Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research

# Annual Report 2022

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# A letter from our Directors

This has been a spectacular year for Jumbunna Research, fitting as we come to the end of an era.

With the Laureate Fellowship and the largest ARC Discovery Grant that UTS has ever received, we have had a wonderful year. Across all our hubs, there has been excellence, achievement, and a profound contribution to the well-being of First Nations communities around the country in profound ways.

The Jumbunna Strategy Day was a great moment to reflect on how far we have come since the unit was established in 2002. The primary principles, particularly of the importance of sovereignty, self-determination and Indigenous-led research still clearly define who we are.

As we move into 2023, we see a significant change of leadership as Larissa finally steps down after over twenty years leading the team and seeing Lindon move into the Director of Research position. Larissa stays with the team to work on her research and Lindon has a vision for the future of the team that will lead us all into a new and exciting era. It is a testament to the collegiality of the team and our embrace of First Nations values that leadership can be shared so seamlessly.

A big thank you to our administrative staff, led by Missi, without whom, we would not be able to do the amazing, game-changing work that we are now so well known for. And a huge thank you to everyone one the team who have made this our most successful year yet, by any measure.



**Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt AO**

Outgoing Director — Jumbunna Research



**Professor Lindon Coombes**

Incoming Director — Jumbunna Research

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# Who we are

The Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research is unique in Australia.

Our Indigenous-led Research team operates throughout the continent, with staff working in communities in Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales, and collaborators in all States and Territories.

Our best work is focused around stories, campaigns, projects, and cases that consolidate our many different sets of skills and expertise towards a shared goal. We run by one key guiding principle — our work should be driven by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and nations in Australia, and contribute — whether directly or indirectly — to their strength, sustainability and wellbeing. We believe that our nations, peoples and people can use research as a tool to produce change and build capacity. We committed to excellence and agility as practitioners and scholars because that shapes our capacity to understand shifting landscapes and effect change within them.

We focus on work that combines our strengths to make strategic impact in the Australian continent and around the world — with our communities in control. All of our work supports outputs in the following areas —



**Transformative Research**

We produce world-class research on legal and policy issues that supports Indigenous Sovereignty and wellbeing, and that holds the Coloniser to account. Research outputs include articles, case studies, books, legal analysis, policy submissions, contributions to Indigenous methodologies and critical legal theory, engagement with international scholars, and contribution to new media.



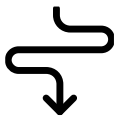
**Transformative Practice**

The provision of a sophisticated, ethical and expert national strategic professional services apparatus for Indigenous nations operating in the industries of law, governance, policy and new media. In addition to the provision of professional services, we seek to influence the development of new professionals to align with our mission.



**Transformative Teaching and Education**

Recognising the debt we owe to those who taught us, and the importance of fostering future collaborators and allies, we acknowledge the importance of teaching and of the use education. We will use subjects, short courses, professional courses, and PhD development to transmit our research and build the next generation of change-makers.



**Transformative Story**

We recognise the central role of Story and the power of narratives. We are conscious of how we tell our story, and the stories of others, and prioritise community voices and stories of Indigenous sovereignty, strength and vitality.

To this end, we seek to —

- Promote innovation and undertake best practice research and disseminate the outcomes of that Research widely
- Respond to and empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Develop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers, Indigenous Research and the reputation of the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research and through it, the University of Technology, Sydney

# 2022 highlights

Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt was awarded an **ARC Laureate for the project to fundamentally re-make Australia's colonial legal institutions in order to remove the harm they currently do to Indigenous people and communities**. It will work across the areas of child protection, criminology, strategic litigation and Aboriginal policy. It also includes the Kathleen Fitzpatrick Fellowship which will set up a mentoring program for Early Career First Nations scholars.

Through the Legal Strategies Hub, research associate Latoya Aroha Rule is coordinating **the Ban Spit Hoods Coalition**, following the success of their campaign to ban spit hoods in South Australia. So far, the Coalition has worked to make progress towards bans in Queensland, the NT and the ACT.

***You Can Go Now*, a film about the First Nations artist, Richard Bell,** premiered at Adelaide Film Festival. Written and directed by Larissa Behrendt, the film included Pauline Clague and Nicole Watson. Richard Bell is one of the most important First Nations contemporary artists in world today. Richard's work challenges preconceived ideas about Aboriginal people and art, taking part in national and international debates surrounding identity and politics. The film will have a cinema release on Invasion Day 2023 and then be broadcast on NITV.

The **Call It Out Register marked its first six months** with a report on 267 lodged incidents of racism against First Nations people.

Associate Professor Pauline Clague, head of the Cultural Resilience Hub, has brought together **a collage of Jumbunna Research history**! It was important for us to look back on how we came to be so we can understand where we're going. You can find the history collage at: vimeo.com/769369701.

On 10-11 November 2022, **Jumbunna Research held its first Gathering with all of our staff**. We talked through where we've been, where we're going, and what values will keep us grounded in our community and ambitious in our reach.

# Our 2022, hub by hub

# Child Protection Hub

The Child Protection Hub has continued to work in service of Aboriginal communities and community-controlled organisations and peak bodies to support the transformation of child protection systems and practice. Our work has continued to blend research and direct advocacy at policy and individual case levels. We continue to provide support to a number of families at different points of the child protection system.

Research projects have included examining the experiences of parents with disability of child protection systems, exploring pathways for success in restoring Aboriginal children to their families, and understanding the priorities and expectations of Aboriginal communities in child and family research.

