



Nulungu

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Artist: Yangkana Laurel, 2012

Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series

‘The Enablers of Change’

Mr Wayne Barker, Festival and Cultural Events Coordinator, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre

Wayne Barker is of Jabirr Jabirr and Djugun heritage and is well embedded in traditional law and custom. Wayne and his family are well known for their tireless work in the native title and cultural knowledge preservation space. Wayne’s creative and artistic career has featured ethnographic film making, radio broadcasting, film and television production, direction and co-ownership of Stompem Ground Pty Ltd in conjunction with Mark Bin Barker. He is an experienced community engagement consultant, previously a Co-Chairperson of the Traditional Owners Negotiation Committee for the Browse Basin LNG development at James Price Point, and is the Chairperson of Waardi Ltd. Wayne is currently employed by the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC) as the Festival and Cultural Events Coordinator. In September 2014, he coordinated and managed the successful KALACC Festival held at Jarlmadangah Buru and now endeavors to establish a series of youth cultural workshops on country across the Kimberley region.

In 2015, KALACC was awarded a substantial grant by the Australian Government under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) to deliver youth cultural camps across four sites in the Kimberley region over a two year period. The camps seek to develop culturally invigorating youth activities in collaboration with local elders at each site. The ‘enablers for change’ lay within the individual. When change involves complex social, spiritual, cultural and emotional factors within a society in turmoil and dysfunction, individual commitment and involvement in a project such as the youth cultural camps is doomed unless a fundamental shift of perspective and world view is applied. Wayne will examine the aims of project and the methods used to motivate and mentor young participants while identifying the enablers for change within family burru’s, language groups and cultural blocks.

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