more accurate differentiation.

I've heard of Harvey and he has a good reputation. I think he used to work at Baronga and so knows the communities well. But I don't think he's a biological anthropologist. He probably knows the history of the remains and would probably be good for archival - collection management - focussed sorting.

I hope its all going well

Cheers
 Mike

>>> "Alderton, Kate"

6/01/2010 1:51 pm >>>

Hi Mike

Happy New Year! Trust you had a good, relaxing break.

I am going to ask you some more advice regarding the issue I spoke with you about late last year regarding the Wamba Wamba ancestral remains in the shearing shed at Menera Station, near Swan Hill at the VIC/NSW border.

We have discussed the issues further internally and it appears that the preferable option for all parties would be to assist the Group with the reburial of the remains which come from that area and find an alternative keeping place for those whose provenance is in dispute (this may be Museum Victoria, Australian Museum, NMA etc). You may recall that this seems to be the main impediment to the reburial of the remains in the first place as there is land available for reburial at the station. The ILC has previously assisted the group with the reburial of remains and an area is secured and managed for this purpose.

We hope to keep the discussions going with colleagues in our Central Divisional Office in the near future whom will be responsible for communicating with the Group and I anticipate the first step will be to identify which remains are considered from outside of the Group's area. I have no idea what state the remains are in, whether they are labelled by box etc but I was hoping you may be able to recommend someone to work on ILC's behalf with the Group to commence this process, should it go that way. I suspect we would be after a Colin Pardoe of types...someone who can assess the situation and potentially identify the differences in the remains.

I have been in touch with the NSW Parks and Wildlife Office in Buronga, a fellow named Richard Minton, who was very understanding but unable to really assist in anyway. He did say that the property is located a far distance from where they operate. However, he did provide a contact within the Department who is an archaeologist, Harvey Johnson, I thought I might make contact with him also as he may be able to assist in the identification process. Do you know/ heard of Harvey?

I'd be most grateful for your advice regarding an appropriate Consultant to undertake the work.

Thanks and best regards

Kate

Kate Alderton

Dearden, Mark

From: Alderton, Kate
Sent: Thursday, 4 February 2010 12:18 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Cc: Foster, Reg
Subject: Menera Station - Ancestral Remains
Attachments: Re: Request for contact; contacts

Hi Mark

As discussed this morning, please find attached the emails with contacts for NSW Parks and Wildlife and Physical Anthropologist, Colin Pardoe courtesy of Mike Pickering, Dir ATSI Collection at the National Museum of Australia. Harvey Johnson is the Archaeologist nominated by the NSW Parks & Wildlife Office, he is regionally located and may be a good starting point for discussions with local authorities.

It is most likely the remains formed part of the George Murray Black Collection that was returned from Museum Vic and Australia Museum in Sydney.

I do think the first step is to visit the property perhaps with the assistance of NSW Parks & Wildlife and discuss with the Community Members the potential solutions:

1. Rebury those ancestral remains that belong there
2. Seek appropriate temporary resting place for those remains that are unprovenanced and conduct research if possible into likely provenance whilst they are being stored.

Options for temporary holding may be:

Museum Victoria

Australian Museum, Sydney

National Museum of Australia – NMA is well resourced to do this as they have a dedicated holding place in Canberra however the request must come from the community.

Consultant to undertake research is Colin Pardoe, either archival or scientific analysis – he has an excellent database from which to examine remains and determine provenance. His contact details are in the enclosed email – if you contact him explain he was referred from Mike Pickering etc.

Best of luck and don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.

Kind Regards

Kate

Kate Alderton

Senior Project Advisor

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Jodie Lindsay
Acting General Manager

Through: Divisional Manager
Acting Operations Manager

Renewal of Share Farm Agreement: Menera Station, NSW

PURPOSE

To seek approval for a new Share Farm Agreement (SFA) with Wykoo Pty Ltd for Menera Station for a period of twelve months.

Aboriginal Remains stored in the Shearer Quarters

After leaving the property in April 2008 it was discovered WAC left approximately 100 boxes of Aboriginal remains stored on Menera in the Shearer Quarters. The remains need to be moved and stored in a safe location until arrangements can be made for their return and/or burial. This issue will need to be dealt with in accordance with cultural protocols and requires consultations with respected local Aboriginal people and anthropological experts. Advice will be sought from the local Native Title Group in relation to these consultations. Discussions have commenced with the National Museum (Mike Pickering), Museum Victoria, NSW Parks and Wildlife (Harvey Johnston) and the Australian Museum and Mr Gary Murray of the Wamba Wamba Native Title Group to work out a way forward.

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor CDO

Sandra Read
Acting Operations Manager

Supported/Not supported

Reg Foster
Divisional Manager

Supported/Not supported

Jodie/Lindsay
Acting General Manager

Agreed/Not agreed

Billows, Wiebke

From: Billows, Wiebke
Sent: Friday, 30 July 2010 3:29 PM
To: 'Ian Boyd-Law'
Cc: Dearden, Mark
Subject: FW: Valuation of Menera Station dated 25 June 2010

Importance: High

As discussed this morning Ian, could I ask you please to verify these issues by site visit and/or consultation with the occupier of the land.

Thanks and regards

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<mailto:wiebke.billows@ilc.gov.au> | www.ilc.gov.au

*Discussed with
 Wiebke 30/7/2010
 MFL*

From: Billows, Wiebke
Sent: Friday, 30 July 2010 3:25 PM
To: 'Ian Boyd-Law'
Cc: Dearden, Mark
Subject: FW: Valuation of Menera Station dated 25 June 2010
Importance: High

Dear Ian

Following our telephone discussion this morning I confirm that the expatriated Indigenous human remains have been repositated at Menera station as follows:

- Some remains have been re-buried on the far north west corner of the property. This is due north of the homestead and in the land/paddock on the extreme opposite boundary to the site of the main residence. An access track runs across the land east-west, ending at the southern side of burial site. The burial site is fully fenced from the surrounding paddock and is approximately ½ to 1 acre in size.
- Approximately 100 boxes of Indigenous Ancestral remains were repositated at Menera some time ago and are stored in one room of the shearers quarters. Five boxes were recently recovered by representatives of the Dja Dja Wurrung People and returned to their country, leaving approximately 95 boxes in storage. The storage of these remains negates any other use of this room of the shearers quarters and I understand that it is locked off.

Please call me in need.

Thanks and regards
 Wiebke

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From: Billows, Wiebke
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2010 6:08 PM
To: 'Ian Boyd-Law'
Subject: RE: Valuation of Meniera Station dated 25 June 2010
Importance: High

Dear Ian

Thank you for your response.

I also have a further request for comment please.

It has been brought to my attention that one of the paddocks at Meniera Station contains expatriated remains of a number of Aboriginals, which effectively means that any land use of the paddock is negated. I understand that some other expatriated remains are currently stored in a shearing shed or other structure also negating any other current use. Can you please comment and review your valuation in light of this new information?

Thanks and regards
Wiebke

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From: Ian Boyd-Law [mailto:boydlaw]
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2010 6:08 AM
To: Billows, Wiebke
Subject: RE: Valuation of Menera Station dated 25 June 2010

Dear Wiebke

In reply to your email regarding the Aboriginal remains on the above mentioned property I have spoken to the sharefarmer who appears to be well versed on the situation. He advised that the Aboriginal remains mentioned in your email are locked in one room of the shearer's quarters and apparently have been there for many years. According to his advice these remains are not of the Aboriginal people in this area and have been stored here waiting removal to a more appropriate place.

Regards



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File Note

Subject: Note from a meeting with Jimealie and Rodney Carter re the future for Menera
Date: 25/8/2010

- Rodney stated the removal of Ancestral Remains from the shearers quarters to a safe keeping place was of high importance to him and supported the idea of a small lockable building at the current burial site as a keeping place as appropriate. Rodney confirmed many of the remains are from other places and not Wamba Wamba remains. He has been undertaking studies in archaeology himself and is in contact with an Aboriginal archaeologist Mark Grist who may be able to assist in this process.

