

# Bathurst Wiradyuri & Aboriginal Community Elders

# Yindyamarra-gu Wiradyuri

## RESPECT FOR WIRADYURI

Joylene Simpson © Bathurst Wiradyuri & Aboriginal Community Elders- Native Title  
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'Building Culture to make  
a better future'



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the people of the Larrakia Nation and give thanks to their Ancestors for the land we all gather upon. We would also like acknowledge all Elders Past ,Present & Future and give thanks to all our Ancestors for giving us safe passage to Darwin for the Native Title Conference.

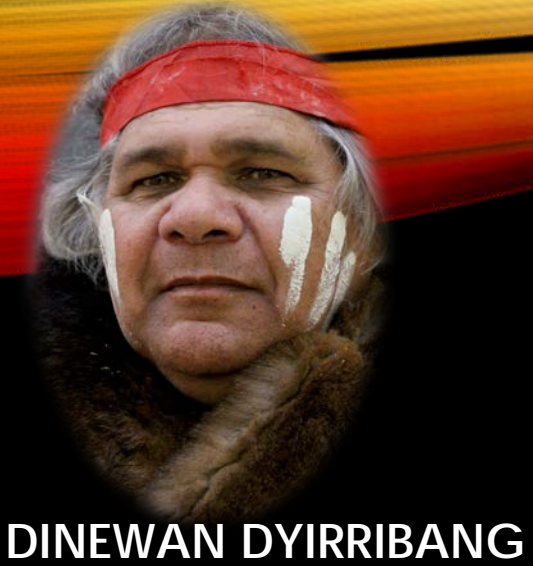
# YINDYAMARRA

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We live by **Yindyamarra**, a Wiradyuri word for **Respect, Move Slowly & Honour** and when taking on a business or going into partnerships we **MUST** go slow to ensure that **ALL** negotiation processes and agreements will be Socially, Economically and Environmentally viable for the Aboriginal community by honouring the Lore of our Ancestors, the Land and each other.



# THE ELDERS



**DINEWAN DYIRRIBANG**



**KALMDYNE GOOMBRYDGE**



**AUNTY DENISE**



**UNCLE RAY**



**AUNTY JOYLENE**



**DINDIMAA**

# THE ELDERS (cont)



Aunty Jill



Leanna Carr-Smith



Selena Brandy



ELDERS IN TRAINING



Uncle Brian





## STARTING OUT



The Bathurst Wiradyuri & Aboriginal Elders were formed when Veritas House, a local non-government organisation asked Gamilaroi Elder, Kalmadyne Goombrydge if he could do something with money they received from the Healing Foundation for a Sorry Day event in 2012.. For this event we marched down William St (the main st), led by Elders and the Mayor and culminated in a family fun day which was a resounding success.



## Starting out (cont)

We also saw this as an opportunity to re-assert our Sovereign Rights as the Original custodians of the land entrusted to us by our Ancestors.

As Elders we felt that our traditional ways were being misused and misrepresented through tokenistic opportunities that falsely appropriate the consultation processes, which, to us is an insult of the highest magnitude



## Starting out (cont)

Many will wonder why we are named Wiradyuri & Community Aboriginal Elders.

This is largely due to the Housing resettlement program in the 1980"s

We have people from Gamilaroi, Tjhungutti, Wailwin, Wongkamarra, Barkindji etc, and because of this we need to include Elders from their nations, thus enabling them to have a voice.





# Working for the Future Generations

Like our Ancestors before us , we will strive to ensure that our Descendants have Equal Rights in all facets of life and hopefully in a world with less discriminatory practices that stifle and cripple the individual & community's ability to Self Govern.



# CATAPULT



# FESTIVAL 2014





**THE MAYOR OF  
BATHURST**

**MR GARRY RUSH**

**‘GARRU’**



# WORKING TOGETHER

Respect / Trust

Flagstaff

Partnership

## Working together

- Since coming together we have formed several working relationships within the region of Bathurst, Nationally as well as Internationally. These include:
  - Bathurst Regional Council.
- Meeting the 9<sup>th</sup> Earl & Countess of Bathurst, a descendent of whom the township was named after.



# NAIDOC DAY FLAG RAISING @ COUNCIL OFFICES 2014



# The Earl & Countess of Bathurst's visit



## Working Together (cont)

The International interest has been overwhelming for our group. We have had students from Universities across America wanting information specifically about the Wiradyuri Nation, and also wanting connections to other traditional peoples in Australia. To being asked for a local Aboriginal design by Audi and the Phoenix racing team which featured at the Liqui Moly 12 hr race at Bathurst in February 20016.





