



# Let's Listen, Let's Yarn Speakers Forums

## Day Two - Saturday 12 September 2015

The Learning Centre, Cnr Mitchell Crescent and Welsby Street, Dunwich

"The artist educates the public, the public votes the way they have been educated to, and the politicians take notice."

**ODGEROO OF THE TRIBE NOONUCCAL (KATH WALKER)**

"I have been told many times that when I win I make my people proud to be Australian. I am Aboriginal, I am one of them and every time I win or am honoured like this it should be an example to Aboriginal people who may think they have nowhere to go but down. But more importantly I am an Australian and I would like to make all Australians feel proud to be Australian. Ours is a truly multicultural society and should be united as such. I would like to believe that my successes are celebrated by all Australians, bringing our nation together."

**CATHERINE FREEMAN**

**1960-2010 Australians of the Year, Wendy Lewis**

"Traditionally, the storyteller was born to the role and it was through them that stories were passed on. Aboriginal playwrights continue that tradition today."

**CATHY CRAIGIE**



Redland Performing Arts Centre presents

debase productions'

# Chasing the Lollyman

By Mark Sheppard  
Co-devised with Liz Skitch

"...as original as it is Aboriginal, taking a light-hearted but surprisingly deep and personal look at Murri culture... if you're in desperate need of a really good belly-laugh, this will just about do it." - Bust Magazine, Time Out Magazine, 2010

Suitable for 13yrs +

**Saturday 7 July, 7.30pm**  
Redland Performing Arts Centre - Concert Hall

Tickets: Adults \$26, Seniors/Pensioners \$22, Students \$15 (18yrs & under)  
To book: Phone RPAC Box Office 3829 8131 or visit [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au)  
\*A \$2 booking fee applies to online purchases.

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### Saturday 12 September 2015

#### 11am Sport: The great Australian equaliser?

A discussion about the role sport plays in reconciliation, the challenges of being an elite Aboriginal athlete and how we celebrate that success.

#### 1pm United and divided: the challenges of Aboriginal business in politics

An overview of current Aboriginal issues and the role politics can play to move things forward.

#### 3pm "So, what's this then....uuhh?"

A discussion about tackling big issues through performing arts and the role theatre plays in breaking down barriers.

### Forum notes

These discussions are held in the spirit of goodwill and community reconciliation.

To ensure free and open discussion, filming and photography at the forums is not permitted without previous Redland City Council consent.

**Limited seating is available. General community admittance will be on a first come, first seated basis and will close if the venue reaches capacity.**

Please note: forum panelists and dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, including cultural observances. Please check Council's 'What's On' calendar at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for panel details and updates.



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Artist: Megan Cope. Photograph by Dominique Elliot

In the red panel: **1938 Day of Mourning and Protest**. Ink on paper, designed and made by Brenda Palma (nee Saunders), Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, 1998

In the yellow panel: **Chasing the Lollyman Production poster**. Source Redland Performing Arts Centre

In the charcoal panel: Neil 'Nicky' Winmar points to his black skin after playing Collingwood in 1993, Photo: Wayne Lubdey, Sunday Age  
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Redland City Council acknowledges the clans of Quandamooka – the Nunukul, Ngughi and Goenpul.



A Redland City Council event held in celebration of the inaugural Quandamooka Festival.

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### Welcome to Country, Aunty Lyn Shipway



Aunty Lyn is a Traditional Owner and Elder, 5th generation of Neli / Ngiri and a descendant of the Thompson family of the Yugara nation Purga / Ipswich. Her many roles include South-East Queensland Director of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council and Chairperson of Yulu Burri Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health.

Lyn is a founding member of the North Stradbroke Island Aboriginal and Islander Housing Cooperative Inc, she was also an Indigenous teacher aide / counsellor at Dunwich State School for almost 20 years. An avid golfer and competitive softball player for the *Redlands Mariners and Bayside Bears*, Aunty Lyn is passionate about programs such as Deadly Choices.

### Marcia Laurie, Anchor



Marcia Laurie is a Quandamooka woman currently working as an Indigenous employment mentor for AFL SportsReady. Her role centres on maximising employment opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the sport and recreation industry.

Marcia has held roles with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal Development Commission, Department of Employment Education and Training, Legal Aid in Queensland and Queensland South Native Title Services.

### Dorinda Stone, Guest Speaker



Dorinda Stone is a Quandamooka woman of the Nunukul clan who was born in Brisbane and began playing softball at the age of 4 with the Mariners at Redlands Softball Association.

This year, after being named MVP of the Queensland U19 Women's Softball Team, she was selected in the U19 Australian Women's Softball Team, *CTI Aussie Pride*, to represent Australia at the WBSC XI Junior Women's World Championships. An enthusiastic and passionate person, Dorinda is now at the University of Queensland studying a dual degree of Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science.

### Che Cockatoo-Collins, Guest Speaker



Che is a former AFL champion player for the Essendon Bombers and Port Adelaide Power whose football career spanned from 1992 to 2005. In 1995, Che was part of the ANZAC Day draw that saw players across the competition take a stand against racism. He was one of four players (along with Michael McLean, Michael Long and Gilbert McAdam) who advised on the AFL's ground-breaking racial vilification policy. Che, who is of Yupangathi, Gnagalidda/Garawa, Gunggari and Gowa descent, has forged a career advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, including serving as an advisor to South Australian premiers Mike Rann and Jay Weatherill. He is currently an Advisor in Aboriginal Engagement for Santos and continues to promote sports.

### Kelly McKellar-Nathan, Guest Speaker



Kelly is an elite athlete who's sporting career began in 1989 when she represented Queensland in the under 16 softball team. Kelly went on to represent her country, playing 95 softball games wearing the green and gold.

