Indigenous Business, Corporations and Entrepreneurship Conference 2011

New Models and Stronger Communities

Centre for Social Impact (UWA)
The University of Western Australia’s Business School
Tuesday, 6 December, 2011
Welcome

The rapid growth of Indigenous business, the new opportunities generated by Native Title Agreements and the rise of community-based social enterprises offers an exciting future for Indigenous people and Australia.

The one-day Indigenous Business, Corporations and Entrepreneurship Conference will bring together Indigenous businesses and enterprises, community leaders, government representatives and academic presenters to examine a broad range of issues around the theme New Models and Stronger Communities.

Hear speakers from the resources sector, tourism, the arts, education, housing and Indigenous communities present their views and experiences.

Who should attend?
- Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs
- Mining and energy sector representatives
- Aboriginal Corporations and those engaged in Native Title Agreements
- Community and Aboriginal housing representatives
- Indigenous social and community enterprises
- Artists, Indigenous art centres, Indigenous tourism business operators and Indigenous education providers
- Those engaged in Indigenous procurement and contracting
- Those interested in Indigenous economic and social outcomes
- Students and academics

Conference streams
- Indigenous business in action [Indigenous business]
- Creative partnerships in the resource sector and Native Title Agreements [Resources]
- Indigenous social and community enterprises and micro-finance [Social enterprises]
- Indigenous housing corporations and Indigenous housing partnerships [Housing]
- Indigenous art, tourism and education [Art, education and tourism]
- Closing the gap in social, health and economic outcomes [Closing the Gap]
- Research presentations, roundtables and research student presentations [Research]
Wayne Bergmann, CEO, Kimberley Regional Economic Development Corporation (Enterprises), CSI (UWA) Advisory Council Member
Wayne grew up in Derby and is from Nyikina ancestry. He has been at the forefront of advocating for Indigenous rights and self-determination in the Kimberley for more than 15 years. As CEO of KRED Enterprises he is pursuing his passion to drive social change in Kimberley communities while facilitating Aboriginal people’s engagement in the modern economy. His current focus is on helping Indigenous people’s engagement in the modern economy.

Ian Trust, Executive Chairman, Wunan Foundation & Director, Kimberley Indigenous Business Australia
Ian Trust, a Gidja man from the East Kimberley region of Western Australia, is currently the Executive Chair of Wunan Foundation and is a director of Kimberley Group Training Incorporation. Ian is Deputy Chairperson of both Indigenous Business Australia and the Indigenous Land Corporation. He was Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSC) Wunan (Kununurra) Region Council for nine years, and Zone Commissioner for the Kimberley for two years. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the Wunan Foundation and Kimberley Group Training Company (now Kimberley Group Training Incorporated) in the East Kimberley, Ian was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 for his services to the Indigenous people of the East Kimberley, in the areas of social and economic development.

Natalie Walker, CEO, Australian Indigenous Minority Suppliers Council (AIMSC)
Natalie brings a combination of corporate, government, community and small business experience to her role at AIMSC. Prior to being appointed AIMSC’s inaugural Chief Executive, Natalie built the Indigenous social policy stream within KPMG’s Government Advisory Service. Natalie was the Chief Executive and director of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy and a director of NSW YWCA. Natalie is currently a member of the NSW Board of Vocational Education and Training. Natalie has also held roles in the Social Justice Unit in the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Queensland Government. In 2012, Natalie was a delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council Member.

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Morning sessions

8.05am Registration, morning coffee and networking

Session 1

8.50am Welcome to Country
Winthrop Professor Phillip Dolan, Dean, The University of Western Australia’s Business School

9.10am Keynote
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10.45am Morning tea

Session 2

11.00am Panel Discussions
Leveraging Native Title
Agreements for Indigenous economic and social growth

Presentations
Levi Dyer – Director, Argyle Diamonds
Peter Callaghan – CEO, Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
Brenda Love – Director, Strategic Partnerships, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

12.00pm Lunch

Session 3

1.00pm Panel Discussions
Growing sustainable community housing businesses

Presentations
Shane Hamilton – WA State Manager, Community Housing Limited
Julia Shadow-Bath – CEO, Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation
Ashley Taylor – Executive Officer, Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation
Jasmin Krakauer – CEO, South Australian Corporation