Our work supporting the **co-design of a Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People in the ACT** contributed to the design and implementation of this critical accountability role. The ACT Government agreed with the key recommendations arising from the co-design process, committing $3.5m in the 2022-23 budget and introducing legislation to establish the role in September 2022. You can read more about this work here: justice.act.gov.au/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-justice-affairs/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-childrens-commissioner

We continue to **stand with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations including SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children, and AbSec and the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) in promoting national and state-based systems change**. This includes advocacy regarding processes for community decision making in system design and practice, and presentations to child protection stakeholders, legal practitioners and magistrates raising issues of concern and suggested reforms. A key area of concern continues to be the high rates of infant removals, with the Jumbunna Child Protection Hub collaborating with colleagues nationally as part of the SAFeST Start initiative, contributing to two journal publications in this area as well as a special chapter in the [forthcoming] Family Matters Report 2023, focused on the intersection between incarceration and infant removals.

### Key publications

Chamberlain, C., **Gray, P.,** Bennet, D., et al. (2022) 'Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families to Stay Together from the Start (SAFeST Start): Urgent call to action to address crisis in infant removals', *Aust J Soc Issues,* Vol. 57(2), pp. 252-273

Chamberlain, C., **Gray, P**., Herrmen, H., et al (2022) ‘Community views on ‘Can perinatal services safely identify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents experiencing complex trauma?’, *Child Abuse Review.*

# Indigenous Archives & Data Stewardship Hub

*The Benefits of Aboriginal Language Use and Renewal – Literature Review report was* launched in November 2022 for the **NSW Aboriginal Languages Trust**. The project explored the question – **what are the benefits of Aboriginal language use and revival?** The literature review was developed in the context of the Trust's role in promoting Aboriginal languages and supporting Aboriginal language activities at local, regional and state levels in NSW. The review was conducted by the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education & Research at the UTS in collaboration with the Faculty of Law.

The **multiyear Wonnarua Language and Culture Archive Project was completed in mid-2022**. The project outcomes included the development a website and digital archive that curates historical and contemporary Wonnarua language and cultural materials. In final year, the project focused on community training on digital stewardship and recording of language materials to expand the Wonnarua community archive. The final stages of the project engaged the expertise of Education Specialist Advisor Tracy Barber to map out possible future directions for Wonnarua language curriculum development for school aged children. The story 'Tiddalik: The Little Green Frog That Grew' as told by Uncle James Wilson-Miller is now available as a digital book. Illustrations are from Wonnarua artist Charlotte Craven-Miller.

The Hub has been working on two separate projects with the **Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation**. First, the Coota Girls Family Hub Project has involved research to curate accessible language resources that relate to the 12 language groups of Coota Survivors. Second, the Hub is currently working with Assoc Prof Pauline Clague to develop the digital archive component of the Coota Girls Survivor Stories Project & Digital Archive. As a participatory digital archive, it will curate the stories in collaboration with survivors to tell their stories of experiences before and after being in the home.

Kirsten was awarded the Chancellor's Postdoctoral Indigenous Research Fellow 2023 for the project *Reforming and Transforming the Archives to support Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Self-Determination*. The project will explore **how the International Indigenous Data Sovereignty movement empowers Indigenous people to exercise rights of ownership and control over data** to inform self-determined priorities and goal and examinee Indigenous Data Sovereignty principles in

an archival context to enable Indigenous people to better control historical data relating to their cultural heritage, histories and experiences. The project is supervised by Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt.

## Case study: the Wonnarua Language and Cultural Archive Project

The Wonnarua Language & Culture Archive project was developed and led by the Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation (WNAC) in collaboration with the Indigenous Archives and Data Stewardship Hub. The Project developed a digital archive using the Mukurtu Content Management System (CMS), researched and curated existing WNAC resources across Australian libraries and archives and produced new content. The Project relied on the advice and guidance of the WNAC to engage language speakers and community members to contribute to the development of the digital archive.

A significant part of this project was to create resources that support appreciation of the Wonnarua language, which can be utilised and built upon for future teaching programs developed to support local Wonnarua language reclamation programs. The digital archive includes a dictionary section where all the recordings of the Wonnarua App have been made accessible for future use and customisation. WNAC produced the App to make available Wonnarua words (and associated spoken recordings of words) for teaching and learning language. However, the content on the Wonnarua App was unstable, not backed up and therefore, at risk of losing precious information related to the Wonnarua people.

**Wonnarua Language & Culture Archive:**
wonnaruanation.mukurtu-nsw.org.au

## Key publications

**Thorpe, K.**, Christen, K., **Booker, L.**, & **Galassi, M.** (2021). Designing archival information systems through partnerships with Indigenous communities. Australasian Journal of Information Systems, 25. journal.acs.org.au/index.php/ajis/article/view/2917

> The paper discusses future priorities for designing archival information systems to support Indigenous sovereignty, including data stewardship and preservation approaches.
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> The publication won the Mander Jones Award 2022 in Category 1B: Publication making the greatest contribution to the archive's profession in Australia, written or edited by a person in their own right. archivists.org.au/learning-publications/mander-jones-awards-recipients

**Thorpe, K.**, & **Booker, L.** (2022). Navigating Respectful Practice to Support Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights in Australian Libraries. In Navigating Copyright for Libraries (pp. 440-466). De Gruyter Saur.

> This chapter discusses the protection of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) rights with libraries, focusing on Australia's current approaches to ICIP in the library sector and outlines key literature concerning the protection of Indigenous people's rights to culture and heritage in a broad context to examine the challenges of working with past collecting practices which lacked an ethical basis and informed consent.

