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24–26 September 2024
Darwin Convention Centre,
Larrakia Country

Australian Sea Country

CONFERENCE 2024



MC: Cissy Gore-Birch (OAM)

Owner/Operation of Kimberley Cultural Connections Pty Ltd

Cissy Gore-Birch is a Jaru/Kija woman with connections to Balangarra, Nyikina and Bunuba country. She holds a Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Management and has worked in the Aboriginal land management and community development sectors for the past twenty years.



With a strong leadership background in the Kimberley and Australia, Ms Gore Birch's current appointments include; Owner/Operation of Kimberley Cultural Connections Pty Ltd, Interim CEO of Balangarra Aboriginal Corporation, Co-Chairperson of Indigenous Carbon Industry Network, Director of New Harvest, Director of Rock Art Australia, Director of East Kimberley Football League, former appointments held include: Chairperson, Aarnja Pty Ltd, Chairperson of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management (NAILSMA), Chairperson, Balangarra Aboriginal Corporation (2010-2014, 2019 - 2022), Director, Kimberley Land Council and Councillor, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. Ms Gore-Birch has been and continues to advocate for the social, cultural, environmental and economic advancement and well-being of Aboriginal people through a fair and equitable process.

Keynote Speaker: Ricky Archer

Director of National Parks, Parks Australia & Director, Parks Australia Division DCCEEW

He is a Djungan man from the Western Tablelands region of North Queensland who has previously served as CEO of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA).



Ricky's involvement extends to collaborating with government entities, having served on several Commonwealth committees, including the Indigenous Advisory Committee, the National Landcare Advisory Committee, and contributing to the Samuel review – the independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Ricky is a strong supporter and advocate of the Indigenous Ranger movement and the Indigenous Protected Areas program.

Keynote Speaker: Jordan Point

Executive Advisor, First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia

After a 20 year career with the federal government concluding in various senior management roles, Jordan became Executive Director of the First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia in 2010. Concurrently, he also served as a member of Council with the Musqueam First Nation for 20 years. He is a clear thinker with extensive capacity and understanding of management, government process, business implementation, and First Nations governance. He has strong board of directors experience in both the public and private sectors, as well as First Nation LLP structures. He was Valedictorian and Top Recruit at the Justice Institute of British Columbia's Police Academy, and was certified by the RCMP Coordinated Law Enforcement Training Unit in Instructional Techniques and Facilitation, as well as the Harvard Public Disputes program in Interest Based Negotiations and Public Dispute Resolution.



Keynote Speaker: Dr Patrick Hone

Managing Director of Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC) and a member of the National Marine Science Committee

Patrick has extensive knowledge of all sectors of the fishing and aquaculture industries. He has more than 20 years working for FRDC and has played a key role in the planning, management and funding of fishing and aquaculture related research, development and extension in Australia. In recent years Patrick has become one of Australia's leading spokespeople on the role of marine science.



Keynote Speaker: Mere George

Chair, Iwi Collective

Mere is the current chairman of the Iwi Collective Partnership as well as the Chief Executive officer of Ngati Whare Group, having retired as a Partner at GHA Chartered Accountants and Management Consultants, in 2021. Mere has extensive knowledge of the Iwi Collective partnership and Māori fisheries having served two consecutive director terms on the board as well as representing Ngati Whare in fisheries forum since 2012.

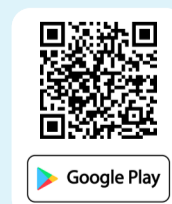


She has been a qualified Chartered Accountant for eighteen years and was recently appointed a Fellow Chartered Accountant. In this time, she has worked with commercial entities across a broad range of industries, including dairy, sheep and beef farming, fisheries, forestry, horticulture, telecommunications and insurance. Mere works closely with iwi, Māori land trusts, incorporations and marae daily and has extensive networks in te ao Māori across Aotearoa, and especially in Te Arawa, Mataatua, the Bay of Plenty and CNI.

Mere is passionate about strengthening Māori business and Māori community. She has a passion for growing young Māori leaders and is a strong advocate for Māori women.