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



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File Note

Subject: Meeting with Ken Knight CEO Swan Hill Aboriginal Medical Service and Matthew Stewart Assistant CEO re the future of Menera
Date: 25/11/10

Ken also agreed to work with Rodney Carter & others to address the unsectored remains issue on Menera. Firstly to build a storage place at the burial site, removing them from the sheavers quarters and then burying or otherwise dealing with the remains.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



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File Note

Subject: Meeting with Matthew Stewart, John ? and Ken Knight.
Date: 26/11/10

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

There was also discussion of some of the senior members of the mens group being involved in dealing with the remains in the stewards quarters.



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File Note

Subject: Menera - Benefit reporting.

Date: 12/1/2011

Access to Menera was given to S. Murray & two other Aboriginal people in relation to the reburial of Dja Dja Whurrong Ancestral remains which were stored on Menera. The remains were reburied elsewhere.

Access to Menera is available to Aboriginal people on request to the ILC.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



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from QA 16/5
To Jodie 18/5 am

Strategy for the ongoing management of ILC-held property Menera Station

Two (2) pages redacted under section 22(1)(b)

Repatriated Remains

CDO continues a dialogue with local Wamba Wamba representatives about developing credible divestment opportunities and management of the remains on the property.

Approximately 100 boxed remains of Aboriginal people repatriated from collections are currently stored in the shearer quarters at Menera. These remains were received by WAC from a range of domestic and international sources during 2006. Remains identified as being of Wamba Wamba ancestry were reburied. However, uncertainty about the origin of the residual remains led to an impasse. It is proposed the remains be moved and stored in a safe location until arrangements can be made to identify them and arrange burial. Discussions held in November 2010 with respected local Wamba Wamba people to move and store the remains more appropriately, in accordance with cultural protocols, reached agreement that erection of a storage shed in the vicinity of the current burial area on Menera to which the remains can be relocated would be appropriate. The cost of the shed would be \$6000. This proposal seeks approval to fund the cost of erecting the shed. It is intended to co-locate the shed within the existing fenced burial area on the North West portion of the property.

Five (5) pages redacted under section 22(1)(b)

Recommended by Mark Dearden, Project Advisor, CDO Date <i>18/5/11</i>	Supported/Not-Supported Wiebke Billows, Operations Manager CDO Date <i>18/5/2011</i>
Supported/Not-Supported Paul Jenkins, Acting Divisional Manager, CDO Date <i>18/5/11</i>	Supported/ Not-Supported Jodie Lindsay, Chief Operating Officer Date <i>26/5/11</i>

- Attachment 1 – Sharefarming Agreement
- Attachment 2 – Approved Budget Submission
- Attachment 3 – Project Budget Submission
- Attachment 4 – Project Schedule Submission
- Attachment 5 – Project Benefit Submission



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File Note

Subject: Menwa - MKK contract & other matters.
Date: 21/10/2011

I called John Rogers

John informed me that he had mentioned the fact that remains were stored in the steamer's quarters on Menwa to Ian Ham, State Manager of AAV. Ian was not happy about this and discussed the matter with Ken Knight (senior white person). John Rogers arranged for them to visit Menwa, through the Stevedore John Manuel, to assess the situation. Ian Ham had spoken about the burial of all the remains or return to the correct groups so they could undertake reburials.

I informed the OM, Waelke Billows and the DM, Reg Foster of this development. Reg questioned AAV jurisdiction in this matter. I stated that Ken Knight was the appropriate person for Ian Ham to work through as he was a senior Wamba person.

Action to be taken:

Follow up to confirm what action will be taken.
Mark Dearden We may inform AAV of the situation at Project Advisor, CDO Tyntynda if this is still the same.



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File Note

Subject: *Menewa*
Date: *2/2/12*

Rodney Carter called - he has met with Ian Hens & David Clark in his capacity on the Heritage Council. The remains on Menewa are outside the legal jurisdiction of AAU. They were involved in the transfer of some of the remains and funded the burial site establishment. The remains were returned to the custody of the Traditional Owners including Rodney.

Rodney has organised a concerned group of Traditional Owners who are keen to resolve the issue of the inappropriate storage of the remains and requested our OK to visit the property.

Rodney (Dadja Warung) Mark Grist (involved in the return of the remains & mapped the site) Russell Smith (Barapa Barapa) and Brandon Smith will be part of the people visiting Menewa. I spoke to Reg Foster to inform him that as owners of the property we were happy for them to visit the property.

Mark/Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



File Note

Subject: Menera
Date: 20/2/2012

John Manuel called - Gary Murray call him last night stating that remains had been removed from the Steerers quarters.

John stated he did not have anything to do with the remains & it was not his business. Gary became angry, entered into a tirade then hung up.

I advised John he did the appropriate thing. I apologised for any concern that may cause him.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: rodney.carter1
Sent: Tuesday, 21 February 2012 1:07 PM
To: dheeney
Subject: Matter for Matthew Storey

Importance: High

Mr. Matthew Storey
 CEO, NTSV

Matthew,

I am writing to inform you of a matter regarding the storage of ancestral human remains that relate to the Traditional Owner groups, Wati Wati and Wamba Wamba.

These Remains are stored at a location where it is not appropriate anymore on a number of grounds for them to remain there. As such I am offering my assistance to facilitate the collection of those remains by the relevant TO's as I have had some involvement in the management and am acutely aware of the matters that surround their storage.

I am sure that you can appreciate that this is a very sensitive matter. The history regarding those Remains in their storage and lack of treatment for re-internment is in fact quite tenuous.

Following is an outline of the history that is relevant to this matter.

- The Victorian state government funds regional cultural heritage programs, the 'North West Regional Aboriginal Cultural Heritage' is formed and is auspiced by the 'North West Nations Clans Aboriginal Corporation'.

- The NWRACH operates from 2000-2007 and is directed by a board of TO's, Mr. Gary Murray is the Chairperson during that period.

- The NWRACH during this period receives numerous ancestral human remains during this period in assisting TO's as a program to provide services.

- The NWRACH during this period at direction of TO's returns many remains to them directly and/or assists in re-internment.

- From about 2007 Remains are moved to 'Menera' a property over the border from Swan Hill in NSW as the NWRACH is advised it will no longer be operating as the state government will use these funds in the future to regionalize its own staff.

- The NWRACH facilitates the creation of a fenced off burial site at the property and also engages research upon remains to determine the provenance.

- 'Menera' is a property acquired by the Indigenous Land Corporation, from an application by the NWNAC.

The NWNAC assists in the management of 'Menera' for the ILC and also facilitates another corporation (Wiran Aboriginal Corporation) being set up to work with the ILC in operating the property and to evidence competence they can hold the title.

- The WAC enters into an agreement with ILC to operate the property; this agreement is not fulfilled by the WAC.

- The WAC and or Wamba Wamba TO's (2010/2011) unsure of what capacity of group acting under arranges for internment of remains at the property burial site.

- The ILC since there has been no appropriate person living at the property has made numerous requests that the remains be respectfully and appropriately re-located from the property. Given their requests they have never made a direction that this must happen, but in respect for the matter to be dealt with sensitively.

- Recently some TO's have become aware that their ancestral remains have been kept at the property and have expressed concern about this and have requested that they be able to deal with this in particular be able to pick them up and take them away to be dealt with appropriately.

- The Dja Dja Wurrung and Barapabarapa remains have been removed from the property and only the Wamba Wamba and Wati Wati remains are still present as at 7th February 2012.

It is important that BB and WW TO's at their earliest convenience make a decision about their remains as it is inappropriate that they remain at this property. There is a real

risk that the NSW government can and could take control of those remains as the relevant authority in the absence of 'Aboriginal Custody'.

It is understood that in a legal context generally that the remains are in fact in the custody of Aboriginal people but this initially took place in terms of Commonwealth legislation that relates to Victoria, this was continued with the enactment of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, the risk is now that the remains could be taken by another government because of their location and or further concern by other TO's as to the treatment of the remains. It is pertinent know that the TO's are allowed to pick up their remains at their earliest possible convenience.

