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## Kimberley Transitions: Collaborating to Care for Our Common Home

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### Welcome to the fourth edition of the Kimberley Transitions Newsletter.

It's been an excellent year for *Kimberley Transitions*, with researchers Dr Anne Poelina, Ms Anne Jennings, Dr Sandra Wooltorton and Ms Jacqui Remond presenting research at state, national and international conferences. In the near future, summaries of these documents and links to the publication websites will be uploaded to the News page of the *Kimberley Transitions* website:

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/research/transitions>.

The *Kimberley Transitions*' first publication, through the Nulungu Research Institute's Publication Series, is receiving positive responses. You can access the paper, titled "**Kimberley Transitions, Collaborating to Care for Our Common Home: Beginnings ...**":

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/research/transitions/news>

Please welcome Professor Len Collard, Professor Pierre Horwitz, Dr Dave Palmer, Ms Sandra Harben and Ms Catrina Aniere to *Kimberley Transitions*, who have joined Dr Anne Poelina and Dr Sandra Wooltorton in an environmental ethics/education inter-university research coalition. This group has already submitted publications together.

Nitja Noongar Boodjar  
(This is Noongar Country)



### Research with Millennium Kids

A collaborative research agreement between *Kimberley Transitions* and Millennium Kids (MK), a not-for-profit environmental youth organisation, is currently being drafted. More information will be available about this exciting planning in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, check this out:

<https://www.millenniumkids.com.au/>

### Cultural Actions: Sustaining Aboriginal Lives



Photo: Anne Poelina with Climate Change Warriors – at the Human Rights and Climate Change Symposium, Brisbane.

**Dr Anne Poelina**, PhD (Health Science) researcher has collaboratively completed an additional three papers for her final doctoral publications. Magali McDuffie of Ngikalikarra Media and Dr Poelina, were the United Nations Association of WA's inaugural winners of the Short Film category: Indigenous Culture, for the production *Bookarrarra Liyan Mardoowarra Booroo*. The film showcases the Mardoowarra, Fitzroy River for its multiple values and life force for Traditional Owners connected from the beginning of time through to the present through the sacred ancestral river and First Law. You can see it here:

<http://www.magalimcduffie.com/films>

**Kimberley Transitions** project is based at Nulungu Research Institute, located on Yawuru Country, Broome. Kimberley Indigenous cultural knowledges, traditions, languages and caring for Country wisdom – and revitalisation – are central to *Kimberley Transitions* work.

Sponsors: Catholic Diocese of Broome; The University of Notre Dame Australia and Knights of the Southern Cross WA, and supported through the Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship scheme.

Anne also provided the Keynote address 'Reimagining the Future Now!'- Human Rights and Climate Change organised by The University of Queensland Human Rights Consortium, friends of the Earth Climate Frontlines, Pacific Island Council of Queensland, and 350 Pacific Climate Warriors



Through her work as Chair of the Martuwarra Fitzroy Council, Anne is collaborating with Traditional Owners and their Native Title Claimant groups and partners in the lead-up to the WA government's 'Draft' Fitzroy River Management Plan and Fitzroy Catchment Allocation Plan 2020.

### \*Community Development for Ecological Conversion.

Congratulations to **Anne Jennings**, who has been appointed to Catholic Earthcare Australia's (CEA) National Reference Group, as well as CEA's newly created *Laudato Si'* Formation Team. Anne recently spent time in Sydney for both roles, learning what is involved so she can continue her participation via electronic medium from Broome.



Further, with a grant from Catholic Church Insurance, Anne organised a 'World Café' participatory research event in Broome. 25 people contributed and provided valuable local input into ways the *Kimberley Transitions* community development project can support people to work towards social, cultural, economic and ecological change identified as needed in the local community.

### Articulating and enacting Hope on Climate

Louisa Stredwick



Louisa's research now seeks to identify performative discourse and socio-cultural characteristics critical to articulating/enacting hope at this pivotal global moment.

Specifically, the research will interrogate vocabularies of 'otherness' in our more-than-human world and explore how discursive processes of belonging shape our capacity for collective decision-making. In the Kimberley and at a global scale this is central to resolving critical issues around identity, community and effective action on climate. The research will contribute to transitions literature and propose core conceptual frameworks for transformative discourses.

### \*Transformative learning on sacred ground.

**Jacqui Remond**

Jacqui recently participated in the Amazon Synod at the Vatican, Rome as a board member of the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM). Discussions undertaken covered many relevant themes, including global warming/climate change; intercultural relationships, and the need for a new economy of 'solidarity'. Co-responsibility was emphasised throughout the Synod.



Photo: Cardinal Ribat, from Papua New Guinea, and Jacqui Remond, Kimberley Transitions Edu. Researcher, hanging paper ribbons during the Amazon Synod at the Vatican, Rome.

### \*Economic, social and cultural sustainability for West Kimberley's Indigenous communities.

**Arjati (Ari) Schipf**

Ari has been appointed part-time Research Fellow with Prof. Patrick Sullivan's ARC research team, for 6 months. She will be researching reciprocal accountability and public value in Aboriginal organisations, examining KALACC's role contributing to the support of law and culture in the Fitzroy Valley.



The *Kimberley Transitions* project is part of an international [movement of communities](#) at reimagining and rebuilding our world –change for social, cultural, economic and ecological justice. Your involvement is encouraged and welcomed.  
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