

A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994



I bring you good news of a great joy

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Director's Corner

Associate Professor Sandra Wooltorton

As Director of Nulungu, I am delighted to share with you research highlights from semester two, 2017. This year has been an extraordinary year in many ways, particularly in the area of individual staff, adjunct staff and PhD researcher achievements. For example, one of Dr Lynley Wallis's publications 'hit the top' in terms of global reach. You can read it here: <https://www.nature.com/articles/nature22968>

The most significant event of 2017 was Nulungu's inspirational Reconciliation Lecture which was presented by Mr Nolan Hunter, CEO of the Kimberley Land Council. You can watch the presentation here: <http://www.nd.edu.au/research/nulungu>

2018 will be Nulungu's tenth anniversary, and one of the featured events will be the Nulungu Reconciliation Lecture by Professor Lyn Henderson-Yates, who was Nulungu's first Director as well as being the Broome Campus Vice Chancellor.

From all of us at Nulungu Research Institute, Merry Christmas - and may you have a wonderful 2018.



Farewell...

Back in September we said farewell to our wonderful and cheerful colleague, Cathie Martin. Thank you for your contribution and being part of our team!



Welcome to the Team!

Larissa is a Nyikina woman who has family connections across the West Kimberley. Joining Nulungu in 2017, Larissa brings with her a wealth of experience in community research projects, oral history compilations and administrative excellence.



From left: Associate Professor Sandra Wooltorton, Ms Erica Bernard, Bishop Christopher Saunders, Professor Celia Hammond, Mr Nolan Hunter, Professor Juli Coffin and Mr Anthony Watson

Introducing Nulungu's Doctoral Researchers



Gloria Lockyer-Kays
Yawuru/Karriyarra, Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi

PhD Research Title: 'Narratives of Aboriginal Women from the North West about their Experience of Healing using an Integrative Medicine Approach'

This research is based on the belief that healing mind, body and spirit are part of the circle of life: it is the experience that preserves life and it maintains spiritual connections between human beings and their relationship with the earth. Using Narrative questioning, stories will be gathered from 12 women from North West region of Western Australia who have embarked on their own personal healing over a year. Their stories will be gathered and collaboratively presented as meta-narratives about healing.

Kylie Hopkins

PhD Research Title: Growing them up strong: A dietary intake study of remote Indigenous children from infancy to early childhood.

This mixed methods research study aims to establish an informed understanding of the nutritional status of Indigenous children under 2 years of age in selected communities within the East Kimberley and identify the barriers preventing families from providing an optimal diet for their child's growth and development. This information is necessary to plan effective health intervention strategies aimed at improving the nutritional health status of Indigenous children living in remote communities in partnership with families and community controlled health organisations.



Barbara Bynder
Ballardong/Whadjuk Noongar, Badimia Yamitji

PhD Research Title: 'Ngala Kaditjiny Our Culture: Dispute Practice of Contemporary Noongar Women'

This project is an inquiry into the dispute practice of contemporary Noongar women living in the urban environment and the relationship that this has with their idea of culture. The project objectives are to begin a dialogue with Noongar women about culture and dispute practice; offer a platform for Noongar women to have a voice about their culture and to express their representation of their culture in their own way; and to provide evidence based information to inform and empower Noongar women to make change should they choose to do so.

Liz Kent

Professional Doctorate Counselling Research Title: 'Supporting and promoting school staff wellbeing in the Kimberley region of Western Australia: an exploration of the work and role of school psychologists'.

School staff in Kimberley schools work with complex challenges on a regular basis. This qualitative study will explore factors that support and promote school staff wellbeing from the perspectives of school psychologists and school staff working in rural and remote Kimberley schools.



Anne Jennings

PhD Research Title: 'Laudato Si': Community Development Planning and Early Implementation'

This social change research is grounded in the encyclical by Pope Francis (2015): *Laudato Si' - On care for our common home*, which highlights the damage people are causing to the fabric of the planet. The study is one component of a larger Broome-based project, which will eventually involve 3 PhD researchers. Using an action research methodology, my study will design, support and evaluate community development, to draw together recommendations for other transition projects in Australia and elsewhere.