**Thorpe, K.** (2022) Unclasping the White Hand: Reclaiming and Refiguring the Archives to Support Indigenous Wellbeing and Sovereignty (Doctoral dissertation, Monash University). bridges.monash.edu/articles/thesis/Unclasping_the_White_Hand_Reclaiming_and_Refiguring_the_Archives_to_Support_Indigenous_Wellbeing_and_Sovereignty/19251908

> The research explored whether the current dominant approaches to archiving and managing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges support the wellbeing of Indigenous people and recognise Indigenous sovereignty in an archival context. It investigated the contested nature of the archives and the level of agency that Indigenous people have to control and own their archives.

# Indigenous People & Work Hub

The Hub continues to conduct extensive consulting work with the range of organisations across business, industry and the government and third sectors that informs our policy and law reform positions through the collection of Indigenous-lead and informed research and consulting practice.

This continuing work provides the Hub with significant authority to lead the Indigenous employment sector and we have made presentations to many organisations about our work this year.

Significantly, we initiated the formation of the First Nations Employment Alliance with Reconciliation Australia, the ACTU, First Peoples Disability Network, Kara Keys Consulting, Price Waterhouse Coopers Indigenous Consulting and GetUp that is comprised of First Nations organisations and people with significant experience and authority in the various employment disciplines that can inform and campaign around significant policy and law reform issues in the new policy environment.

We continue to work in collaboration and partnership with other organisations in the area of employing and developing careers for Indigenous people that lends to our continuous knowledge development and receptacle about what is going on in our policy area. This is of course a great privilege.

**Key publications**

Presentations to –

Sydney University, the SNAICC Conference, Kmart Deadly Stores, Generation Women, Comcare, book launch for Dr Carl Rhodes UTS Business School 'Woke Capitalism', Mental Health Community of Practice, Australia-Malaysia Virtual Reporting Fellowship, NAISA Conference, Australian Progress, Vivid Ideas, Women in Super, Australian Institute of Super Trustees, Antidote, Legal Aid Civil Law conference, Social Policy Group Forum and Symposium, Voice of Australia podcast, Speaking Out, The Drum, Diversity in Creative Industries and University of Sydney Mosaic Network.

## Case Study: First Nations Employment Symposium

First Nations People's experiences of the labour and employment markets have primarily been narrated through non-First Nations voices, often during election cycles and further complicated by diversity, inclusion and human resource sector practices and attitudes imposed upon First Nations Peoples. The First Nations Employment Alliance was formally launched at the Symposium and provided an opportunity to listen to mob and establish a work plan and strategy to explore the future of First Nations employment that is First Nations-lead and implemented.

# Indigenous Nations & Collaborative Futures Hub

2022 has been an exciting and busy year for the INCF Hub as we've worked locally, nationally and internationally to provide understandings of Indigenous nation building and collaborative futures to First Nations authorities and communities as a contribution to the exercise of their collective rights to self-determined self-governance and self-government. Along with **working directly with First Nations we've also collaborated in projects with Indigenous-led organisations, government, universities, industry, and the not-for-profit sector to bring knowledge of the principles and practices supporting Indigenous nation building at this important moment of Voice, Truth, Treaty in Australian history**.

*Nation Building and the Political Determinants of Health and Wellbeing* was written by Daryle Rigney, Simone Bignall, Alison Vivian and Steve Hemming and published in collaboration with the Lowitja Institute. The discussion paper establishes a framework for Aboriginal and Torres Islander peoples to take control of their **health and wellbeing through nation building** arguing First Nation leaders and Elders have always been nation builders. Five principles are identified for Indigenous nation building & achieving sustainable futures and collective wellbeing: self-governing polities, nation governing bodies, bodies perceived as culturally legitimate, community-spirited leaders who can act as agents of change & strategic and long-term decision-making.

Heritage, reconciliation and repatriation remains high on the agenda for many Indigenous communities. In collaboration with project partners work continues on the ARC funded *Return, Reconcile Renew Digital Archive* containing information about the **removal and repatriation of Indigenous Ancestral Remains in Australia and internationally**. *Restoring Dignity: Networked Knowledge for Repatriation Communities*, also funded by the ARC and partner organisations this work has laid the foundation for *Repatriation, healing and wellbeing: understanding success for repatriation policy and practice*, an AIATSIS Research Exchange project collaboration investigating healing and wellbeing as the priority and key indicator of success in repatriation and reburial with the aim of supporting practice, developing protocols, informing policy and developing a Ngarrindjeri reburial plan using a Ngarrindjeri Yannarumi (acting lawfully as country) methodology.

### Key publications

**Rigney, D., S. Bignall, A. Vivian** and **S. Hemming.** 2022. 'Indigenous Nation Building and the Political Determinants of Health and Wellbeing'. *Lowitja Institute Discussion Paper*. Lowitja Institute: Melbourne. DOI: 10.48455/9ace-aw24

> This Lowitja Institute commissioned paper aims to broaden discussions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health and wellbeing by explaining how Indigenous nation building enables vital political determinants of health.

**Rigney, D.,** Bell, D., **Vivian, A.,** Jorgensen, M., **Hemming, S.** & Berg, S. 2022 'Gunditjmara and Ngarrindjeri: Case Studies of Indigenous Self-Government', in Cane, P., Ford, L. & MacMillan, M. (eds.) *Cambridge Legal History of Australia*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp. 204-224.

> This chapter presents case studies of success for the Gunditjmara People and the Ngarrindjeri Nation in their self-determined nation building work.