# PHOENIX RACING TEAM & AUDI @ WAHLUU MT PANORAMA 2016



# CINDY BLACKSTOCK CANADA



**Cindy & The Elders  
@ CHARLES STURT  
UNIVERSITY, BATHURST**

## CANADIAN CHILDREN MARCHING TO CAPITAL HILL WITH OUR LOCAL FLAG

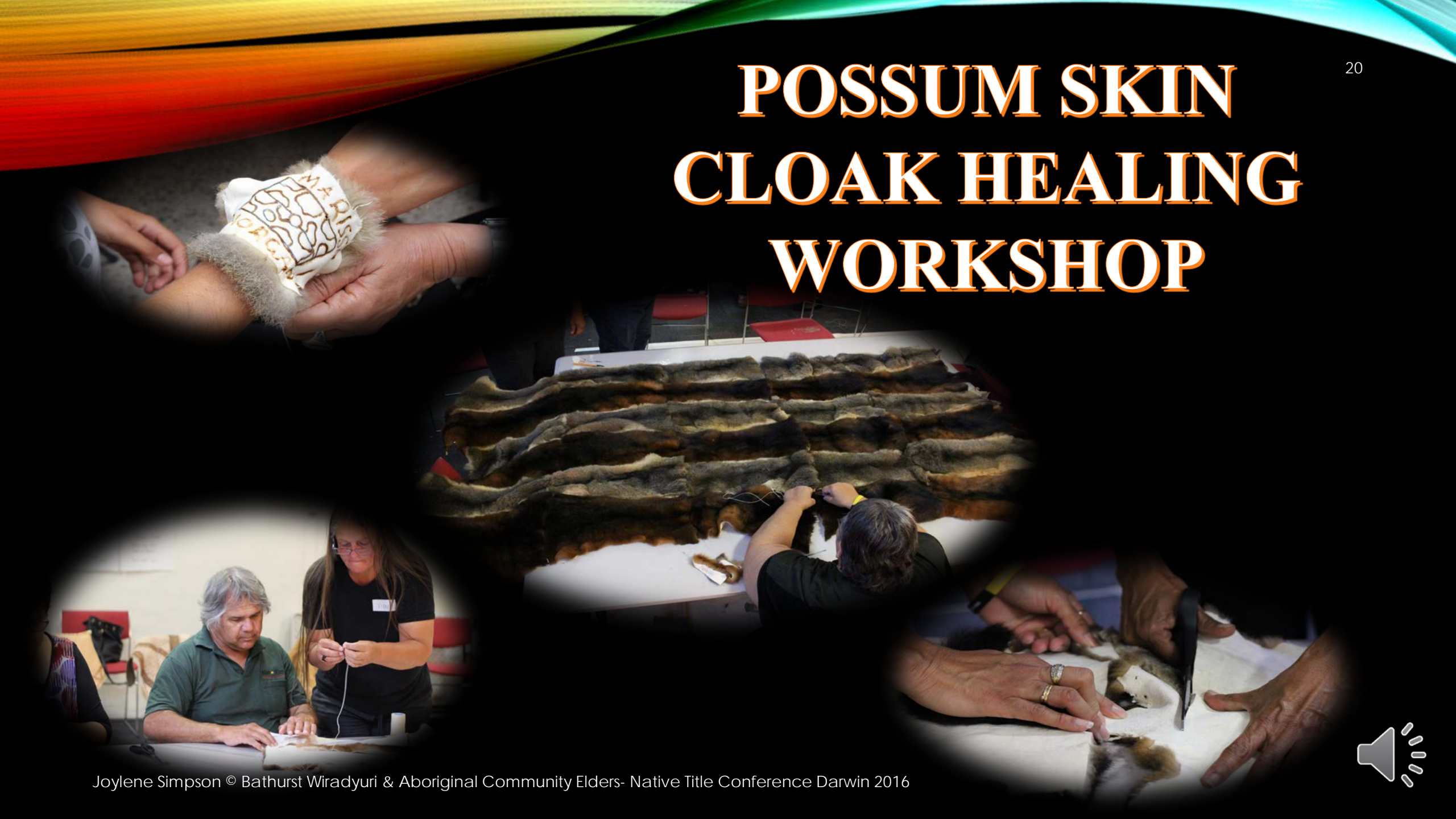


## How can we to do this

To achieve this, we believe that it was time to re-awaken & revitalise our Traditional Cultural Customs and Practices, of which we have been deprived since Colonisation. This has come about through Language, Dance, Basket Weaving and Possum Skin Cloak & Stone tool making and Nation Building Summit to name a few.



# POSSUM SKIN CLOAK HEALING WORKSHOP



# BATHURST NATIONAL HERITAGE TRUST AWARDS FOR POSSUM SKIN CLOAK HEALING WORKSHOP



# STONE TOOL MAKING WORKSHOP



# JONATHON JONES' ART EXHIBITION THEY MADE A SOLITUDE & CALLED IT PEACE



Jonathon Jones  
Wiradyuri/Gamilaroi

# Where to now

Now we engage with community to ascertain the need for a Nation Building process which will assert our sovereignty and encourage Self Determination for the Wiradyuri Nation as a whole.

This process will also involve people from other traditional areas, which they will take back to Elders in their nations to assert their sovereignty over their countries.





# NATION BUILDING On GUNDITJAMARRA COUNTRY



# ON WIRADYURI COUNTRY IN BATHURST & WAGGA



## AUNTY LORRAINE TYE



## ONE OFF EVENTS IN 2016

COMMEMORATION OF BATHURST WARS

IN 1824: AUGUST 2016

NATION BUILDING GATHERING: AUGUST 2016

JIMMY LITTLE GATHERING LAUNCH: SEPTEMBER 2016

## ANNUAL EVENTS

NAIDOC DAY

SORRY DAY

PENRITH PANTHERS

HOME GAME

BATHURST FAMILY FUN

DAY

HARMONY DAY

PROCLAMATION

DAY

CITIZENSHIP

CEREMONIES





BRAG

bathurst regional art gallery

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING  
FOR THEIR  
VALUED PARTNERSHIPS &  
CONTINUOUS SUPPORT**



**coles** *A little better every day*

**BATHURST**

**SOUTH  
BATHURST  
BUTCHERY**

# Partnerships (cont)



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