Stefanie Oliver

PhD Research Title: 'From Isolation to Inclusion: Embracing local perspectives in examining the treatment model of Tuberculosis and Leprosy in Kimberley Aboriginal Peoples'.

This research aims to explore people's lived experience with respect to treatment (i.e. antibiotic therapy) of TB and Leprosy, paying attention to the complexity of safe daily integration of treatment into people's lives, and the challenges of adapting models of care for complex treatment in remote locations.

Ari Schipf

PhD Research Title: 'What constitutes economic, social and cultural sustainability for West Kimberley's indigenous communities: an investigation into the current and long term sustainability of life in remote settings'.

Through anthropological, historical desktop research and conducting site based fieldwork; the research is on economic, social and cultural sustainability for the Kimberley's Fitzroy Valley indigenous communities, investigating the current and long term sustainability of life in remote settings. It will challenge established notions that define 'community', 'remote' 'culture' and 'sustainability', highlighting the complexity of policy and the direct impact it has on Aboriginal lives. The research is a collaboration with the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre.



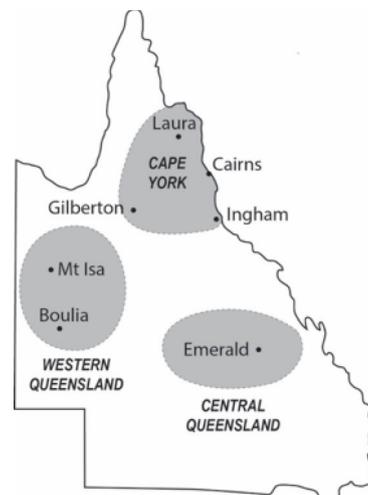
Dr Anne Poelina
Nyikina Warrwa

Doctor of Health Science Research Title: 'Investigation into the Cultural and Socio-Economic Determinants of Indigenous Health and Wellbeing'.

A critical outcome of this research is the imperative to frame Indigenous health and wellbeing as a set of practices within Aboriginal society that are complementary with, and act as a vehicle for reconciliation with, the Western deterministic view of health and its approach to research.

NULUNGU PROJECTS

Archaeology of the Native Mounted Police



The field team for Lynley Wallis's 'Archaeology of the Native Mounted Police' ARC project were photographed at Boulia, with Pitta Pitta traditional owners and students from Flinders University and the University of Notre Dame Australia. Researchers are working across a number of areas of Queensland, shown in the map on the right. You can view the project blog at <https://archaeologyonthefrontier.com/2017/09/12/all-buttoned-up/>

Anne Street Reserve Project



Anne Dwyer and Kathryn Thorburn co-presented a Talking Heads about the Anne St Reserve Project. Watch it here: <https://www.nd.edu.au/research/nulungu> (scroll down).

Anna and Kathryn are now working with Gwen Knox to translate this research into community arts projects, and are partnering with Goolari Media, the Broome Shire and the WA government to bring the stories of life on the reserve to the people of Broome in 2018.

If you want to know more about the project, listen to an ABC interview [here](http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/editor-choice/annestreet/8087482) (<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/editor-choice/annestreet/8087482>).



Participants of the 3-day Aboriginal Researcher Course in October 2017

Aboriginal Researcher Course

Two Aboriginal Researcher Courses took place this semester, each of three days in length. The first one was taught by Dr Anne Poelina and Ian Perdrisat, the second one by Gloria Lockyer and Anna Dwyer. Each of the course participants are involved in research – mainly on topics around health or caring for Country. Course discussions focused on the various complexities of being Aboriginal researchers working with Aboriginal people in contexts that have in the past been dominated by colonising mindsets. Cultural safety and security was a recurring theme discussed in many different applications.