I look forward to your assistance in this matter, to be able to inform the relevant TO's through your processes if you think it is appropriate.

Regards,
Rodney Carter

Dearden, Mark

From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2012 8:45 AM
To: tkelly
Cc: Dearden, Mark
Subject: Remains at menera

Hi Tony,

I refer to our chat on Wednesday.

I confirm that for any Aboriginal people wishing to access the remains at Menera, the ILC is not in a position to deal with substantive issues as to who are the appropriate persons to have such access between the various Aboriginal people that might make such claims. The ILC is really very much a bare and somewhat accidental custodian of such remains and has no objection if the appropriate Aboriginal people wish to remove them.

Any person wishing to effect such access for this purpose should, in seeking ILC permission as land owner, contact at first instance my colleague Mark Dearden to make suitable arrangements. For purposes of actual physical access, they will also need to contact the resident share farmer Mr Manual to arrange a suitable time for access.

I stress the protocol is that contact must be made with both Mr Dearden and Mr Manual; and not one or the other.

I understand previously Mr Rodney Carter has followed this approach for access purposes and our dealings with Mr Carter have been orderly and professional.

Regards,

Paul Hayes



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8 March 2012

Brief to Chairperson

Through: Chief Executive Officer

**Complaint from Mr Garry Murray Wamba Wamba Native Title Full Claim Group –
Ancestral Remains Repatriations**

Executive Summary

The Contact Officer of the Wamba Wamba Native Title Full Claim Group, Mr Garry Murray, has written to you making allegations and complaints in respect to the ILC's involvement in an alleged improper removal of repatriated remains held on the ILC held property Menera. A copy of Mr Murray's letter, which was received by the ILC on 27 February 2012, is attached.

(iii) Ancestral Remains

During WAC's tenure, Mr Murray took delivery of certain ancestral remains from two museums. Some ancestral remains were interred on Menera and others were left in the shearers' quarters. After its lease on Menera expired in April 2008, WAC vacated the premises, but left a number of repatriated remains in the shearers' quarters. The remains that were left in the shearers' quarters are believed to be of Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta and possibly Wamba Wamba decent. The ILC did not formally agree to WAC leaving the remains there, but has tolerated the arrangement..

(iv) The ILC's General Approach

The ILC's approach to the ancestral remains has been very measured and restrained as a sign of respect to the remains and the sensitive environment relating to their repatriation. The ILC is prepared for the remains to stay on Menera until the relevant Aboriginal traditional owners and/or relevant institutions make alternative arrangements for their eventual and final repatriation in accordance with Aboriginal culture. The ILC has encouraged interested parties to agree on a way forward, but has not become actively involved in dealing with the issues. It has taken a largely hands-off approach, but is happy to facilitate appropriate access to interested parties in the ILC's capacity as property owner.

In 2010 the ILC agreed to Mr Murray accessing the property when he expressed an intention to remove Dja Dja Wurrung remains with the view to him returning them to the Dja Djha Wurrung community. It is understood those that are still in the shearers' quarters are either Yorta Yorta or Wamba Wamba remains, but identification is required to specifically determine heritage.

The ILC has declined to go into the building so as not to create the opportunity for misplaced allegations of ILC interference. Consequently, its knowledge of what is contained in the shearers' quarters is based upon third party reports.

(v) More Recent Developments

In 2011 the Executive Director of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) informed the ILC of its role in assisting to resolve the issue. The ILC understands AAV and Wamba Wamba elders who live in the region are planning to move the remains to an appropriate keeping place where identification can be undertaken. Additionally, Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) was

approached to assist by one community member (Mr Rodney Carter) with a view to relocating the remains back to Victoria. The ILC has generally been supportive of these proposals, but not actively involved in them, and is very much a third party. The ILC understands negotiations are reaching a point where the remains are expected to be removed off the property within the next few months.

Over the last few weeks Mr Murray and his nephew Mr Jida Gulpill-Murray have been actively lobbying against any action on the remains on Menera. Both have phoned the ILC's Central Division Office (CDO) staff using unacceptably intemperate language. Mr Murray has a long history of taking an aggressive approach towards CDO staff. Mr Murray has also recently called the sharefarmer in a similar vein. Mr Gulpill-Murray has called AAV staff and alleged that the remains are missing. The ILC is of the view that no remains are missing and has no information about unauthorised access.

Finally, in response to the points at paragraph 16, the ILC is entirely neutral regarding the regime or process that might be adopted for any repatriation of the ancestral remains. The ILC simply has no role of any sort in that matter. It is entirely up to the Aboriginal groups and interested institutions to progress these matters in their exercise of self-determination. The only role of the ILC will be, upon application, to grant people access to Menera to progress their agreed strategy.

Response

It is recommended that any response to Mr Murray be respectful, but clear that the ILC is unaware of any ancestral remains being removed from the property and that Director Atkinson has had no involvement with any decisions relation to Menera and/or the remains. The proposed response makes it clear that the ILC will respond to any appropriate Agency/ Authority that seeks to deal with the remains and feels no obligation to be answerable or accountable to Mr Murray specifically on the matter. However, as an offer of goodwill, the proposed response includes an undertaking for the ILC to advise NTSV of any activity in relation to the remains as and when it becomes aware of them.

Finally, given the allegations about Director Atkinson are so vague and apparently without substance or merit, neither CDO staff nor I, in reviewing this matter, felt it was appropriate to put the concerns directly to Director Atkinson. However, the Chief Executive Officer spoke with Director Atkinson on 7 March 2012, who confirmed that he has had no dealings in his capacity as an ILC Director in respect to the Menera property or the remains that exist there.

Mike O'Ryan
Director Policy and Program Development

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2012 10:09 AM
To: Billows, Wiebke
Subject: RE: Visits to Menera

Hi Wiebke

I have discussed a response to this request for access to Menera briefly with Reg. A draft response is outlined below. Happy to discuss further. Cheers, Mark

Mr Tony Kelly
 Senior Lawyer
 Native Title Services Victoria
 642 Queensberry St (PO Box 431) North Melbourne VIC 3051

Dear Tony

In response to your request on behalf of the Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa Native Title Claim Group (Vic) for access to Menera Station on the afternoon of Wednesday 23 May 2012. (emailed request dated 18 May 2012)

The ILC asks that the following matters are agreed to prior to the arrangements for a visit being confirmed.

The ILC welcomes a visit by the nominated group to assess Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa remains in storage on Menera with the exception of the participation of Jida Gulpilil Murray. Due to past difficulties Jida Gulpilil Murray's presence on Menera is not agreed to.

The visit will be subject to the availability of the sharefarmer John Manuel . He will be asked to facilitate access only to the shearers quarters where the remains are stored and the burial area if this is required by the group.

The ILC requests that no remains be removed from the property without prior discussion with the ILC.

If these matters are agreed the ILC will contact John Manuel and make the required arrangements. The group will be expected to contact John Manuel immediately prior to the visit.

Regards

Paul Hayes
 Senior Counsel
 Indigenous Land Corporation

From: Foster, Reg
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2012 12:56 PM
To: Billows, Wiebke; Dearden, Mark; Read, Sandra
Subject: FW: Visit to Menera

I will be in this afternoon to discuss our response.

Reg Foster
 Windows Phone

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2012 11:55 AM
To: Foster, Reg; Billows, Wiebke; Read, Sandra
Subject: RE: Draft response to request for access to Menera by WWB from Native Title Services Victoria

Mr Tony Kelly
 Senior Lawyer
 Native Title Services Victoria

Dear Tony

Re your email request dated 18 May 2012 on behalf of the Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa Native Title Claim Group (WWB) for access to Menera Station on the afternoon of Wednesday 23 May 2012.

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Your agreement to the following matters is required prior to confirmation of access for WWB:

The visit will be subject to the availability of the sharefarmer, Mr John Manuel. Mr Manuel will be asked to facilitate access for WWB restricted to the shearers quarters where the remains are stored and the burial area, if required by WWB.

The ILC requests that no remains be removed from the property without prior discussion with the ILC.

