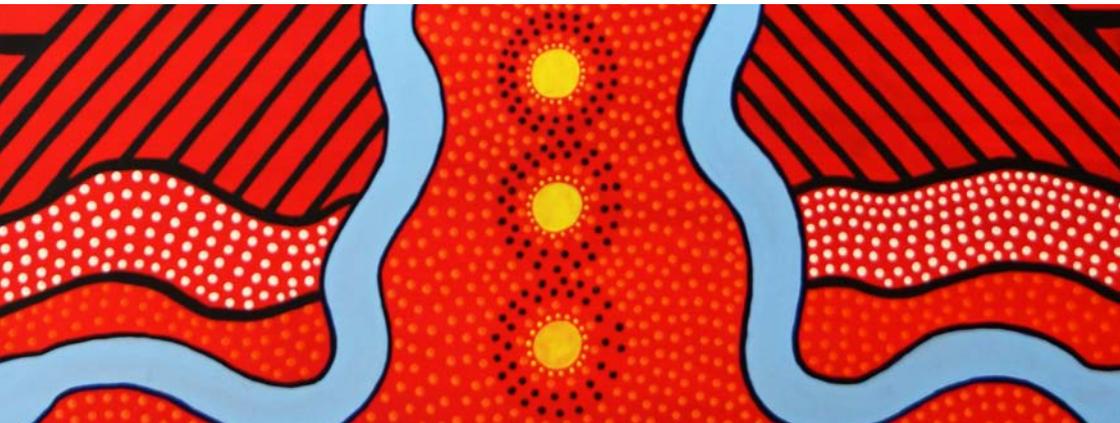
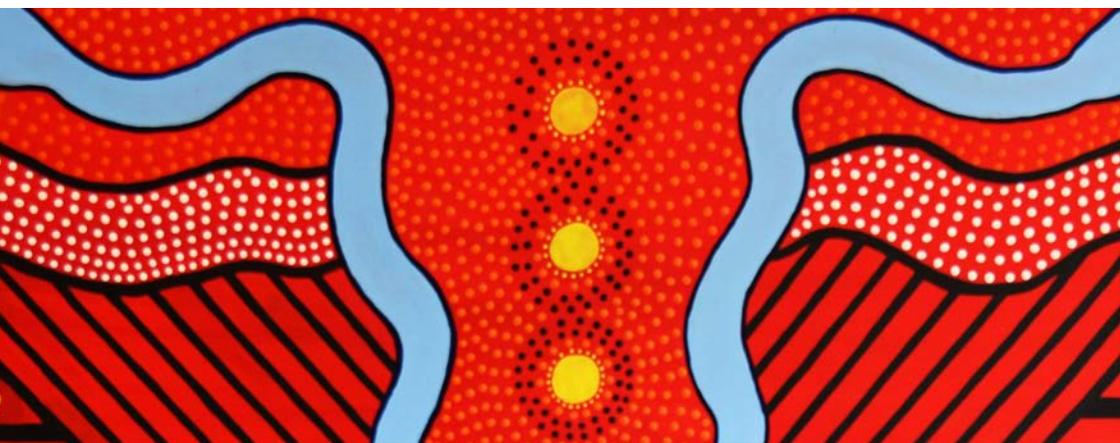


INDIGENOUS RANGERS – DELIVERING BioSECURITY, PROTECTING AUSTRALIA



Kimberley Ranger Forum

Guest program



2017



Welcome

Welcome to the [2017 Kimberley Ranger Forum](#). This year, we are at the beautiful Pender Bay (Gurrbalgun) on Bardi Jawi country. The Pender Bay community is a small family outstation that Kevin George has built up over the years as a place of respite for his family to enjoy country. Kevin is the Chairperson of the [Bardi Jawi Niimidiman Aboriginal Corporation](#) and Senior Cultural Ranger for the Bardi Jawi Ranger Team and welcomes us all to enjoy our time on Bardi Jawi country.

We are excited to have more than 100 guests from an incredibly diverse range of sectors joining us for a dynamic program. Our guest program has been shaped to create the space for two-way learning experiences; providing guests an insight into the unique skills and expertise of northern Australia's Indigenous ranger teams and exploring pathways to expand ranger-based enterprises, all while having

fun learning from one other.

We have more than 60 ranger groups from across northern Australia attending to celebrate everything it means to be an Indigenous ranger. The Forum provides a great opportunity for rangers to learn from each other, develop new skills, share experiences and enjoy being on country. The ranger training program will run concurrently with the guest program.

The 2017 Kimberley Ranger Forum is held in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and has a particular focus on biosecurity. Indigenous rangers play a critical role in maintaining Australia's biosecurity, not just for people in the north but all across our vast country, and we would like to sincerely acknowledge the considerable support provided by the Australian Government to stage this event.

Introduction

Located in the north-west corner of Australia, Kimberley Aboriginal people have an intrinsic connection to country. Our relationship with country and our culture dates back more than 50,000 years. The recognition, value and protection of our culture and connection to country is at the heart of what we actively seek to deliver through our role as the peak regional Aboriginal organisation in the Kimberley. Gaining the protection and recognition of Traditional Owners' native title rights to country and securing Traditional Owners' ability to participate in the modern economy are our focus. It's vital to ensure that governance and decision making is led by Kimberley Aboriginal people through recognising our right to free, prior and informed consent regarding activities on our country.

In our region, we have a commitment to Indigenous-led conservation, in which Aboriginal people are sole managers of protected areas. This model combines cultural conservation strategies with Indigenous-owned enterprise to build financial sustainability with initiatives including traditional burning financed by savanna carbon projects and visitor management informed by Indigenous tourism enterprises.

Achieving these outcomes has not been easy. The Kimberley Land Council has encountered difficulties from local agencies and there's been challenges with the Western Australian Government who have not always understood our model

of Indigenous-led business and sole management of native title. With sustained focus and effort we have continued to realise our goals and deliver local solutions to global problems. We are hopeful the newly elected WA Government will partner with our collaborative approach and support community led solutions.

At the KLC we aspire to share our knowledge; regionally, nationally and globally. Over the past 10 years our focus has remained on building regional capability and delivering opportunities for our members through the Kimberley Ranger Network. More recently our efforts have focused on celebrating our success. We've invested a lot of time raising the profile of our cultural enterprise model with the intention of building a public-private partnership that will deliver transformative outcomes to Kimberley ranger teams and their Native Title corporations.

We are energised by the opportunity to build meaningful partnerships and share experiences. We have shared our model and networked with Indigenous groups nationally and internationally as our approach to Indigenous led conservation and cultural enterprise has the potential to benefit future generations across the world.

***Nolan Hunter Chief Executive Officer
Kimberley Land Council***



The Kimberley Ranger Network

Facilitated by the KLC, the Kimberley Ranger Network (KRN) is comprised of 13 ranger groups and works to realise Indigenous aspirations to look after and manage country. KRN rangers draw on a combination of traditional cultural knowledge, western science and modern technologies to deliver unique cultural and environmental services over 380,000 km² of native title land and sea country.

The KRN is a unique and contemporary expression of native title rights that allows Kimberley Traditional Owners to benefit from a regional knowledge network which facilitates best practice approaches to management of country via sharing experiences, collaborating on cross regional issues and delivering targeted

training opportunities.

The KRN, supported by the Austral Government, is proving to be a successful business model which integrates ecological, social and cultural values to generate economic growth in remote Aboriginal communities. The network is creating not only jobs in remote communities but long-term career paths in the conservation and land management sector, employing about 70 full-time Indigenous rangers, six part-time administrative staff and almost 100 casual rangers and cultural advisers.

Indigenous ranger positions are real jobs that require accredited conservation and land management qualifications.

