

Inaugural Oration of the Chair of Indigenous Studies

In honour of Lucy Ngarbal Marshall

“Shoulder to Shoulder;
We still gotta role to play”

Date: Friday 5th May 2023

Venue: NDB10 The Hall

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm



Presenter: Professor Anne Poelina

Biography

Professor Anne Poelina PhD, PhD, MEd, MPH&TM, MA is a Nyikina Warrwa Indigenous woman from Martuwarra, the Fitzroy River. Anne is the co-Chair of Indigenous Studies at the Nulungu Research Institute at the University of Notre Dame Australia's Broome Campus. A senior research fellow, active community leader, human and earth rights advocate, and film maker, Anne is the Chair of the Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council; an Adjunct Professor in the College of Indigenous Education Futures, Arts & Society at Charles Darwin University; a Member of Institute for Water Futures; and a Visiting Fellow Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. See www.annepoelina.com and www.martuwarra.org.

Art by Maxine Charlie

Abstract



Lucy (Ngarbal) Marshall AM
5th May 1933 – 18th March 2021

In recognition of her lifetime of achievements, the life of Lucy Ngarbal Marshall AM will be celebrated as part of the inaugural Oration of the Chair of Indigenous Studies. Honoring her contribution to research with respect for her leadership, wisdom and life of practice, the Oration reflects a journey and the lived experience of an amazing Kimberley woman. Anne Poelina's presentation will include a short film and memoirs of an outstanding human being. A dignified wise woman, with the power to commit to memory generations of cultural knowledge and practice, Ngarbal dreamt that we would all act and work together to share our spirit, liyan.

Kimberley Indigenous people continue to practice our unique and diverse cultures grounded in our First Law, as one society. Ngarbal, believed as local and global citizens, together 'shoulder to shoulder' we can work together to uncover the solutions for local, national, and planetary wellbeing.

We invite you to join us for this oration, to be a part of Ngarbal's dream to send the dream out and work together to ensure there is a future for All of us.

About the Oration of the Chair of Indigenous Studies

The Nulungu Research Institute has undergone substantive restructure in recent years to promote and respect cultural agency and authority. The establishment of a leadership team consisting of our co-Chairs of Indigenous Studies – Professor Anne Poelina and Associate Professor Steve Kinnane – provides cultural guidance and oversight alongside the Director, Associate Professor Melissa Marshall and Assistant Director, Dr Kathryn Thorburn. Together, the management and operations of the institute within the broader University are underpinned by our vision *'To conduct exceptional and collaborative research which is transformative, decolonising and of value to Aboriginal people.'*

In 2023, Nulungu has introduced to our events program the Oration of the Chair of Indigenous Studies. Each year, this annual lecture will be delivered by one of our Chairs to honour the intellectual generosity of many senior Kimberley Aboriginal people who have worked with countless researchers across multiple decades with oft minimal recognition. Celebrating their honesty, drive and research endeavours, the event will be held on the first Friday in May each year. Coinciding with the birthday of our first honorarium,



Lucy Ngarbal Marshall AM, Nulungu staff are proud to provide a forum to showcase and celebrate the wisdom, authority and agency of Kimberley Aboriginal people.