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Regards

SIGN OFF

From: Foster, Reg
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Subject: FW: Visist to Menera

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From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: 18/05/2012 10:16 AM
To: Foster, Reg
Subject: FW: Visist to Menera

Reg,

For your information and thoughts.

Paul

From: Tony Kelly
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2012 10:41 AM
To: Hayes, Paul
Cc: Rhonda Dye
Subject: Visist to Menera

Hello Paul

A couple of representatives from the Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa (WWB) native title claim group wish to visit Menera Station on Wednesday 23 May in the afternoon. They are the nominated contact people from the WWB negotiating team and wish to assess what WWB Aboriginal remains are in storage on the property before the next meeting of the negotiating team which is scheduled for 29 May.

It is expected that the following people will attend:

- Gary Murray
- Jida Gulpilil Murray
- Esther Kirby
- Bella Kennedy
- Brendan Kennedy
- Rhonda Dye (Community Liaison Officer NTSV)

Please advise if this is okay or what steps I need to take to get permission.

Regards
Tony

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Paul,

See CDO's recommended response for your consideration and subsequent action.

Regards

Reg Foster
 Divisional Manager
 Central Division

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The visiting party's agreement to the following matters is required prior to confirmation of access:

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- b. The ILC requests that no remains be removed from the property without prior discussion with the ILC.

If these matters are agreed, the ILC will contact Mr Manuel and make the required arrangements. WWB will be expected to contact Mr Manuel immediately upon arrival at the property. It would be appreciated if the party could give some indication of a time that they plan to arrive and how long they plan to stay so that Mr Manuel can plan his day.

Regards

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File Note

Subject: *Merriman*

Date: *23/5/12*

I called John Manuel yesterday to arrange the visit by Jerry Murray and others to the property to inspect the remains in the Sheavers quarters.

John stated the afternoon of 23/5/12 was ok.

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I called back & informed John that the visit had been postponed.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
 Project Advisor, CDO



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Chief Executive Officer

Strategy for the ongoing management of ILC-held property Menera Station

PURPOSE

To seek Delegate approval:

Seven (7) pages redacted under section 22(1)(b)

Storage Shed for Remains

In discussion with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and senior Wamba Wamba people it has been determined the establishment of a storage shed for repatriated Aboriginal remains on Menera is not appropriate strategy and CDO are working with the parties involved find an alternative.

Six (6) pages redacted under section 22(1)(b)

Dearden, Mark

From: Tony Kelly [TKelly]
Sent: Friday, 31 August 2012 3:13 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: RE: Menera visit

hello mark

Change of plan. Our meeting went longer than thought. Kenny Stewart will head out tomorrow. He will ring John to arrange.

Regards

Tony

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Friday, 31 August 2012 10:07 AM
To: Tony Kelly
Subject: RE: Menera visit

Hi Tony

I am happy to facilitate this visit in relation to the human remains stored in the shearers quarter on Menera.

I have called and left a message for John Manuel, the Menera sharefarmer. I was not able to speak directly to him.

He will likely be available but this has not been confirmed. Can Ken or Garry please call him to confirm he is available before visiting Menera.

John's contact numbers are

Regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor
Central Division Office
Indigenous Land Corporation
Level 7/121 King William Street
Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 08 8100-7136

From: Tony Kelly [mailto:TKelly]
Sent: Friday, 31 August 2012 9:23 AM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: Menera visit

Hello mark

Gary Murray and Ken Stewart, wamba wamba traditional owners, request a visit to menera station this afternoon. They are attending a native title meeting in kerang and it would be convenient to visit to day if possible. The purpose relates to the human remains stored on the property.

Please let me know if this visit can be facilitated today.

Regards
Tony Kelly
Sent from my Windows Phone

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File Note

Subject: *Manera visit by Ken Stewart*

Date: *3/9/12*

I called Tony Kelly to enquire if the proposed visit had been undertaken.

Tony had no details but agreed to follow up with Ken Stewart.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 4:37 PM
To: 'Tony Kelly'
Subject: RE: Menera Station

Thanks Tony

Regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor
Central Division Office
Indigenous Land Corporation
Level 7/121 King William Street
Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 08 8100-7136

From: Tony Kelly [<mailto:TKelly>]
Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 4:30 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: Menera Station

Hello Mark

I just spoke to Ken Stewart. He made contact with John and arranged to visit the station on Saturday 1 Sept to inspect some Aboriginal human remains that are being stored on the property. But when he arrived John wasn't home and as he hadn't left a key Ken was unable to enter the shed where the remains are held.


Ken was not too worried and will liaise with John to find another time for him to visit.

We will endeavour to keep you informed.

Regards

Tony

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BOARD DECISION PAPER

BOARD MEETING No. 176

Date: 18 June 2014

MENERA Station, New South Wales
LEASING AND DIVESTMENT STRATEGY
PROJECT ID: A/0634

Purpose

Three (3) pages redacted under section 22(1)(b)

Repatriated Remains on Menera

During Wiran's tenure on the property repatriated *Wamba Wamba* Ancestral remains were reburied in a fenced area on the property and this area is now a culturally significant place for *Wamba Wamba* people. Other Ancestral remains were stored in a room at the shearer's quarters without the ILC's knowledge or consent. Repeated attempts by the ILC to work with custodians, the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Board and the Heritage Branch of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (who were involved in the initial return of the Ancestral remains) have not been successful in having these remains reinterred or appropriately stored. The remains continue to be stored on the property and the ILC is working with the Victorian Government to organise their relocation.

² LH/000634-17 folio 4300-4287, Valuation and Report Menera Station Boyd-Law & Wood, June 2010

³ LH/000634-01, folio 124 Land Acquisition Report and Full Assessment

⁴ LH/000634-01, folio 516

⁵ LH/000634-01, folio 1834-1839

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File Note

Subject:

Date:

Making with Rob Connelly - Local Advisory Committee.
(Met 14/10/14)

- Rob & Rod Carter have assessed the repatriated remains and have arranged for them to be returned to the appropriate groups for reburial.
- Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

14/10/14



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File Note

Subject: *Menara*

Date: *3/2/15*

I called and spoke to Rob Connelly and

He has progressed the sorting of an ^{18man} unsorted
with Rod Carter (in Rods capacity as Chair of the
Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Board). Arrangements
have been made with Wamba Wamba and
Wadi Wadi people and negotiations were ongoing
with Yorta Yorta.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO



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File Note

Subject:

Menwa - Call from Rob Connelly

Date:

4/3/15

Rob called & discussed a range of matters.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Rob stated Aboriginal Affairs NSW had undertaken an assessment of the Ancestral remains stored on Menara. They intend to seize the remains and transport them across the ~~border~~ border to Vic. where AAU will take possession. The remains will then be placed in an appropriate keeping place and contact with the relevant groups made in relation to the return and reburial.

Rob has met with AAU in Bendigo and will meet with them again. He will provide detailed reporting in relation to this matter, who was involved etc in due course.

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2015 2:29 PM
To: Larkin, Tim
Subject: Ancestral Remains on Menera

Hi Tim

The Ancestral remains that were stored on Menera have now been removed from the property by NSW authorities to a safe keeping place for cleaning and re-packaging before being returned to Traditional Owners for reburial.