Fforde, C., Sumner, M., Sumner, L., Besterman, T., & **Hemming, S.** 2022 'Ancestors or Artefacts: contention in the definition, retention and return of Ngarrindjeri Old People', in Felicity Bodenstein, Damiana Otoiu, and Eva-Maria Troelenberg (eds.) *Contested holdings: Public and Private Collections in Political, Epistemic and Artistic Processes of Return*, Berghahn Books, New York, pp. 117-138.

> This chapter draws from Australian Research Council funded research to address the contemporary global challenge for First Nations and others who are seeking the return of their stolen cultural heritage and 'human remains' from former European powers.

## Case study: Prerequisite conditions for Indigenous nation self-government

*Prerequisite conditions for Indigenous nation self-government (2019-2022)*, an Australian Research Council (ARC) funded project is a partnership between Jumbunna Institute - University of Technology Sydney, individuals and organisations from the Gugu Badhun Nation (Queensland) and the Nyungar Nation (Western Australia) and researchers from James Cook University and the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona to investigate factors that impact the transition from 'identifying' to 'organising' as political collectives/Indigenous nations to enable self-governance through action.

Despite the extreme challenges presented by the COVID19 pandemic the research project has nonetheless been highly successful with Gugu Badhun and Nyungar nation led actions and rich findings leading to better understanding of their readiness to organise as political collectives and work on their own self-governing institutions and mechanisms. Activities with Gugu Badhun Nation included an online webinar series ('Sovereignty Sundays'); filming workshops; INB workshops with the Board of the Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation (GBAC); phone unit and family interviews with individuals and family units, leading to the Gugu Badhun Interview Data Community Report; filmed interviews with Elders; and, most significantly, a 2022 Gugu Badhun Citizenship Forum held on Country with a Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation hosted workshop to draft a preamble for a Gugu Badhun constitution to follow. Work with Nyungar Nation has included a series of introductory Indigenous Nation Building (INB) workshops in Perth and with Ballardong Elders; interviews with Elders; and the drafting of a community history of the nation's INB efforts in the 1990s.

Through the project, an INB Community of Practice has also been established. The CoP meets monthly and provides an opportunity to share INB innovations and strategies. A suite of research outputs has been produced, including commentaries on: First Nations' internal policies, native title, and INB methodologies; community reports; and several film resources.

# Legal Strategies Hub

The Legal Strategies Hub has focused during 2022 on continuing its work **providing assistance to First Nation families engaged with the Australian justice system**, including its work attempting to reform those systems through practice-led and impactful research and professional activities. We continue our work holding the Colonial legal system accountable, utilising domestic and international law remedies in the areas of state violence and discrimination. In addition, we have aggressively expanded our work assisting community to defend Country, and in research on **promoting Indigenous stewardship of Country**. We have also continued to support the families of the Bowraville murder victims. Our activities have again spanned the range of academic presentations and teaching, advocacy and legal services.

Our most important and powerful collaborations remain with the First Nation communities and families with whom we are honoured to work. In addition, we have worked via key collaborations with the National Justice Project, the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Violet and Co Solicitors, the Environmental Defenders Office and Guardian Australia, as well as individuals from the UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UTS Business, UTS Science, UTS Faculty of Law and members of the profession.

### Key outputs

Teaching of 11 interns in professional practice and alternative lawyering approaches in the Legal Clinic, providing legal support and advocacy services to Indigenous Clients in high-profile and novel legal campaigns.

**Longman, C.D** and **Whittaker, A** (Forthcoming), Practitioner perspective: *Chasing professionalism: the practitioner's role in responding to First Nations deaths in custody*, Federation Press.

Teaching of *Strategic Litigation* 78290/76095. This subject introduces UTS Law Students to alternative lawyering theories and the work of Jumbunna and its allies in lawyering collaboratively with Indigenous communities in justice campaigns. Suitable students often subsequently undertake an internship within the Legal Clinic.

## Case study: defending the Pilliga

The Pilliga forest is an iconic landscape and the Country of the Gomeroi nation. At the request of members of that Nation, the Jumbunna Clinic conducted legal research on strategic lawyering opportunities to resist the development of the Narrabri Gas Project which could see Santos drill up to 850 gas wells over 1000 hectares of Gomeroi country, causing severe damage to Gomeroi cultural sites and adding substantially to global climate emissions and the severity and frequency of natural disasters in Australia.

For years Gomeroi people have worked to protect their country from the risks of the Project. They are now facing hostile action in the Native Title Tribunal (NTT), with Santos trying to over-ride Native Title rights to force through the project.

We have provided strategic and public advocacy support to some members of the nation in defence of their country. This has included work on a widely supported online petition endorsed by a range of trade unions and NGOs opposing Santos' court action and public events coinciding with appearances in the NTT.

# Indigenous Policy Hub

The Indigenous Policy Hub's work has only intensified after the disruption of recent years. We welcomed in new areas of practice with new faces in the Hub, notably, Professor Juanita Sherwood. We strengthened our practice and expertise in existing ones — **anti-racism, impact and evidence bases in policy, community control and capacity in tech,** and **truth-telling**. We have worked for clients including Google, Microsoft, GetUp!, the Ebony Institute and Reconciliation Australia. In all of our work, however varied it now is, we're still working to the common goal of self-determination for our people in all policy.

We continued our anti-racism work with the **Collingwood Football Club annual review**. The review was a recommendation from our earlier, ground-breaking *Do Better* report. We reviewed the progress of Collingwood Football Club against the full recommendations of *Do Better* and suggested strategies to keep the Club on track with its commitments. *Do Better* itself continues to open up conversations around racism within Australian sport — conversations we hope to continue to develop into a fuller anti-racism practice in 2023.

