

Ngarangun: The University of Sydney Indigenous Research Strategy

Update

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We acknowledge the tradition of
custodianship and law of the Country on which
the University of Sydney campuses stand.
We pay our respects to those who have cared
and continue to care for Country.



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“Ngarangun will play an important role in helping the University increase the number of Indigenous researchers and the diversity of Indigenous research conducted across the University.”

Professor Duncan Ivison

“Enquiry is a relational and collective story of our knowledges and of our worlds. For some time, that knowledge and story has been taken, appropriated and at times used against our people. We now have a world where research can occur in a shared and equitable way. Ngarangun gives importance to our voices and places us and our ancient stories and knowledges at the centre of our research.”

Professor Lisa Jackson-Pulver AM

Purpose of Ngarangun

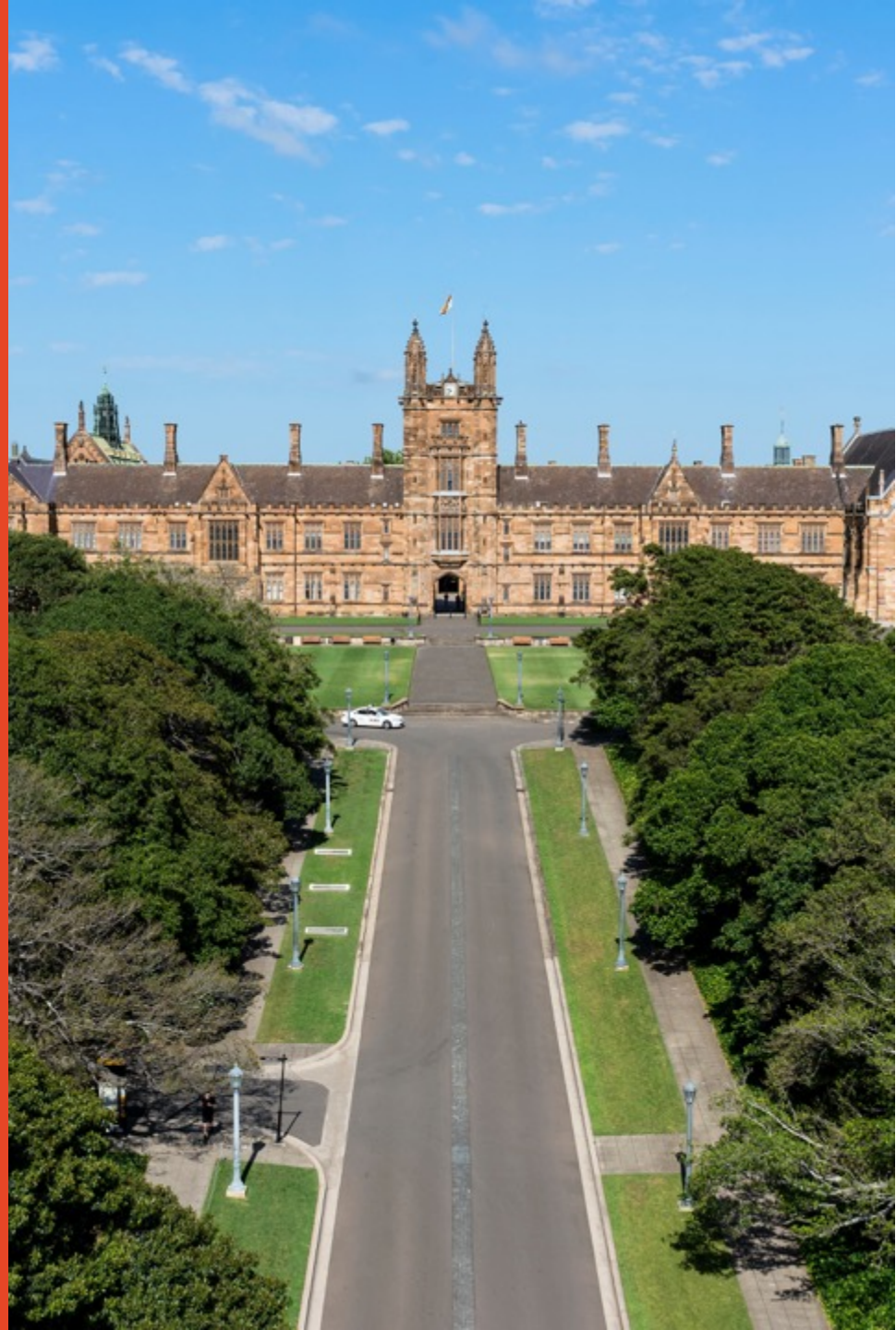
Ngarangun means ‘we learn, think and listen together’ in the language of the Gadigal clan on whose Country sits the main Camperdown campus of The University of Sydney. Its purpose includes to:

- provide a strategic basis for leadership across the University around Indigenous research;**
- support all who are doing Indigenous research, in Australia and overseas, and also to support Indigenous researchers, Australian and international, no matter what their focus;**
- maintain a focus on the needs of Indigenous communities in our research and to support a community collaboration approach to research.**

Achievements

Since being launched by Prof Duncan Ivison, DVC (Research) with Prof Lisa Jackson-Pulver, DVC (Indigenous Strategy and Services), in July 2019, Ngarangun has provided the University with a basis for wider discussions about and development of initiatives to support Indigenous research.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/research/ngarangun-indigenous-research-strategy.pdf>



The Sydney Indigenous Research Hub

Ngarangun is the basis for establishment of the Sydney Indigenous Research Hub, staffed by Director, Prof Jakelin Troy, Deputy Director, Associate Professor John Gilroy and Executive Assistant, Adnan Bhatti. The Hub is also supported by associate researchers, Janette Thambyrajah, Dr Sheelagh Daniels-Mayes and Mujahid Torwali.

The Hub is located in the Quadrangle level 6 and has space for researchers to gather to network, share ideas or just work in a congenial and collegiate space.



Indigenous Research Planning across the University

University wide, Schools, Faculties, MDIs and Centres, including The Poche Centre, Charles Perkins Centre and Sydney Environment Institute are working with Ngarangun and The Sydney Indigenous Research Hub as they develop their own local Indigenous research strategies.



Sydney Indigenous Research Webpage

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/research/indigenous-research.html>

This is a one stop shop to link researchers to Ngarangun, our people, our activities and the Sydney Indigenous Research Network.



Sydney Indigenous Research Network

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3afcd176d029274fbc824cce184adb582c%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=f038fe0f-7961-45e8-a002-1bcbe5d98a1e&tenantId=82b3e37e-8171-485d-b10b-38dae7ed14a8>

SIRN is now 204 strong and growing. It is co-ordinated by the Hub and meets every Thursday 11.30-1pm by Microsoft Teams. Anyone with an interest in or involvement in Indigenous research or who is an Indigenous researcher is welcome to join, network with researchers from our University and beyond, present on their work, start a chat channel, share publications, news and advertise research opportunities. Just for a start 😊



Garabarala: Knowledge Feast II 2020

In 2019 the Hub ran Garabarala: Knowledge Feast 1. Garabarala, in Gadigal, means 'lets sing, dance, yarn and feast together'. This is now our Annual Ngarangun: Sydney Indigenous Research event where we share research in a range of traditional and non-traditional research formats, with an emphasis on sharing and collaboration through as performing our research, yarning and feasting. The event engages openly with Indigenous research methodologies, grounded in community 'yarning' over food and a cup of tea/coffee.

Photo: Cornel Ozzies, Barayagal Choir led by Nardi Simpson. Music, language and performance research



2021 forward

- New scholarships for Indigenous researchers supported by DVC ISS with DVC R
- Development of a University reporting regime to collect data about achievements against the KPIs in the strategy
- Continue to grow SIRN
- Quarterly events to showcase Sydney Indigenous Research
- Annual Garabarala: Knowledge Feast