The building they were stored in will be smoked next week.

cheers

Mark

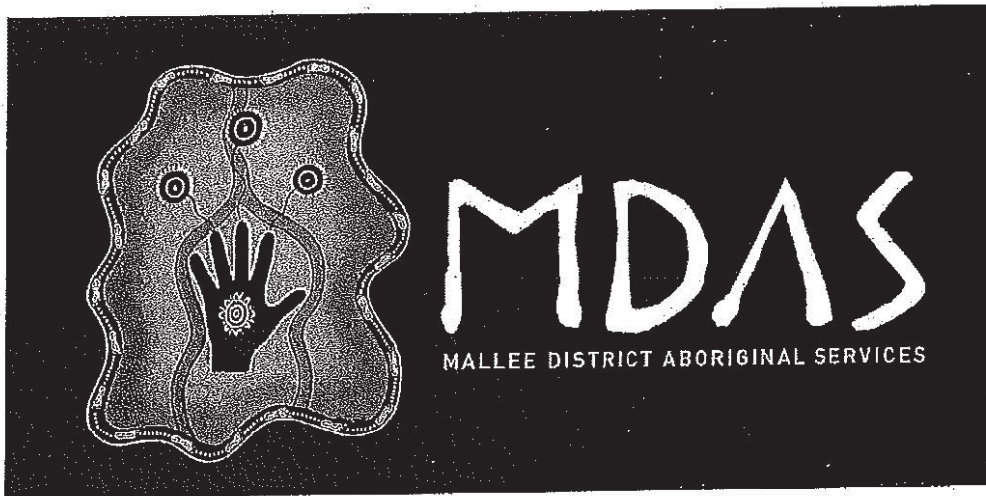
Category 4

All documents held by the ILC that relate to the Repatriations at Menera to and from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services.

Nil

Category 5

All documents held by the ILC that relate to the Repatriations at Menera to and from the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation (MACI) trading as Mallee District Aboriginal Services Board, CEO, staff or agents.



**Mallee District Aboriginal Services
Progress Report
January 2015**

**Directed to
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For
Menera Station
(LH/000634)**

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Re-burial of Cultural Remains

An assessment of the cultural remains stored on Menera has been carried out by Rob Connelly and Rodney Carter. The remains are from Wamba Wamba, Wadi Wadi and Yorta Yorta people.

Rob has had meetings with Wamba Wamba community representatives and Wadi Wadi community representatives. Re-burial of the Wamba Wamba remains is planned for the end of February at the current re-burial site on Menera. The Wadi Wadi remains are to be buried on Wadi Wadi Country. Rob is in the process of contacting representatives of the Yorta Yorta community to arrange handover of the Yorta Yorta remains. This will be followed up in February 2015.

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Category 6

All documents held by the ILC that relate to the Repatriations at Menera to and from the Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council Board or Staff or other individuals.



File Note

Subject: Menewa Divestment.
Date: 10/3/09

Garry Murray contacted me in relation to the divestment exercise being undertaken in relation to Menewa. He had been contacted by Robby Knight who asked for his assistance with his application. Garry asked for details on who had been contacted but seemed to have these details anyway.

He asked about an extension of time in relation to a submission - I replied that an extension had already been given and the ILC would be reluctant to extend the time further.

Garry stated that he did not think any of the groups involved in Menewa had the capacity to submit an application and that the Wamban Wamban did not want to be farmers.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor

I suggested to him that Menewa might not be suitable given the type of land use the local groups were interested in eg. a cultural retreat, camping place - facilities to run mens groups, meetings etc within low overheads and within the local groups capacity to manage the land holding.

He spoke of Wamba Wamba attachment to Menewa - in particular the fact that some 40 burials had been undertaken there.

I raised the serious concern we have in relation to the many boxes of remains still stored in the shearers quarters. He agreed this was an issue of great concern that needed to be dealt with and that he would raise it at the Native Title meeting to be held 14/3/09 at Swan Hill.

A range of other matters were discussed in a frank & open manner. Gary acknowledged that past interaction with the LLC had caused difficulties but he was willing to "raise the white flag".

Gary seemed to accept the current process would go ahead and that one option for the LLC may be to sell Menewa. Gary alluded to a coming Native Title finding in relation to Wamba Wamba but it was not clear that this would have any impact on moving forward with Menewa.



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File Note

Subject: Manera
Date: 12/2/10

I returned a call from Gary Murray - TO for Wamba Wamba area. He asked for access to Manera so a group of people including members of the Steniant family could assess the remains stored on Manera.

Gary stated they had a list of what was stored there and the origin of the remains. Not all the remains are Wamba Wamba. Some (5 boxes are Dja Dja Wurring) will be returned to the appropriate groups after discussions.

There is a Native Title meeting being held at Swan Hill and the issue of the remains will be discussed at this meeting.

Gary stated that the Victorian Native Title findings would be landed down within a year and this may lead to the establishment of a corporate body with ongoing funding.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

He stated this body may seek title of Manera.

I told Gary no decisions had been made by the ILC in relation to Manera.

Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Friday, 12 February 2010 4:13 PM
To: 'garyjohnmurray'
Subject: Menera

Hi Garry

To confirm our conversation over the phone. The ILC approves your request to visit Menera to undertake an assessment of the ancestral remains stored in the shearers quarters on the property. This is rather short notice but I have left a message with John Manuel's wife that you would visit the property with other Wamba Wamba people over the weekend.

If there is any decision made in relation to the removal any of the ancestral remain by Wamba Wamba people please keep the ILC fully informed of what is to be removed and when in writing. Although the ILC is not the owner of the ancestral remain, while they are stored on ILC property we are most concerned to ensure they are dealt with in a culturally appropriate manner and that the ILC is fully informed of what actions have been taken in relation to them.

regards

Mark

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor
Central Division Office
Indigenous Land Corporation

Dearden, Mark

From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2010 2:58 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Cc: Jenkins, Paul
Subject: FW: WWNTG SUPPORT FOR MENERA TO BE DIVESTED RE: Menera

Mark,

Please see me to have a quick chat about this when you have a sec; but no hurry.

Paul

From: Gary Murray [mailto:garyjohnmurray]
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2010 2:09 PM
To: Dearden, Mark; a howard; ; Hayes, Paul
Subject: WWNTG SUPPORT FOR MENERA TO BE DIVESTED RE: Menera

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GARY MURRAY
WAMBA WAMBA NATIVE TITLE APPLICANT

Subject: Menera
Date: Fri, 12 Feb 2010 16:13:25 +1030
From: [mark.dearden](#)
To: [garyjohnmurray](#)

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regards

Mark

Mark Dearden

Project Advisor

Central Division Office

Indigenous Land Corporation

Dearden, Mark

From: Gary Murray [garyjohnmurray]
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2010 2:09 PM
To: Dearden, Mark; a howard; amclean ; Hayes, Paul
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File Note

Subject: *Menewa.*
 Date: *1/3/2010*

*Matthew Stewart - a member of Wamber Wamba
 settled in relation to Menewa Station*

*I spoke about the ILC's concerns about the
 Ancestral remains. Matthew stated
 he is happy to raise with other TO's
 he has contact with but feels there
 is little that can be done in the
 current situation. The same players who were part of
 stream are now controlling the Wamber Wamba Land
 Council and are a barrier to moving forward. AD.*

He did state if they (the association) had a lease over Menewa it would be much easier to get the right people together to take appropriate action in relation to the remains.

Dearden, Mark

From: Billows, Wiebke
Sent: Tuesday, 15 June 2010 4:17 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: RE: Access and Menera Repatriations

Thanks Mark

Wiebke Billows

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From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, 15 June 2010 1:56 PM
To: 'Gary Murray'
Cc: Billows, Wiebke
Subject: RE: Access and Menera Repatriations

Dear Garry

The ILC welcomes the opportunity for culturally appropriate action to be undertaken by Wamba Wamba people in relation to the Ancestral Remains which have been stored in the shearers quarters on Menera for many years. This has been a matter of concern for the ILC and the ILC is happy to support the visit to Menera Station by you and the Native Title Group responsible for the Ancestral Remains.

I have called John Manuel and informed him that you will be arranging a visit for a group to inspect and undertake an assessment of the remains. I have no list or details of what is stored at Menera and would welcome any information you are able to provide about what is removed and what is still stored in the shearing shed to help ensure its continued protection.

John has confirmed he has removed the lock and understands you will replace it with another during this visit.

regards

Mark

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Adelaide SA 5001
Ph: 08 8100-7136

From: Gary Murray [mailto:garyjohnmurray]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 June 2010 12:27 PM
To: Dearden, Mark; John Manuel; Jida Gulpilil; amclean@bigpond.com; ken stewart; Margaret Gardiner; Rhonda Dye; VICKI NICHOLSON BROWN
Subject: Access and Menera Repatriations

Dear Mark,

The Wamba Wamba/Baraparapa/Wadi Wadi Native Title Groups' Negotiating Teams will be meeting in Kerang this Friday and Saturday. As discussed it is requested that access to the Menera property be approved for our People to inspect the repatriations and to determine their future reburials. Please confirm by return email. Have emailed John Manuel into this email. Five repatriations will be removed and returned to Dja Dja Wurrung Country in preparation for a final repatriation.