This year, Professor Juanita Sherwood was involved in getting Birthing on Country off the ground. It is the first **First Nations Birthing Centre**, funded for $22 million by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. The project emerged in a context where many First Nations women are denied the chance to give birth on their own Country and in their communities, and retain control over their perinatal health in a way that fits with their proper ways. Professor Sherwood is on two NHMRC grants and on the board of Waminda, supporting the project. She is also supervising midwife and the beating heart of Birthing on Country, Mel Briggs.

### Key publications

**Barber, T.** & McDaniel, L. (2022). *Review of Home: Aboriginal art from New South Wales*.

**Sherwood, J.** & Nigro, O. (2022). 'Truth-telling: Decolonisation is crucial to ending First Nations deaths in custody and other preventable deaths,' in *Burda-Burda Balayi: Health professionals and Indigenous health, working at the interface* (eds) Edmonson, W., Williams, R. Oxford University Press, Melbourne.

## Case study: Jawun Evaluation Framework

Jawun provides leadership and organisation capacity building programs to Indigenous organisations across Australia. Jumbunna was engaged to review Jawun's current approach to impact evaluation and develop an improved and more accountable approach that better reflects Indigenous priorities and Jawun's commitment to Indigenous-led change. Working collaboratively with key Jawun staff, Jumbunna developed a draft Impact Framework informed by Indigenous and strengths-based evaluation approaches, as well as the principles and practices of Indigenous Nation Building and Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Responsibility.

The Framework strengthens Jawun's transparency and accountability to its Indigenous partners around impact evaluation, and will enable Jawun to undertake more effective research and evaluation to inform the ongoing improvement of its programs, and communicating impact to government, private and philanthropic sector partners. Jumbunna will continue working collaboratively with Jawun in the next phase of wider consultation and refinement of the Framework.

# Indigenous Law and Justice Hub

During the course of the year, Cunneen and Allison continued their work with the Aboriginal Justice Unit of NT Department of Attorney-General and Justice on various aspects of the NT Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA). During the year they completed **a study of systemic racism within one NT government agency** and completed a **Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the implementation of the AJA**. As part of the ongoing ARC Discovery funded project, *Reconceptualising Indigenous Access to Justice in Civil Law*, Cunneen and Allison spent a week in Halls Creek with the Aboriginal organisation Olabud Doogethu. Beaufils successfully completed the Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) project evaluating the 'High Intensity Program Unit'. Members of the Hub published **10 reports, book chapters, and articles**. They also appeared in various media. Beaufils, Cunneen and Russell organised and presented a panel at the ANZ Society of Criminology Conference in Darwin in November 2022. Beaufils, Bryden and Russell worked on their respective doctoral studies, with Bryden completing and being awarded his PhD from Cambridge University during 2022.

Members of the Hub continued with their **community engagement work**. James Beaufils is a member of the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice, Youth Justice Advisory Council and on the Corrective Services NSW Ethics Committee. Sophie Russell is a member of the Research Policy Advocacy Subcommittee Community Restorative Centre. Fiona Allison is Chair of the Justice Reinvestment Network Australia (JRNA), and a member of the Australian Discrimination Law Experts Group (ADLEG) and an Adjunct Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin. Allison and Cunneen are members of the governance committee of the Justice Reinvestment Network Australia. Cunneen is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia and a Fellow of the ANZ Society of Criminology and holds Adjunct positions at UNSW and James Cook University.

### Key publications

**Allison, F.** and **Cunneen, C**. (2022) *Call It Out Racism Register. The First Six Months*, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, Sydney.

**Beaufils, J.** '"That's the Bloodline": Does Kinship and care translate to Kinship Care?' *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, pp.1-22, Online First, DOI: 10.1002/ajs4.24.

**Russell, S**., **Beaufils, J.** and **Cunneen, C.** (2022) 'Rehabilitation and Beyond in Settler Colonial Australia: Current and Future Directions in Policy and Practice', M. Vanstone and P. Priestley, (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Rehabilitation in Criminal Justice*, Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. pp. 33-52.

## Case Study: Call It Out

Members of the Hub have worked over the last three with the National Justice Project to develop the online First Nations Racism Register **Call It Out** (callitout.com.au/). Call it Out was launched in March 2022. The Register is a simple and secure way for people to report incidents of racism and discrimination toward First Nations Peoples. The details of individuals reporting on the Register are confidential.

In November 2022 the first six monthly report on the Register was launched. The Report was based on 267 reports of racism against First Nations Peoples. More than half the reports (52%) were made by the person who experienced racism, while the remainder were made by witnesses of racism or friends or relatives of the person who experienced racism. The types of racism most frequently reported were stereotyping, discrimination, and institutional racism (46%). Aggressively racist behaviour was also evident – taken together physical and verbal abuse, hate speech, bullying, threats, intimidation and damage to property comprised 34% of responses. Workplace racism was the single most reported place for the occurrence of racism (26%), followed by commercial locations (17%). The victims of racism were more likely to be women.

We see Call It Out as a long-term project that can progressively impact public policy into the future. We intend to expand the capacity of the Register through making it more accessible for people with disability, and making it available in key First Nations languages. We also plan to expand our direct engagement with communities to promote the use of the Register.

# Cultural Resilience Hub

We started the year with the **Paul Ramsay Foundation's Welcome to Country** for their new building done by Aunty Barb Simms (vimeo.com/679856578, password: Yirran). We were also kept busy working on our part of the DP19 Project with Gugu Badhan and working on their videos for **nation-building and stories from Elders**. We produced three videos (vimeo.com/746215203) while on our trip to their citizenship forum at Hidden Valley in Queensland.