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12.05pm Panel Discussion Presentations
Indigenous business in action: Spotlight on the Pilbara
[Resources] [Indigenous business]
Anthony Martin – General Manager, ALM Contracting
Tony Connors – General Manager, PL WA Group
Neville Stewart – Managing Director, GLH Contracting

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Session 4
1.30pm Panel Discussion Presentations
Creative engagement: pathways and partnerships in the corporate sector
[Resources] [Indigenous business]
Kimberley Kuhn – Principal Advisor Aboriginal Business Development, Rio Tinto
Danielle Nazarian – Social Consulting Services Manager, WorleyParsons
Rosie Southwood – Manager Aboriginal Affairs, Wesfarmers

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2.25pm Panel Discussion Presentations
Building thriving communities through Indigenous business enterprises
[Art, education and tourism] [Indigenous business]
Nancy Rees – CEO, Pindan College
Tim Ackr – Principal Research Leader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Economies Project, CRC for Remote Economic Participation

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3.16pm Research Presentations
Sustainability through synergy: collaborative capacity building to increase social impact
[Resources] [Social enterprise]
Winthrop Professor Cristina Gibson – Management & Organisations, UWA Business School

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Lunch
2.16pm Research Presentations
Indigenous foundations and organisations in education and mentoring: partnerships and programs
[Art, education and tourism]
Neil Juno – CEO, Graham Polglaze Foundation

Session 7
2.25pm Panel Discussions Presentations
Innovative partnerships in housing: Aboriginial Corporations, governments and private developers [Household]
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**Morning sessions**

**Session 1**

9:10am Keynote address – Wayne Bergmann

Balancing cultural values, employment markets and sustainable social impact.

Harmonising deeply embedded cultural values and newly developing employment opportunities is a delicate balancing act for Indigenous communities. Explore how this balance is being negotiated in different settings including the Kimberley in Western Australia.

9:40am Keynote address – Natalie Walker

The delicate art of procurement: enabling and sustainable social impact.

Balancing cultural values, employment markets and sustainable social impact.

10:10am Keynote address – Ian Trust

Indigenous procurement policies in the region.

Recent reforms to Indigenous contracting and procurement policies and practices by government and corporations have given rise to a new platform for Indigenous businesses which contributes to the local enterprise sector. This session will focus on Indigenous business procurement whilst outlining the opportunities for growth and partnership in creating a vibrant Indigenous business sector.

10:40am Keynote address – Ian Trust

Leveraging commercial investments to support Indigenous enterprises

It is hard to set up a small or medium enterprise in a non-Indigenous, urban environment. So imagine how hard it is to set up an enterprise in a primarily Indigenous, regional or remote environment where markets are small, welfare is dominant and educational achievement is low. Showcased will be a model that empowers business support and finance to generate commercial investments that fund or subsidise activities that produce both economic and social returns.

**Session 2**

11:10am Panel discussion – Option 1

Leveraging Native Title Agreements for Indigenous economic and social growth

Native Title Agreements present a unique opportunity to transform economic and social outcomes for Traditional Owners and Indigenous communities. Explore how Indigenous entrepreneurs to create a vibrant and engaging enterprise sector.

11:10am Panel discussion – Option 2

Growing sustainable Aboriginal community housing businesses

Developments in the community sector have allowed Indigenous Corporations to forge new opportunities in Indigenous housing. How can these opportunities be sustained over time to ensure positive housing outcomes for Indigenous people?

11:10am Option 3 – Social Enterprise

Social Enterprise in Western Australia’s remote Aboriginal communities

Developing Social Enterprise in the Flinders Valley: why does the current local economic structures in the Flinders Valley need re-imaging and developing? An unsustainable over-emphasis on service sector jobs fails to match local entrepreneurial skills and abilities, and excludes many people unnecessarily from economic engagement. Social enterprise offers opportunities for Indigenous communities to build inclusive and dynamic economies that are capable of meeting local needs and ways of doing things and engaging with wider markets.