Please confirm by return email.

See Yaalong the Rivers, in the Mallee, Up the Mountain or In the Big Smoke,

GARY MURRAY

DJA DJA WURRUNG WAMBA WAMBA BARAPARAPA WADI WADI NATIVE TITLE APPLICANT

**REPORT TO THE DJA DJA WURRUNG NTG - RECOVERY OF ANCESTORS
REMAINS, MENERA STATION REPOSITED AT BOOR TIN DJA DJA WURRUNG
COUNTRY**

On Sunday 20 June 2010 Dja Dja Wurrung Representatives with the kind assistance of NTSV's CEO Chris Marshall inspected Ancestral Human Remains repositied at Menera Station at the request of the Wamba Wamba People.

The Dja Dja Wurrung were aware that five boxes were repositied there some time ago including Kennedy's Sandpit south east of Bendigo (HB 63, 64, 65 and 66) and from East Lodden near Boort (HB 127 and 128), one of these may be the Remains of Lerimburneen *aka King Billy Logan* (the great grandfather of Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls JP; MBE; OAM; KCVO Bapa Mamus) who was buried in 1865 on the Lodden at Powlett Plains station around the same time.

Others were also identified and it is unclear who repositied them on Menera as they were not identified previously. These others are identified as follows:

- T/L 0596 HB 191 Pub Paddock, Bridgewater
- T/L HB 206 and HB 174 Avon Park
- X48064 Tedddy Waddy
- X45525 Two Individuals Shepherd's Flat, Daylesford
- X 72793 St Arnaud

All have now been recovered and returned to Dja Dja Wurrung for Ceremony on Dja Dja Wurrung Country.

See Yaalong the Rivers, In the Mallee, Up the Mountain or in the Big Smoke,

**GARY MURRAY
CONTACT CHAIR WAMBA WAMBA NEGOTIATING TEAM
&
DJA DJA WURRUNG YUPAGALK WAMBA WAMBA BARAPARAPA WADI WADI
NATIVE TITLE APPLICANT**



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File Note

Subject:

Date:

(LH/000634 15)
folio 4115

Director ATSI Collection
Michael Pickeringⁿ National Museum Australia
was contacted 6 Jan 2010. In follow up
discussion he stated they would not act unless
requested in writing by members of Uumba Uumba

12/2/10 LH/000634 folio 4117

Request to access Mewa from Gary Murray
Stated he had a list of what is stored there
Working with a group of people including members
of the Stewart family removed 5 boxes
of Dja Dja Working for reburial elsewhere.

ILC responded with advice from our Legal Council

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

8 Feb 2011 ^{LH/000634-18}
(folio 4529)

Gary Murray states that Wamba Utamba have repatriated some 40 burials on Manora
intended to seek heritage protection through
Commonwealth legislation.

26/11/10 + 28/11/10

Discussion with Matthew Stewart, Ken Knight
and John? included involving senior men
in dealing with the remains.

Ken agrees to work with Rodney Carter and
others on this issue.



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File Note

Subject: *Menera*
Date: *20/2/2012*

Gary Murray called and enquired about the "status of the remains on Menera.

He claimed he was the only one who had the authority to do anything with these remains and if any had been removed without his permission he would regard it as theft and report it to the police.

I stated we had been in contact with David Clark from AAU who had written to the Heritage Council in relation to this matter.

Gary then asked if Graeme Atkinson had been involved and suggested he was abusing his position in relation to this matter. I stated that there had not been any involvement by Graeme to my knowledge.

Action to be taken:

Report to OM & DM

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDC

WAMBAMBA WADI WADIBARAPARA NATIVE TITLE GROUP

c/o Mr Tony Kelly, Lawyer, Native Title Services, Victoria Ltd

645 Collins Street, North Melbourne 3052

Contact Officer: Hazel Atkinson and Gary Murray

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Dr Dawn Casey PSM FAHA
Chair Indigenous Land Corporation
Level 7
121 King William Street
Adelaide SA 5001

22 February 2012

Dear Dr Casey

**FORMAL COMPLAINT - REPATRIATIONS
MENARA STATION MURRA LANE MELLOOL NEW SOUTH WALES
IN WAMBAMBA COUNTRY**

Incident

5. On Saturday 18 February 2012 the Contact Officer received a telephone call from a Traditional Owner confirming that Graham Atkinson (aka DDWCAC Chair, ILC Board member, NTSV Chair, VTOLIG Co-Chair and uncle to the former NWRACHP regional director) had stated that a certain individual had buried the Menera remains. Subsequent telephone calls on 19 and 20 February 2012 to other Traditional Owners, AAV, VAHC and the ILC could not clarify the situation leaving us no choice to call for an investigation by authorities possibly also including the NSW Police this week.
6. Given the ILC's ownership and management of Menera the information conveyed about the details of this incident borders on unprofessional conduct at best given the need to secure the Menera repatriations and, more importantly the need to deal directly with the recognised Wamba Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Full Claim Native Title Group or its Contact Officers or Legal Representatives.
7. The recently appointed ILC Board member Graham Atkinson's nephew Rodney Carter a DSE/DPI Public Servant and another DSE Public Servant Russell Smith have deliberately bypassed the Wamba Wamba Native Title Group and allegedly acted as individuals. This will be brought up at an urgent meeting of all the Clans of the Wamba Wamba, Wadi Wadi and Baraparapa Peoples. Both Carter and Atkinson also sit on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

Complaints

8. That the Indigenous Land Corporation did not contact or consult with the Wamba Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Full Claim Native Title Group or its Contact Officers or Legal Representatives authorised by the recognised body representing and acting for all Claimants. This is despite the fact that ILC Adelaide staff have had communications from NTSV Legal representatives and are fully aware of whom they should contact with respect to repatriations on Menera.
9. That the ILC authorised an individual or individuals to enter Menera and the repository and subsequently remove Ancestral Human Remains without any authority from the Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group. These individuals have no authorisation or approval from the Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group to take repatriations from Menera or anywhere else.
10. That the ILC Adelaide Office when contacted on the Monday 20 February 2012 could not provide any details about the incident at Menera eg no names, no time or dates, etc or explanation as to why. The ILC officer was uncooperative, rude and only mentioned communications with AAV (David Clark) and that other unnamed Traditional Owners took the repatriations. No written communications or pro-active conduct arose from any ILC Officer with respect to the Repatriations.
11. That the ILC Board member (G. Atkinson) had apparent knowledge of the incident given his alleged comments at the DDWCAC Bendigo board meeting on 18 February 2012 and given his multiple roles in native title, cultural heritage and the ILC, Atkinson did not convey any information to the Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group with respect to the illegal removal of Ancestral Remains off Menera.
12. The conduct of Mr Atkinson (and his nephew Rodney Carter) in native title and cultural heritage is questionable and under scrutiny to a point where there may be accusations of bias and conflict between he and clients of the ILC and other bodies both now and in any future dealings between the ILC and Wamba Wamba Traditional Owners
13. It is therefore requested that the ILC provide a commitment that its dealings with the Wamba Wamba and other Peoples will be done in good faith and without bias and the negativity so far, particularly when it comes to the future of Menera. It is also time that the

ILC dealt with the negativity and divisive tactics in the ILC with respect to Menera and its future direction.