As always, **our support of community in areas around issues of grief and trauma and resilience**, meant we maintained and built some websites for some of the bigger community actions this year, again supporting the Yuendumu elders with their website for KarrinjarlaMuwajarri.org (and this video: vimeo.com/713160526) and maintaining the support of the Pilliga fight with GomeroiNgaarr.org.

We have continued on a small scale to do **Winda screenings**, but hope to bring back brighter and better in 2023. In terms of training, we worked with ICTV to do a workshop around archives in documentaries.

### Key publications

**Clague, P.** (2022) Goddess Book – *Mother Earth on Screen*, published by ACMI.

> Exploring how the original goddess, Mother Nature, has been depicted in Australian Cinema.

**Clague, P.** (2022) Representing Aboriginal Childhoods Program, *Indigenous Children Narratives on screen* – Macquarie University

> The tropes/stereotypes that have plagued our industry for the past hundred years has impacted the identity of our youth in their portrayal on screen. Often grouped into the effects of the 'Noble Savage' or the 'lost kid' who is lost to their culture and guided by the white saviour or in the news portrayed in the negative as a trouble maker, lawless youth. These representations have affected the way our children have grown to see themselves.

As Indigenous practitioners have begun to write past the two-dimensional characters we begin to see the layers of the impact of their identity on screen and allow our children to see past the stereotypes on screen.

**Clague, P.** (2022) Richard Bell – Embassy Talks, *The Power of Filmmaking*.

Pauline Clague and Alexis West discussed the power of film and why it's important for us to use this medium to tell Aboriginal stories and what that means for black people.

## Case study: Working with Cootamundra Girls Home Association

For the last year, Jumbunna's Cultural Resilience Hub have been working with the Cootamundra Girls Home Association to get survivor stories documented and cut into fifteen-minute stories to add to the extensive work of collating all of the Cootamundra stories into one space on the Mukurtu site which the Hub on Indigenous Archives and Data Stewardship are looking after.

We had a few hiccups along with the way with COVID being a large factor and then the floods earlier this year, in looking after the safety of the women and making sure that we spent the right amount of time on the stories with the women. We have completed 15 documentaries from the women to date. We have also recorded podcasts for those women that are not wanting to be on camera. We are also in conversation about producing a book with the women and the Coota Girls team, as the documentaries only just touch on the stories we have recorded in the past twelve months.

Meagan Gerrard the Project and Communications Manager at Coota Girls said of the videos done:

> ‘This is a heartbreaking reminder of the havoc forced removals played on our family structures and kinship. Great to have this footage Pauline.’

The resources held in the many institutions often have to be handled with care so as not to re-traumatise the community and what the archiving team are doing to transform the work to be accessible for families in the future will help to grow the collection from the stories into a space of healing and truth-telling for the community to engage and learn from. We hope to be launching the project during Reconciliation Week in May 2024.

# Our people



**Coralie Achterberg** is a Gugu Badhun citizen and a Research Associate at the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, University of Technology Sydney. Coralie provides research support to the ARC project “Prerequisite conditions for Indigenous nation self-government” and primarily conducts work associated with the Gugu Badhun Nation developing and maintaining strong relationships with the community, community organisations and the project Investigators.



Dr. **Fiona Allison** is a Research Fellow focused on First Nations justice issues, as well as convening a national network for those working with justice reinvestment.



**Tracy Barber** joined Jumbunna in 2015 as Coordinator of the Unistart Tertiary Enabling Program and Deputy Director of the Learning Development Team. She currently leads and implements evaluation projects focussed on improving the quality and effectiveness of programs that support Indigenous students learning. Her career as an educator spans the school, VET and university sectors and includes working as a high school teacher, researcher, facilitator, policy developer, project manager and course designer.



**James Beaufils** is a research fellow and PhD candidate at the Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research and the Faculty of Law, UTS. James is a Gundungurra man from the Pejar area and Kanak from New Caledonia, and has researched in the fields of child protection, community corrections, youth justice and education in Australia and the UK.



**Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt OA** is the Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology Sydney. She has a LLB and B.Juris from UNSW and a LLM and SJD from Harvard Law School. In 2021 she received the Australian Human Rights Commission Human Rights Medal and in 2020 she received an Order of Australia for distinguished service to Indigenous education and research, to the law, and to the visual and performing arts. In 2009 she was NAIDOC Person of the Year award and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year.



**Dr Simone Bignall** has worked for several decades in research alliances with Australian First Nations aspiring to reclaim aboriginal sovereignty and restore self-governance in resistance to settler-colonialism. Primarily active as a political philosopher, Simone is known internationally for her collaborative thinking about radical social change. She has published a number of books and articles on this topic.



**Lauren Booker** (Garigal) is a Research Fellow at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education & Research, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), and is undertaking her PhD in the School of Communication, Faculty of Arts and Social Science UTS. Lauren has worked across the libraries, archives and museums sector on projects supporting First Nations communities and organisations to access their cultural and intellectual property held in collecting institutions and digitise community archive collections. She is a strong supporter of post-custodial archives, repatriation, Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights and Indigenous Data Sovereignty.



**Michael Bryden** is a descendent of the Palawa People of Tasmania. His research explores Indigenous self-determination, legitimacy, and policing. He is a Research Associate at the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research and is completing a PhD on police legitimacy at the University of Cambridge.



