



ABOVE: 2009 National NAIDOC Youth of the Year Gemma Benn and Professor Colleen Hayward at the National Indigenous Education Conference in Hobart, Tasmania held last month

Hobart hosts National Indigenous Education Conference

On the 22-25 November 2009, more than 620 people attended the 5th National Indigenous Education Conference held in Hobart, Tasmania.

The Conference is a well respected forum for the sharing and dissemination of critical thought and practice in the area of Indigenous education. It focuses on early childhood, schooling years and the important post school educational opportunities.

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Kurongkurl Katitjin, pronounced 'koor-ong-kurl cut-it-chin', is a Nyoongar phrase meaning 'coming together to learn'.

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Welcome from the Head of Centre

Welcome to the Birak edition of *Our Place*, the official newsletter of Kurongkurl Katitjin, Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research at Edith Cowan University.

This edition of *Our Place* features our regular column about the current Nyoongar season and highlights the recipients of the 2009 Vice-Chancellors Indigenous Scholarship, a profile of the current ECU Indigenous Consultative Committee Chair Jim Morrison and a wrap up of our successful Kambarang Careers Day.

In addition, a small contingent of ECU staff, including several members from Kurongkurl Katitjin attended and presented at the 5th National Indigenous Education Conference in Hobart, Tasmania. This conference provided some interesting discussion and proactive ways forward that will be useful to enhance our engagement and support of Indigenous Australians looking at higher education.

Its been a hectic few months for me, travelling to various speaking engagements and conferences. I am very much looking forward to having a quiet and restful break before 2010 gets underway.

On behalf of the staff at Kurongkurl Katitjin, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and safe festive season and prosperous new year. Thank you for your support in 2009.



Happy reading!

Colleen W.

Professor Colleen Hayward

About the Centre

ECU's Kurongkurl Katitjin has a vital role in assisting the University to meet its commitment to Indigenous peoples.



Our mission is to *"provide excellence in teaching and learning and research in a culturally inclusive environment that values the diversity of Indigenous Australian history and cultural heritage"*.

Consistent with this mission, the Centre provides support and academic pathways for Indigenous students and opportunities for non-Indigenous students to enhance their professional knowledge and cultural competence.

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Strength in Community: Closing the Gap, was the conference theme and emphasised the challenges of accelerating outcomes for Indigenous students and successfully engaging Indigenous communities with education and training in order to strengthen culture and improve quality of life for our people.

Staff from ECU, including several members from Kurongkurl Katitjin, presented at the three day conference.

Kurongkurl Katitjin's Professor Colleen Hayward presented a popular sessional keynote titled: *Making the most of the Bradley Report to ensure community and culture are at the heart of its reform agenda*'.

Other staff presentations included:

- Effective test literacy for Aboriginal students
- Perspectives on the respectful use of Australian Indigenous art in educational settings
- Creation of community as the success factor for Indigenous tertiary studies
- A longitudinal research study of the Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success.

These sessions were well attended, which included representatives from Indigenous communities, students, carers and parents, as well as teachers, researchers and administrators.

ECU actively demonstrated and promoted its commitment to supporting equitable educational outcomes for Indigenous students across Australia through sponsorship of the conference satchel.

It was announced that the next National Indigenous Education Conference will be held in the Northern Territory in 2010.

ECU limited services period over festive season

Whilst ECU enters a temporary period of limited services and operations during the festive season, Kurongkurl Katitjin will close for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year period from the 24 December 2009 and will open on the 8 January 2010.

Kurongkurl Katitjin staff wish you a safe and happy festive season.



ABOVE: Kurongkurl Katitjin's Keith Truscott during his presentation



ABOVE: Professor Colleen Hayward and Cental Institute of Technology staff member Ingrid Collard



ABOVE: ECU's Sue Girak, Heather Sparrow, Professor Colleen Hayward and Julia Wren



Nyoongar Season: About Birak

Birak season should see the rains finally ease up and the warm weather really start to take hold, fortunately though the afternoons are cooled by the sea breezes that abound for the south west.