Kelly was born and raised in the south-west community of Cunnamulla and has been a leader in promoting sporting programs such as *Deadly Sports* and *Sport Education Tours*. Her current role is Senior Indigenous Policy Officer at Brisbane City Council, delivering program and activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as well as the multicultural communities of Brisbane.

## 1pm United and divided: the challenges of Aboriginal business in politics

### Welcome to Country, Aunty Evelyn Parkin



Aunty Evelyn Parkin is a Quandamooka woman born and raised at One Mile Community near Dunwich. Evelyn is youngest of eight children to Barney Delaney (Enoch/Junobin family) and Bethel nee Martin (Martin/Brown family), who were both born on the Island.

Evelyn and her husband Alan live at Dunwich in a beautiful spot where she can come and go to wherever her interest takes her, such as the North Stradbroke Island Museum, QYAC and other community happenings.

### Nance Haxton, Anchor



Nance Haxton is a reporter for ABC Radio based in Brisbane with an excellent 20-year reporting track record that includes winning two Walkley Awards. Her other awards include South Australia's Radio Journalist of the Year in 2006, a United Nations Media Peace Award in 2003, the Yooralla Media Award for Excellence at the National Disability Awards and Australian Human Rights Commission's 2012 Best Radio award.

Nance sees her greatest journalistic skill as empathy – one of the many things she learned from her intellectually disabled older brother Ashley, who she thanks for inspiring her daily.

### Minister Leeanne Enoch, Guest Speaker



Minister Leeanne Enoch is a Nunukul/Nughi woman who became the first Aboriginal female Member of the Queensland Parliament when elected as Member for Algester. She holds the positions in Cabinet of Minister for Housing and Public Works and Science and Innovation.

Before being elected to Parliament, Leeanne trained as a high school teacher, working in a number of schools in South-East Queensland and in East London. She has held senior roles in local and state government, and worked for the Australian Red Cross in leadership roles at the state and national level.

### Uncle Bob Anderson, Guest Speaker



Dr Robert Anderson OAM, or 'Uncle Bob', is a respected Ngugi Elder from Mulgumpin, Moreton Island. Known for his reconciliation efforts and protecting the rights of workers, he has served as a union delegate and State Organiser for the Building Workers Industrial Union and is an Honorary Member of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and

Energy Union.

Uncle Bob was a member of the Queensland Council for Advancement for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the 1960s. His many accolades include SEQ Indigenous Elder of the Year and the SEQ Indigenous Person of the Year in 1998, being named an inaugural Queensland Great and Brisbane Citizen of the Year in 2001 and receiving doctorates from the Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University and the Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

A family representative on QYAC and director of Minjerrabah (Straddie) Camping, Uncle Bob is a co-applicant for Mulgumpin Native Title claim.

### Mayor Karen Williams, Guest speaker



Cr Karen Williams was elected as Mayor of Redland City in 2012, following eight years of service as Division 9 Councillor (Capalaba). Born and raised in the Redlands, Karen grew up working for her family's flower business before forging successful careers as a performing artist and businesswoman.

As the daughter of Polish/German migrants, Karen's vision for Redlands is a thriving, prosperous and inclusive City where diversity is celebrated.

With a strong focus on building partnerships, Karen lists being part of recognition events such as the unveiling of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Servicemen Men and Women 'Honour roll' as one of her proudest moments serving her community.

## 3pm "So, what's this then....uuhh?"

### Welcome to Country, Aunty Donna Ruska



Aunty Donna is an Elder of Nunukul and Goenpil who has pursued justice and human rights causes throughout her life, including taking part in the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra in the early 1970s. She and her family continue to have an active role in campaigning for The First Nations Sovereignty. Aunty Donna shares her stories and knowledge

of tribal culture and heritage with many community groups, including universities and Dunwich State School. She has contributed to many projects on the island's history, including the One Mile Stories Project.

### Tammy Pope, Anchor



Tammy Pope lives in the Redlands, where her family has grown up. She has worked in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs most of her life. As a member of the Stolen Generation, she brings a bi-cultural perspective to the table. Tammy has a Masters of Indigenous Social Policy from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Bachelor of Arts

(double major Political Science) from the University of Queensland. She has more than 30 years' experience in human resource and project management and, as a past CEO of the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts, brings an administrative head to the creative arena.

### Kaleenah Edwards, Guest Speaker



Kaleenah Edwards is a Quandamooka woman continuing her family's history of storytelling. A performing artist, Kaleenah had a starring role in the Queensland Theatre Company production *Stradbroke Dreamtime*, based on the writings of her great grandmother Oodgeroo Nunukul. She is a

member of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts and has worked in productions such as *Romeo and Juliet* at the Anywhere Theatre Festival and *Spirit of the Lore* at the Cremorne Theatre for the Brisbane Festival.

### Lafe Charlton, Guest Speaker



Lafe is a Quandamooka man of the Goenpul people with decades of experience as an actor, director, designer and producer.

Lafe has toured through Indigenous communities, performed for the Queen at Expo '88, helped establish the Indigenous theatre company Kooemba Jdarra and worked for many main stage companies in Australia. He has also held the role of artistic director of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts. Lafe was awarded the 2003 Sidney Myers Award for contributions to Indigenous arts in Queensland.

### Mark Sheppard, Guest Speaker



Mark is a multi-talented playwright, performer and comedian of the Muluridgi and Mbarbarum Peoples near Mareeba. His highly successful one-man show *Chasing the Lollyman* has toured nationally and tells his story through yarns, dance pieces, song and audience interaction.

Mark engages his audience with his honesty and personal experiences, as well as taking on the big issues of indigenous representation in the community, media, politics and popular culture with laughter and biting satire.