**Associate Professor Pauline Clague** is a Yaegl women from the North Coast of New South Wales. She entered into the Industry in 1994 through the Indigenous Drama Initiative producing “Round Up”. Since then she has produced documentaries and dramas and been Series Producer for various initiatives and worked for ABC, SBS and NITV. Known for her extensive work in championing and producing the works of Australia’s emerging and Indigenous filmmakers. Pauline has spent the last twenty years helping to develop and mentor other filmmakers and their voices. In 2015 she won the Stanley Hawes Award 2015 for Contribution to Australian Documentaries.



**Callum Clayton-Dixon** is Ambēyaŋ (southern clan/dialect of the ‘Anaiwan’ tribal/language group) and a founding member of the Anaiwan Language Revival Program. Callum is a Ern MacDonald On-Country Research Fellow.



**Dr Anthea Compton** is a Research Associate working on the ARC DP19 project ‘Prerequisite conditions for Indigenous nation self-government’. She completed her PhD in Indigenous political histories at UNSW in 2019, then worked as a Policy Advisor in Land at the National Indigenous Australians Agency before joining the INCF Hub in 2021.



Industry Professor Lindon Coombes is a descendant of the Yuallaraay people of north-west NSW and has over 20 years of experience working across a range of sectors in Aboriginal affairs. He has held senior executive positions in the NSW Government and has been CEO of Aboriginal owned and controlled organisations. Lindon has also been a Senior Advisor for successive Ministers holding the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio in NSW.



**Chris Cunneen** is Professor of Criminology and Leader of the Indigenous Law and Justice Hub at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.



**Amy Della-Sale** is experienced working in heritage, community development and natural resource management through her long-term role as heritage specialist in the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority's (NRA) heritage team and *Yarluwar-Ruwe* (Caring as Country) program. Employed across several ARC research projects including the *Return Reconcile Renew* ARC linkage project, Amy is currently a Project Officer for the *Restoring Dignity: Networked Knowledge for Repatriation Communities* ARC Project and the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority developing content for the *Return, Reconcile, Renew* Digital Archive.



**Patrick Dowling** is an intern at Jumbunna and is currently studying a Bachelor of Law at RMIT with interests in issues regarding institutional, systemic and administrative injustices.



**Monica Galassi** is an Italian researcher who works in Australia. Her academic interests focus on producing research that can influence structural changes in cultural institutions to support First Nations sovereignty over their cultural heritage. Monica is a PhD Candidate in International Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and a Research Associate at the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research in the same University.



**Padraic Gibson** is a Senior Researcher at Jumbunna, where he has worked since 2008. Padraic's research is focussed on contemporary state violence against Indigenous people, particularly the forced removal of children, deaths in custody and the imposition of unwanted industrial development on Indigenous lands. He also works as an advocate and community organiser and recently submitted a PhD in History at the University of Newcastle examining the relationship between Australian socialists and movements for Aboriginal rights in the early 20th Century.



**Joshua Gilbert** is a Worimi man, whose family ancestors are recorded as having the first recorded birth in a cave in the Gloucester mountains. His connection to the Worimi nation stems through both his parents, tracing back to the Bugg family. Josh's work seeks to connect traditional Aboriginal knowledge and history to current contexts, translating past wisdoms and learning to the opportunities of the future. He is a Senior Researcher at the Jumbunna Institute.



The Jumbunna Child Protection Hub is led by Wiradjuri research **Dr Paul Gray**. Paul's career has included frontline practice as a psychologist supporting children in out-of-home care, practice change roles with DCJ and executive roles with the NSW Aboriginal peak organisation, AbSec, leading policy and advocacy work. He is committed to reimagining child protection systems and practice to promote healing for our communities, and end their disproportionate impact on our children, families and communities.



**Associate Professor Steve Hemming's** work with Indigenous communities began in the early 1980s as a non-Indigenous museum curator. He worked on community-based projects focusing on social histories, heritage, family history and the arts. Steve's community engagement and research has supported Indigenous nation (re)building, environmental management cultural heritage management, repatriation and Indigenous environmental studies. In 2015 he was part of the Ngarrindjeri team that won the Australian River*prize* for best practice in integrated river management (River Murray).



**Jonathan Jones** a Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi man is an artist, curator and researcher engaging Aboriginal practices, relationships and knowledge. His work exhibited nationally and internationally champions local knowledge systems is grounded in research of the historical archive and builds on community aspirations. Jonathan is a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Indigenous Research Fellow at the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, UTS.



**Shahnaz Khalil** is an intern at Jumbunna and has a background in law, political science and Arts. She is a recent law graduate and has a keen interest in International Humanitarian Law.
She is currently working on Indigenous Fishing rights in Australian and International waters.



**Imogen Leary** is an intern at Jumbunna and is in her final year of a Juris Doctor degree at UTS and has a particular interest in public law and evidence. She completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History and American Studies as her undergraduate. Imogen is particularly interested in political science, feminist and critical race perspectives in Australia



**Craig Longman** is the Leader of the Legal Strategies Hub at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research. He is a Barrister at Black Chambers.



**Bronte MacPhail** joined the Jumbunna team in May of this year while completing her last semester in a Bachelor of Arts. Prior to working at Jumbunna she had a background in office administration in a variety of different industries including arts, tech, metal and jewellery manufacturing, and retail. A highlight this year has been being able to feel like she was aiding and supporting a team of people doing vitally important work. Bronte is looking forward to this continuing in 2023!



