Jawun Research Centre

# **SEMINAR SERIES**

Communication, Health, and Social and Cultural Well-Being

### Seminar 49

## Cultural Wisdom: Reframing Research Through a BlaK Lens

This multidisciplinary seminar series aims to create a forum centered in Jawun. It is for researchers at CQUniversity, across Queensland and all over the world, as a forum to share their research findings and establish potential synergies, leading to joint grant applications, and partnerships that endeavor to advance knowledge in various disciplines.

#### Location

**Room 3.06**, CQUniversity Cairns Campus Corner Abbott Street and Shields Street Or via **Zoom** Passcode: 778778

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday, 2 October 2024 3:00pm – 5:00pm QLD time Light refreshments provided.



#### Speaker

Julie-Anne Rogers, Senior Research Office in Indigenous Cultural Capability with the Office of Indigenous Engagement, CQUniversity.

#### BIO

I identify as a Woppaburra woman from the Keppel

Islands, Queensland. My dedication lies in elevating the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through advocacy, educational and research initiatives.

I am deeply passionate about cultivating cultural capabilities among individuals, organisations, and services that engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. My commitment extends to advancing culturally informed and-centred approaches across all health system spheres, aiming to ensure the delivery of culturally responsive and respectful care to all individuals.



As a Senior Researcher at Central Queensland University, I am actively involved in a co-designing communication training program for mental health professionals who provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Simultaneously, I am in the final stages of completing my PhD, which focuses on formulating a culturally informed model of wellness specifically tailored for Woppaburra women.

Yilum- the 6Rmodel for Cultural Continuity and Wellness among Woppaburra Women (short title)

#### Abstract

This presentation provides an overview of the embodiment of my Indigeneity in my PhD research.

Yilum: Cultural Continuity and Wellness Among Woppaburra Women: A Model for Recovery, Rediscovery, Reconnection, Regeneration, Resilience, and Resurgence (the 6Rs).

The presentation asserts the critical need to consciously reclaim and assert Aboriginal Knowledge systems, challenging the entrenched dominance of Western epistemic frameworks within academia. I discuss how my research integrates Aboriginal ontologies, epistemologies, and axiologies throughout the process. This presentation spotlights how my BlaKness informed the structuring of a PhD, theoretical and conceptual frameworks, language use, and the development of culturally informed Knowledge collection and analysis tools. I will highlight the research's findings by briefly discussing the 6R Model of Cultural Continuity.

This research promotes cultural continuity and wellness among Woppaburra women, offering profound insights into reframing Western research paradigms. By adopting Indigenous research methodologies, we can respect and elevate Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Being, and Doing, paving the way for a more inclusive and respectful academic landscape.

#### **RSVP**

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