Given this almost clockwork cycle of easterly winds in the morning and seas breezes in the afternoon, traditionally this was the burning time of year for Nyoongars as they burnt the country in mosaic patterns for several reasons. These include fuel reduction, increasing the grazing pastures for animals (game), to aid in seed germination for some plants and for ease of mobility across the country. Interestingly these days, Birak season is the start of the fire ban season.

With some indicators of Kambarang (one of the six Nyoongar seasons) still holding on for an extra few weeks, we're still to see the full explosion of the Australian Christmas Tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*) but none the less some individuals have started to flower with more to come in the lead up to Christmas.

The late rains and periods of cooler weather also see the Candle Stick Banksia (*B. attenuata*) continue to flower, whilst the Bull Banksia (*B. Grandis*) finally comes to an end and the Fire Stick Banksia (*B. menziesii*) will be starting to form seeds. Traditionally, this was also a good season to collect wattle seeds after their flowering from the previous season for grinding into flour for breads and dampers.



Around the gardens of the Kurongkurl Katitjin building you'll see the wonderful flowers of the Coral Gum (*E. torquata*) as pictured and the Fuchsia Gum (*E. forrestiana*).

As well the flowers and seeds that are abundant at this time of the year, you'll also see loads of new growth on many of the Eucalypts (or Gum trees) and the Banksias as they all look to put their new leaves out to work in the sunshine before the full force of summer arrives.

Much of this growth in some of the trees will also serve as an indicator of the rainfall for the year to come, but we'll learn more about this later.

For the animals, there are now many fledglings now venturing out of nests, though some are still staying close to their parents. Listen and you'll hear them calling for food! You may even be fortunate enough to come across the odd sloth or old skin from a reptile as they look to shed their old ones for new and as such their activity levels will be on the rise with the temperature.

With the rising temperatures and the lessening rainfall, it's also a time of the baby frogs as many complete their transformation into adulthood.

Finally, whilst traditionally the country was also burnt in a mosaic fashion to provide good quality grazing grasses for animals like kangaroos, only those not with young were targeted and thus leaving plenty for the year ahead.

The Centre's Kambarang Career's Day 2009 a success

On the 28 October 2009, more than 100 visitors braved the elements to attend the annual Kambarang Careers Day, hosted by ECU's Kurongkurl Katitjin, Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research.

The day attracted mostly Indigenous high school students and community members to expose them to University life and explore future study options at Edith Cowan University.

A number of interactive workshops were held, including a science workshop run by ECU Chemistry lecturer, Dr Magdalena Wajrak, a drama workshop run by WAAPA Students and a didgeridoo skills workshop run by ECU student and 2009 NAIDOC Battle of the Didges winner, Glenn Moore.

A highlight of the day was a motivational talk from AFL Premiership medallist and current Fremantle Football Club player, Des Hedland. Students were also given the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about importance of furthering their education as well as Des' aspirations away from football.

Kurongkurl Katitjin's Promotion and Recruitment Officer, Max Jackson was very happy with the feedback received from schools and visitors.

"Weather permitting, 2010 Kambarang should be a great opportunity to further promote ECU courses and its Indigenous students" he said.



ABOVE: Kurongkurl Katitjin staff Tracey-Lee Edwards, Professor Colleen Hayward and Jason Barrow with Fremantle Docker Des Hedland

Indigenous Scholarships at ECU

Scholarships have been around for a long time, but have been perceived to be out of reach for a lot of people. The perception stems from the idea that scholarships were for the gifted or for those from a different cultural background.

However, in changing that perception, Edith Cowan University (ECU) recognises that tertiary education should be accessible by all and not out of reach due to financial constraints.

Indigenous Scholarships are designed to assist Indigenous Australians with the costs associated with University study and aim to increase higher education participation by Indigenous students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

ECU offers a range of scholarships to current and prospective students. Some of these include Indigenous, Equity and the Vice-Chancellors Indigenous Australian Scholarship.

Applications for these scholarships open on the 11 January 2010.