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TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 2024

3:00pm - 5:00pm	Registrations Open Darwin Convention Centre Foyer
5:00pm - 8:00pm	Welcome Reception at Wharf One Casual Drinks from 5pm with Dinner being served from 6pm
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Welcome to Country Yvonne Odegaard Larrakia Nation
5:40pm - 6:00pm	Aboriginal Sea Country Welcome Bo Carne – CEO, Aboriginal Sea Company

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER, 2024

7:00am	Registration Open Darwin Convention Centre Foyer				
8:30am - 8:40am	Welcome to Country and Dancers Larrakia Nation Hall One				
8:40am - 8:50am	Australian Sea Country Welcome Calvin Deveraux – Chair, Aboriginal Sea Company Hall One				
8:50am - 8:55am	Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Environment and Water Video Address Hall One				
8:55am - 9:05am	Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy, Minister for Indigenous Australians Hall One				
9:05am - 9:30am	Platinum Sponsors' Address Hall One				
9:30am - 9:50am	Bo Carne – CEO, Aboriginal Sea Company Hall One				
9:50am - 10:20am	Morning Tea Break				
	Plenary Session – The Sea Has Spoken Hall One				
10:20am - 10:40am	Keynote Speaker Dr Patrick Hone Managing Director of Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Science, Compliance, Management, Innovation: Research and Development				
10:40am - 11:00am	Returning and Managing Country Joe Morrison – Group CEO, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation				
11:00am - 11:20am	Stronger Together Ms Rhett Hoskins – Co-Chair, Sea Country Alliance				
11:20am - 11:40pm	Inconsistencies Across Sectors – Is There a Way Forward? Tony McAvoy SC				
11:40am - 12:00pm	Keynote Speaker Ricky Archer Director, National Parks & Director, Parks Australia Division DCCEEW National Parks Vision and Progress				
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Panel Discussion facilitated by Bo Carne CEO, Aboriginal Sea Company All Plenary Presenters				
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch Break				
	Breakout Sessions – Diversity in Sea Country Governance 20 minutes per presenter, followed by a 10 minute group Q&A				
	Equitable Engagement Waterfront Room One	Western and First Nations Science Management Waterfront Room Two	ILSC Workshop Waterfront Room Three	FRDC Forum Bundirrik	Review of the South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan Damibila
1:15pm - 1:35pm	Developing a Kimberley Aboriginal Mud Crab Fishery Dr Danielle Johnston, Senior Research Scientist, DPIRD and co.	A Community Co-Designed Approach to Develop a Smart Phone App Kenny Bedford, Owner Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Innovation & Natasha Stacey, Prof Communities and Livelihoods, CDU	Stakeholder workshop to present and receive feedback on the New Fisheries Sector Strategy A facilitated workshop discussion to present and receive feedback on the ILSC's national actions to advance First Nations fishers.	Always was, always will be, 'KOOLIN® Commonhealth™ Sea Country and Sovereignty!' Presented by Daniel Kiag, Beryl Booth and Ivan Morgan	Invitation only session: Director of National Parks and South-east Traditional Owners. Opportunity to discuss the development of the new South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan. Reach out to amy.mulcahy@dcceew.gov.au for more information
1:35pm - 1:55pm	Cultural Fishing Local Management Plans Carl Bevilacqua, Senior Fisheries Manager, Franc Krasna, Elder of the Bundjalung and Wayne Anderson, Chairperson, NSW AFAC – NSW DPI	Marine Spatial Planning to Empower Sea Country Governance Prof Chris Frid, Griffith University	Representing First Nations Persons in the Top End of the NT in Relation to Offshore Activities Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance		
1:55pm - 2:15pm	Co-design with Traditional Owners for Systems Change in Great Barrier Reef Protection and Restoration Scott Anderson, Malcolm Mann and Dawn Harrigan, GBRF Traditional Owner Governance Members	Observing Together – Collecting Ocean Observations to Meet Many Needs Dr Michelle Heupel, Executive Director of the Integrated Marine Observing System	This workshop will be facilitated by Australian Venture Consultants and representatives of the ILSC National Programs Team that have developed this sector strategy as part of the implementation of the National Indigenous Land and Sea Strategy 2023-2028.		
2:15pm - 2:35pm	Co-developing Indigenous Engagement Guidelines for Australia's Blue Carbon Market ICIN Director	Tracking Impacts of Heatwaves and Fishing on Sea Country through Reef Life Survey Dr Sam Wood, Environmental Analyst, Aquenal	Session 4 – Book and Present on the Day		
2:35pm - 2:45pm	Q&A Session facilitated by Jared Copley, Aboriginal Sea Company	Q&A Session facilitated by Barry Hunter, CEO, NAILSMA	FRDC Forum Close		
2:45pm - 3:05pm	Afternoon Tea Break				
	Plenary: Sustainable Development, is that Really Achievable? Hall One				
3:05pm - 3:25pm	Fishing Our Way! Bo Carne – CEO, Aboriginal Sea Company				
3:25pm - 3:45pm	Managing Non-Fishing Impacts Clayton Nelson, General Manager – Policy and External Affairs, Austral Fisheries				
3:45pm - 4:05pm	Keynote Speaker Jordan Point Executive Advisor, First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia The Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI) – Integrating Indigenous Rights Based Access into Contemporary Economic Fisheries				
4:05pm - 4:25pm	Sustainable Seaweed Aquaculture Tiahni Adamson, Lead Community Engagement Officer, CH4 Global				
4:25pm - 5:00pm	Panel Discussion facilitated by Stan Lui – Director, Five Cubed Environmental				
5:00pm - 5:15pm	Wrap up of Day One Cissy Gore-Birch MC				
5:30pm - 7:30pm	Networking Drinks Hall One				

