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## Sovereign Systems: Following the Trade Routes

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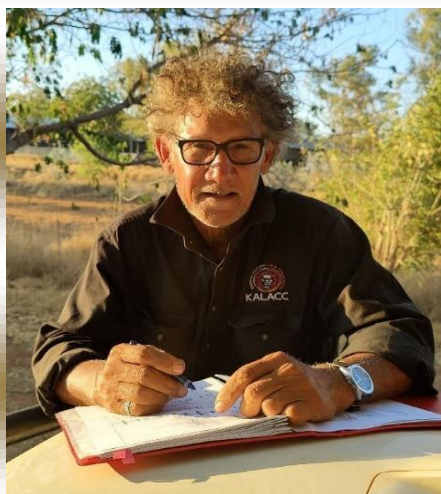
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### *Presenters*



Wayne Barker



Karl Hampton



Steve Kinnane

## Abstract

**'Following the Trade Routes'** is a Country centred project revitalising critical cultural practices and networks that once brought together Aboriginal groups from three States of Australia. Existing anthropological research recognises a long history of Aboriginal peoples travelling on Country, following deeply spiritual song lines and exchanging significant items or tools. Aboriginal Elders with lived experience of the trade routes have been brought together to share their cultural knowledge and to compare it with contemporary practice. This project is empowering the cultural bosses to reinvigorate fundamental and foundational cultural governance systems founded in sovereignty and trade. This presentation will highlight the ongoing significance of cultural processes of exchange and their influence in shaping the linguistic, ceremonial and economic basis of Aboriginal life across the revived trade route between the Western, Central and Eastern Kimberley, Central Northern Territory and the South Australian coast. Presenters will elucidate the history of trading relationships, their contemporary values and future trajectories for a new generation of Indigenous leaders and knowledge custodians in Australia. The impact of Indigenous led and governed research about Indigenous cultural trade and its role in ensuring cultural continuity of this important and continuing part of Australian history and society, will be highlighted.

## Biographies

**Wayne Jowandi Barker** is a Jabbir Jabirr and Djugan Yawuru man with a 35-year professional history of managing cultural projects, both within the Kimberley and beyond. He has been employed for 10 years in the role of KALACC Festivals Coordinator and Cultural Programs Director. Among various national Indigenous cultural affiliations, Wayne has been appointed to the Australia Council's ATSI Strategy Panel, and is a Chief Investigator for the Trade Routes Project.

**Karl Hampton** is currently Regional Director – Yuendumu Community, and is a former Member of Parliament in the Northern Territory and a Warlpiri/Ngulakan/Mara/man born in Alice Springs and has a large extended family network stretching across the Northern Territory. Karl is an active community member of Alice Springs and is a former Chairperson of the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA), a former Board member of Imparja Television and Committee member of the Central Australian Football Club (Redtails). Karl leads the Warlpiri involvement in the Trade Routes Project.

**Steve Kinnane** is a Marda Marda man from Miriwoong Country in the East Kimberley. He has been an active researcher for more than 30 years with a unique skill set founded in decades of working in Indigenous community settings developing Indigenous community based-researchers and projects. Steve KALACC's Research Coordinator, is an Adjunct Research Fellow with the Nulungu Research Institute and is a PI and research lead for the Trade Routes Project.