**Session 3**

12:05pm Case study – Option 1

Indigenous business in action: a spotlight in the Pilbara

This session brings together Indigenous business entrepreneurs and Indigenous businesses in the Pilbara at different stages of development and growth to highlight the rapid expansion of the Indigenous business sector in the Pilbara and the progressive role of Indigenous procurement policies in the region.
Afternoon sessions

Session 4

1:30pm Panel discussion – Option 1
Creative engagement: pathways and partnerships in the corporate sector

This session examines two case studies in innovative partnerships between Indigenous corporations, housing organisations, governments and businesses to achieve sustainable housing solutions.

1:30pm Case study – Option 3
Micro-financing: small loans for big impact

This session explores how micro-finance can be harnessed as an innovative approach to small business development. With a focus on supporting businesses that enable micro-finance to successfully operate and create sustainable opportunities for Indigenous entrepreneurs whilst adhering to the principles of the lenders and intermediaries.

1:30pm Research presentation – Option 1
Closing the Gap: examining the roles of Indigenous employers, suppliers and employees

This session will discuss how Indigenous businesses can work in collaboration with Indigenous employees to close the gap in Indigenous employment outcomes.

1:30pm Case study – Option 2
Supporting social enterprise in remote Australia

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) is an emerging Indigenous social enterprise in remote Australia with operations across remote Australia and into Asia. With a 30 year trajectory of social innovation, form appropriate technology, to renewable energy and sustainable livelihoods, CAT is leading a new initiative establishing a social enterprise hub in central Australia. It will discuss the needs and nature of the ecosystem that supports social enterprise through an innovative interregional designed to shape the system – the Desert Peoples Centre’s desert hub.

1:30pm Case study – Option 3
Tourism Roundtable

In recent years, WA has developed a strong and vibrant Indigenous tourism industry with Indigenous businesses. There are now over 100 Indigenous tourism businesses half of which are in the start-up phase. This is the double number of operators of five years ago. The Tourism Roundtable discussion will focus on the future of the Indigenous tourism sector for the decade ahead.

1:30pm Research presentation – Option 4
Research student presentations

This session represents a chance to discuss past, current and future research related to Indigenous business, corporations and entrepreneurship. Researchers and researchers students at different stages in their research will share their work, experiences and share insights around the world. The roundtable provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the research being completed around the world and consider the implications for Indigenous communities, industry and government.

2:25pm Panel discussion – Option 1
Partners in social enterprise: innovative solutions through Indigenous enterprises

This session examines the role of Indigenous enterprises in not-for-profit social enterprises, including how to create meaningful social enterprise solutions to the local community. Discover why this innovative collaboration works for both organisations whilst delivering a tangible benefit to the community.

2:25pm Presentations – Option 3
Sustainability through synergy: collaborative capacity building to increase social impact

This session will discuss a program which builds collaboration, business capability among both corporate partners and Indigenous community organisations. The program is a collaboration with the Australian Indigenous Business Network, Cristina GIS and Woodside, along with Indigenous community organisations. The foundation principles of the program are that it will enhance the capacity of the business enterprises and industry to deliver for industry partners and benefit for the Indigenous organisations and individuals that participate and benefit from the program. The program addresses: cross-cultural communications, inter-cultural collaboration, and key cultural differences. To improve skills needed to effectively collaborate with employees and stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds, including Indigenous people and communities. An important deliverable of the program is the completion of the project and mentor based initiative that delivers benefits for both the Indigenous community organisations and Indigenous enterprises.

2:25pm Panel discussion – Option 4
Partnerships and programs in education and mentoring

This Education Roundtable reflects on the significant achievements of the last decade of WA’s Foundations and the relationships concerned with Indigenous social and employment outcomes for Aboriginal children and youth. What has been achieved? What are the keys to this success? What are the challenges for the coming decade and how are we to achieve those goals?

Session 6

3:45pm Case study – Option 1
Indigenous community and social enterprises

This case study will examine a project that builds community capacity and social enterprise with Indigenous communities across the Aruamai Piljana Jara Yanyunku (APY) lands in central Australia. It involves building a social enterprise hub and supporting the local enterprise fund to support social enterprise on the lands.

