

Indigenous Futures International Conference 2025

Indigenous futures unbound: Reimagining Indigenous futures through knowledge and praxis

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Tuesday 4th November

10:00am - 5:00pm

Registration

Central Lobby, Novotel Sunshine Coast

1:00pm

Welcome to Country: Kabi Kabi Peoples

Arrivals Lounge, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

2:00pm - 2:30pm

Afternoon Tea

Wandiny, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

2:30pm - 3:00pm

Conference Opening Remarks: Professor Brendan Hokowhitu

Wandiny Room, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Opening Keynote: Distinguished Emeritus Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson

Wandiny Room, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

5:30pm

Welcome Reception

Arrivals Lounge, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

8:00pm

Close of Day 1

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Concurrent Session 2									
	Ohana Room	Mudjimba 1 Room	Mudjimba 2 Room	Mudjimba 3 Room	Aqua Room	Maroochy Room	Fire Lily Room	Water Lily Room	
CHAIRS	Rhiannon Moreton	Crystal McKinnon	Karina Maxwell	Kehaulani Kauanui	Daniel McKinnon	Jacinta Ruru	Asmi Wood	Tegan Schefe	
INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS	INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE & IDENTITY	INDIGENOUS HEALTH & WELLBEING	INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE	INDIGENOUS EDUCATION	INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE & IDENTITY	INDIGENOUS HIGHER EDUCATION	INDIGENOUS HEALTH & WELLBEING		
Uncle Cheg's Weaving Workshop: Weaving as Cultural Therapy. <i>Gregory "Uncle Cheg" Egert, Rhiannon Moreton</i>	By families, for families: Peer Advocacy and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the child protection system <i>Karina Maxwell</i>	The Fourth National Indigenous Languages Survey: Reimagining Measures of Language Strength <i>Henry Leslie-O'Neill, Zoe Avery</i>	Echoes of Identity: Creative Education as Resistance, Resilience and Belonging <i>Dr Tui Matelau</i>	UNDRIPI and Urban Aboriginal Cultural Recognition in Southeast Queensland <i>Dr Madeleine Pugin</i>	Resist, reclaim, relate: Indigenous PhD scholar's experience of undertaking self-determined research in Australia, Canada and New Zealand. <i>Prof Shawana Andrews, Dr Odette Mazel, Dr Emily Munro-Harrison</i>	Social and emotional wellbeing: Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing <i>Tegan Schefe</i>			
Ngā Pou Māreikura -- relational signposts of Indigenous women's being and belonging with nature. <i>A/Prof Deborah Heke</i>	Building New Worlds: Oral Histories, Abolition and Anticolonial Futures on Indigenous Lands. <i>Dr Holly Charles, Dr Natalie Ironfield, Dr Jordana Silverstein, Dr Andre Dao</i>	Le taualuga o tausiga: The Samoan epitome of healthcare as determined by Samoan elders, families, traditional healers and health officials <i>Lilo Dr Oka Sanerivi</i>	K'idilye bee Na'oodziih (healing through planting): A community led approach to nourishing the Language seed <i>A/Prof Renae Watchman</i>	Te kotare and the colonial sensorium: re-remembering and re-embodying Indigenous knowledges <i>Dr Daniel McKinnon</i>	Dreaming Kai Tahu Diversity: Gender, Sexuality and Identity in Our Indigenous World <i>Ahinata Kaitai-Mullane</i>	Indigenous counter-imaginaries in Australian doctoral education <i>Prof Maria Raciti, Prof Kathryn Gilbey, Prof Catherine Manathunga, Dr Jing Qi</i>	Decolonising Drug Policy in Aotearoa: Maori Futures Beyond Prohibition. <i>Jai Whelan</i>		
Kabi Kabi Peoples	Connecting People with Language Data Commons of Australia <i>Robert McLellan</i>	Critical policy analysis of Indigenous knowledges and perspectives within health and physical education: moving beyond the past <i>Graeme Bonato</i>	A small axe to fell a mighty tree: re-imagining entrepreneurship education through Indigenous regenerative design <i>A/Prof Katharina Ruckstuhl, Rachel Ruckstuhl-Mann</i>	Saibailgaw igilingga: Restore what was fragmented, Reframe what was misread, and Regenerate what still lives beneath the surface <i>Alistair Harvey</i>	Learning journeys of Noonar University Students: Moving Forward by Looking Back (Ka Mua, Ka Muri) <i>Sophie Karangaroa</i>	Reclaiming Indigenous sacred feminine wisdom to reimagine wellbeing, self-determination and collective impact <i>Hana Tapiata</i>			
						Indigenising Law Curriculum. <i>Prof Asmi Wood</i>			

