

Notre Dame

Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series



A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994

Nguudu Barndimanmanha – Making Good with Horses

Thursday 22nd September 2016

- Presentation and questions 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- Informal discussion 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Professor Juli Coffin, Head of Broome Campus and Director, The University of Notre Dame Australia

This presentation is a first-hand account of a one year equine psychotherapy trial using horses to intervene in the lives of young Aboriginal people, to build up hope, self-worth and identity and to instill a sense of pride in schooling and family, and to help with mental health disparities and suicide.

Based in the Midwest/Murchison, this trial was exclusively with Aboriginal youth, (with carers and older family members). Students referred were identified as being at risk, or needing re-entry into schooling due to lack of attendance and repeated suspensions/relationship issues. Additionally, this trial was utilised as a reward and leadership incentive.

Professor Juli Coffin is Head of The University of Notre Dame Australia's Broome Campus. She holds a degree in Education, a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and a PhD which explored Aboriginal context to inform the development of a bullying prevention program that is culturally sensitive to the needs of Aboriginal students.

Professor Coffin has published a number of journal articles and book chapters, and delivered numerous lectures and keynote presentations at national and international conferences. Professor Coffin has also published work in the areas of stroke, nutrition and the cultural security around health service and education provision for Aboriginal people.

In this presentation she will draw on a five year study revealing the failures of a systemic approach to Aboriginal students in the school systems.

Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia
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