

# Reimagining Conservation Forum

Working Together for Healthy Country

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

(2<sup>nd</sup> November for First Nations Focus Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November for all participants)

Walkabout Creek Events Centre

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## REIMAGINING CONSERVATION: WORKING TOGETHER FOR HEALTHY COUNTRY

### PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 2: 12:00pm – 17:00pm (First Nations Focus Group)

Thursday, November 3: 9am– 17:00pm

Friday, November 4: 9am – 17:00pm

Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre, 60 Mount Nebo Rd, The Gap, Brisbane QLD 4061

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<b>DAY 1</b> <b>First Nations Focus Group (30 participants)</b> <b>12:00-5:00pm</b> <b>Facilitated by Cissy Gore-Birch</b>	
12.00-12.30	Registration and lunch
12.30	Welcome to Country
12:45	<b>Introduction to the Forum and its purpose</b> Ricky Archer, CEO, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)
13:00	<b>Why are we here and who is in the room?</b> Cissy Gore-Birch, Forum Facilitator & Balangarra Aboriginal Corporation
13:15	Session 1.1 – Reimagining conservation - what does it mean to us?
14:15	Afternoon Tea Break
14:30	Session 1.2 – What is Indigenous-led whole-of-country (land & seascapes) management?
15:30	Session 1.3 – What does success look like and where do we want to be in 5–10 years?
16:30 – 17:00	<b>What are key messages / challenges / solutions from each session on day 1 to introduce at the beginning on Day 2 as a foundation for the forum?</b> Cissy Gore-Birch & Ricky Archer

DAY 2 Thursday 3rd November (100 participants)	
8:30	REGISTRATION
9:00	<b>Welcome to Country</b>
9:10-9:20	<b>Opening Address</b> The Honorable Linda Burney (video)
9:20-9:30	<b>Introduction to the Forum and its purpose</b> Ricky Archer, CEO, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA). Peter Cochrane, Vice-President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) & Chair, Australian Committee for IUCN (ACIUCN).
9:30-9:45	<b>Why are we here &amp; what does it ask of us? Key messages from Day 1 First Nations Focus Group.</b> Cissy Gore-Birch, Forum Facilitator & Balangarra Aboriginal Corporation
9:45-10:50	<b>Reimagining Conservation - what does it mean to us?</b> Group discussions and feedback
10.50-11.10	MORNING TEA
<b>SESSION 2.1: Weaving Knowledge - current national &amp; international context</b>	
11.10-12.10	<b>Panel 2.1A. What is the national &amp; international governance &amp; policy context in working together for healthy Country? What are the opportunities &amp; obstacles?</b> Facilitated by Peter Cochrane <i>Panellists:</i> <b>Terri Janke</b> , Solicitor & Director, Terri Janke & Company. <b>Emily Gerrard</b> , Director and Principal Lawyer, Comhar Group Pty Limited. <b>Chrissy Grant</b> ( <i>pre-record</i> ) Chair, International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on World Heritage (IIPFWH) & Chair, Wet Tropics Management Authority. <b>Kristen Walker Painemilla</b> , Senior Vice-President & Managing Director, Centre for Communities & Conservation, Conservation International, & Chair of IUCN Commission for Economics Environment & Social Policy (CEESP). <b>James Watson</b> , Professor, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation, The University of Queensland.
12:10-13:00	<b>Panel 2.1B. What is important about weaving the different knowledge systems?</b> Facilitated by Jodie Sizer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Defining traditional knowledge, Indigenous science &amp; 'western' science. What is genuine 2-way learning?</i></li> <li>● <i>Weaving knowledge in cultural heritage management.</i></li> <li>● <i>Indicators of effective management for conservation on Country based on cultural values &amp; 'western' science.</i></li> </ul> <i>Panellists:</i> <b>Chelsea Marshall</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Indigenous Knowledge Systems Lab, Deakin University. <b>Jamie Tarrant</b> , Chair Worimi Board of Management. <b>Cathy Robinson</b> , Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO & Director of the Northern Australia Research Alliance between CSIRO and Charles Darwin University. <b>Beau Austin</b> , Adjunct Research Fellow, Charles Darwin University. <b>Liz Wren</b> , Director, Traditional Owner Partnerships, Great Barrier Reef Foundation.
13:00-14:00	LUNCH