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Sola Restaurant, Novotel

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1:00pm
- 3:00pm

Concurrent Session 5

	Ohana Room	Mudjimba 1 Room	Mudjimba 2 Room	Mudjimba 3 Room	Aqua Room	Maroochy Room	Water Lily Room
CHAIRS	Luke Williams	Deborah Heke	Tracey Bunda	Susan Beetson	Roxanne Bainbridge	Holly Charles	Garrick Cooper
	INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS	INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY	INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION	INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY	INDIGENOUS HEALTH & WELLBEING	INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION	INDIGENOUS HEALTH & WELLBEING
Walang, yulang, Sovereign universities: using yarning to carve Sovereign space in the academy. Inviting researchers on a decolonial journey. <i>Dr Kate Harriden</i>	Ascending Horizons: Envisioning Feminist Futures Through Art <i>Kim Anderson, Alex Jacobs-Blum</i>	(In)Palatable Erasure: The Quiet Violence of Systemic Inclusion and the Silencing of Genealogical and Cultural Truth. <i>Caroline Briggs-Martin</i>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community and Staff Perspectives on Health Data Sharing for Perinatal Service Delivery <i>Alynta Emery, Sophia Mann, Phi Sandy</i>	From Populations to Peoples: a new paradigm for 19th century Maori historical demography. <i>Tahu Kukutai, John Bryant, Moana Rarere, Ella Pepi Tarapa-Dewes</i>	Digital Talanoa Transforming Health and Wellbeing Through Pasifika Women's Diabetes Wellness Program <i>Heena Akbar, Winnie Niumata, Harata Syme, Reo Hoori</i>	EPIC Pathways - Self Determined Futures, Our Ways <i>Ann-Maree Long, Rhian Miller, Robbie Miller, Kalani Ripley.</i>	Indigenous-led Pathways to Thrivance in Healthcare: Sunshine Coast Deadly Start Traineeship and Cadetship programs. <i>Renae Vaughan</i>
Embracing Generational Custodianship for Shaping Indigenous Futures. <i>Mark Yettica-Paulson</i>	Dancing the Future of Indigenous Governance <i>Devi Mucina</i>	Navigating layered Identities: Co-creating knowledge with Maori and Tongan Whanau in Aotearoa. <i>Wahineata Smith, Arianna Waller, Erana Severne</i>	Enacting Maori Data Sovereignty for Indigenous Thrivance: a Hapu-led model from Aotearoa <i>Ella Pepi Tarapa-Dewes, Vanessa Clark, Heeni Kani, Tahu Kukutai</i>	Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Legacy Collections at the University of Sydney: Implementing a Pathway for Greater First Nations Access, Authority and Institutional Accountability <i>Professor Jennifer Barrett, Dr Abraham Bradfield</i>	Identifying strategic wellbeing priorities for Pacific youth in the Southern regions of Aotearoa New Zealand. <i>Jean M Uasike Allen, Joanna Ting Wai Chu, Kate Jack</i>	Looking from Niltsa bi adad: Disability Justice and Indigenous Worldbuilding. <i>Sandra Yellowhorse</i>	The long journey to the truth – decolonising Nursing in Aotearoa New Zealand <i>Tania Aroha Bailey</i>
Te Whare Tu Rangatira: Cultivating Indigenous Thrivance through Sport, Culture and Connection. <i>Mohi Rua, Jeremy Hapeta, Luke Rowe, Isaac Warbrick</i>	Kai Tahu women (re) claim identity and belonging post foster system: Mana Whine Theory as praxis <i>Kerri Cleaver</i>						