Rock Art Workshop held with Ranger Groups

Ranger programs are one of the great success stories of Indigenous employment initiatives and environmental management in recent years. According to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, in 2016 there were more than 100 Indigenous ranger programs operating across Australia, with the equivalent of more than 770 full-time rangers employed.

Along with Mel Marshall, Kate Golson and Dr Lynley Wallis from Nulungu Research Institute co-facilitated a workshop funded by Rio Tinto and Woodside Energy. Rangers from across Australia met in the Pilbara to discuss how best to look after Country, particularly rock art cultural heritage places and stories.



Congratulations!



Mel and the Bunuba Rangers following a Cultural Heritage Management planning workshop



Mel working with Ngarinyin Traditional Owners as part of a community history project centred on the Munja Track

Melissa Marshall Awarded the Bruce Veitch Award for Excellence in Indigenous Engagement

The late Bruce Veitch, whom the award commemorates, had a major impact on the practice and ethics of archaeological work in Australia. Nulungu staff member Dr Lynley Wallis said: "Mel is a highly deserving archaeologist who personifies the qualities displayed by Bruce. She exemplifies the art of collaboration with Aboriginal communities— she is a worthy recipient of the 2017 Bruce Veitch Award". Mel said: "I feel honoured to receive this award. I see myself as someone who works in partnership with people two-ways to manage significant cultural heritage sites."

Mel has been involved in many community related projects in the Kimberley and Arnhem Land regions. You can see one of Mel's projects with rangers to record and protect the rock art of Kakadu National Park, featured on the ABC: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-17/kakadu-rock-art-program/7751388>

Congratulations Dr Poelina, Women's World Summit Foundation Prize

Nulungu Adjunct Research Fellow Dr Anne Poelina was one of 10 laureates from across the world to be recognised as "an exceptional figure among the first nations of the world" (Sunday 15 October 2017) in conjunction with the United Nations' International Day of Rural Women. She was the only Australian – and the first since 1998 – to receive the Women's World Summit Foundation. Story here: <http://www.nd.edu.au/news/media-releases/2017/070>





Professor Juli Coffin's Research

In 2017 as well as being Head of Campus and Executive Director of Notre Dame's Broome Campus, Professor Juli Coffin has been one of Nulungu's busiest researchers. Juli participated with eight NH&MRC research teams, delivered prestigious keynotes, facilitated highly significant panels, presented conference seminars, submitted a commendable number of publications and gained several prestigious grants. When Juli was asked to nominate three of her favourite current projects, she nominated these:

1) SToP Trial

This is a skin health project being conducted with Aboriginal people. SToP refers to: See, Treat, Prevent. It is a stepped wedge cluster randomised control trial being implemented in association with the Telethon Kids Institute and other WA universities.

2) Cultural Security of Aboriginal Mothers Birthing on Nyoongar Boodjar

Birthing on Noongar Boodjar, a Murdoch University-led project aiming to understand how urban maternity services and staff can support the culturally important philosophy of 'birthing on Country', which ensures a spiritual connection to the land for an Aboriginal mother and her baby, particularly when birthing off-Country.

3) Enhancing Rehabilitation Services for Aboriginal Australians After Brain Injury.

This new NH&MRC-funded project will research the implementation of the first culturally secure intervention package for Aboriginal survivors of acquired brain injury in Australia. By way of background, Aboriginal Australians experience stroke and traumatic brain injury (TBI) up to three times more frequently than non-Aboriginal Australians; yet Aboriginal people remain under-represented in rehabilitation programs.



Writing by Dr Anne Poelina and Senator Patrick Dodson Published by the Vatican

Dr Anne Poelina and Senator Patrick Dodson have both authored a chapter in the newly published "Vatican Museum's Indigenous Collection" which is being published by the Vatican. Anne and Patrick attended the launch in Canberra on the 7th December 2017. Many of the collections from the catalogue were sent to the Vatican Museum for a world cultures exhibition in 1925.