Ranger work can include:

- Biodiversity monitoring and research
- Traditional knowledge transfer
- Fee-for-service contracts
- Fire management
- Cultural site management
- Feral animal and weed management
- Cultural awareness and immersion experiences
- Tourism management
- School education programs and mentoring

The Kimberley Ranger Network is underpinned by cultural values and the positive benefits of the program have been far and wide reaching. It has significantly improved community wellbeing, provides a foundation for good governance, is working to reduce poverty through creating economic opportunities and is building leadership in communities.

our challenges

Kimberley Aboriginal people are confronted by significant socio-economic challenges. There is a structural absence of opportunities for Indigenous participation in the 'real' economy. This is reflected in high unemployment rates for Aboriginal people across the region (15.3%) and low weekly incomes (average \$299 p/w) . In 2011, Kimberley local government areas (except Broome) had a Socio-Economic Index score in the lowest 10 per cent in Australia with one in ten Aboriginal people classified as homeless. The extreme social

disadvantage is reflected in the suicide rates which are seven times the national average, among the worst in the world. Ranger jobs are a pathway for Aboriginal people into employment that aligns with their cultural values and obligation to look after their country. These jobs not only provide an income that is distributed within the family and community but also assists with changing the internal wellbeing of the person. Recent analysis by Social Ventures Australia identifies that where ranger groups are working within an Indigenous Protected Area with an established enterprise model every \$1 of government investment returns a value of \$3.40 in social benefits.

In the Kimberley the KRN activities are primarily funded via the Australian Government which provides base level investment into ranger teams and Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs). The Working on Country and IPA programs fund the foundations from which other partnerships and enterprise activities can be built. However, the uncertainty of cyclic government policy is a risk to long-term sustainability of these initiatives. Additionally, government funding is finite and often conditions impede long-term investment into institutional governance, building business capability and enterprise start-up. This in turn limits enterprise opportunities and the flexibility to explore alternative revenue streams for ranger teams and IPAs.

KLC Cultural Enterprise Hub

The KLC is working to identify community driven solutions founded by Indigenous people. These solutions focus on nurturing a culture of entrepreneurship within remote communities and challenging the welfare mindset through cultivating social enterprise opportunities that support people living on country. The vision is for a for a prosperous and thriving Kimberley community.

The KLC Cultural Enterprise model aims to decrease sole reliance on government funding, increase job opportunities in remote communities, improve biodiversity, reinvigorate Indigenous culture and improve health outcomes. This model represents a rapidly developing business opportunity that will play an increasingly important role in turning around intergenerational disadvantage in the Kimberley region.

The KLC will deliver these innovative services via the [Cultural Enterprise Hub](#). The Hub will provide cultural and environmental business expertise and services to Prescribed Body Corporates (PBCs) and rangers to incubate land and sea-based enterprises. Our goals are to:

- Share best practice knowledge and

expertise to grow sustainable enterprises that enhance and protect the cultural and natural values of the region;

- Increase the number of Aboriginal people gaining income and employment on country;
- Strengthen the Kimberley Ranger Network and share knowledge through cultural exchanges;
- Provide investment into Kimberley cultural enterprises through the establishment of an industry development Fund; and
- Build a dynamic organisation that responds and adapts to new innovations.

The Hub business plan estimates that over the next five years Kimberley cultural enterprises, leveraging from the foundations of the Kimberley Ranger Network, could generate \$10 million in revenue per year for PBCs:

- \$4.5 million per year for [savanna carbon projects](#);
- \$3million per year for Kimberley ranger tours and Indigenous Protected Area visitor services; and
- \$2.5 million a year for ranger land management and environmental services.

We will explore and discuss these opportunities as part of the 2017 Kimberley Ranger Forum guest program and collectively consider what is needed to bring these opportunities to scale.

Guest Program

The program has been designed to engage guests in a range of experiences and workshops that allow us to explore the pathways, opportunities and challenges associated with growing community leadership and culture based enterprises.

On arrival everyone will receive a colour coded name tag which indicates the learning journey you are registered for on Wednesday morning. These are essentially immersion experiences and guests will either join ranger training activities or participate in an on country tour. We have allocated all registered guests to one of the 9 learning journeys for ease of program kick off. On Tuesday evening you'll meet with your group and a team leader to talk through the experience including the questions to keep in mind as you participate in the activity. Your personal reflections will inform the afternoon workshop discussions.

There will be a sheet in the guest welcoming area where you can register for the Wednesday afternoon discussion of your choice. Each workshop will explore the opportunity and challenges associated with the topic. We are aiming for 20 people in each session with a mix of guests, on-country managers and rangers participating in the discussion. The key learnings from each workshop will be reflected on during the Thursday morning program.

Tuesday

12:30-2:00pm	Lunch in the main tent
2:00-5:00pm	Guest registration and camp set up including putting up tents
5:00pm	Guest program welcome and introduction
6:30pm	Formal welcome and dinner
8:30pm	Fireside chat with learning journey teams

Wednesday

6:30-7:30am	Breakfast in the guest camp area
7:30am-10.30am	Group Learning Journeys
11:00am	Women's ranger and guest gathering Learning journey reflections
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch in the guest camp area - Address from Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion
1:30-4:30pm	Workshop sessions Discussion topics: <i>1. Savanna burning carbon projects</i> <i>2. Monitoring and evaluating social, cultural and environmental benefits</i> <i>3. Building ranger experiences and tourism ventures</i> <i>4. Science, technology and entrepreneurship</i> <i>5. Setting up successful Indigenous Owned Enterprises</i> <i>6. Multi-stakeholder Partnerships</i> <i>7. Women ranger bush projects</i> <i>8. Community leadership and governance</i> <i>9. Cultural conservation financing models</i> <i>10. Open topics to be decided</i>
6:00-9:00pm	Dinner in the main tent and band night

Thursday

6:30-7:30am	Breakfast in the guest camp area
7:30am-10.30am	Group Workshops Wednesday debrief Challenge and opportunity discussion Group reflection and wrap-up
11:00am-1pm	Ranger Group Presentations (in the main tent)
1-2pm	Lunch in the guest camp area
2-4pm	Northern Australia Ranger Expo This bigger than Ben-Hur Expo event will transform the forum site into a bustling marketplace where rangers showcase their wares, skills, successes and future projects. For guests it's an opportunity to talk with rangers, learn about their work and hear more about their innovative projects, skills and expertise.
6:00-9:00pm	Dinner and open mic night

What to bring

We'll be camping in a remote coastal location with 400 other people – so be ready to share your personal space with many others! Plan for turning off your mobile phone and computer as there is no mobile network coverage and will be limited power supply on site. We're expecting the weather to range between 33C during the day with a light breeze and 16C overnight. It is a bush camp; there will be basic showers and portable toilets in the guest camping area.

Some items to bring with you

- Light long sleeved tops and pants
- Towel and toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Head or hand torch
- Shoes for beach walking and if you're adventurous exploring the mangroves
- Bathers
- Any of your favourite snacks
- Water bottle

For guests who have purchased camping packages you will have a tent, swag, bedding and camp chairs waiting for you on site and three meals a day catered for by the deadly camp kitchen team. We ask that you contribute to the event by setting up and packing down your tent and swag. For those bringing your own camping gear please remember to bring folding chairs that are easy to carry to workshops and everything needed to make your stay comfortable. For more information go to: <http://www.klc.org.au/land-sea/kimberley-ranger-forum>

Staying safe

- Slip, Slop, Slap & Take Regular Breaks - it's hot!
- On site wear closed footwear
- Swim at your own risk, the area is known for crocodile and stingers
- Take care walking around unfamiliar country
- Walk don't drive to minimise risk of vehicle accidents
- No fires outside designated fire pits