14. A subsequent telephone call on 20 February 2012 to the VAHC confirmed that AAV's Mr Clark had forwarded a letter of enquiry to the VAHC about the Menera Station repatriations. Mr Clark has also not contacted the Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group. Both Graham Atkinson and his nephew Rodney Carter are appointed Government members on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council and would have presumably participated in discussions with respect to Clark's letter of enquiry.
15. The Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group requests an investigation into our complaints as a matter of urgency.
16. The Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group also requests the ILC's support in now finalizing the repatriations off Menera as a matter of urgency and requests an urgent meeting with you to discuss our concerns about the future of Menera Station and the Repatriations. Schedule One outlines the direction all eight clans of the Wamba Wamba Native Title Full Claim group are heading in settling their native title and land justice claims, managing cultural heritage and developing economic enterprises.
17. The Wamba Wadi Wadi Baraparapa Native Title Group have forwarded this Complaint by email to Wamba Wamba People, our Legal Representatives and to the Premier of Victoria Hon Ted Baillieu MP, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Hon Jeanette Powell MP, and the Minister for the Environment Hon Ryan Smith MP for an investigation given the possible roles of public servants in this Wamba Wamba major repatriation issue.

Yours sincerely,


GARY MURRAY
CONTACT OFFICER
WAMBA WAMBA NATIVE TITLE FULL CLAIM GROUP

Four (4) pages redacted under section 22(1)(b)

From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: 18/05/2012 10:16 AM
To: Foster, Reg
Subject: FW: Visist to Menera

Reg,

For your information and thoughts.

Paul

From: Tony Kelly [TKelly]
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2012 10:41 AM
To: Hayes, Paul
Cc: Rhonda Dye
Subject: Visist to Menera

Hello Paul

A couple of representatives from the Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa (WWB) native title claim group wish to visit Menera Station on Wednesday 23 May in the afternoon. They are the nominated contact people from the WWB negotiating team and wish to assess what WWB Aboriginal remains are in storage on the property before the next meeting of the negotiating team which is scheduled for 29 May.

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Please advise if this is okay or what steps I need to take to get permission.

Regards
 Tony

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Dearden, Mark

From: Dearden, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2012 9:25 AM
To: Foster, Reg; Hayes, Paul
Cc: Billows, Wiebke
Subject: FW: Access to Menera

Hi Reg and Paul

I have spoken to John Manuel and informed him of the visit to Menera by Garry Murray and others in relation to the remains.

Wednesday 23 May is good for John. He will expect a call from Garry Murray before hand or when they arrive. John did say they were expecting rain on Thursday so tomorrow afternoon will be the best time.

regards

Mark

From: Foster, Reg
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2012 7:58 AM
To: Dearden, Mark; Billows, Wiebke
Subject: FW: Access to Menera

Please contact John and advise Paul and I
Reg Foster
Windows Phone

From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: 21/05/2012 6:41 PM
To: Foster, Reg
Cc: Dearden, Mark; Billows, Wiebke
Subject: FW: Access to Menera

fyi

From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2012 5:10 PM
To: 'tkelly
Subject: Access to Menera

Hi Tony,

Sorry I missed your call. I am presently working out of Perth.

I have passed on your advice to my colleagues who will liaise with Mr Manuel regarding the time proposals. I will revert to you.

Paul

From: Tony Kelly [mailto:TKelly]
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2012 1:52 PM
To: Hayes, Paul
Subject: RE: Access to Menera

Hello Paul

Thank you for your reply. I just tried to ring you but was advised you are still out of the office.

If convenient to Mr Manuel the WWB representatives would like to visit the Menera from approximately 2-4pm on Wednesday. There is some flexibility around this including visiting on Thursday morning if that is more convenient.

I confirm as per condition B that the purpose of the visit is for inspection only.

Feel free to ring me on

Regards

Tony

From: Hayes, Paul
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2012 3:02 PM
To: Tony Kelly
Subject: Access to Menera

Mr Tony Kelly
Senior Lawyer
Native Title Services Victoria
642 Queensberry St (PO Box 431) North Melbourne VIC 3051

Dear Tony

Re your email request dated 18 May 2012 on behalf of the Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa Native Title Claim Group (WWB) for access to Menera Station on the afternoon of Wednesday 23 May 2012.

The ILC welcomes a visit by WWB representatives to assess Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Barapa Barapa remains in storage on Menera with

The visiting party's agreement to the following matters is required prior to confirmation of access:

- a. The visit will be subject to the availability of the sharefarmer, Mr John Manuel. Mr Manuel will be asked to facilitate access for WWB representatives to the shearers quarters where the remains are stored (and the burial area, if required by WWB).
- b. The ILC understands the request is for the purpose of inspecting the remains and not for removal purposes. You should confirm this is the intention.

If these matters are agreed, the ILC will contact Mr Manuel and make the required arrangements. WWB will be expected to contact Mr Manuel immediately upon arrival at the property. It would be appreciated if the party could give some indication of a time that they plan to arrive and how long they plan to stay so that Mr Manuel can plan his day.

Regards

Paul Hayes
General Counsel

From: Tony Kelly [TKelly]
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2012 10:41 AM
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Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

8 March 2012

Mr Gary Murray
Contact Officer
Wamba Wamba Native Title Full Claim Group

Dear Mr Murray

Re: Formal Complaint—Repatriations

I refer to your letter dated 22 February 2012 regarding repatriated ancestral remains held at Menera Station, NSW. Your complaints have been examined by the ILC Director, Policy and Program Development, in accordance with the *ILC Service Charter*.

I am advised that, as far as the ILC is aware, no remains have been removed from the property other than those removed by yourself in 2010. I can further advise that Director Atkinson has had no dealings in his capacity as an ILC Director in respect to the Menera property or the remains that exist there.

I understand that the remains at Menera were left in the shearers' quarters by you after Wiran Aboriginal Corporation vacated the property in April 2008. The ILC has not interfered with nor sought to remove the remains, but has encouraged and will continue to encourage the Wamba Wamba and appropriate Indigenous authorities to deal with the remains in a respectful, dignified and culturally appropriate manner.

The ILC notes your interest in the remains and has previously consented to you accessing those remains upon application to enter the property. That arrangement remains in place.

The ILC has committed and will continue to commit that its dealings with the Wamba Wamba and other people will be undertaken in good faith and without bias, but is not obliged to report to you on these matters as the ILC is not custodian of these remains. The ILC is happy to commit to advising Native Title Services Victoria of any matters that result in activity affecting the remains as and when it learns of them.

Yours sincerely

Dr Dawn Casey PSM FAHA
Chair



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File Note

Subject: Menara - Aboriginal remains.
Date: 16/10/12

I called and discussed Jerry Murrays request with Tony Kelly - Lawyer Native Title Vic. Some members of the Native Title group are not happy the weekend meeting is being used for repatriation of remains stored at Menara. Tony does think overall the move is a positive step re: resolving concerns re the remains. I also called David Clark, AAU & informed him of Jerry's request.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDO

Dearden, Mark

From: Mitchell, Kate
Sent: 10/10/2012 1:00 PM
To: Foster, Reg; North, Craig; Trengove, Greg
Cc: Read, Sandra
Subject: FW: REPATRIATION OF ANCESTORS OFF MENERA STATION FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2012

Hi Reg & Craig,

I received another call from Gary Murray regarding the Repatriation Ceremony at Menera Station. He asked to forward some details on, so I asked him to send it to the generic e-mail address so I could forward it on to both of you. He mentioned his Lawyer had spoken with the Eastern Office last week.


Again, please let me know if I can be of assistance at all.

Kind regards,

Kate Mitchell | Senior Administration Officer
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From: Gary Murray [<mailto:garyjohnmurray@msn.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 October 2012 11:27 AM
To: EDOExternalAppEmail; Dearden, Mark
Cc: HAZEL ATKINSON; Tony Kelly; Jill Webb; ken stewart; Steve Charles; Bella Kennedy; brendan kennedy
Subject: REPATRIATION OF ANCESTORS OFF MENERA STATION FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2012

Mr Craig North
Manager Eastern Division

Dear Craig,

MENERA STATION REPATRIATIONS

Reference to the telephone discussions today with Kate from your office with respect to Repatriations repositied at Menera in Wamba Wamba Country from 2008 by the former North West Regional Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Program.

