

Announcing the Fifth Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia & Society Conference Coffs Harbour, New South Wales: 14, 15 & 16, July 2025



**Sponsors: Hinono'eitiit Ho'oowu, and NSILC
Natives Strengthening Indigenous Languages & Cultures**

**Conference Host: Aboriginal Corporation
Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan**



**Conference Hotel and Site: Coffs Harbour,
New South Wales, Australia**



In acknowledging the scholarship of Indigenous academics and speakers, whose cultures have helped shape anthropology, archeology and linguistics history, as well as other disciplines, an invitation is extended for abstract submissions for paper presentations, or to register to attend the 2025 RIVAS conference at Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia. In order to eliminate concurrent sessions **only 21 abstracts will be accepted. The 1st of June, 2025 is the cut-off date for submissions.** To access the conference **registration form to attend or to submit an abstract for a speaker's presentation**, click link or copy into a web browser; <https://tinyurl.com/mra2trad>

For questions about abstracts, contact conference organizer DR. Neyooxet Greymorning at, neyooxet.greymorning@mso.umt.edu, or, info@bmnac.org.au

Key Invited Speakers: Ellie Buchanan, lead Gumbaynggirr language teacher –
Gumbaynggirr Story Tracks; a personal journey from Gumbaynggirr language learner to Gumbaynggirr language teacher

Dr. Tyson Yunkaporta - *Transknowledging and Ko-learning Pedagogy*

Pakake Winiata, Māori Scholar and one of the forerunners of Māori immersion –
Whakatupuranga Rua Mano - a tribal language revitalisation story

- The RIVAS conferences aim to provide and promote:
- 1) a venue for the exchange of ideas and constructive debate,
 - 2) a platform for rising Indigenous scholars to present their work and connect with a wider scholarly network,
 - 3) Indigenous points of view on current local and global phenomena, histories, and issues,
 - 4) discussions about and awareness of positive trends and obstacles that still hamper the participation of Indigenous scholars within an arena of global academic discourse,
 - 5) the exploration of past, present, and future Indigenous experiences in both academic and non-academic contexts

Times for open discussions with speakers constitute a fundamental component of the conference and will be made available to the public at specified times each day during the conference.

To learn more about past RIVAS conferences, visit the RIVAS conferences information page at <https://www.umt.edu/natives-strengthening-indigenous-languages-cultures/basepage.php>