Communications

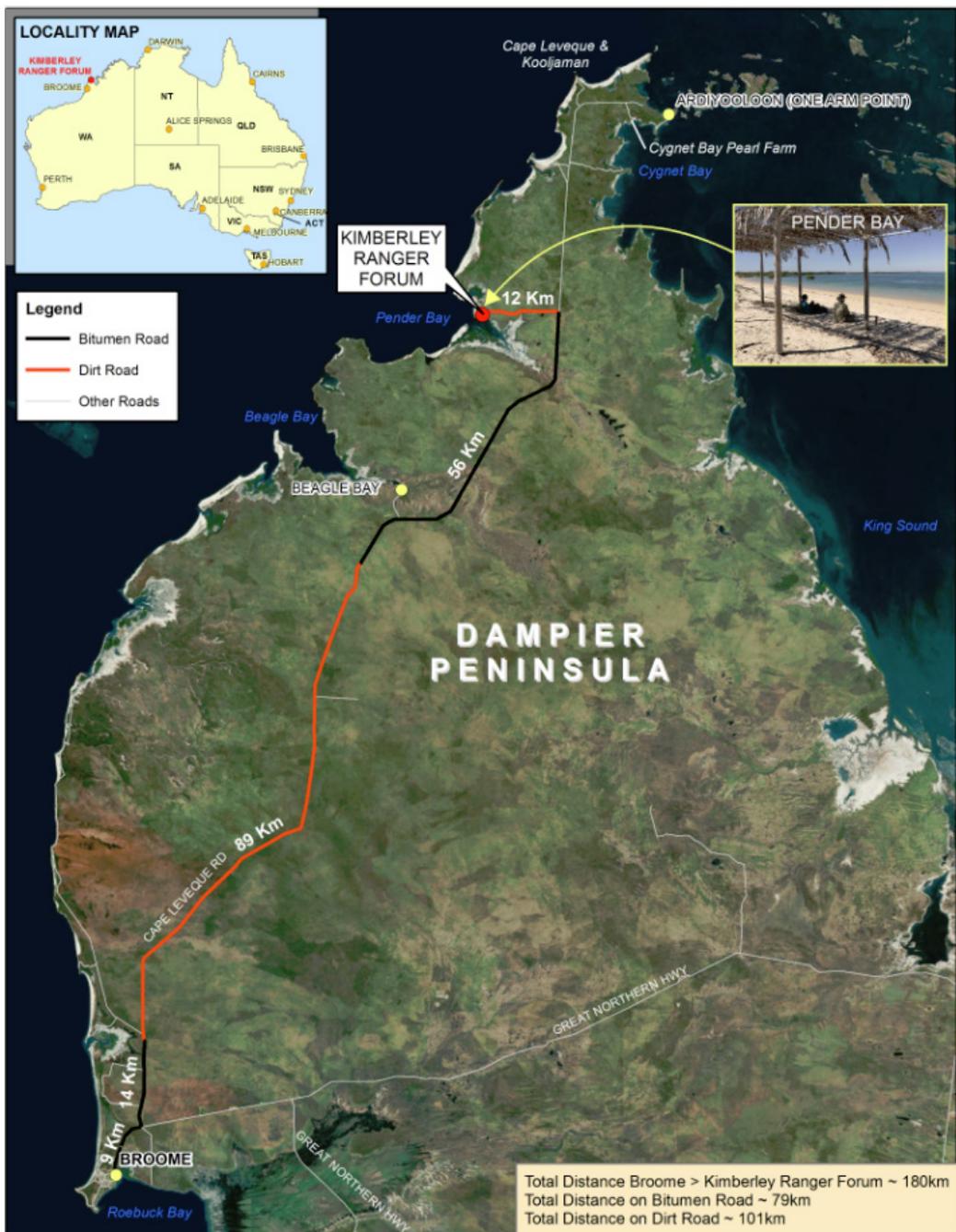
- The nearest reliable mobile coverage is a 40 min drive at Djarindjin Aboriginal Community
- All site communications will be via 2 way UHF radios on **Channel 10**
- KLC staff will carry radios on site
- KLC Site Managers will carry Satellite Phones for Emergency Use

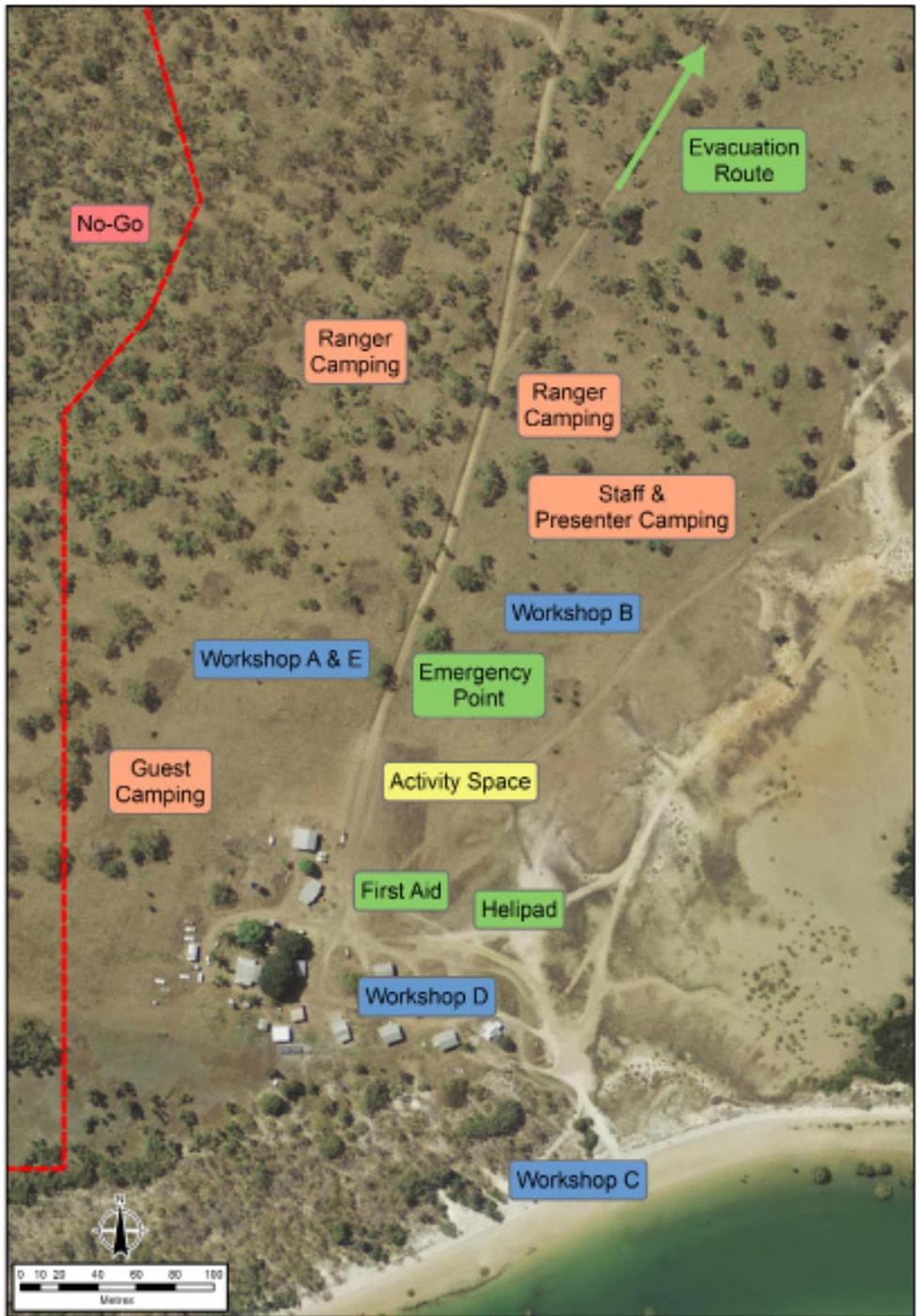
First aid and medical emergency

- St John Ambulance paramedics are on site 24/7 during the event

In event of Fire or Critical Emergency

1. Contact KLC Site Manager & Fire Warden
2. Site Manager to control scene, direct all staff to Assembly Point & call 000
3. All guests to follow directions & evacuate as directed
4. Trained KLC staff to suppress fire only if safe





Check out who's coming!



Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion

Senator for the Northern Territory, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Leader of The Nationals in the Senate

Nigel Scullion was first elected to the Senate for the Northern Territory in 2001. He is the Shadow Minister for Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs and is the Deputy Leader of The Nationals. He was born in London, but attended high school in Deakin, Canberra. Prior to entering Federal Parliament Nigel worked extensively in the mining industry and as a professional fisherman and owner/operator of marine service industries including commercial fishing, charters for research, surveillance and recreational fishing, marine engineering and marine security.

He has also been Chairman of the Northern Territory Seafood Council, the Northern Territory Seafood and Maritime Training Advisory Board, the Australian Seafood Industry Council, and the International Coalition of Fisheries Association.



Josie Farrer

MLA Member for Kimberley

“My name is Jarlbinyimiya, but to you I am Josie Farrer. I am a traditional Kija woman I was born at Moola Bulla Station, Halls Creek Western Australia 24 Sept 1946”

Josie resides in Halls Creek with her husband Mario Jazyk where they raised their 13 children. Elected to State Parliament in March 2013, Josie is the first local female Kimberley Aboriginal MP to represent the region. Her maiden speech was exceptionally powerful as she spoke about the high rates of Aboriginal suicide, economic development, job creation for young people and the racism she has had to endure as an Aboriginal woman.

Josie has actively lobbied for Aboriginal rights for many decades and has sat on numerous regional boards including, director of the Kimberley Land Council, Kimberley Language Resource Centre and Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre, Deputy Chair of the Kimberley Development Commission, Chairperson of the Regional Road Group, Halls Creek Shire Councillor and was the Halls Creek Shire President for seven years.



Louise Pratt
Senator for Western Australia

Louise Pratt is a member of the Australian Senate with a strong background in community activism. Louise has also served in the Western Australian Legislative Council. Her key policy interests include economic and environmental sustainability, community engagement, human rights, refugees, minority and gender equity issues, economic equality and family policy, including child welfare, adoption, maternity services, childcare and life-work-family balance. She is a proud member of Emily's List Australia and of the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union.

Since 2008, in the Federal Parliament, Louise served as the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Water and a member of a wide variety of Senate Committees including the Senate Economics Committee, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, the Environment and Communications Committee as well as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee for the National Capital and External Territories.



Reece Whitby
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer; Minister for Finance, Energy, Aboriginal Affairs, Parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment, disability services

Reece Raymond Whitby has been a Labor member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly since the 2017 state election, representing Baldivis.

Whitby was raised in Balga, and was a journalist before entering politics. He was a newsreader and senior reporter at Channel Seven. He ran unsuccessfully as the Labor candidate for Morley in 2008 and 2013.

Growing up in an outlying Perth suburb, Mr Whitby said his family experienced many of the issues that confront young families in new suburbs today, including the need for better transport links, properly resourced schools, good community facilities and safe neighbourhoods.

He is passionate about the importance of a good education and a strong believer that all children have the opportunity to succeed in life.



Nolan Hunter
Chief Executive Officer, Kimberley Land Council

Nolan Hunter is a Bardi man from saltwater country on the Dampier Peninsula in northern Western Australia. He is the CEO of Kimberley Land Council and an active campaigner for Indigenous rights, including native title and management of country. He represented Kimberley Land Council at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, advocating against the closure of remote Indigenous communities.



Tyrone Garstone
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Kimberley Land Council

Born in Broome Tyrone has spent the majority of his working life within the Indigenous sector. Tyrone worked for several years as the Chief Executive Officer for Kullarri Regional CDEP before taking up a role as the Community Engagement Officer for Pluton Resources and he is now settling into his current role as the Deputy CEO of the Kimberley Land Council (KLC). He has acquired strong local relationships throughout the Kimberley's during his years residing and working in Kimberley and has sat on numerous committees at all tiers of government. With a background in Indigenous training, employment solutions, social and economic development, Tyrone is keen on brokering opportunities that will deliver sustainable outcomes for the next generation.



Anthony Watson
Chairman, Kimberley Land Council

Mr Watson is a Kimberley man with strong ties to his people and culture in the Kimberley region of northern Western Australia. Mr Watson has over 30 years' experience in community, cultural and enterprise development.

He held a range of management roles at Jarlmadangah Burru, while concurrently co-founding and chairing the Yirriman Project. In addition to the KLC, Watson has also been an Executive Member of a number of peak Indigenous organisations including the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC), the Kimberley Language Resource Centre (KLRC) and was Chairperson of KRED Enterprises, an Aboriginal charitable trust committed to sustainable economic development, for 4 years.



Ariadne Goring

Strategic Development Manager, Kimberley Land Council

Ariadne is the Strategic Development Manager at the Kimberley Land Council where she has worked for more than 15 years. She is passionate about building meaningful partnerships between communities, corporate, philanthropic and government sectors, to deliver long-term benefits for future generations. Ari has extensive on-ground experience working throughout the Kimberley in all aspects of Native Title, cultural and natural resource management and community engagement. This includes working with 14 Native Title groups to register the West Kimberley on the National Heritage List for its outstanding cultural and natural values. Ari also led the registration of the North Kimberley Savanna Carbon Projects – the only projects in Australia to be registered on Native Title lands. In recent years Ari's focus has been on design and implementation of an enterprise model for the Kimberley Ranger Network and promoting Indigenous led conservation via national and international networks.



Will Durack

Manager of Land and Sea Management Unit, Kimberley Land Council

Will Durack is the Manager of the Kimberley Land Council's Land and Sea Management Unit. This role oversees the operations of the Kimberley Ranger Network. The Kimberley Ranger Network is a collection of Indigenous ranger groups located across the Kimberley who are actively looking after country and culture. Will began work in this field as a ranger coordinator. He has a degree in Anthology and a Masters of Environmental Management and Development Studies. Will is driven to work with Traditional Owners to facilitate the delivery of high level cultural and environmental outcomes that are both culturally relevant and culturally governed.



Alexander Watson

Ecologist

Alexander is an ecologist who works to protect natural biodiversity and, where possible, empower Indigenous peoples. He works in the Kimberley with Traditional Owners and Indigenous Rangers to protect the region's culturally important, threatened species. Prior to working for WWF, he was a lecturer in conservation biology and ecology at Edith Cowan University and has worked in tropical waters for the Australian Government assessing the impacts of oil spills on marine biodiversity and published a range of scientific reports on Australia's National Reserve System and the effects of habitat fragmentation on woodland birds. He recognises the privilege of working with Indigenous Rangers, Country Managers and Traditional Owners to help preserve the extraordinary natural and cultural values of this ancient landscape.



Ben Brush

Specialist Indigenous Affairs, BHP

Ben was born in Hamburg, Germany but spent most of his youth in the UK where he went to school and university. Ben has a background in Environmental science and Archaeology. Ben has worked in the BHP heritage team for the last 5 years but is currently working in the Indigenous Affairs team on secondment where his role includes looking after the implementation of the agreements that BHP has with various indigenous groups.. Point of interest - I used to have a pet tarantula called Terry when I was a kid.



Bradley Moggridge

NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub

Bradley Moggridge is the Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO) for the Threatened Species Recovery Hub of the National Environmental Science Programme. Brad is a proud Murri from the Kamilaroi Nation (North-West NSW). He grew up in Western Sydney and now lives in Canberra. His career and university qualifications have been focused around Aboriginal people and water. He previously managed the Aboriginal Water Unit for the NSW Government. As ILO with the TSR Hub he is working to link Western Science with Traditional Knowledge, for better management of threatened species.



