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

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Welcome to the third edition of the *Kimberley Transitions* Newsletter. *Kimberley Transitions* 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.

The *Kimberley Transitions* team and collaboration partners have been busy with a wide range of activities over the last two months, with more being planned. The following provides an overview of these events and activities:

### Launch of Kimberley Transitions Website

The Kimberley Transitions website was launched by A/Professor Sandra Wooltorton (pictured below, right) at the recent Permaculture event in the Notre Dame University Hall, in Broome.



See: [www.notredame.edu.au/research/transitions](http://www.notredame.edu.au/research/transitions)

The *Kimberley Transitions* project is part of an international [movement of communities](#) coming together to reimagine and rebuild our world – locally and globally. It brings together researchers, practitioners, educators, artists and other change-makers to contribute to learning and change for social, cultural, economic and ecological justice.

Your involvement is encouraged and welcome - please contact our *Kimberley Transitions* Project Coordinator on: [anne.jennings@nd.edu.au](mailto:anne.jennings@nd.edu.au)

### First collaborative publication for Kimberley Transitions

The first collaborative publication of the Kimberley Transitions project has been released through the Nulungu Research Institute's Publication Series. The report can be accessed through: <https://www.notredame.edu.au/research/nulungu/publications/nulungu-publications>

### Martuwarra Fitzroy River – What future?

Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council Elders and members, in conjunction with Mark Jones Films, Environs Kimberley and Transitions Kimberley, hosted a well-attended presentation in the Notre Dame hall. Traditional Owners (TOs) presented deep and profound knowledge of living water systems, which are the lifeblood of the vast cultural and ecological landscape. TOs are building culture, science and conservation economies. Congratulations Anne Poelina.



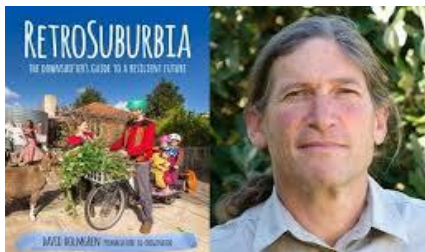
The evening also screened previews of films in development about the River, its people and its future.

### Kimberley Transitions partners.

Partners in this collaboration are University of Notre Dame; Nulungu Research Institute; Environs Kimberley; the Catholic Diocese of Broome; Knights of the Southern Cross WA; St. Mary's College; Madjulla Inc; Kimberley Catholic Education Office, and Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre.

## Retrosurbia: David Holmgren, Permaculture

A collaboration between Madjulla Inc, Incredible Edible Broome, Environs Kimberley, Narlijia Experiences Broome, Maji Harvests and Transitions Kimberley joined with Permaculture-West to present a film and discussion on permaculture by founder David Holmgren.



An enthusiastic group of people attended, with a focus group staying for a 'round table' discussion on ways to collectively support transitioning to a more ecologically sustainable future.

If you're interested in being involved please contact [anne.jennings@nd.edu.au](mailto:anne.jennings@nd.edu.au)

## \*Kimberley Transitions': World Café Dialogue

A major forthcoming event on the Kimberley Transition's calendar is the forthcoming *Kimberley Transitions World Café Dialogue*. It will be held in the University of Notre Dame Hall, Guy Street, Broome, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 3.45pm, with a break for people to attend the Talking Heads presentation by Dr Anne Poelina. Lunch is also provided.

Discussions will explore transitioning the Kimberley towards a social, spiritual, economic and environmentally just future. All interested individuals and groups invited. For more information contact: [anne.jennings@nd.edu.au](mailto:anne.jennings@nd.edu.au)

## Kimberley narrative for transition

Researchers and supporters are beginning to formulate a Kimberley narrative, for presentation to the IUCN in July 2020. So far the narrative includes direction from the Martuwarra Fitzroy River presentation, the conversation following the David Holmgren presentation and it will include the World Café on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please let us know if you would like to join this narrative sub-project.

## Talking Heads 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, Dr Anne Poelina

Anne Poelina's presentation "Voices for the Mardoowarra" will champion the need to recognise, value and conserve cultural and environmental values of the Mardoowarra/Fitzroy River. It starts 12.30pm, Broome Campus.

## Welcome new Senior Researchers

Prof Celia Deane-Drummond, Dr Willi Lempert, Dr Judy Fisher and Dr Michelle Pyke have joined our Kimberley Transitions team. Please meet these and other researchers on

[notredame.edu.au/research/transitions/researchers](http://notredame.edu.au/research/transitions/researchers)

## What are the PhD students up to?

### \*Community Development for Ecological Conversion

#### Anne Jennings

Anne successfully presented a paper on her PhD at the World Community Development Conference 2019 in Dundee, Scotland. Anne now has two papers accepted for conferences in Melbourne, November 2019.



### \*Transformative learning: Integral Ecology at School



#### Jacqueline Remond

Jacque has successfully completed units of study in research methodology and is now preparing to submit her PhD research proposal.

### \*Transformative discourses for climate hope.

#### Louisa Stedwick

After submitting her PhD proposal, and presenting it publically on campus and via video link around Australia Louisa has now had it accepted – Congratulations! This allows her to now move on to ethics applications.



### \*Cultural actions: sustaining Aboriginal lives, livelihoods, landscapes.



#### Dr Anne Poelina

As can be seen from other articles in this newsletter Anne has been extremely busy with work related to her PhD studies, within the West Kimberley.

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

#### Arjati (Ari) Schipf

Ari completed her field work, collaborating with KALACC in Fitzroy Crossing. This included visiting remote communities in the Valley, attending meetings and Women's Cultural Camps.

