



**Nulungu
Reconciliation
Lecture**

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“The Rush to Utopia: Australian Priorities and Reconciliation”

Thursday 10th December 2020

6:00pm-8:00pm

(Dinner supplied from 7:10pm)

**Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia
The Hall NDB10/101, 88 Guy Street, Broome.**

Presented by Dr Lynette Henderson-Yates

Chief Executive Officer

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Abstract

Today's world can be a demanding and confusing one where, on the one hand we are attempting to live financially and materially comfortable lives, while, on the other hand, trying to maintain personal values that don't necessarily match that of a progressive lifestyle brimming with technology, and its spin-offs, such as social media. Living in a globally fast-paced life, can mean we are so driven towards reaching an imagined world that we forget about what really matters and that is, each other.

In such a self-focused world, how then do we live meaningful lives where we care about what happens to those who are struggling; those whose voices are not heard; those who are treated differently because of the color of their skin, the culture they embrace and the way they live their everyday lives? How do we support those who have experienced trauma spanning generations, where the valuing of Aboriginal people and culture are not always a priority? Such questions exist in Australia where the important work of reconciliation

continues but where it can be lost as we race towards an imaginary place, where success and fulfilment is thought to be found.

Biography

Dr Lynette Henderson-Yates is an Aboriginal woman from Derby (West Kimberley). Dr Henderson-Yates has worked in Aboriginal affairs for the past 42 years, 36 in primary, secondary school and university settings and. Dr Henderson-Yates holds a Diploma of Teaching (formerly Mt Lawley's Teachers College and now ECU), a Bachelor and Masters in Education (Murdoch University), a Doctor of Philosophy (University of Western Australia) and an Advanced Diploma in Leadership and Management (BCA National).

Dr Henderson-Yates has been employed as an Aboriginal teaching assistant, primary school teacher, Deputy Principal, researcher, writer, manager and lecturer. In 2006, she was appointed as Associate Professor and Associate Dean at The University of Notre Dame Australia School of Arts & Sciences (Broome). In December 2007, Dr Henderson-Yates established the University's national Nulungu Research Institute where she remained as its Director until 31 December 2013. In 2009, Dr Henderson-Yates was appointed as Professor and Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University's Broome Campus, the first Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to be appointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor in Australia. She holds current Adjunct Professorships with The University of Notre Dame Australia, The University of Western Australia and Murdoch University where she engages in research and provides supervision for Doctor of Philosophy candidates.

For the past 6 years, Dr Henderson-Yates has worked as the CEO of the Derby Aboriginal Health Service where she continues to work for positive change in Aboriginal communities.

Due to COVID-19 precautions the maximum capacity is 100 people for this event, so please ensure you RSVP by Thursday 3rd December: <https://www.notredame.edu.au/events>

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