For more information on these scholarships, please contact the Scholarships & Loans Office, Student Services Centre on 08 6304 3636 or by email at scholarships@ecu.edu.au.

ECU's Indigenous Consultative Committee

The Indigenous Consultative Committee (ICC) had its origins in committees which operated when Edith Cowan University was the Western Australian College of Advanced Education (WACAE).

In its current form, the ICC provides high level advice to the Equity Committee (a senior management committee of the University) on matters which impact on Edith Cowan University's service provision, outcomes and reputation in relation to Indigenous Australians.

The ICC provides a forum for ensuring input into senior-level decision-making by Indigenous community members, as well as Indigenous Australian staff and students of the University.

Membership of the ICC is comprised of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Engagement, Equity and Indigenous); Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin; Indigenous Australian representatives from staff and students; and Indigenous Australian representatives from regions of Western Australia, with the Chair of the ICC also a member of the Equity Committee.

Profiles of ICC members will be featured in future editions of *Our Place*. In this edition, we profile the current ICC Chair, Jim Morrison. (see next page)

ECU staff honoured to meet the 2009 Australian of the Year

On the 28 October 2009, staff from Edith Cowan University, including Kurongkurl Katitjin's Professor Colleen Hayward attended a "Great Australians" breakfast at Government House Ballroom.

Guests of honour and speakers were the 2009 Australian of the Year, Professor Michael Dodson AM and the 2009 Western Australian of the Year, Dr Penny Flett.

Indigenous ECU student Glenn Moore was also invited to join the ECU table to listen to a thought provoking address by Professor Dodson that challenged all Australians to ensure Indigenous history and culture was part of the broader education and curriculum of our children.



ABOVE: Harbhani Bansal, Riki Stevens, Professor Murray Lampard APM from the Australia Day Council, Dr Susan King, Janice Tracey, Master of Ceremonies Narelda Jacobs, Professor Colleen Hayward, Professor Michael Dodson AM, Glenn Moore, Cassandra Riley and Mary Ballantine at the breakfast

He emphasised that with greater understanding by our children, integration, acceptance and equal opportunity for all, would be an important outcome for Indigenous Australians.

Dr Penny Flett spoke about "what's great about being an Australian" and reminded us all of the importance of services and care for seniors and the disabled.

The Vice-Chancellor was represented by Professor Brenda Cherednichenko, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Engagement, Equity, and Indigenous) who said "It was a great opportunity for our ECU students and staff to meet and chat with Professor Dodson and Dr Flett."

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A yarn with.....Jim Morrison. Chair of the ICC

Jim Morrison is a senior Noongar man from WA's southwest. He has been operating in a range of pivotal roles dealing with Aboriginal advancement for over three decades, such as policy and improved operations in State and Commonwealth Governments, Aboriginal employment, education and training, universities, the protection of young street people, and the formation and management of non-government agencies providing services to Aboriginal families and their broader communities.



As well as his other roles, Jim is the elected Aboriginal Co-Chair of the National Stolen Generations Alliance and the WA Aboriginal Co-convenor of the Bringing Them Home Committee. These two positions are important in meeting the 54 disappointingly unmet recommendations for Aboriginal Healing outlined in the *Bringing Them Home* Report.

Jim's committees and reference groups provide essential support in better positioning Aboriginal and non-Indigenous people in many organisations to work together more harmoniously in the spirit of Reconciliation and Closing the Gap in Aboriginal disadvantage.

How does it feel to be back on the ICC after being on the original committee 25 years ago?

It's a bit weird to think I was here 25 years ago, but I am very happy to be back.

And its good to be involved with a committee who have commitment and are well motivated.

In your opinion, how has ECU changed?

I think ECU is now more committed to Aboriginal education and have better internal processes and policies to address this.

In regards to the committee, the members are better equipped than previously and are representative of regional WA.

What do you personally want to achieve as the current Chair of the ICC?

To be instrumental in assisting Aboriginal people to achieve better education standards through an experience with ECU, and therefore the improvement of their quality of life, and their family and community.