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THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 2024

7:30am - 9:00am	Registration Opens DCC Foyer					
8:30am - 8:40am	Welcome Cissy Gore-Birch MC Hall One					
	Plenary Session – International First Nations Engagement in the Sea Hall One					
8:40am - 9:00am	Whakahaereenga mahinga ika – Māori Perspectives Mere George – Chair, Iwi Collective					
9:00am - 9:20am	Integrating First Nation/Indigenous Voices into Industry Advisory Boards Jordan Point – Executive Advisor, First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia					
9:20am - 9:40am	Snapshot of Key Elements in Treaties Tony McAvoy SC					
9:40am - 10:30am	Panel Discussion facilitated by Patrick Hone – Managing Director, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)					
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea Break					
	Breakout Session – Innovation into Action 20 mins per presenter + 10 mins Q&A					
	Moving from Inform to Empowerment – How Do We Get There? Waterfront Room One	Equitable Engagement Session Hall One	Community Education and Participation is Key Waterfront Room Two	First Nations Economic Development Rights and Interests Waterfront Room Three	FRDC Forum Bundirrik	Managing Sea Country in 60 Australian Marine Parks Damibila
11:00am - 11:20am	Protecting and Promoting Aboriginal Cultural Fishing Rights Wally Stewart, NSW Aboriginal Fishing Rights Group	Marranbala – Together We Are Stronger David Barrett, Chair of the Namultja Aboriginal Corporation and Ricky Archer, Director of National Parks	Mitigating Threatened Species Bycatch in Northern Australian Net Fisheries Dr Joni Pini-Fitzimmons, Research Fellow, Charles Darwin University	Building Business in Blue Mud Bay James Holman and Waka Mununggurr, Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation	Session 1, Day 2 – Book at Registration and Present on the Day	
11:20am - 11:40am	Establishment of the Southern Australian Aboriginal Land and Sea Management Alliance Dr Jodi Edwards, Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Research Fellow, ANCORS, Dave Collard and Doc Reynolds, Senior Cultural Custodian, ETNTAC	Plant Power Sisterhood of the Australasia Pacific Regions Dr Jenny Fraser, Artistic Director, cyberTribe	Emerging Opportunities for Sea Country Traditional Owners in the Marine Bioproduct Industry Mr Daniel Abrahams, CEO Marine Bioproducts CRC	Kuti Co: Leading the Way in Commercial Fishing on Sea Country Derek Walker, Kuti Co and Luke Trevorrow, Key Client Executive, RAWsa and Executive Support, Kuti Co.	Session 2, Day 2 – Book and Present on the Day	11.30am - 12.30pm Discussion with the Director of National Parks and Parks Australia about the future management of Sea Country in Australian Marine Parks. Reach out to amy.mulcahy@dcceew.gov.au for more information
11:40am - 12:00pm	Traditional Owner Engagement Daniel Miller, CEO, GLaWAC and Co-Chair of Sea Country Alliance	Saltwater People Yaraan Bundle-Couzens, SOPEC, Saltwater People.org and Antonia Burke, Antonia Burke Consultancy	Cultural Licence to Operate in the Blue Economy Dr Cass Hunter, Indigenous Social-Ecological Researcher, CSIRO	The Journey of Groote Aqua Dr Valentin Thépot Aquaculture Manager, Groote Aqua Aboriginal Corporation and Jason Yantarrnga, Groote Aqua Aboriginal Corporation	Session 3, Day 2 – Book and Present on the Day	
