



## Dr Patricia Miller AO

Dr Patricia Ann Miller AO was appointed as Deputy of the Administrator of the Northern Territory on 30 June 2002. She is the first female Indigenous Australian to hold such a position and as a member of the Arrernte people she is also the first Northern Territory native title holder to do so.

As Deputy of the Administrator Dr Miller carries out a range of ceremonial duties on behalf of the Administrator of the Northern Territory in Central Australia.

Dr Miller was born in Alice Springs and is a member of the Liddle family which has both traditional and pioneering ties in Central Australia. Her mother Polly Liddle was a traditional Alywarre woman and her father Milton Liddle was of Arrernte and Scottish heritage. Through her parents, Dr Miller is a native title holder and as such she plays a role within the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation which represents native title holders within the municipality of Alice Springs.

Dr Miller is currently the Director of the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, an organisation for which she has worked for since 1978. Prior to this she worked for wholesale/retail distribution companies in Alice Springs for 10 years.

Throughout her time as a resident of Central Australia, Dr Miller has maintained an active and influential role through positions she has held with numerous organisations and councils including Women's Committee House, Central Australian Aboriginal Childcare Agency, Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association, Red Cross Alice Springs, and Chair of Imparja Television Board. More recently Dr Miller was appointed a Community Representative of the Council for the Order of Australia in 2011. Dr Miller is currently a serving Board Member for the Centre of Remote Health and a Member of the Desert Knowledge Leadership Forum.

Dr Miller's contribution to the Northern Territory has been recognised through various awards including being appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2004 for her service to the community as a significant contributor to debate on issues relating to native title, social justice, education, legal services, health and welfare, and the media. In that same year Dr Miller was announced as the NT Australian of the Year.

Dr Miller has a keen interest in sports, especially hockey and has represented Alice Springs in the Master Games. Dr Miller is married to Mr David Miller; they have two sons and four grandchildren.



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