What are some of the changes in our society that you have seen in your lifetime?

I have seen non-Aboriginal people become more interested in Reconciliation and this is good and needs to continue because even given best intentions, there has been no positive shift in Closing the Gap.

What great historical events you have experienced in your lifetime?

The greatest moment, for me, was the Prime Minister's Apology to the Stolen Generation in 2007.

What is something that you are really proud of and why?

I'm very proud of my son's and their families, and extremely proud of their children.

I'm proud of my children because they will have a better quality of life than I have had and in turn, they will be instrumental in passing on a better quality of life for their children.

Vice-Chancellor awards 2009 Indigenous Scholarships

Congratulations to Julieka Stewart and Joyce Dimer, the 2009 recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Scholarship.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Kerry Cox presented Julieka and Joyce with their awards at a ceremony held at Kurongkurl Katitjin on the 28 October 2009.

The Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Scholarship is offered to Indigenous Australian students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree and recognises academic merit, leadership and contributions within the community. The scholarship is valued at \$2,500 per semester for full-time study or pro-rata for part-time students.

Julieka is currently studying exercise and sports science at ECU's Joondalup Campus. Originally from Broome, Julieka has a passion for coaching and educating young people in her sport of choice – touch football.

Upon the completion of her degree at the end of this year, Julieka plans to complete a Graduate Diploma of Education so she can go back to the country and teach young people about the importance of health and fitness.



ABOVE: Professor Kerry Cox with Joyce Dimer and Julieka Stewart (right)

Joyce is studying Social Work at ECU's South West campus and has more than 12 years experience working with the Aboriginal Medical Service in Bunbury.

Joyce has been recognised by the community for her work as an advocate, leader and mentor winning the WA Seniors Award in 2008 and the Aboriginal Community Elder of the Year earlier this year.

Congratulations to Julieka and Joyce for their outstanding contributions.

Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet receives continued funding

The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet based at ECU Mount Lawley campus in Kurongkurl Katitjin, has received more than \$1.1 million from the Australian Department of Health and Ageing for the year ending 30 June 2010.

The Department has funded the organisation since its inception in 1997 when it was known as the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Clearinghouse.

The HealthInfoNet is an innovative Internet resource that aims to inform practice and policy in Indigenous health by making research and other knowledge readily accessible.

In this way, the HealthInfoNet aims to contribute to 'closing the gap' in health between Indigenous and other Australians.

For more information, visit: www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au

Staff Snapshot

Dr Bruce Campbell



Senior Lecturer, Kurongkurl Katitjin

Favourite book?

'A Fine Balance' by Rohinton Mistry

Favourite music?

Anything by Leonard Cohen

Favourite food?

Goan fish curry with fresh bread

Favourite TV Program?

Media Watch

Favourite movie?

'Home Song Stories' directed by Tony Ayres

If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

Charles Darwin

What is something that people don't know about you?

I was a demolition worker for five years

ECU celebrates research success

During October, ECU acknowledged some of the recent success of the many outstanding researchers at the University.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Kerry Cox, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor John Finlay-Jones presided over the celebration event, which recognised outstanding achievement in research from a variety of fields - from health to education, and finance to security.

Researchers were acknowledged for their successes in the following areas:

- ECU Industry Collaboration Grant Winners
- ECU Early Career Grant Winners 2009
- ARC Linkage Grant Winners
- Australian Competitive Grant Winners
- Top ECU Researchers in each School
- Top Research Activity Index Performers for 2008

A total of 75 awards were presented, illustrating the depth of research talent that exists at ECU.

Of particular note, Professor Neil Thomson, Director of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet located within Kurongkurl Katitjin, received a 'Certificate of Excellence' as one of ECU's 'Top Research Activity Index Performers for 2008'.



ABOVE: Professor Neil Thomson

Professor Cox said that around the world, research is an important distinguishing feature of universities in comparison to other educational institutions and, as such, is a major priority for ECU.

"It is pleasing to see how quickly excellent research is developing at ECU and also to see the success of both well-known, experienced researchers as well as emerging stars still at an early stage of their careers," he said.