SESSION 2.2: What is whole-of-Country management of cultural landscapes & where is this working well?	
14:00-15.00	<p><b>Panel 2.2A. Managing Country together for environmental and cultural outcomes - government and non-government perspectives on successes and challenges.</b> Facilitated by Ricky Archer</p> <p><b>Jody Swirepik</b>, Director of National Parks, Parks Australia. <b>Damien Jackson</b>, Project Officer, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Protection, Parks Victoria. <b>Owen Whyman</b>, Chair Paroo Darling NP MOU Committee and Mutawintji Board of Management. <b>Jody Gunn</b>, CEO, Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA). <b>Bruce Hammond</b>, Aboriginal Partnerships Manager, Bush Heritage Australia. <b>Debbie Symonds</b>, CEO, Olkola Traditional Owners.</p>
15.00-15.35	<p><b>Panel 2.2B. Indigenous ranger programs - what's working, &amp; how can we do better?</b> Facilitated by Barry Hunter</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> <b>Dion Creek</b>, CEO Cape York Land Council. <b>Ryan Baruwei</b>, Chair, Board of Management, Kakadu National Park. <i>Other panellists to be confirmed</i></p>
15.35-15.50	AFTERNOON TEA
SESSION 2.3: Current policy & program settings – what works, what needs to change?	
15:50-16.30	<p><b>Panel 2.3a. Government commitments.</b> Facilitated by Ricky Archer</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> <b>Danielle Flakelar</b>, Aboriginal Heritage &amp; Joint Management, NSW NPWS. <b>Jodie Sizer</b>, CEO, Great Ocean Road Coast &amp; Parks Authority. <b>Jennifer Hulme</b>, Policy Officer, Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment &amp; Water (DCCEEW).</p>
16.30-17:20	<p><b>Panel 2.3B. Reimagining conservation through emerging economies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Cultural fire credits, biodiversity markets, carbon abatement - Indigenous perspectives.</i></li> <li>● <i>Core benefits for First Nations (through a cultural lens) - economic (tourism, carbon) / cultural / environmental; agricultural benefits for First Nations.</i></li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by Ricky Archer</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i> <b>Suzanne Thompson</b>, Yachatdac Aboriginal Corporation &amp; Indigenous Carbon Industry Network (ICIN). <b>Craig North</b> [pre-record], Managing Director, Indigenous Impact Pty Ltd. <b>Page Perry</b>, Director, Biodiversity Markets, Economics &amp; Environmental Science Division, Biodiversity Markets Branch, Biodiversity Markets Policy &amp; Design Section (DCCEEW). <b>Emily Gerrard</b>, Director and Principal Lawyer, Comhar Group Pty Limited. <b>Jonathan Green</b>, Manager Carbon &amp; Environment, Indigenous Land &amp; Sea Corporation.</p>
17:20-17.30	<p><b>WRAP-UP OF THE DAY</b> Led by Cissy Gore-Birch</p>
17.30-19:30	<b>Drinks and light dinner on the deck</b>

## DAY 3 Friday November 4th

8.30-9.00	Arrive/tea/coffee
9.00-9.10	<b>Recap Day 2 (Interactive discussion) &amp; introduce final day</b> Cissy Gore-Birch, Forum Facilitator.
<b>SESSION 3.1: Review - What works and what needs to change?</b>	
9.10-10.00	<b>Panel 3.1A. Case studies of respect for Country in practice - what works, how can we do better?</b> Facilitated by Doug Humann <i>Panellists:</i> <b>Cheryl Leavy</b> , Cultural Agency Leader, Executive Director, Partnerships, QPWS and Partnerships, Department of Environment and Science. <b>Jack Pascoe</b> , Conservation Ecology Centre & Research Fellow, University of Melbourne. <b>Rene Woods</b> , Gayini Nari Nari Country & Conservation Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy. <b>Cissy Gore-Birch</b> , Balangarra Aboriginal Corporation.
10.00-10.50	<b>Panel 3.1B. Reimagining financing for environmental &amp; cultural outcomes - what's changing, what opportunities, what concerns.</b> Facilitated by Barry Hunter <i>Panellists:</i> <b>Nigel Sharp</b> , Chair, Odonata Foundation. <b>Peter Bednall</b> , CEO, Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (ETNTAC). <b>Hayleigh Graham</b> , Ranger, ETNTAC. <b>Sarah Brugler</b> , PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania. <b>Chelsea Marshall</b> , Indigenous Knowledge Systems Lab, Deakin University.
10.50-11.15	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11.15-11.55	<b>Panel 3.1C. Reimagining governance and institutions.</b> <b>How do we reimagine the institutional infrastructures that bring together all relevant players to co-shape &amp; co-navigate the system? (scalable, place- &amp; region-based)</b> <b>What enablers need to be in place for needed changes to happen?</b> Facilitated by Peter Cochrane <i>Panellists:</i> <b>David Major</b> , Thirriwirri. <b>Jody Swirepik</b> , Director of National Parks, Parks Australia. <b>Andrew Picone</b> , Outback to Oceans Program, The Pew Charitable Trusts.
11.55-13.00	<b>Small group discussions on reimagining governance &amp; institutions</b>
13:00-14.00	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>SESSION 3.2: Forum synthesis - outcomes and next steps</b>	
14:00-14.10	<b>What reimagining?</b> Introduction to forum review & drafting report on forum outcomes. Facilitated by Cissy Gore-Birch
14.10-15.15	Small group discussions & report back Where to from here? What does reimagining land/sea management based on cultural landscapes mean for what we need to do & change? What does success look like for this group collectively?
15.15-15.35	'What we heard throughout the forum' team reports back, with interactive discussion
15:35-15.55	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
15:55-16.45	Synthesis session - small group / whole of room discussion
16.45-17.00	Wrap-up, agreements & forum close