12:00pm - 12:20pm	Building Better Fisheries Through Indigenous Leadership and Expertise: An engagement strategy with a focus on the Commonwealth Nick McClean, Senior Research Fellow, C-SERC, University of Technology Sydney	The South Coast NSW Sea Country Plan: An Indigenous Governance Model for Country, Community and Culture Robert Chewying, Director, Joonga Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation	Changing Jobs and Skills for the Protection and Utilisation of Sea Country: Leading and Guiding the Work of Skills Insight Geoff Barbaro, Executive Manager Stakeholder Engagement	Eight Years of Aboriginal Commercial Fishing in the Maningrida Region – Lessons Learned Don Wilton, Stuart Yiwawara, Jimmy Olsen and Randall Bayaraga, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation	Session 4, Day 2 – Book and Present on the Day	
12:20pm - 12:30pm	Q&A Session facilitated by Cissy Gore Birch, Kimberley Cultural Connections Pty Ltd	Q&A Session facilitated by Stan Lui, Director, Five Cubed Environmental	Q&A Session facilitated by Jared Copley, Aboriginal Sea Company	Q&A Session facilitated by Krystal Perkins, Eastern Divisional General Manager, ILSC	FRDC Forum Close	
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch Break					
	Panels: Our Voice Our Strength Hall One					
1:15pm - 1:45pm	Perspectives From Young People Panel Session facilitated by Dante Rodrigues (Director, One Percent Program) with Toni Hedditch (Shop Manager, Taroon Pty Ltd and Mackerel Online), Tyā Dynevor (Research Assistant, James Cook University) and Luke Mead (NT Fisherman)					
1:45pm - 2:35pm	Participation and Leadership of Women Panel Session facilitated by Dr Cass Hunter (Indigenous Social-Ecological Researcher, CSIRO), with Kirsten Abernethy (Executive Officer, Women in Seafood Australasia), Veronica Papacosta (CEO, Seafood Industry Australia), Suzanne Thompson (Managing Director, Yachdatdac – Virtually) and Tiahni Adamson (Lead Community Engagement Officer, CH4 Global)					
2:35pm - 3:25pm	First Nations – 60,000 Years of Experience, Don't Waste It.... Panel Session facilitated by Stan Lui (Director, Five Cubed Environmental) with Calvin Deveraux (Chair, Aboriginal Sea Company), Terry Yumbulul (Warramiri Elder), Richie Ah Mat (Chair Cape York Land Council) and Dr Cass Hunter (CSIRO, Indigenous Social-Ecological Researcher)					
3:25pm - 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea Break					
3:45pm - 4:35pm	Perspectives from Various Forums Panel facilitated by Barry Hunter (CEO, NAILSMA) with Mere George (Chair, Iwi Collective), Dora Bowles (Sea Country Researcher) and Jordan Point (Executive Advisor, FNFC, BC)					
4:35pm - 5:00pm	What We Have Learnt and Future Directions Bo Carne – CEO, Aboriginal Sea Company and ILSC Secretariat					
5:00pm - 5:10pm	Closing Address Calvin Deveraux – Chair, Aboriginal Sea Company					
5:10pm - 5:35pm	Closing Ceremony Ngulmiya and Traditional Dancers					
6:15pm - 6:20pm	Bus Transport from City to Mindil Beach Casino Resort 6.15pm pick up from the Vibe / Adina 6.20pm pick up from Travelodge					
6:30pm - 10:30pm	Gala Dinner at Mindil Beach Casino Resort Entertainment by Andrew Guruwivi Band					