

*A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994*



*NAIDOC Reconciliation Walk 2017 - Notre Dame and Nulungu Staff*

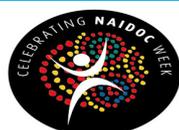


## Ngaji gurrjin - NAIDOC WEEK

Nulungu staff, students and friends walked together with local Broome schools, Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations and people from many other agencies and businesses through the main streets of Broome for the Reconciliation Walk. This event marked the beginning of NAIDOC week celebrations. Nulungu is proud to have several bilingual speakers on staff and everyone associated with Nulungu supports this year's theme of "Our Languages Matter".

## Director's Corner

Welcome to the first 2017 Nulungu Research Institute newsletter. The pace of research activity seems to intensify as the year progresses, with a great many exciting projects unfolding or reaching milestones. As well as our 8 staff members, Nulungu now has over 25 adjunct researchers and 14 Master and Phd researchers - so our little office often seems to burst at the seams. Already this year Nulungu has launched a new publications series, is hosting a visiting scholar, has presented milestone lectures and seminars, is in the middle of upgrading its website, has made the mainstream news several times and is about to publish in one of the highest impact journals in the world. Thanks for your support of Nulungu!  
Sandra Wooltorton



**Our Languages Matter**  
**2-9 JULY 2017**

# NULUNGU NEWS

## AIATSIS Appointment for Steve Kinnane

Many associated with Nulungu and Kimberley writing and research more broadly will know Steve Kinnane and the wonderful work he has undertaken for so long. In addition to being an Adjunct Researcher with Nulungu, and embarking on a PhD at ANU, Steve has been elected for a four year' term as a Councillor at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Institute (AIATSIS) in Canberra. We are very proud of Steve and his appointment. He has brought both commitment and integrity to a wide range of Aboriginal cultural and wellbeing projects. Please see <http://aiatsis.gov.au/news-and-events/news/aiatsis-council-election-results> for further information. AIATSIS is a world-renowned research, collections and publishing organisation that promotes knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, traditions, languages and stories, past and present.



## PRESENTATIONS, PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS



Anne Poelina, Sandra Wooltorton, Anna Dwyer

### Anna Dwyer presents milestone lecture

In April Nulungu hosted the first 2017 Talking Heads seminar featuring Anna Dwyer who, as a Karajarri woman and a vital Nulungu researcher, discussed a decade of research on her Country with Karajarri people. Anna described a variety of projects and how these had helped improve the lives of so many people. Anna's lecture confirmed her many qualities as an extraordinary and committed researcher.

### Anne Poelina launches Nulungu publication series

Dr Anne Poelina, Adjunct Senior Researcher and senior Nyikina woman, also launched Nulungu's publication series in April. Dr Poelina spoke eloquently about the importance of Aboriginal research leadership and engagement emphasising the significance of Aboriginal ways of doing and reporting research to create sustainable ways of living, working and being in the world locally and globally.



Coordinated and edited by Nulungu researchers Mel Marshall, Dr Kathryn Thorburn and Anna Dwyer, with advice from Dr Lynley Wallis, the first paper published in Nulungu Insights was by Anna Dwyer. It focused on her work with Karajarri people and their concerns around climate change on Country. Lynley Wallis and her archaeological team also wrote about their Australian Research Council Linkage project featuring the native mounted police in Queensland history. More information about the Queensland project can be found on the following site: [http://www.nd.edu.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/140513/Insight-Paper-FINAL-31-March-2017.pdf](http://www.nd.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/140513/Insight-Paper-FINAL-31-March-2017.pdf)

### Why Does Language Matter to Aboriginal People?

In the Kimberley some languages are endangered and they may die out in the course of this generation of elders. What is lost when a language disappears? A wealth of knowledge is gone and a death of language can mean the disappearance of culture. The way languages are structured communicates very important concepts and understandings about nature, spirituality relationships and the world.

Language and Culture is inseparable and language is important to us because it connects speakers to cultural identity, kinship systems and it tells us how to shape and care for our landscapes we call 'Country', keeping it alive and strong.

This is why our language matters to us today.

