

PhD Confirmation Seminar: Raelene Nixon

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How to Reposition the Social, Cultural and Economic Value of Indigenous People in the Goulburn Murray Region of Victoria

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1:45pm to 2:45pm



Seminar Room 515,
207 Bouverie Street, Carlton



Raelene is a descendant of the Gungarri people from SW Queensland and is currently a Research Fellow for the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health. Raelene has more than 20 years' experience in various roles in many Aboriginal communities across Australia, from research to community development, program management and coordination, in both regional and local Aboriginal Health Worker positions. Her interests are in strength-based research and building the capacity and leadership in Aboriginal communities.

This research will explore how to challenge the historical and generational behaviors that are embedded in the culture of the country to shift and reposition the value of Indigenous people in Australia. It will investigate how the Goulburn Murray region of Victoria can engage in and deliver a prosperity plan for their Indigenous community that has education, training and economic participation equal to sustainability of culture and knowledge transfer at its core. It will argue that we have to bring a collaborative leadership response, to the social and cultural isolation, including the exploitation and generational devaluing of Australia's First people.