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A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994

Investigating traditional freshwater places on Bardi Jawi and Nyul Nyul Country through a collaborative research project

Wednesday 24th July 2019

Venue: NDB11/101

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Presenters: Michelle Pyke, the Bardi Jawi Rangers and the Nyul Nyul Rangers

Abstract

In this talk we will discuss a research collaboration between Michelle and the Bardi Jawi, Bardi Jawi Oorany and Nyul Nyul Rangers, and their communities, to investigate traditional freshwater places*. We investigated culturally-specific ways of conceptualising (thinking about) and managing traditional freshwater places. We will discuss the research process highlighting our partnership approach and benefits for Traditional Owners, along with some of the research findings. Research findings demonstrate how these groups enact locally-specific models of understanding and managing wetlands in ways that not only provide for cultural responsibilities and opportunities, but also potentially offer important conservation outcomes.

*Traditional freshwater place is a term adapted from the Bardi Jawi term “traditional oola (water) place” that is published in the Bardi Jawi Indigenous Protected Area Management Plan 2013-2023.

Biographies

The talk will be co-presented by Michelle Pyke and representatives of the Bardi Jawi and Nyul Nyul Ranger teams. During the research Michelle Pyke (formerly Walker) was a PhD candidate of the University of Western Australia but based at One Arm Point (Ardiyooloon) community on the Dampier Peninsula. The Bardi Jawi Rangers, Bardi Jawi Oorany (women) Rangers and Nyul Nyul Rangers are each supported by their communities, Elders and the Kimberley Land Council to manage their respective Countries, including land and sea, on the Dampier Peninsula.