



# Nulungu

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Artist: Yangkana Laurel, 2012

## Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series

### ‘Rock Art Conservation and Management: Doctoral research into contemporary approaches’

Melissa Marshall, PhD Candidate, School of Archaeology & Anthropology and the Rock Art Research Centre, Australian National University

Ms. Melissa Marshall has worked as an archeological and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) consultant for the past 15 years. Her work involves cultural heritage management, site management and geospatial mapping, and assisting local Indigenous groups, particularly Rangers and regional organisation’s, to undertake research projects in related fields. She also provides support with cultural heritage training and advice, grant writing, and delivers lectures as part of an annual field school in Arnhem Land.

Currently, Mel is pursuing doctoral research through the Australian National University which examines Rock Art conservation and management across Northern Australia at sites in Kakadu National Park, Western Arnhem Land on Mirarr Country and the West Kimberley Region. Over the past five years, Mel has investigated current trends and the importance of monitoring sites of cultural importance. She has also addressed the significance of conservation and management; in response to pressing issues impacting on this practice which include the pressures of global population growth, associated development and resource demands, the lack of government legislative support to protect heritage sites and increased environmental pressures relative to Climate Change. Mel will provide an overview of these issues and present the outcomes of her research findings to date.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 12:30PM – 1:30PM**

**Venue: Kailis Room, The University of Notre Dame Australia  
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