3:45pm Panel discussion – Option 2
Closing the Gap: examining the roles of governments in promoting and supporting Indigenous entrepreneurship and business development

The Closing the Gap national agenda aims to reduce the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous outcomes in the areas of employment and wellbeing. This session will discuss how the role of government in promoting entrepreneurship and business development can improve the economic and social outcomes for both individuals and the broader Aboriginal community, providing a gender-balanced outcome.

3:45pm Panel discussion – Option 3
The business of Indigenous art

The recent held Vawaa Kuju. The Canning Stock Route exhibition and Revealed an exhibition of more than 50 emerging Aboriginal artists for 18 art centres around Western Australia highlighted the strength and diversity of Indigenous art in Western Australia. This Indigenous Art Roundtable reflects on state of Indigenous visual art, on the role of art centres and galleries in further strengthening opportunities for Indigenous artists and ensuring that artists gain a fair price for their work on sale and resale, and the long term cutout for the Indigenous visual arts sector.

3:45pm Panel discussion – Option 4
Indigenous businesses on the land: partnerships for long-term profit and sustainability

The Indigenous Landholder Service (ILS) in partnership with the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is working with over 70 Indigenous agricultural properties spanning five million hectares and affecting the lives of over 4000 people across Western Australia. The ILS is the only Indigenous land support service of its type in Australia. The service is provided at the invitation of landholders and is driven by the ILS in coordination with the ILC to facilitate each group to achieve its goals and farming and business aspirations. The Program is available for Indigenous properties, many which have been neglected for years, by establishing a sound foundation to build profitability and sustainability.
Richard Aspinall – State Manager, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA)

Richard Aspinall commenced as the State Manager for FAHCSIA’s Western Australia in July 2015. Prior to that Richard was the Manager of the Kimberley Remote Operations Centre, Director of the NHREC Network in Western Australia. Previously, Richard worked for the Government on the Cape Yoth Peninsula.

With 21 years experience in senior positions in the Australian Public Service, and has been strongly committed to working in the area of Indigenous affairs including the Social Policy and the Corporate Support groups and for family and disability policy within FAHCSIA.

David Baghri – National Business Development Manager, Many Rivers

David has an extensive history in grass roots community involvement, having spent over 7 years in social development leadership working with Indigenous people. Many River Microfinance is an operating microentrepreneur development organisation that exists to help marginalised Indigenous and other Australians to improve their circumstances through the provision of microfinance development support, including microcredit.

Cristina’s area of expertise is the nexus of organisational and microfinance, international management, and cross-cultural psychological, with a focus on the use of work behaviour. She is a leading scholar on collective cognition, developing and testing theories and practical techniques for the shared use of information and knowledge in work teams. Cristina has received nearly 3 million dollars in external funding for her research on the potential role of collaborative organisations. Cristina is the owner and executive director of a social venture, O’Palm, which is empowering people with disabilities to live an independent life.

Elliot Anderson is a Manager at Enterprise Learning Projects (EPL). Elliot has wide experience in the area of Small Business Development at the National Association for Community Development in Australia (NACDA) and is currently the CEO for Indigenous Microenterprise Loan Program. With almost four year’s experience across the organisation Elliot has wide ranging of knowledge in the area of Small Business Finance, Microfinance and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Tony Commons – General Manager, PL WA Group

Tony has worked as General Manager for PLWA Group (formerly Pilbara Logistics) since 2003. PLWA Group was founded by Geoff Stocker over 10 years ago and is one of the leading private owned businesses in the region. They have contracts with all of the major mining companies and many of the other mid and junior resource companies in the region. The Group is focused on providing a range of services from waste management, construction projects, earthworks and landscaping rehabilitation. PLWA Group operates on a range of fixed price and ongoing awarded contracts in the mining sector.

Johnny Edmonds – CEO, Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operator Council (WAITOC)

Johnny is a traditional owner in Arnhem Land, a Director of a NZ-based consulting company that specialises in Indigenous economic development on customary lands including Indigenous tourism. He has held both governance and executive management positions for various Indigenous non-profit organisations for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he has held executive and policy management roles with government with responsibility for managing the crown’s interest in land.