**Maryam Mahvash** is an Intern in the Jumbunna Clinic and is currently completing a degree in Law and Communications. She is passionate about social advocacy causes and has previously worked with reputable organisations including Justice Action and UN Youth Australia. She is interested in the public policy space specifically in all issues at the intersection of law and media



**Sinead McCormick** is an intern in the Legal Strategies Hub of the Jumbunna Clinic. She has recently completed a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Business at the University of Technology Sydney and hopes to pursue a Master of Laws, specialising in human rights law and policy in the near future.



Research Office Manager **Missi Mel Pesa**'s primary role is to support our researchers with internal and external relationships and to manage an agile administrative team to support the operational needs of Jumbunna's growing research Hubs and leadership team. Missi started with Jumbunna in 2019 as Research Assistant with the Cultural Resilience Hub and brings 15 years' experience working in the creative arts including extensive field work creating digital media in Indigenous communities. This year saw Missi creating new systems to adapt to challenges such as remote working and increased staff numbers and making pathways for our researchers to interface with UTS systems more effectively.



**Mandy Price** provides project management expertise to the Hub working closely with academic staff and key stakeholders internal and external to the university. Mandy brings three decades of experience in higher education management having previously worked as the Business Manager for the Office of Indigenous Strategy & Engagement, Flinders University, a project officer for the Department of Education's Cultural Awareness project and as a senior human resources advisor.



**Professor Daryle Rigney** is a citizen of the Ngarrindjeri Nation and Professor and Director of the Indigenous Nations and Collaborative Futures Research hub in the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at the University of Technology Sydney. He is currently the Deputy Chair of the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute, a member of the International Advisory Council, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona and a Senior Fellow, Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity, Melbourne & Atlantic Institute, Oxford.




**Latoya Aroha Rule** is a Wiradjuri/ Māori, Takatāpui/ Queer Research Associate & PhD candidate at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education & Research, UTS. They appreciate creative outputs that provide them and others opportunities for truth-telling and healing. In 2020 Latoya was selected as one of five racial justice 'Guardians of the Year' in TIME Magazine's 'People of the Year' edition, and as one of Deloitte's Out50 LGBTQ+ Leaders of the Year. In 2022 Latoya was a finalist for the Australian Human Rights Commission - Human Rights Medal for their work on anti-torture and legislative reforms. They and their words have been featured in TIME Magazine, The Washington Post, Rolling Stone Magazine, AGNSW, AGSA, and in exhibitions in New York, Berlin & the UK



**Sophie Russell** is a research fellow and PhD candidate in the Faculty of Law and Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at UTS, and a Research Associate in the Faculty of Law, UNSW. Sophie has worked on a number of ARC-funded projects and has a background in research, policy and advocacy in the post-release community sector.



**Nikki Saini** is an intern at the Jumbunna Clinic and has a background in Law and Business. She is in her penultimate year of her double degree and has a strong interest in international law and climate change. She is currently researching indigenous claims in relation to climate change issues and how strategic litigation can be used to pursue such matters.



A proud Wiradjuri woman, **Professor Juanita Sherwood** is a registered nurse, teacher, lecturer, researcher and manager with a depth of working experiences of some 30 years in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and education. Her career has encompassed the health and education government and non-government sector, as well as the academy. She has been involved in, and ran a number of State-wide and National projects, developed policies and strategic plans that have required wide-ranging consultation; in-depth literature reviews; data collection using government and non-government sources; and negotiated their implementation strategically and informatively. Her expertise covers Indigenous research, First Nations health and education, decolonising health research, cultural safety and birthing on country, Aboriginal women's incarceration and exit care, growing the next generation of First Nations health academics and First Nations health justice.



**Kalina Stepto** joined the admin team this year on the 11th of October. She is an Indigenous woman from Brewarrina and of the Kamilaroi and Ngemba nation. She has had many jobs, all of which never really stuck as she never developed a passion for the work she was doing, then she found Jumbunna. One highlight that stands out for Kalina was the staff gathering where she got to learn about the history of Jumbunna and was so inspired after hearing what Jumbunna has achieved and what its hubs represent. She's looking forward to 2023 with Jumbunna!



**Dr Kirsten Thorpe** (Worimi, Port Stephens) is a Senior Researcher at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education & Research, University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Kirsten leads the Indigenous Archives and Data Stewardship Hub, which advocates for Indigenous rights in archives and data and develops research and engagement in relation to refiguring libraries and archives to support the culturally appropriate ownership, management and ongoing preservation of Indigenous knowledges.



**Dr Alison Vivian** is a lawyer and senior researcher at the Jumbunna Indigenous Nations and Collaborative Futures Research Hub (INCF) at the University of Technology Sydney. Her research relates to Indigenous nation-building (INB), Indigenous governance, and legal pluralism as exercising sovereignty and self-determination. Alison has partnered with Indigenous nations to understand factors that contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nation building, self-governance and self-determination.



**Alison Whittaker** is a Gomeroi legal scholar and author. Alison was a 2017-18 Fulbright and Roberta Sykes scholar at Harvard Law School, where she was named Dean's Scholar in Race, Gender and Criminal Law. Her second book, BLAKWORK, was released with Magabala Books in September 2018.



**James Woods** is an Intern in the Jumbunna Clinic and is in the first year of his law degree. He is currently researching Jurisprudence that examines climate change. James has worked on the Guardian Indigenous Deaths In Custody report, as well as identifying mechanisms in state and federal legislation that allowed for continued abuses of individuals in custody. He has a particular interest in advocacy.



**Industry Professor Nareen Young** is one of Australia's most highly respected employment diversity practitioners now enjoying the privilege of working exclusively around Indigenous workforce diversity at Jumbunna.