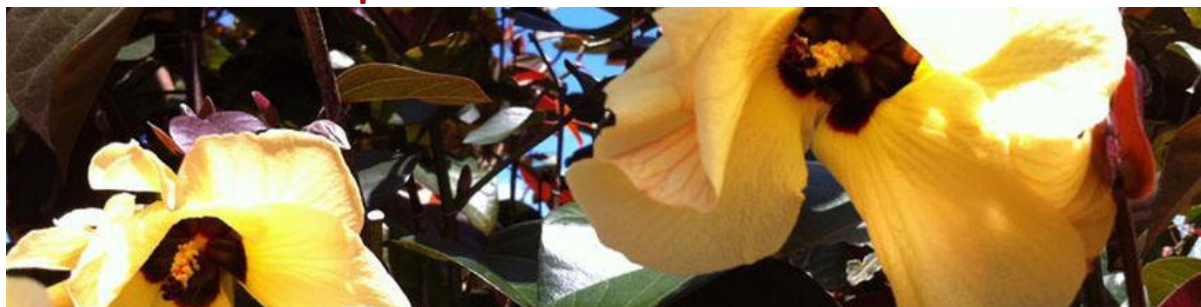


# Indigenous Knowledge Forum

## Newsletter No. 10 September 2018



### Project Update - Garuwanga<sup>1</sup>: Forming a Competent Authority to Protect Indigenous Knowledge

Progress continues with the Garuwanga Project in 2018 with Dr Ann Cahill joining the team at the beginning of this year as Research Fellow. Our previous Research Fellow, Dr Evana Wright, has not left us though. We are pleased that Dr Wright has joined the Research Roundtable as an Additional Investigator after commencing her employment in the UTS Law Faculty as a full time Lecturer in February this year.

Following Roundtable No. 7 in late March, the project has produced a Discussion Paper identifying potential models for an independent competent authority. The [Discussion paper](#) is available on our website. Long and short form versions of the Discussion Paper were presented and discussed during community consultations held in the Kimberley, WA in April-May 2018 and NSW in May 2018. We are planning for two further community consultations in NSW to take place in the next month or so and welcome any direct submissions from communities and individuals interested in contributing.

The community consultations have thus far identified a number of requirements around the organisation and operation of a competent authority to protect Indigenous knowledge. Analysis of documents produced by and on behalf of Indigenous organisations has provided further support for these requirements broadening the participation of Indigenous voices in formulating the model for an independent competent authority. The consultation process provides an important guide for the production of the final project report which will recommend a model for the competent authority.

### Indigenous Knowledge Forum 2019 – Call for Papers

The next Indigenous Knowledge Forum will be held in **June 2019**, launching the draft report of the Garuwanga Project for general public discussion and consultation enabling an opportunity for revision before the final report is released. This is the last activity for the Garuwanga Project.

The Forum will bring together scholars and experts with the objective of facilitating dialogue and discussion and information exchange on international experiences with competent authorities. The theme of this Forum is, therefore: ***Models for a Competent Authority – Facilitating Self-Determination.***

The Indigenous Knowledge Forum invites interested participants to submit an abstract of 300 words by 15 December 2018. Abstracts should include the speaker's name and institutional affiliation and sent to

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<sup>1</sup> D'harawal for Dreaming Cycle

Dr Ann Cahill via email at [Ann.Cahill@uts.edu.au](mailto:Ann.Cahill@uts.edu.au) . Papers presented at the Forum may be submitted for publication in the third volume of the Indigenous Knowledge Forum book series.

The Forum will be held at University of Technology Sydney. Details, will be available on the Indigenous Knowledge Forum website soon.

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