Barry 'BJ' Traill

Director, Outback to Oceans program, Australia

Barry (B.J.) Traill directs Pew's efforts in Australia, where he works with partner organisations to secure protection for outstanding areas of the nation's natural heritage on land and at sea. Before joining Pew, Barry worked for 25 years as a conservation advocate and zoologist for Australian state and national organisations. He negotiated private land conservation issues for Trust for Nature in Victoria and also worked on native woodland conservation with the Victorian National Parks Association, Environment Victoria, and The Wilderness Society. He was instrumental in establishing nationally coordinated work on the protection of Australia's woodlands, including legislation that sharply reduced broad-scale tree-clearing rates in Queensland. He was a founder of the Northern Australia Environment Alliance and the Invasive Species Council.



Cas Bennetto

CEO, Kimberley Foundation Australia

Cas has held leadership roles in the tertiary, non-profit and arts sectors including the Australian British Chamber of Commerce, Charles Darwin University, the Australia Council for the Arts, The Smith Family and the Museum of Contemporary Art. She was the founding producer of the OpenAir Cinema at Mrs Macquarie's Point, Sydney and has worked in radio and film production, publishing and the visual arts. She is an accomplished communications professional, writer, and fundraiser. Cas holds a Master of Arts (Organisational Communication) and is on the Board of Trust for Nature. Cas joined the KFA as CEO in 2010.



Cindy Briscoe

Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Cindy Briscoe commenced with the Department in October 2016 and is responsible for Corporate Governance and Strategy, Finance and Business Support, Information Services and Office of the General Counsel. Cindy has more than 25 years' experience in the Australian Public Service. She has been a member of the SES since 1998, and has held senior positions at the Department of Human Services, the Australian Taxation Office and ComSuper. Prior to commencing with the department Cindy was the Deputy Commissioner Support Group for the Australian Border Force. Cindy also held a number of positions within the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, including Deputy Secretary, Immigration Status Resolution Group and First Assistant Secretary, People where she had a particular focus on workforce management and planning. Cindy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Computing Studies and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and is an Australia and New Zealand School of Government Executive Fellow.



Colin Brown
Diversicon Environment Foundation

We started Diversicon Environment Foundation in 2003. Pam and two of our sons are trustees. We have assisted organisations such as Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Bush Heritage, Gondwana Link in setting aside land where conservation was the primary purpose. We have, in collaboration with many other funders, helped with the establishment of Marine Protected Areas, the push for more of our energy to come from renewable sources and other endeavours to move towards a pristine environment, to the extent that is possible. We also believe that an active research program is essential to this endeavor, as it's not possible to achieve effective conservation without identifying the barriers and threats to good long term outcomes.

We would like to raise the profile of the environment in people's minds. We need, at all levels of our society, to realise that we are simply a small part of the complex web of life, and utterly dependent on its health to survive and flourish.



Corinne Berry
Regional Manager, Central Coast, Jawun

Corinne Berry joined Jawun in April 2016 as Regional Manager on the NSW Central Coast. Corinne is a Central Coast local who loves the sandstone, the angophora trees and the living culture of Darkinjung country.

Corinne is trained as an artist and a teacher, and has spent most of her working life in arts and education, community empowerment and capability building. Through working alongside mainstream educational systems, Corinne developed a respect for flexible and expanded modes of learning.

Corinne has worked in the for purpose, public and private sectors and is passionate about skills transfer, creative capital and personal agency. Before joining Jawun, Corinne managed a Visual Arts Outreach program across five remote communities in the Barkly Region of the Northern Territory.



Chantelle Roberts
**Communications and Campaign Coordinator,
Kimberley Like Nowhere Else**

Chantelle is the Communications and Campaign Coordinator with the Kimberley Like Nowhere Else campaign that works to promote protection of the natural and cultural values of the Kimberley on land and sea. Chantelle has previously worked in campaign and communications roles at the Conservation Council of WA, Mills Wilson Communications and in health and medical charities in London.



Chris Davies
Regional Director, West Kimberley, Jawun

Chris brings 15 years of experience in Indigenous affairs to the role of Jawun's West Kimberley Regional Director, having worked in Aboriginal organisations and the Australian public service across locations such as Maningrida, Alice Springs and Kununurra. Since 2014, Chris has been the Jawun Regional Director in the West Kimberley and has led the expansion of the program into the Dampier Peninsula and Fitzroy Crossing.

Growing up in Maningrida, Northern Territory, and spending 18 years living and working in the community there, Chris has strong insight into the complex challenges facing remote communities.



David Bird
VP Prelude, Shell Australia

David Bird is the VP Prelude for Shell Australia, responsible for the successful start-up and operation of the flagship project, Prelude Floating LNG. David's previous roles have included the Start-Up Manager for the Port Arthur Crude Expansion Project in Texas (USA), the Regional Supply & Trading Manager (Asia, Pacific & Middle East) based in Singapore, Production Unit Manager in Durban, South Africa and also held leadership roles in refinery operations and maintenance in several other Shell locations. David, an Australian, holds a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, UK and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, USA.



Dermot O’Gorman **Executive Officer, WWF-Australia**

Dermot has been a leader in sustainable development for over two decades across Australia, the Pacific, Asia, and Europe, including 15 years as CEO in the WWF offices of Australia, China and the Pacific. As a WWF CEO, Dermot has been responsible for delivering major conservation and sustainable development initiatives from those with significant global impact to tangible on ground results. Dermot is passionate about the big picture of conservation; how to provide sustainable food and energy for seven billion people while maintaining space for nature, and using collaboration and partnerships to protect our natural world today for tomorrow’s generations. Delivering solutions at scale means engaging with community groups, governments, businesses and international organisations to work together towards the common goal of a healthier planet for all.



Ed Giles **Senior Communications Associate**

Ed joined Pew in September 2016 is an experienced multi-media journalist and television news producer who worked extensively both in Australia and in the Middle East. Ed works with national media outlets in Australia to pitch stories on Pew’s Outback to Oceans work with colleagues in both Australia and Pew’s Washington DC headquarters to develop communications products for Pew’s Australia program. Ed’s work has been published in Australia and internationally. He is a winner of a Walkley Award, the Australian equivalent of the Pulitzer. He is a graduate of the University of New South Wales and resides in Melbourne.



Emma Woodward **Researcher, CSIRO**

Emma Woodward is an applied researcher (geographer) with CSIRO. She has worked for the past 15 years with Aboriginal people in northern Australia on questions related to: Indigenous land and sea management; Ranger networks; sustainable resource use; Indigenous water values; climate change adaptation; and how to develop ethical, mutually beneficial research partnerships. She has partnered with numerous Aboriginal language groups to develop Indigenous seasonal calendars – as tools for both communicating Indigenous knowledge connection to Country, and for the intergenerational teaching of Indigenous ecological knowledge.



Freya Carkeek
Managing Counsel, BHP

Freya Carkeek is Managing Counsel in BHP's Legal team, based in Melbourne, and provides legal support to the BHP Billiton Foundation, a charity funded by BHP.

In her BHP business capacity, Freya works with the Head Office functions that address Health, Safety & Environment and Sustainability & Public Policy (including climate change, human rights and social investment) issues for the Company. Prior to this role, Freya worked for BHP as a Petroleum Asset lawyer; as a Legal/Commercial Negotiator in a Special Projects team; and in the Corporate Legal function doing acquisitions & divestments. Freya joined BHP over sixteen years ago from law firm Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (now Allens).



Gary Wyatt
Corporate Carbon

Gary was born and grew up in southern Africa. He moved to Australia nine years ago, and has been living in Sydney with his wife and two teenage children since then. Gary qualified in electrical engineering and practiced as a consulting engineer for several years. After completing a post-graduate degree in financial mathematics he left engineering for the world of finance, where he worked for the commodities trading desks for several banks. Gary's trading experience spans the metals markets (precious and base), petroleum (crude oil and refined products), electricity (Australia and New Zealand) and environmental certificates (Australian, New Zealand and Europe). Most recently he ran ANZ's Energy Trading desk, where he oversaw their activity in energy and environmental markets. He joined Corporate Carbon in 2014, where he assisted in establishing the firm as one of Australia's leading developers of environmental project developers under the Emissions Reduction Fund.



