



FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020 - WEBINAR PANELISTS

‘EQUALITY AND EQUITY’

MARIA MABO



My name is **Maria Mabo**, I am a proud Meriam woman of the Piadram tribe.

Through my maternal and paternal grandmothers, I have connections to the Kurtijar people of the Gulf and Manbarra people of Palm Island.

I have worked in a youth drug and alcohol service for 9 years across various roles which involved working with vulnerable young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people who have experienced difficulties with alcohol and other drugs.

My time working in the community sector ignited my passion for social justice and human rights.

In 2017 I was nominated to be involved in my organisation’s development of their first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

I felt privileged to be a part of a process that could bring positive change to the organisation and the young people we work with.

This process also established my passion and commitment for reconciliation: I am now chairing the RAP working group responsible for developing our organisation’s next RAP.

LIBBY FERRARI



Libby Ferrari is Manager of Indigenous Affairs for BHP Australia.

Libby joined BHP in 2001 and has worked across the company's Coal and Iron Ore assets in New South Wales, Western Australia and Queensland.

She has a background and qualifications in Environmental Science and a Master's in Business Administration.

She has worked in senior roles with BHP across a variety of functional areas including Environment, Business Improvement and Corporate Affairs.

Libby has been involved in Indigenous engagement for the majority of her career and is passionate about reconciliation and understanding the role of large corporations in advocating for and making a positive difference to Indigenous issues in Australia. Libby is married with four beautiful children and lives in Brisbane.

MAURICE SERICO



Maurice Serico is an Aboriginal man of Gubbi Gubbi, Jiman and UK Australian heritage. He completed his BA in philosophy and English literature at University of Queensland in 1979.

Since 1980 he has worked in Aboriginal Affairs including in the office of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and a variety of positions in Aboriginal health, education and TAFE and human resources in both the public and community sectors.



Maurice combines his roles on the RQI management committee and as Chair of Balaangala Community Group (The Gap), while managing a chronic kidney condition.

Maurice participates in supporting the kidney health community.

GAVIN AH KEE



Born in Innisfail, I am a Waanyi and Kuku Yalanji (maternal side) and Gugu Yimithirr and Wanyur Majay (Yidinji) (paternal side) man who was raised and educated in Cairns.

My passion is my Community. The strengths in the Community are in the people.

I have worked in the community sector for nearly 30 years; particularly in housing and homelessness services, Aboriginal domestic and family violence programs, and working with men and young men.

I have been employed as the Community Engagement Officer for Access Housing. A stable home environment is crucial in achieving stability in other areas of a person's life and healthy housing for Aboriginal people is paramount in ***Closing The Gap***.

I bring to this role cultural understanding and sensitivity in support to marginalised people, particularly Aboriginal people, and I work to develop community and interagency connections that promote dignity and culturally respectful practice in housing and homelessness supports.