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7:00am	Kabi Kabi Beach Walk Central Lobby, Novotel Sunshine Coast								
8:00am - 1:00pm	Registration Central Lobby, Novotel Sunshine Coast								
8:30am - 10:30am	Concurrent Session 7								
	Ohana Room	Mudjimba 1 Room	Mudjimba 2 Room	Mudjimba 3 Room	Aqua Room	Maroochy Room	Fire Lily Room	Water Lily Room	
CHAIRS	Susan Beetson	Paul Gray	Hinekura Smith	Daniel McKinnon	Irene Semos	Alice Melmeth	Dion Enari	Daeul Jeong	
	INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURITY	INDIGENOUS HEALTH & WELLBEING	INDIGENOUS CREATIVE PRACTICE	INDIGENOUS HIGHER EDUCATION	INDIGENOUS EDUCATION	INDIGENOUS HIGHER EDUCATION	INDIGENOUS HEALTH & WELLBEING	INDIGENOUS ECONOMY	
Reimagining Water Relationships: Governance Beyond Aqua Nullius. <i>Melissa Kennedy</i>	Strength-based approaches and enablers for developing culturally safe, inclusive and holistic harm reduction services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. <i>Emily Pegler, Gail Garvey, Lisa Fitzgerald</i>	Reconciliation Rescue, Blak Humour as Resistance, Healing and Indigenous Futuring. <i>Angelina Hurley</i>	Culturally safe care through interdisciplinary tertiary education: exploring student nurse, midwife and social work learning experiences during course curriculum. <i>Kate Thompson, Lorelle Holland, Mari Takashima, Amanda Ullman</i>	A student led exploration of the social and emotional wellbeing experiences and needs of Aboriginal students attending boarding school in South Australia. <i>Justin Wilkey</i>	Indigenising Architecture, Design and Planning <i>Michael Mossman, Elle Davidson, Beau de Belle</i>	The architecture of belonging: Speculating futures for Maori connections to place. <i>Ben Siesicki, James Berghan</i>	Caring for Country and Agriculture 2050: Exploring Indigenous Agricultural Futures and Transitions <i>Alex Ibarra, Zaynel Sushil, Katrina Szetey</i>		
Indigenous futures unbound? Reimagining automated decision making. <i>Susan Beetson</i>	Gamadji Yirramboi: Singing light through darkness: the journey to tomorrow. <i>Rudi Louis Taylor Bragge</i>	The root of the flame burns blue, as it always did: how creative practice is singing our Old People's songs <i>Sonya Holowell</i>	Intertwining Leadership and Change to Embed Te Tiriti o Waitangi at a University. <i>Dr Elizabeth Brown</i>	Aontaiako'nikonhratihenthō' to "pull one's mind: Indigenous VR Pedagogy in Two Projects. <i>Kahente Horn-Miller</i>	The Future of Maori Neurodivergence: Refusing Deficit Reclaiming Potential. <i>Dr Byron Rangiwai</i>	Intersecting sovereignties: Exploring Indigenous employment in transcultural enterprises. <i>Dr Daeul Jeong, Professor Maria Raciti</i>	Reimagining Indigenous Futures Through Aroha Economy: A Relational Model of Generosity, Generativity and Generational Stewardship. <i>Cain Kerehoma, Naomi Simmonds</i>		
10:30am	Murrudha: Sovereign Walks - tracking cultural actions through art, Country, language and music <i>Prof Brenda L Croft, Paul Girrawah House</i>	Cloaked in our love: Aboriginal and Maori cloak making as sites for social justice and community transformation <i>A/Prof Hinekura Smith</i>	Ya (Marma Traditional Farming) as Living Jurisprudence: Cultivating Indigenous Legal Futures Through Marma Research Methodologies <i>Dr. Kyasingmong Marma</i>	Reviving Indigenous Wisdom through the 552 Education Model: Responsive Curriculum for Papua New Guinea. <i>Ben Ninkama</i>	Singing the Land: An Interactive Workshop on Munda Indigenous Song, Memory, and Belonging <i>Gunjal Ikir Munda, Anupam Party</i>	Indigenizing Sport: Beyond Tokenism <i>Lefaoal'i Associate Professor Dion Enari</i>	Te Ara Rangatira: Empowering Maori Student Leaders to advance Maori Health and Wellbeing. <i>Griffin Leonard</i>		
	Morning Tea Wandiny, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre								

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Closing Keynote: Professor Brendan Hokowhitu
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11:30am

Final Reflections: Conference Panel
Wandiny Room, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

12:00pm

Farewell: Kabi Kabi Peoples
Wandiny Room, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

12:30pm

Conference Close
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