Gerard O'Neill
CEO, Bush Heritage

Gerard became CEO of Bush Heritage in late 2011. He brought a wealth of expertise from an extensive career in conservation and land management. After completing a science degree at Canberra University in 1979, he became a park ranger in the newly established Kakadu National Park. From there he went on to take up roles in park management and ecological survey in central Australia, East Gippsland and the Victorian mallee.

In 1995 Gerard was appointed an executive in the then Victorian Department of Conservation and Natural Resources before taking up a role with Parks Victoria in 2001. In 2007 he was appointed Deputy Chief Executive of Parks Victoria, and in 2010 he additionally took on the role of Chief Operating Officer. Gerard is a member of the Leadership Victoria alumni, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a member of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas.

As a keen bird watcher, Gerard is often out and about, visiting wild and remote parts of Australia.



Glenn Weston
Acting General Manager, Remote Regions, Jawun

In 2015, Glenn was appointed as the Regional Director for Jawun's Cape York operations supporting the Indigenous communities of Cape York. In June 2017 he was appointed to the Acting role of Jawun's General Manager, Remote Regions for the remainder of 2017.

Prior to joining Jawun, Glenn had a career working with some of Australia's largest corporates. He has vast experience in management, including running his own businesses for five years, in excess of 11 years banking with Westpac and NAB and running Telstra stores across 3 states. Glenn joined Jawun 6 years after having done a secondment in 2009 working alongside the Archer Point Trust in Cooktown.

Glenn is an avid learner holding a number of qualifications including a Bachelor of Accounting and an Executive MBA from RMIT in Melbourne, which provided him the opportunity to study overseas in four countries.



Gillian Kennedy

Coordinator of Aboriginal Studies programme, Notre Dame University

Gillian Kennedy is coordinator of the Aboriginal Studies programme in the School of Arts & Sciences at Notre Dame University in Broome. With a background in Education and Community Development, she has worked as a project officer for the Kimberley Land Council on the Paruku (Lake Gregory) Indigenous Protected Area and as a research consultant for the Nulungu Research Institute. Her research has included a feasibility study into developing a qualification in Cultural and Natural Resource Management for northern Australia, which aims to recognise Traditional Ecological Knowledge within the higher education context.



Grey Mackay

Bch Soc. Sc. (Environmental Management)

Northern Rangelands Program Manager: facilitating the people of the Rangelands to bring about positive change in their region. With the merging of previous business development experience and his environmental passion, Grey is well suited to the world of NRM and finding a balance between social, environment and economic needs in the region. Passionate about seeing the environment managed in a sustainable way and empowering the people who live in the region to engage and take positive action towards sustainable land management.

Prior experience: Kimberley Program Manager RNRM. National Partnership manager with Greening Australia, WA Business Development Manager with Aerial Surveying Company. Cartographer.



Jaana Dielenberg

NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub

Jaana Dielenberg is the Science Communication Manager for the Threatened Species Recovery Hub of the National Environmental Science Programme. She studied geography and waterway management and has a long background working in natural resource management. For the last 8 years she has been working in communication and engagement – sharing new research with the people on the ground who can benefit from it. She has lived in Melbourne, Darwin and now lives in Brisbane. She is based at the University of Queensland.



Jason Hunt

Regional Executive Officer, ANZ WA North

Jason is currently ANZ's Regional Executive for WA North and works with a team of both Agribusiness and Commercial Relationship Managers based in regional locations from Perth through to Broome.



James Ensor

CEO, BHP Biliton Foundation

James Ensor is Chief Executive Officer of the BHP Billiton Foundation which works with others to address some of the most critical sustainable development challenges facing our generation.

James has degrees in Economics and Science (specializing in Natural Resource Management), postgraduate qualifications in Journalism and has completed the Melbourne Business School Senior Executive Program and the Cambridge University Prince of Wales's Business & Environment Programme for Industry. James serves on the Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and is a member of the United Nations Global Compact Sustainable Development Leadership Group.

Between 2001 and 2012 James was Policy & Program Director of Oxfam, an international development agency devoted to poverty reduction and social justice.

Prior to joining Oxfam, James worked for the Central Land Council in the Northern Territory, a Federal statutory authority, representing the interests of the indigenous traditional owners of the Northern Territory in relation to land claims, community and enterprise development and exploration and mining activity on their lands.





Jessica Chapman
Project Officer, WWF-Australia

Jessica Chapman is a project officer for the World Wide Fund for Nature Australia (WWF-Aus) based in Broome. Jessica grew up in Darwin where she fell in love with wild nature, extreme weather and connection to culture and Country. In Perth she studied Conservation Biology at Murdoch University and has since pursued a passion for making change working in advocacy and community engagement. Jessica is excited to be working on the Kimberley Indigenous Ranger Threatened Species program working specifically on Bilbies, Black-flanked Rock-wallaby and Nabarlek. These culturally important species are a focus for Ranger groups who as part of their Healthy Country Plans are working to conserve them.



Jessica Jeeves
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John Litchfield
Manager for Community and Indigenous Engagement, Woodside

John was born in Adelaide in 1963. His Mum is from Holland (arriving on a boat in 1956) and his Dad's family came from England in the 1850s. He has been living in Noongar Whadjuk country for 30 years. He started working life as an electrician. Over the last 25 years John has worked in university, government, Rio Tinto and Woodside. Right now John is Woodside's Manager for Community and Indigenous Engagement. His role is to provide leadership in developing and implementing Woodside's policies and practices for engagement with communities and Indigenous people in Australia and in countries overseas where Woodside has, or is planning to have, activities.



John Griffin

John Griffin, PhD, has been a trusted global expert for over 30 years and his work has taken him to over 45 countries around the world. He applies his unique multi-disciplinary studies in economics, anthropology, ecology, psychology, organizational development, internal martial arts and mindfulness to some of the world's most complicated issues. His work has included: advising social change initiatives for the World Bank; promoting sustainability for extractive industries; achieving cross-divisional collaboration for NASA critical space projects; and serving as an international wildlife and biodiversity specialist for the US government, United Nations, and numerous national governments and local communities



Jonathan Benyei **Department of Agriculture and Water Resources**

Jonathan Benyei works for the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. He manages field-based scientists working around Australia and has responsibility for departmental staff and biosecurity surveillance operations across northern Australia – from Broome to Cairns.

Jonathan has worked in a range of science, policy and operational roles with governments, industries and communities, across health, housing and agriculture. In his current role, Jonathan is working with communities and governments to sustain northern Australia's standing as a safe, productive and 'biosecure' environment and source of quality agricultural produce.



Jodie Jansen **Director of Public Policy**

Jodie Jansen joined The Nature Conservancy at the start of 2017 as the Director of Public Policy for the Australia Program and is based in the Melbourne office. Jodie supports achieving our conservation goals by leading our engagement in evidence based public policy making at the state and federal level. She works closely with science and field conservation staff, and global strategy teams to leverage the experience and success of the Conservancy and its partners on the ground. Prior to joining the Conservancy Jodie spent over 10 years in professional public affairs practice in roles as a political staffer, consultant and in house counsel. Jodie has undergraduate degrees in Law and Arts from the Queensland University of Technology and a Master of Marketing Communications from the University of Canberra.



Dr. Kaushik Sridhar
Corporate Citizenship Manager, KPMG

Dr. Kaushik Sridhar is the Corporate Citizenship Manager at KPMG, Board Member at Bioregional Australia and Climate Alliance, and Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Melbourne and RMIT. He has spent the last ten years working across various industries in business development, environmental management, sustainability research, sustainability reporting, sustainability assurance and sustainability advisory roles. At KPMG, he drives a number of key environmental and social partnerships and initiatives nationally whilst maintaining a continued focus on the broader Corporate Citizenship response. Kaushik is a PhD and MBA graduate from the Macquarie Graduate School of Management. He has published over 30 academic and professional papers/articles on sustainability in international peer-reviewed journals, sustainability publications as well as presented at international management conferences in Auckland, Bangkok and Paris.