Greg Dodd – Director, Ngarluma Aboriginal Sustainable Housing and Ngarluma Ngunna

With over 23 years experience in property development Greg Dodd has comprehensive experience in the delivery of sustainable property developments in Perth, WA. Greg has a strong and proven commitment to creating and delivering leading edge residential, mixed use and retirement village developments. Greg joined Stockland and in 2006 was appointed as the Stockland Sales Manager. Retailing, responsible for the establishment of the Retailing Development division in WA. Greg is a Director on both the Ngarluma Ngunna Limited (NNL) and the Ngarluma Yarning Yarning Housing Boards and is providing strategic input into the process and management of the Ngarluma land holdings.

Michelle Evans – Research Fellow, Melbourne Business School’s Asia Pacific Social Impact Leadership Centre

Michelle is a Research Fellow at the Melbourne Business School’s Asia Pacific Social Impact Leadership Centre (APSILC). She is currently completing a PhD on Indigenous leadership in the arts under the supervision of Professor Amanda Sinclair and Carol Gil. Michelle leads APSILC’s research agenda in the Aboriginal Business space.

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Dr Boyd Hunter – Senior Fellow, Australian National University

Dale Jones – Vice-chairwoman, Technology Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT).

Dani Nazzari – Social and a faculty Dean at Edith Cowan University.

Danielle (Dani) Nazzari – Social and a faculty Dean at Edith Cowan University.

Duncan Ord – Deputy Director General Operations, Department of Indigenous Affairs.

Duncan Ord is responsible for establishing the desert hub – a social and economic development project to grow and enable social enterprises in desert Australia. Duncan grew up in a family business and undertook a Bachelor of Arts major in Social Work at the University of Western Australia. Recent projects include working with Indigenous groups in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Duncan works with Local Governments, Government Departments, Aboriginal Corporations and resource industry clients providing consulting services in the areas of Social Impact, Community Engagement and Indigenous Participation. Duncan is currently the Social Consulting Services Manager for WorleyParsons in Western Australia. Dani has worked on various contracts in the local region. Karen is currently the Project Manager for Social Entrepreneurs (UK). Jason connects the social entrepreneurs with UnLtd – the Foundation set up to support Social Enterprises. Giuseppe Caruana - Giuseppe is the National Manager for Social Enterprises at the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT).
Julia Shadow-Bath – CEO, Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation

For the past two years Julia Shadow-Bath has managed the successful turn-around of Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation (GIHO), an aboriginal NFP housing business based in Kalgoorlie. GIHO manages properties in the urban centres of Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie and Leonora as well as eight remote communities across thousands of square kilometres in the Goldfields. Julia’s early career in corporate PR in Australia and the UK was interspersed with a few years running country pubs in New South Wales. For the past seven years she has lived in Mount Isa (IVQ Qld and Kalgoorlie working in the mining, political and natural resource management sectors.

Rosie Southwood – Manager Aboriginal Affairs, Westerns

Rosie Southwood is the Manager Aboriginal Affairs for Westerns Ltd. In this role she advises Westerns’ diverse divisions on the development and implementation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategies. Prior to this, Rosie was the Corporate Reconciliation Action Plan Advisor at Reconciliation Australia, where she advised over 50 companies on the development, implementation and evaluation of mutually beneficial Indigenous business strategies known as ‘Reconciliation Action Plans’. Rosie has experience working in Aboriginal communities spanning Cape York, Palm Island, Arenal Land and Central New South Wale.

Christian-Paul Stenta – Venture Support, The Australian Centre for Social Innovation

Christian-Paul Stenta is committed to delivering visible social change. Christian currently leads Venture Support and the Business Case Challenge with The Australian Centre for Social Innovation to develop innovative ideas for the broader public good. Prior to this, Christian was Managing Director of the Magdalene Centre for Anglicare SA, a diverse range of services including anti-poverty, refugee, family violence, case management, community development and retail services.