UN Human Rights and Australia's Indigenous People



ABOVE: Ester Steingiesser, Professor Colleen Hayward, Owen Loneragan, Curtis Clark, Dr Rob Hewson, (front) Joan Mann, Judith Parker AM DSJ, Caroline Pembroke at the Huelin Lecture

On the 10 December 2009, Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin, Professor Colleen Hayward, presented the annual Huelin Memorial Lecture for the United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) at the State Library Theatre in Perth.

Professor Hayward's speech, titled **Human Rights and Australia's Indigenous People**, drew on her extensive experience in a range of areas including health, education, training, employment and housing.

For more information on the work of the United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division), visit: www.unaa-wa.org.au.

Using Hip Hop to help young people in remote communities

Kurongkurl Katitjin recently completed an evaluation of the Indigenous Hip Hop Projects (IHHP) on behalf of *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*.

The evaluation aimed to determine the effectiveness and impact of IHHP on Indigenous young people in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of WA. Over the past 18 months, the IHHP has been working with *beyondblue*, to raise awareness among Indigenous communities, especially young people, about depression and anxiety, and to promote active, healthy lifestyles.

The evaluation, which was conducted over three stages, examined the extent to which young people in regional and remote communities respond positively to the health promotion messages of the IHHP, and the relationship between youths' knowledge of *beyondblue*'s messages and their preventive behaviours such as supporting one another, seeking help and choosing appropriate life strategies.

The project also measured the change in profile of *beyondblue* and health services as a result of the Indigenous Hip Hop strategy, as well as the overall the impact of activities implemented by IHHP.

Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin, Professor Colleen Hayward said the evaluation of the IHHP presented an excellent opportunity to not only appreciate the work of the IHHP, but to also work with a partner like *beyondblue*.

"The Indigenous Hip Hop Projects is working with our young people to raise awareness about anxiety and depression, as well as ways for them to seek help and look out for each other," Professor Hayward said.

"It is certainly an impressive program and I commend *beyondblue* for supporting programs like the IHHP to continue to help our kids, especially in remote communities".

For more information on IHHP and *beyondblue*, visit: www.beyondblue.org.au

ECU Vice-Chancellor launches Green Office Program

On the 1 December 2009, Vice-Chancellor Professor Kerry Cox launched the new Green Office Program with a lake-side ceremony at ECU's Joondalup Campus.

The Green Office Program is ECU's key program to increase staff awareness and education on the environmental impacts of our daily work practices, and to encourage and facilitate environmentally responsible alternatives.

A number of Green Officers have nominated themselves to help promote the Green Office Program and encourage sustainable practises across the University.

Professor Cox encouraged Green Officers to try to reduce the use of heating and cooling systems in their work areas, and to help educate fellow staff and students about the importance of recycling.

"Thank you to all our Green Officers who have volunteered to be part of the ECU Green Office team," he said.

"All ECU staff will be involved with the Green Office Program to ensure that our culture at ECU becomes one where we all think about the environmental impact we have every time we print something or every time we turn on our computer or every time we purchase a product."

The Green Office Program is coordinated by Belinda O'Brien, Environmental Coordinator, and Trena Ward, Environment Officer.

One of the newly appointed Green Officers is Kurongkurl Katitjin's Cultural Awareness Officer Jason Barrow. Having a background in national parks and consistently considering the environment in his day to day work habits, Jason jumped at the chance to take up the role.

"Certainly for me, maintaining our Natural Diversity is a passion of mine and if I can do some everyday things differently to show others how they too can make some changes that will result in improvements for us all, then that's a good thing, especially for our kids" Jason said.



ABOVE: Kurongkurl Katitjin's Jason Barrow providing the Acknowledgement of Country at the launch

New Social Justice Commissioner Appointed

Mick Gooda will be the next Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, replacing Tom Calma who has been in the position since 2004. The five year appointment will begin in February 2010.