Katrina Murphy
Specialist Indigenous Affairs, BHP

Originally from Port Hedland, Katrina has worked with BHP across the state, including Port Hedland, Yarrrie Mine and Perth. Currently working in the Indigenous Affairs team, her role includes managing partnerships with external agencies, promotion of Indigenous issues and programs across the business, including BHP's expectations in line with its Reconciliation Action Plan. Point of interest – Katrina's great grandmother was born in Beagle Bay, Mary Visitation Gregory.



Liz Nedela-Campbell
Political Advisor at the U.S Consulate, Perth

Liz Nedela-Campbell is the Political Advisor at the U.S Consulate, Perth. She covers state and federal political issues at the Consulate and briefs U.S diplomats and visiting American officials on political matters and current affairs. With a keen interest in politics, Liz has worked for a number of state and federal members of Parliament including government and shadow ministers, community organizations and most recently working in the university sector in event management and community outreach. Liz has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Political and International Studies and Security, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism from Murdoch University. Born and raised in Perth, Liz can often be found at her favorite coffee shop, down at the beach or watching whatever sporting code she can find.



Hon Laurie Brereton

The Hon Laurie Brereton is Chairman of Beelgara Estate (Australia) Pty Ltd, Wine Insights Pty Ltd & Cumulus Wines Pty Ltd and is Director of Airbus Group Australia Pacific Limited & John Curtin House Limited. In 2004 Laurie retired from public life after a distinguished parliamentary career spanning 34 years in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly and the Australian House of Representatives. Laurie joined the Kimberley Foundation Australia Board in 2006.



Louise Arkles

Ian Potter Foundation

Louise Arkles joined The Ian Potter Foundation in 2015 as Program Manager for Environment and Conservation, the Arts, and The Ian Potter Cultural Trust. She has worked in philanthropy with individual donors and philanthropic foundations for the past 17 years. Louise created the first Australian library specializing in philanthropy at the national peak body in 2001 and since then has focused on sharing the history, the passion, the outcomes and the impact of people's generosity, in order to raise the profile and effectiveness of philanthropy.

began her career in that stalwart community resource, public libraries. After working in special libraries in industry and higher education she gained a Master of Information Management from RMIT, looking at knowledge-sharing in zoos and their role in wildlife conservation.



Lockie Cooke

Founder of ICEA

Lockie is founder of the Indigenous Communities Education and Awareness Foundation (ICEA). Lockie's commitment has developed a NFP with a clear purpose of, Reconciliation inspired by young people, he was CEO for 8 years and continues as an ambassador to this day.

Lockie is a past board member at the School for Social Entrepreneurs Australia, Broome Futures Limited and ICEA Foundation and currently is a strategic advisor to the Kimberley Land Council.

Lockie's most recent accomplishment is EY Entrepreneur of the Year for the Western region in the social category.



Michael Roe **Woodside**

Michael's family were farmers at Ballidu WA however they moved to take up some new land at Esperance when Michael was 3 years old. Michael was sent away to Aquinas college to gain his secondary education but he decided that he wanted to be a farmer so took up farming as soon as he finished school. Michael decided to give citrus and vineyards ago and moved to Loxton in South Australia and it was through this experience that led him to Wiluna managing the Ngangganawili Aboriginal Communities citrus farm "Desert Gold". Michael also was the farm manager for the Wiluna emu farm and he holds fond memories working and training the Aboriginal people from this area. Michael has worked for RioTinto as Business development Facilitator assisting the development of Indigenous businesses and has worked in employment and training for Woodside for 10 years with the past 6 years being in Broome.



Michelle Pucci **Regional Director, East Kimberley, Jawun**

Michele has extensive experience in program development, management, strategy planning as well as a real commitment to creating positive change within communities. She has worked with two of the lead organisations in the East Kimberley, Wunan and Gelganyem, and now proudly takes on the role as Regional Director with Jawun to continue her focus on creating positive social and economic change in the region through partnerships and collaboration.

Michele has held a range of strategic positions in the Kimberley such as Chair of Regional Development Australia – Kimberley, 7 years as a Shire Councillor including 3 years as Shire President for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, Board member for the Kimberley Development Commission, Kimberley Training Institute and is currently the vice chair of the East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce.



Nat Raisbeck-Brown **GIS Specialist**

Nat has been working in the GIS industry for 21 years. She worked in the Kimberley for 7 years (2000-2007) with communities on how to use GIS for fire and land management, for the Kimberley Fire Project.

Nat now works for the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA), as part of her job at the CSIRO. The ALA is a website that maps where plants and animals have been seen/recorded across Australia. This information was collected from Australian universities, museums and government departments. She is interested in talking to Rangers about how they use GIS and GPS to map their country.



Nico Padavan **Biosecurity and quarantine services, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources**

Nico has worked across a range of senior executive roles in the Commonwealth public service and has a keen interest in making a positive contribution to the Australian community.

Nico is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has a Masters in Business Administration, Masters in Engineering Science and a Bachelor of Engineering.



Nigel Renton **Director, Head of Investment Services and Products, Credit Suisse**

Nigel Renton joined Credit Suisse in July 2010 as Director, Head of Investment Services and Products in Australia. His current role is as Executive Director and Head of our Institutional Endowment and Charitable Foundation practice which he established in 2012. Nigel has over 25 years of global markets investment risk and distribution experience including Managing Director, European and Asian Product Head roles in the fields of currency, commodity and interest rate derivatives, exotic currency derivatives, eCommerce and prime brokerage in Sydney, London, Singapore and Tokyo, primarily with Citibank and previously with Midland Bank and Rothschild.



Patrick ‘Paddy’ O’Leary

Manager, Country Needs People campaign

Patrick “Paddy” O’Leary is Pew’s conservation partnership manager working on Indigenous land and sea management issues across Australia’s Outback. For the last two decades Paddy has worked at the intersection of environmental and resource management policy and Indigenous land and sea management with a variety of organisations including the Northern Land Council, CSIRO, the NT Government and as a private contractor to Indigenous organisations. His primary work with Pew is a collaborative partnership of over 30 Indigenous frontline land and sea management organisations Australia wide, the Country Needs People alliance, which is actively working to secure and expand funding for Indigenous Protected Areas and Indigenous Rangers across Australia. He graduated from Monash University Melbourne Australia majoring in ecology.



Peter See

Ten Deserts Project

Peter is the former chief executive officer of Kanyirrinpa Jukurrpa (KJ) based out of Newman. He is currently working on the Ten Deserts Project bid to the BHP Foundation, after stepping down from the CEO role in December 2016. The proposed Ten Deserts Project is an Indigenous led, multi-year partnership building environmental resilience through Indigenous capacity building across the deserts.

Peter was instrumental in the establishment of KJ’s and Central Desert Native Title Services’ land management programs as well being involved in the evolution of Rangelands NRM’s Desert Rangelands Program in WA.

Peter has previously worked in government (administering social housing programs), the private sector (Information technology and community services consulting) and the not-for-profit sector (housing and community legal services).



Rachel Cooke **U.S. Consul General, Perth**

Rachel Cooke assumed the position of U.S. Consul General in Perth on August 11, 2016 with responsibilities for Western Australia.

A career Foreign Service Officer, Rachel most recently served as the Deputy Director of the Department of State office that oversees bilateral policy between the U.S. and six southeast Asian nations. Prior to that she spent five years working on Afghanistan issues, focusing primarily on education development and media engagement, and leading joint civilian-military training. Rachel has also served in Malaysia, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, where she was Acting Public Affairs Officer during both the 2005 and 2010 revolutions.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service Rachel worked for the Environmental Protection Agency and for NASA. She was also a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand teaching fish farming. Rachel has a B.S. in Marine Biology, and Master degrees in Environmental Management and Public Policy from Indiana University. Having grown up on the beach in New Jersey, she is delighted to have the opportunity to serve in Australia and check out the surf (as is her husband Martin).