Dr Anne Poelina speaking at the AIATSIS Launch in Canberra

Jalalay - KALACC 2017 Regional Cultural Festival

Every three years KALACC holds its regional cultural festival on-country in the Kimberley. In 2017, the Jalalay KALACC Festival took place at the community of Lombadina on the Dampier Peninsula. As part of this event, Nulungu staff including Kate Golson attended and provided support to a number of key activities being run in conjunction with it including the Philanthropic Tour and the Women's Artistic Exchange area.

For the second Festival, the Philanthropic Tour was held to bring together a number of key individuals from the government and philanthropic sectors to engage with Aboriginal people from the Kimberley in person. Nulungu facilitated a number of discussions on various topics including 'Cultural Economy' (trends, issues and challenges in the visual art sector; cultural and social enterprise); 'Researching the Kimberley' (CRN project, research impact, evaluation, Aboriginal people engaged in research paradigm); and 'Intergenerational Cultural Exchange' (Passing on knowledge to young people; resilience through cultural identity). Feedback from philanthropists and organisers regarding these discussions was overwhelmingly positive.



As with the Philanthropic Tour, the Women's Artistic Exchange was also held for the second consecutive festival. This provided a space where women were able to take a break from the political discussions of the peak Aboriginal organisations, sharing their knowledge and skills in a range of activities. These included ochre processing, hair belt manufacture, bush medicine production and bush tucker delights. The space provided an atmosphere of relaxation for many women, old and young. A short film and community booklet are being finalised from the activity, with plans for this to expand at the next festival. Nulungu staff worked in partnership with KALACC, the Yiriman Project, and the KLC to facilitate the space. A number of key organisations were also involved in providing expertise such as Mowanjum Arts, Mangkaja Arts, Marninwarntakura Women's Resource Centre, women's ranger teams, Babagarra Aboriginal Incorporated and the Mary Minyarl Centre.