Attorney General Robert McClelland formally named Mick Gooda as the new commissioner on the 15 December 2009. Mr McClelland said "Mr Gooda has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the lives of Indigenous Australians and will make a valuable contribution to the work of the commission in protecting and promoting human rights, particularly with respect to Indigenous issues".

Staff raise funds for Indigenous Communities Education Appeal

Staff in ECU's Centre for Learning and Development (CLD) have raised funds for the Indigenous Communities Education Appeal (ICEA) at a recent staff Christmas BBQ.

At CLD, there was no Secret Santa this year. Instead of spending \$5 (or more) on a Secret Santa, staff donated their contribution to the appeal. Staff also donated the funds raised from casual Fridays and selling soft drinks throughout the year.

Additionally, the CLD is donating in-kind by upgrading ICEA's website.

The ICEA Foundation is a well recognised organisation that raises funds to encourage education in the remote communities in WA and also supports capacity building for Australians future leaders.

Congratulations to the CLD staff on a fantastic initiative.

For further information on the Foundation, visit: www.iceafoundation.com.au

Mibbinbah 2009 Training Camp

On the 8-13 November 2009, a large gathering of Aboriginal men came together to participate in the 2009 Mibbinbah Men's Health camp in the Grampians, Victoria.

Mibbinbah, an Aboriginal word from the Gold Coast of QLD that means Men's Place or Space, is a research program committed to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males by providing safe spaces, education and support.

Kurungkurl Katitjin's Jason Barrow has been fortunate enough to have had a link with the program since their inception in 2007/8 and was invited to attend and participate for the week. The main focus of this camp was Finding Pathways, Exploring the Health Benefits of Education and Employment.



ABOVE: 2009 Mibbinbah Training camp participants

Some of the major workshops as part of the camp included: Men's Help Line and the Importance of Gender, Prostate Health and Continence Health from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Anxiety and Depression presentation from *beyondblue*, Indigenous Hip Hop, Didge and Dance traditional style and Boomerang throwing (including throwing hunting boomerangs at each other!).

"The camaraderie and mateship that is fostered within group is fantastic and all of the fellas have something to add to the mix that is of benefit to each other, even if sometimes this isn't openly talked about, as is the way of the Man", says Jason.

To learn more about Mibbinbah, visit: www.mibbinbah.org

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Third Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council appointed

On the 5 November 2009, the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, announced the appointment of the third Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.

Professor Steven Larkin from Charles Darwin University will chair the Council and Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson from Queensland University of Technology will take the role of Deputy Chair. Other Council members are:

- Professor Roger Thomas, University of Adelaide, Chair of the second Council
- Associate Professor Ngiare Brown, University of Sydney
- Professor Paul Chandler, University of Wollongong
- Associate Professor Susan Green, University of New South Wales
- Professor Lynette Russell, Monash University
- Mr Russell Taylor, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Mr Asmi Wood, Australian National University

The new Council will provide policy advice to the Australian Government on higher education, research and research training issues in relation to Indigenous higher education students and staff. A key task for the Council will be to advise on a review of the effectiveness of measures to improve higher education access and outcomes for Indigenous people.

The Rudd Government is committed to at least halving the gap for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students in year 12 or its equivalent by 2020. The Government is also committed to halving the gap in literacy and numeracy within a decade.

Ms Gillard said the Government is providing resources to enable universities to form broader and deeper relationships with the schools, teachers, and parents of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who have little exposure to higher education.

Another important function of the Council will be to continue its joint project with Universities Australia, the Indigenous Cultural Competency in Australian Universities initiative.

The Government has provided \$500,000 for this initiative, which aims to undertake a stock-take of existing Indigenous cultural competency initiatives in the Australian higher education sector, undertake pilot projects identified through the stock-take process, and develop a national best practice framework.

Ms Gillard and Senator Carr said they were particularly interested in exploring ways to increase the number of Indigenous students in higher education, including the number going on to higher degrees and research careers. This will build on the range of existing initiatives that are funded by the Government, including scholarships for Indigenous students and staff, and funding programs specifically designed to support Indigenous students in higher education, including in research.

For further information, visit: www.deewr.gov.au

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