



National Centre for Indigenous Studies

Working Program for Postgraduate Retreat – 24 and 25 February 2009

**Coach house Marina Resort
49 Beach Road Bateman's Bay
(<http://www.coachhouse.com.au/>)**

Chair: Professor Mick Dodson AM

Organisers: Peter Veth and Wendy Antoniak

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Overview: A workshop for Indigenous Research Postgraduates at the ANU – including Postgraduates attached to Indigenous higher education centres. The main aims of the retreat are:

- a) To bring together postgraduates working in different disciplines at the ANU;
- b) To briefly profile candidates' topics with support and feedback;
- c) To look at pathways in organising a thesis and doing Indigenist research; and
- d) To identify practical issues in doing higher education at the ANU.

Overall - we hope this will foster consolidation of networks, the exchange of information, help progress research themes and create greater 'space' and recognition for Indigenous research at the ANU.

Preliminary logistics: Transport from Canberra to Bateman's Bay will be provided. Buses will leave outside the AIATSIS entrance at ACTON at 8.30am sharp on the morning of the 24th. There is some capacity for travel assistance for inter-staters. For all planning, travel and special accommodation requests please contact Wendy Antoniak (Wendy.Antoniak@anu.edu.au - 02 6125 0092; Wednesday-Fridays).

Timetable: The workshop will start at 11am on Tuesday 24 February and finish at 3pm Wednesday 25 February 2009. Vehicle and/or bus transport will leave Canberra at 8.30am on the 24th and return from 3-4pm on the 25th back to Canberra.

Panel members: People on supervisory panels/executive duties will participate including: Mick Dodson, Sarah Holcombe, Ann McGrath, Nicolas Peterson, Lester-Irabinna Rigney, Lisa Strelein and Patrick Sullivan.

Provisional Timetable of Presenters, Themes and Activities

Day 1 Tuesday 24 Feb 2009

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| 11.00 am | Arrive at Coachhouse Resort. Luggage can be left in buses/cars until lunchtime. Please convene at Conference Venue (Clyde Room) asap. Wendy will collect room keys and have these ready for you by lunchtime. |
| 11.15–11.50 | Welcome to country by Meryl Crowle, Walbunja. Introduction of Postgraduates and Panels. Outline of the structure and purpose of the Retreat (Mick Dodson and Peter Veth) |
| 11.50-12.20 | Introductory comments about postgraduate education at the ANU; disciplinary scope; supervisory options, Canberra/domestic and overseas enrolments and larger ANU vision.
(Mick Dodson, Ann McGrath and Peter Veth) |
| 12.20-1.00 | PG Presentations 1 (15 minutes on thesis topics)
Kerry-Ann Arabena, Asmi Wood |
| 1.00-2.00 pm | Lunch |

- 2.00-3.00 Special presentation 1 – Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney**
 “Sharing Space in Indigenous Research” and discussion
- 3.00-3.40 PG Presentations 2 (15 minutes on thesis topics)**
 Ingereth Macfarlane, James Evans
- 3.40-4.00 Afternoon Tea**
- 4.00-4.30 Special presentation 2 – Dr Lisa Strelein (Adjunct NCIS)**
 “Working with Indigenous communities – AIATSIS perspectives”
- 4.30-5.15 PG presentations 3 (15 minutes each on thesis topics)**
 Wayne Connop, Rex Granites Japanangka
- 5.15-7.00 Free time (options beach sunset/discussion; etc)**
- 7.00 - 8.30 Dinner in Bateman’s Bay (Bus and vehicle transport)**
- 8.30 - later NCIS hosted social drinks at Venue (special requests)**

DAY 2 Wednesday 25 February 2009

- 7.00 – 8.00 Yoga/relaxation session (optional @ \$15 p.h.)**
- 8.00 am Breakfast at the Coachhouse**
- 9.00 - 9.30 Special presentation 3 - Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney**
 “How to conduct an Indigenist Reading of literature”.
- 9.30 – 11.00 PG presentations 4 (15 minutes each on thesis topics)**
 Suzanne Ingram, Philip Mills, Frances Peters-Little, Brynn O’Brien
- 11.00 -11.15 Morning Tea (*luggage from rooms needs to left at reception*)**
- 11.15 – 11.45 Special presentation 4 – Kerry Arabena (Adjunct NCIS)**
 “Practical policy outcomes from strategic research”
- 11.45-1.10 PG presentation 5 (15 minutes each on thesis topics)**
 Peter Radoll, Pam McGrath, Melissa Lovell, Abby Cooper, Dave Johnson
- 1.10 – 1.20 Special Presentation 4 – Peter Radoll. Director Jabal IHEC**
 “Pathways for Indigenous students into the tertiary HE sector”
- 1.20 – 1.45 Lunch**
- 1.45 -3.00 PG presentations 6 (15 minutes each on thesis topics)**
 Katherine Aigner, Roger Davis, Kerrie Doyle, Serene Fernando
- 3.00 – 3.15 Wrap up; suggestions for PG networking; future initiatives**

Depart Bateman’s Bay for Canberra (and connections where relevant)