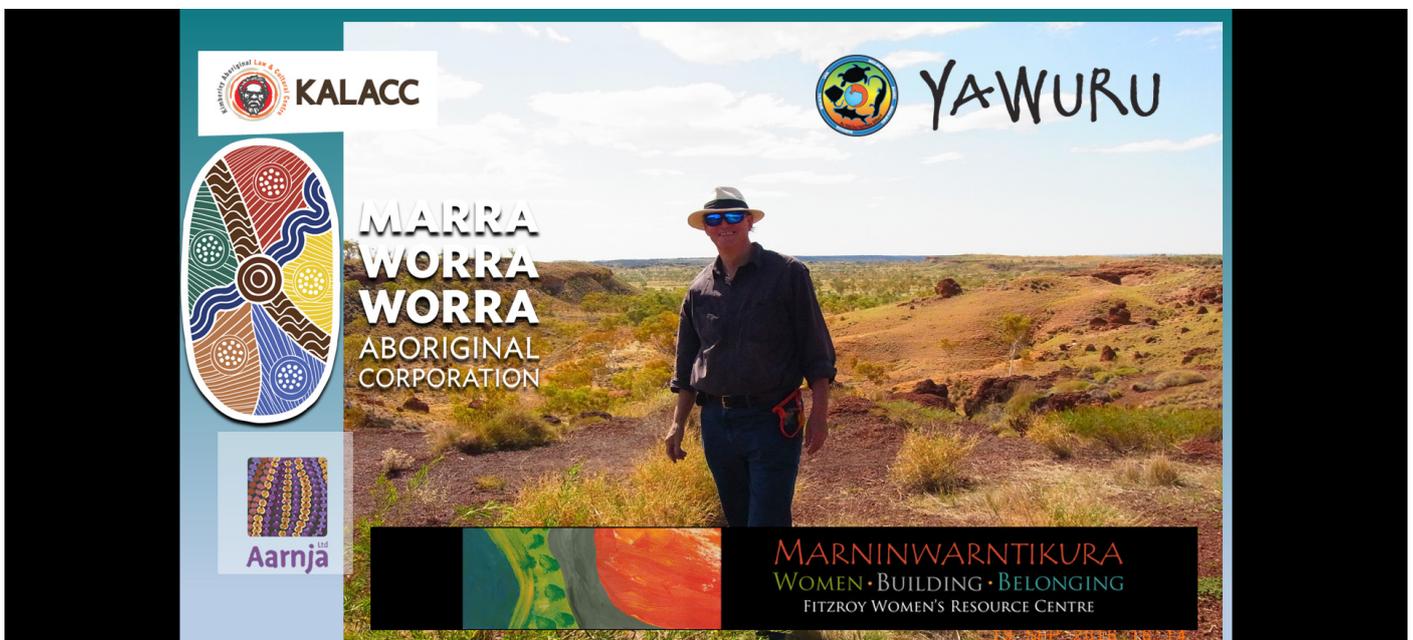


Dr Kathryn Thorburn was joined by Cherie Sibosado in facilitating a conversation with young Aboriginal people at the KALACC festival at Lombadina.

KALACC Culture Camps Evaluation: On Ngarinyin Country



Above: Ngarinyin boys and girls painted up for junba at El Questro. Nulungu has had an ongoing role evaluating KALACC's Culture Camps since 2015. In 2017, this work took Nulungu staff to El Questro in the East Kimberley, Mt Hart Station and to the Mowanjum festival, where the Ngarinyin junba were performed. The final report for this evaluation will be completed in mid-2018.

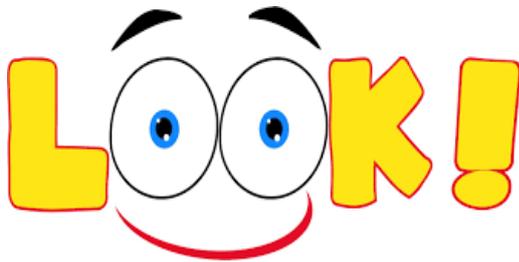


ARC Discovery Project: Reciprocal Accountability and Public Value in Aboriginal Organisations

The Reciprocal Accountability and Public Value Project has now formed partnerships with Aarnja, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre and Marra Worra Worra Resource Agency (Fitzroy Crossing). Discussions are ongoing with Nyamba Buru Yawuru and Marninwartikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Crossing.



Melissa & Terry Marshall welcomed new baby boy, Rashid Jeremiah Jack Marshall into the world on 16th October 2017



Recent Publications

The Yiriman Project in the West Kimberley: An Example of Justice Reinvestment? (K. Thorburn & M. Marshall). Look for it here: <https://www.indigenous-justice.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/mp/files/publications/files/research-brief-yirman-final-17-08-17.pdf>

Sisters of St John of God in the Kimberley: A Journey Near Completion and A Story Still to be Told. Nulungu Insights 2. (Paul Lane). See: <http://www.nd.edu.au/research/nulungu/research-publications>

A regional governance structure for the Kimberley? 25 years on from Crocodile Hole. (K.Thorburn) . You can find it here: <http://search.informit.com.au/documentSummary;dn=907014218666595;res=IE-LIND>

This year Nulungu's Publication Series was launched. You can see it here: <https://www.nd.edu.au/research/nulungu/publication-series>

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Up Coming Events

University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus will be closed from 2pm Friday 22nd December 2017 and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

If you'd like to present in our 2018 Talking Heads Seminar Series, please contact nulunugu@nd.edu.au The first presentation, on Feb 6 2018, will be by Ed Wensing from the ANU.

The Reciprocal Accountability and Public Value of Aboriginal Organisations project will be running two conversations in 2018, on the subject of how Aboriginal organisations can hold governments to account.

If you would like to join our mailing list to keep up to date with upcoming events, please send requests to: nulungu@nd.edu.au.



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