Regulus Fogagnolo **Senior Reserves Marine Officer**

Currently a Senior Marine Reserves Officer looking after Commonwealth marine reserves the North-west and South-west regions. My career spans over fifteen years within the Australian Commonwealth Government, in the Department of the Environment and the Australian Federal Police in roles such as cross-cultural capacity development, marine reserve policy development, stakeholder liaison and various operational roles. I'm interested in getting to know the rangers at the Kimberley Ranger Forum, learning more about challenges in the region and looking for opportunities to work together.



Rich Gilmore

Country Director Australia, The Nature Conservancy

Rich Gilmore is The Nature Conservancy's Country Director for Australia. Rich joined the Conservancy in 2014 and is based in Melbourne. He has a varied career history including previous roles as CEO of the Balibó House Trust working on sustainable economic development in Timor-Leste and CEO of Earthwatch Australia when they were awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Australian Environmentalist of the Year. Rich has also worked as a derivatives trader with Ord Minnett Jardine Fleming and in business development, relationship management and community relations with global packaging firm Amcor.

Rich graduated with a Master of Environmental Management from the University of New South Wales. He is an alumnus of both the Cambridge University Business and Environment Program and the Harvard Club of Australia Non-Profit Leadership Program. In 2011, in recognition of his role as a community leader, Rich was made a Williamson Community Leadership Fellow by Leadership Victoria. He is also a Member of the Institute of Company Directors.



Robin Chapple

Greens Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region

Robin Chapple was first elected to Parliament in 2001 and is now in his third term as a Greens Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region.

Robin has previously introduced legislation for the introduction of Voluntary Euthanasia, a Container Deposit Scheme, the protection of rights and access to services for Aboriginal Communities, and Land-Owners over land intrusions, including Traditional Owners protecting country.

He was a vocal opponent of the former government's proposed changes to the Aboriginal Heritage Act, and took to the State Election a policy of increasing the contract length for Aboriginal Rangers to 15 years providing certainty and creating jobs across the state.

Experience in mining, automotive engineering, Aboriginal community development, local government, and activism, allows Robin to represent the diverse communities of his electorate.



Ro Hill

Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO

Dr Rosemary (Ro) Hill is a principal research scientist with Australia's national science agency CSIRO and an Adjunct Associate Professor with James Cook University. As a human geographer, her research is dedicated to social-ecological sustainability through collaborative environmental governance, including governance by Indigenous peoples. Ro looks at how indigenous knowledge and science can work together for environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation.

Ro is a Member of the IUCN Commission on Environment Economic and Social Policy, the World Commission on Protected Areas, and the Expert Taskforce for Indigenous and Local Knowledge of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.



Robyn Martin

Assistant Secretary of the Animal Health Policy Branch

Robyn graduated with a veterinary degree from Murdoch University and then worked in private veterinary practice for several years before undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy at Queensland University. Following her PhD Robyn initially worked for the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food and then joined the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in Canberra in 1995.

Robyn is currently the Assistant Secretary of the Animal Health Policy branch and deputises for the Australian Chief Veterinary Officer. This branch works with government and industry partners to lead and coordinate animal health policies and programs including those related to one health to strengthen national prevention, preparedness and response capacity and capabilities. This includes working with our near neighbours in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and Indonesia.



Rumi Bennett

Is a G4 Bennett Family member involved with the Bennett Family Company Social Investment portfolio. Rumi is studying commerce at Notre Dame and is a passionate surfer and environmentalist. Rumi has worked regionally in between his studies throughout Australia predominantly in Agriculture.



Shane Boladeras

Social Performance Manager, Shell

Shane Boladeras is a Social Performance Manager with Shell. A key focus of his role is to maximize shared value through local content and social investment, manage social impacts and build relationships with our communities, government and key stakeholders. Shane grew up on a sheep station in the rangelands of Western Australia, 90km south of Wiluna. Following study in Perth he commenced his professional career in consulting and then moved to the resources sector. He has been fortunate to have worked with many different cultures, across a range of countries, including Australia, Tanzania, Kenya, Mongolia, Tunisia, Papua New Guinea, Iraq, Sierra Leone and China.

Experience in mining, automotive engineering, Aboriginal community development, local government, and activism, allows Robin to represent the diverse communities of his electorate.



Sophia Walters

Communications Manager, Country Needs People

Sophia Walter is a campaign communications specialist working on the Country Needs People campaign, which is an alliance of Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations calling for more Indigenous rangers and Indigenous Protected Areas for the long term. Sophia has worked with a native title organisation in Queensland, environmental organisations in Australia and overseas, in a campaigning electorate office, and as a journalist for Fairfax Media in Brisbane. Sophia is a Queenslander, born on the Atherton Tablelands, but now lives on Ngunnawal country in Canberra.



Sam Johnston

Senior Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne

Sam Johnston is Senior Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne. He also leads the International Savanna Fire Management Initiative and advises the Kimberley Land Council. Other positions he holds include: He also is International Lead Consultant, United Nations Development Programme; Indigenous Peoples Consultant, Green Climate Fund; Member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Melbourne; and Member of the IUCN Environmental Law Commission. He is a qualified Lawyer in Victoria.



Tim Nicol

Manager, Kimberley Campaign

Tim Nicol manages Pew's work in the Kimberley in Western Australia. He oversees campaign alliances working for new marine and national parks in the Kimberley, and assisting to support the regions Indigenous Ranger and Indigenous Protected Area programs. Prior to this he worked with the Conservation Council of Western Australia as part of the national marine park alliance set up by Pew. The campaign was successful in establishing the world's first national marine network of marine parks and sanctuaries around Australia. He is a graduate of the Australian Maritime College and lives in Perth.



Timothy J Greene

Senior Chairman, Makah Tribal Council

Timothy J. Greene is currently Senior Chairman, Makah Tribal Council of Neah Bay, and has dedicated over eight years to serving on the Makah Tribal Council. This is his third year as the Chairman. Prior to being an elected official, Greene served his Tribe as the Chief of Police after graduating from the BIA Police Academy in 2002 and Criminal Investigator Academy in 2003. Although he set out to follow in his family's footsteps of being a Commercial Fisherman, Greene has focused his career on Tribal Leadership by combining his educational experience from Western Washington University's College of Business & Economics and Evergreen State College's Tribal Government program with his work experience in many areas such as fisheries, planning, realty, youth and social services.



Zoe Cozens

Department of Environment

I have worked for the Department of Environment for the last 10+ years on migratory and marine species, marine bioregional planning, marine park design, planning and management and managed the cultural heritage and biodiversity management team at Kakadu National Park. Currently I lead the Indigenous engagement program for Australian Marine Parks (formally known as Commonwealth Marine Reserves). I'm looking forward to attending the forum and meeting rangers who are actively managing their sea country.

Check out who's coming!

Jarro Pitson
Woodside

Gerard O'Neil
Bush Heritage

Cissy Gore-Birch
Bush Heritage

Alistair Sherwin
Department of Prime
Minister & Cabinet

Derek Monks
Department of Prime
Minister & Cabinet

Colin Kenworthy
Department of Prime
Minister & Cabinet

Ruth Link
Ernst and Young

Stephen Sharpe
Indigenous Land
Corporation

Adrian Enright
Qantas

Kate Rayson
Qantas

Luke Smith
Qantas

Karla Frazer
Allens

Renuka Sabaratnam
JHG

Ramy Soussou
Red Energy

Pete Turnbull and Sue
Bell
Shane Boladeras
Shell Australia

Brett Evans
Department of
Agriculture and Water
Resources

Desley Darby
Department of
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Costa Georgiadis
Biosecurity Champion

Marcus Sanford
Department of Prime
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