

# Notre Dame Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series



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## 'Trade Route, Rainmaking and Beyond'

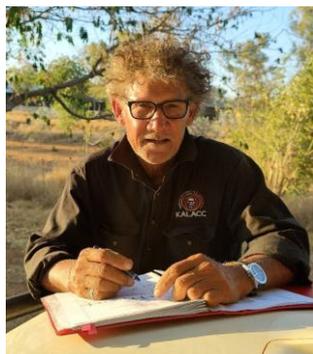
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**Venue:** UNDA Hall NBD10-101

**Time:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

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**Presenter:** Wayne Barker & Tom (Putuparri) Lawford

### Abstract

KALACC has a project of a revitalized and/or created trade route project today that commences initially with the trade of carved and culturally infused mother of pearl shell sourced by the west coast of WA in Djugun waters/reefs in exchange with stone blades sourced from Nukuna and Adnyamathanha people in SA and crossing the traditional lands of those tribal groups in between grants KALACC an unique opportunity to embark on a journey of discovery and rebuild.

As part of this is Kurtal which is a sacred water/rainmaking site in the Great Sandy Desert is being awakened and the younger men like Putuparri (Red Shirt) are taking charge of this and looking to the cultural exchange sort by the Arrente and Walpiri to the East. The Fire Ceremony (traditional conflict resolution mechanism) from Central Australia is potentially part of the trade with the Tjurabalan. Together with the trade of pearl shell, hair-string and sacred ochre the recharge of trade, the cultural governance and knowledge exchange that is happening is resetting Culture business.

## Biography

### **Wayne Jowandi Barker**

Wayne belongs to the Jabirr Jabirr and Djugun tribes of the Kimberley. He has been an Activist since the 1970s - Aboriginal Tent Embassy days. He is a trained ethnographic film maker and researcher at the AIATSIS in Canberra since the early 1980's and was a radio broadcaster with the ABC. Wayne has worked in government, private enterprise, and community organisations in media, community empowerment including social, cultural and economic development, traditional cultural activity and Aboriginal health. Wayne is currently the Festival and Cultural Events Co-ordinator at KALACC.

### **Tom Putuparri Lawford**

Tom is a Walmajarri and Gooniyandi man of the Kimberley Region. He is a Cultural Practitioner and an important cultural and ceremony ambassador across the Central and Eastern Kimberley. He is a Red Shirt and Kurtal man, Rainmaker. Tom is currently the Cultural Heritage Officer at KALACC.