Ashley Taylor – Executive Officer, Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation (MRAC)

Ashley Taylor is the Executive Officer of the Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation (MRAC) for the past nine years. MRAC is a benevolent Indigenous housing organisation with 120 properties in the Murchison, Gascoyne and Midwaest regions; its boundaries cover from Carnarvon in the north, to Meekatharra in the east, to Carnarvon in the south, with an office based in Gasdanton. Prior to MRAC Ashley spent 14 years as a public servant working in both state and federal government with various Indigenous portfolios. Ashley currently sits on a number of boards / committees which include, President of the Gasdanton (PCYC), regional representative of the state PCYC Federation board and Chairman of the West Australian Aboriginal Cricket Council (WAACC).

Deirdre Tedmanson – Lecturer, University of South Australia

Deirdre lectures in the School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy at the University of South Australia. She is an associate researcher with the Hawke Research Institute and member of its Social Policy Research Group and Centre for Postcolonal & Globalisation Studies. Deirdre is also a part-time research scholar at the Centre for the Economic Policy Research Centre, Australian National University. Her research interests include social theory, critical social studies, Indigenous organisation, governance and sovereignty issues; volunteering; social & community enterprise; and Indigenous social enterprise development. With partners from homelands and communities in the Avon, Flajntjutan, Yarriambiack and Yilgarn regions of South Australia, Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide and The Australian centre for Social Innovation, Deirdre is currently engaged in social enterprise initiatives that are based on collaborative partnerships. She has won a number of academic awards for excellence in research and community engagement.

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The Centre for Social Impact (UWA)

The Centre for Social Impact (UWA) is a joint venture between The University of Western Australia's Business School and the national Centre for Social Impact. The Centre aims to create beneficial social change driven by government, business and the not-for-profit sector. In 2011, CSI (UWA) is proud to present its inaugural conference: Indigenous Business and Entrepreneurship.

The University of Western Australia

The University of Western Australia is recognised internationally for its excellence in teaching and research and for being a leading intellectual and creative resource for the community.

Established in 1911, the University has produced over 5,700 graduates, many of whom have risen to prominence in leadership roles in the arts, industry, government, education, and the professions, both in Australia and overseas.

UWA consistently ranks in the top 120 international universities and in the top 10-16 universities in the Asia-Pacific region. It is the only Western Australian university to belong to the Group of Eight – a coalition of the top research universities in Australia – and one of only two Australian universities to belong to the Worldwide Universities Network. As strong research focus means we are responsible for the majority of the university-based research in Western Australia.

The University of Western Australia's Business School

The University of Western Australia's Business School has a proud history of excellence in teaching, learning and research. It is renowned for providing high-quality education for some of the brightest students from around the globe.

Home to 5,700 students, the UWA Business School enjoys a reputation as one of the premier business schools in the Asia-Pacific region. The School fosters strong links with corporate partners and alumni, and is overseen by a Board of highly respected business leaders from leading Australian and international corporations. The School hosts international accreditation from AACSB, EQUIS, the European Quality Improvement System. Its internationally recognised subject areas include business, industry-relevant research across four disciplines: Accountancy and Finance; Economics; Management and Organisations; and Marketing.

“...the outstanding economic opportunities available to Western Australia present a great chance for business, community and government to work together on the resolution of some of our more difficult social challenges. I am delighted that The University of Western Australia Business School is partnering with the Centre for Social Impact to bring these important initiatives to the forefront of the debate. This will help Western Australians benefit from these opportunities...”

- Professor Steven Griffiths, UWA

"In recent years Western Australia has made great strides in introducing a social innovation agenda. The State Government has sought to use some of the proceeds of prosperity to reinvigorate the community benefit sector and use not-for-profit organisations take on an increasing role in delivering services in the areas of social services and identifying new ways to meet social challenges."

- Professor Peter Shergold AC, The Macquarie Group Foundation Professor, The Centre for Social Impact

The Centre for Social Impact (UWA)

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Bambatu depicts in her work the ceremonial journeys of her ancestral women. Her Kungka Tjukurrpa paintings depict the journey paths travelled from Wirrulunga, east of Kirirrkurra, from Kintore to Mount Leibig and the Papunya regions. At each location, the women would stop, dance and sing the cycle of each sacred site. In Bambatu’s paintings, the concentric circles represent waterholes, and the parallel dotted lines represent the path travelled.

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