The Wamba Wamba Baraparapa Wadi Wadi Native Title Full Claim Group will be meeting at Kerang from Friday 12-Sunday 14 October 2012, around 150 Representatives are expected to attend. This meeting will be the last for the year of the Full Claim Group and a Ceremony will be conducted on Saturday morning to handover to the Wadi Wadi, Tati Tati, Yupagalk and other Groups their repatriations for a respectful return to Country and reburial.

It is formally requested that access to Menera be given to Wamba Wamba Representatives (Mr Ken Stewart and Mr Gary Murray) on Friday 12 October 2012 to repatriate all Non Wamba Wamba Ancestors. An urgent response is therefore requested. It is understood Mr Tony Kelly has been unable to contact the relevant officers in the ILC Adelaide Office.

GARY MURRAY

WAMBA WAMBA NATIVE TITLE FULL CLAIM GROUP CONTACT OFFICER

cc. ILC CEO Mr Bruce Gemmel

cc. ILC Chair Dr dawn Casey PSM FAHA

Dearden, Mark

From: Gary Murray [garyjohnmurray]
Sent: Thursday, 11 October 2012 4:05 AM
To: Dearden, Mark; EDOExternalAppEmail
Cc: HAZEL ATKINSON; Tony Kelly; ken stewart; Steve Charles; Bella Kennedy
Subject: RE: REPATRIATION OF ANCESTORS OFF MENERA STATION FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2012

Dear Mark,
 Thanks for the repines and will endeavour to contact John Manuel today to work out a convenient time for him.
 Regards,
 GARY MURRAY
 WW CONTACT OFFICER

From: mark.dearden
To: garyjohnmurray ; EasternOffice
CC: hazelatkinson ; tkelly ; jwebb ; ken.stewart
 brotherbear; bella.kennedy; wringul
Subject: RE: REPATRIATION OF ANCESTORS OFF MENERA STATION FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2012
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2012 03:25:39 +0000

Garry Murray
 Wamba Wamba Native Title Full Claim Group Contact Officer

Dear Garry

The ILC agrees to the request for yourself and Ken Stewart to access Menera on Friday 12 October to repatriate the Aboriginal remains stored there in the shearers quarters. I have not been able to speak directly with the sharefarmer as yet but have left a message informing him that Ken Stewart and yourself intend to visit on Friday.

Could you please contact the sharefarmer directly prior to your visit so he is aware of the time you will arrive.

regards

Mark Dearden

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From: Gary Murray [mailto:garyjohnmurray]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 October 2012 11:57 AM
To: EDOExternalAppEmail; Dearden, Mark
Cc: HAZEL ATKINSON; Tony Kelly; Jill Webb; ken stewart; Steve Charles; Bella Kennedy; brendan kennedy
Subject: REPATRIATION OF ANCESTORS OFF MENERA STATION FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2012

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Reference to the telephone discussions today with Kate from your office with respect to Repatriations repositied at Menera in Wamba Wamba Country from 2008 by the former North West Regional Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Program.

The Wamba Wamba Baraparapa Wadi Wadi Native Title Full Claim Group will be meeting at Kerang from Friday 12-Sunday 14 October 2012, around 150 Representatives are expected to attend. This meeting will be the last for the year of the Full Claim Group and a Ceremony will be conducted on Saturday morning to handover to the Wadi Wadi, Tati Tati, Yupagalk and other Groups their repatriations for a respectful return to Country and reburial.

It is formally requested that access to Menera be given to Wamba Wamba Representatives (Mr Ken Stewart and Mr Gary Murray) on Friday 12 October 2012 to repatriate all Non Wamba Wamba Ancestors. An urgent response is therefore requested. It is understood Mr Tony Kelly has been unable to contact the relevant officers in the ILC Adelaide Office.

GARY MURRAY

WAMBA WAMBA NATIVE TITLE FULL CLAIM GROUP CONTACT OFFICER

cc. ILC CEO Mr Bruce Gemmel

cc. ILC Chair Dr dawn Casey PSM FAHA

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File Note

Subject: Menera Remains - Follow up with Tony Kelly
Date: 15/10/12

Tony Kelly call & confirmed that Gary Murray and Ken Stewart did not visit Menera last Friday. The people at the Native Title meeting were not ready to deal with the issue of repatriated remains at this stage.

Action to be taken:

Mark Dearden
Project Advisor, CDC

Dearden, Mark

From: Larkin, Tim
Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2015 3:11 PM
To: Dearden, Mark
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL - MENERA STATION REPATRIATIONS
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FYI mate

From: Keough, Peter **On Behalf Of** ilcinfo
Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2015 2:25 PM
To: Trengove, Greg
Cc: Larkin, Tim
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL - MENERA STATION REPATRIATIONS

Greg,
 This was sent to the public email address.

Peter

From: robert nicholls [<mailto:robert-nicholls>]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2015 1:45 PM
To: ilcinfo; greg.trengrove
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL - MENERA STATION REPATRIATIONS

Mr Greg Trengrove
 Operations Manager
 Indigenous Land Corporation
 Central Division Office
 Level 7
 121 King William Street
 Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Greg,

Urgent Request for a Status Report on Repatriations Revisited on Menera Station Murray Lane Mellool NSW 2734 and Approval to Rebury Wamba Wamba Ancestors from Museum Victoria

The WWB Chairs write to you in our capacity as the authorised legal arm of the Wamba Wamba Wadi Wadi Barapa Barapa Native Title Full Claim Group and as Applicants for Registered Aboriginal Party status pursuant to the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2010 (Vic). It is our members who have interred burials on Menera Station and who have expressed concern about the future of Menera Station under the current leasing arrangements. WWB Chairs seek to deal direct with the ILC as the owners of the land that our Ancestors are buried in.

Reference to also to WWB discussions with the Victorian Government's Marlon Parsons and the Office of Aboriginal Affairs (see attached letter) about additional repatriations from Wamba Wamba Country and the need to reinter some of these on the current burial ground set aside at Menera by the previous leaseholders. A meeting is currently being arranged in Melbourne to discuss recovery, return and reburial of these Repatriations.

Background - The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) bought Menera Station in 2001 for \$2.88m from the Manual Family's company Wykoo Pty Ltd. An ILC Share Farming Agreement has been in place with Wykoo Pty Ltd from 2001-2017. Menera Station was leased to the Wamba Wamba via the Wiran Aboriginal Corporation (WAC) for three years. Rodney and Jimealie Carter were also tenants residing at Menera Station in the homestead from 2001-2007. It was Carter who initiated the relocation of all Repatriations from his NWRACHP Office in Campbell Street Swan Hill to the renovated shearing quarters on Menera Station. The Carters were removed from Menera Station after disputation over rent and other matters and, Carter

transferred his employment to DSE. In 2008 Ken Stewart took over as NWRACHP Regional Director and Jida Gulpilil moved onto Menera Station.

NWRACHP funding ceased for the five community based RACHPs in June 2008 and the \$3m+ for the five RACHPs allocated to setting up AAV's heritage branch. WAC's lease was also terminated by the ILC in April 2008 after a legal dispute over the lease and funding for infrastructure. Currently the ILC leases Menera to the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation an entity that is being heavily scrutinised by Traditional Owners and State authorities. These events and the lack of resources have made it extremely difficult for the WWB and other groups to complete the repatriation process for those Ancestors repositied on Menera Station during the Carter tenancy and thereafter.

Repatriations – Repatriations were held in museums and government for a long time were released to the now defunct Swan Hill and District Aboriginal Cooperative Limited from 1993 and from 2002 to the North West Region Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Program (NWRACHP). Some of these Repatriations may have been stored at the Cooperative, privately and at Tyntynder Homestead.

Current Issue - It is requested that WWB be provided an urgent status report on the existing Repatriations on Menera Station within the repository and that access be granted to the WWB for additional Wamba Wamba Repatriations to be returned and reburied in the western part of Menera Station along with the other forty burials done in 2008.

It is requested that an urgent meeting be held with the ILC to progress the Ceremonial Reburials of all current repatriations.

Finally, please confirm receipt of this email and three attachments.

Yours sincerely,

Robert H. Nicholls
Hazel Atkinson
Wayne Firebrace
WWB CHAIRS

Correspondence to:
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