Anna Dwyer, Nulungu Researcher



Anna Dwyer & Kathryn Thorburn

## Anne Street Reserve Broome

An ongoing social history project with local Aboriginal people who experienced life on the Anne St Reserve of Broome in the late 60s, 70s and early 80s, is focused on documenting personal accounts, stories, recollections, photographs and archival material. Meetings have been held with interested ex-residents and the project steering committee with the aim of seeking funding from the Department of Culture and the Arts. Michelle Broun, the new Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) content and messaging at the WA Museum, has also expressed interest, and the project provided a topic of tremendous focus for locals and visitors when Anna and Kathryn gave a Talking Heads presentation at Nulungu on 15 June. The presentation was recorded, so for those who missed it and want to know more please watch our website for the link.

## SANDY TOUSSAINT NULUNGU SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE 2017



Sandy Toussaint (above) and with Chantelle Murray, Murungkurr Terry Murray and Peter Murray looking at the Unesco book at Karriyili in Fitzroy Crossing, Kimberley, Western Australia.



Working in the Kimberley intermittently since the early 1980s means I've seen Nulungu grow, both in scholarship and developing connections throughout the region via research projects, teaching, publishing, lectures and as a meeting place. I'm happy to be part of Nulungu for a few months this year, not only as a professor of anthropology, author and curator, but also as a Scholar-in-Residence. One of the main projects I'm proud to be working on is an exhibition at the UNDA Broome Campus Library that builds on paintings gifted in the 1990s by Indigenous artists to the Campus. Working alongside Kira Webb, Nulungu Intern, and Tim Carter, the exhibition is called *Visual Story-Telling: Painting the Future*. It will formally open on 11 August at UNDA as part of the Corrugated Lines Festival. I'm delighted that the Hon Josie Farrer, Member for the Kimberley, will join me for an 'In Conversation' event at the exhibition opening. Josie and I first met and worked together in the 1980s at the Kimberley Language Resource Centre. The large and highly significant 10 x 8 metre Ngurrara Canvas is also a project I'm working on with the Ngurrara Working Group and Board of Directors through Fitzroy Valley organisations such as Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation, Mangkaja Arts, and Kimberley Law and Culture Centre. It is twenty years since the artists painted the Canvas at Pirnirni, and ten years since the Ngurrara Native Title Determination. During a time of celebration, and far too much sorry business since then, one of the other things I'm collectively working on is nominating the Ngurrara Canvas to be listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.

Sandy Toussaint

You're invited to the  
**Nulungu  
Reconciliation  
Lecture**

2017 | Free event



"Seeing Country" by Nyaparu Laurel, 2012

## 2017 Nulungu Reconciliation Lecture

*Valuing Indigenous People in  
Climate Change*

Presented by Mr Nolan Hunter  
Chief Executive Officer, Kimberley Land Council

**Thursday 24 August 2017**

5.20pm for a 5.30pm start (light refreshments from 6:30pm)

Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia

Multi-Purpose Hall, 88 Guy Street, Broome

RSVP <https://nulungu-reconciliation-lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

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### Patrick Sullivan

**Reciprocal accountability and public value in  
Aboriginal organisations**

Nulungu Professor Patrick Sullivan is leading a major research project funded through a competitive Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant. Dr Julie Lahn and Dr Janet Hunt from the Australian National University, and Dr Kathryn Thorburn from Nulungu Research Institute are also participating in the research. Julie and Janet were recently in the Kimberley to meet with local organisations Marra Worra Worra in Fitzroy Crossing, and the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre. Patrick will be working collaboratively with staff at Nyamba Buru Yawuru in Broome. The project, has already resulted in a publication in review, a presentation at the National Indigenous Studies Conference hosted by AIATSIS in March. Patrick, Julie and Janet are presenting at an international conference in July, 2017.

## Up Coming Events

### Talking Heads Seminar Series

Professor Sandy Toussaint

*Arriving and departing, but never quite leaving: Kimberley  
research narratives over times, persons, places*

Wednesday 9 August 2017, 1230-1330

### Corrugated Lines: A festival of words

*Visual Story-Telling: Painting the Future Exhibition*

Friday 11 August 2017, 1830-1930

### Nulungu Reconciliation Lecture

Thursday 24 August 2017, 1730-1900

(more information in flyer above)

## Nulungu Staff

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## Keeping up to date with what's happening at Nulungu Research Institute

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