



TUESDAY, June 2, 2020 - WEBINAR PANELISTS

‘HISTORICAL ACCEPTANCE’

MR WILLIAM OUI



WILLIAM OUI is Chairperson of the Board of [Kalwun Development Corporation](#) Ltd.

Kalwun is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisation and has proven to be a highly reputable and professional company within south-east Queensland.

William Oui has had more than 25 years with Kalwun. He is the Chair of the Executive Oversight, Performance and Remuneration Subcommittee and completed a Certificate IV in Business (Governance).

The organisation [*delivers and facilitates access to a wide range of services*](#): doctors, allied health services, dental services, community health programs, child protection initiatives, family support services, foster and kinship care support, early education programs, playgroups, aged care and disability support, in-home care, wellness centre, community housing, housing support.



Kalwun Early Learning Program was a 2019 Finalist in the Queensland Government Reconciliation Awards.

*In photo: **William Oui** pictured at right*

Kalwun Early Learning Program is a stand-alone care service operating out of Burleigh Heads and in Currumbin Primary School on the Gold Coast.

The program provides an intensive preschool program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to ensure children have the best chance to succeed in the primary school education system. The specially designed program incorporates strong elements of community and culture.

Since opening its doors in 2016, more than 50 children have been supported by the Kalwun program, which not only assists children but also prepares parents and caregivers for the journey ahead.

CHERYL BUCHANAN



Cheryl Buchanan is an Aboriginal rights activist, writer and publisher.

Cheryl Buchanan studied at the University of Hawaii as a scholarship-holder.

Upon her return to Australia she became involved in the Brisbane Tribal Council, and attended the University of Queensland.

During 1974, Buchanan worked as the race relations field director for the Australian Union of Students.

She spent several months visiting communities in the Northern Territory and Western

Australia, encouraging their struggle for land rights.

In 1975 she moved to Melbourne, Victoria, where she became director of the Black Resources Centre (BRC).

The Centre later moved to Brisbane, and Cheryl became one of the principal campaigners for the acquittal of 'The Brisbane Three,' two Aboriginal men and a Chilean charged with conspiracy over an alleged extortion attempt. The three were acquitted due partly to the support of BRC periodical *Black Liberation* from 1975 to 1977.

Buchanan was one of the main contributors to this publication, writing articles on a range of issues including history, politics, education, land rights, prisons and welfare. In 1980 she published *Kargun*, [the first of a series of poetry volumes by Lionel Fogarty](#). This publication led to the development of **Murrie Coo-ee**, an Aboriginal publishing firm at Coominya which continues to operate under Buchanan's directorship, to communicate cultural and spiritual identity through art, books and ultimately, an independent self-managed community.

CHARMAINE FOLEY



Charmain Foley is a longtime Reconciliation activist, organiser, and consultant.

Twenty years ago, Charmaine Foley was the Queensland Coordinator of the Australians for Reconciliation project, a volunteer initiative that had arisen to support the work of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR).

The CAR had been established through an act of parliament in September 1991 to guide the reconciliation process over the rest of the decade, in the lead up to the anniversary of Federation in 2001.

Charmaine documented her own experiences during this defining period, and those of her contemporaries in the reconciliation movement, as a joint author and editor of the 2001 book ***'A People's Movement: Reconciliation in Queensland'***.

She still maintains close links with local reconciliation groups and throughout her life has worked tirelessly to promote reconciliation at a personal, corporate and public level.

Her most recent career experience has been as a consultant cultural heritage specialist to Cultural Heritage Solutions, a community coordinator for Yarrabah Workplace Solutions and as an advisory council member for the ABC.

Previously Charmaine has worked as a native title and cultural heritage manager for several organisations and in the late 1980's had been elected to Maroochy Shire Council.

Most recently, she completed her Master of History, Public/Applied History in 2018 at the University of New England.

David Allinson



David Allinson is Manager of [Social and Indigenous Policy at Queensland Resources Council](#).

David has been a practising lawyer and legal academic, having taught at the Universities of Oxford, Sydney, and Notre Dame.

David has also led policy work to support the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#), including proposals for a national truth-telling process, as the CEO of [Uphold & Recognise](#) – a non-profit organisation founded upon and committed to the principle that Indigenous Australians ought to be fairly recognised, on their terms.

It is imperative, therefore, that any constitutional reforms both uphold the Constitution and recognise Indigenous peoples.

Uphold and Recognise has entered into strategic partnerships with the Australian Catholic University's PM Glynn Institute and Reconciliation Australia as well as corporate partners, such as Allens, the Commonwealth Bank, Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers, and Westpac.

MR SHANE GIBSON



Trevor 'Shane' Gibson

Mr Shane Gibson, a father of two from Hope Vale, is Cook Shire Council's Indigenous (Bama) Partnerships Officer, working to achieve Community, Economy and Innovation.

The Guugu Yimithirr speaker and artist, who grew up in Hope Vale, has had Indigenous leadership roles including Deputy Chair of the Apunipima Cape York Health Council, and Director of Cape York Natural Resource Management, and most recently worked at Uluru.

Mr Gibson strengthens and builds on partnerships between the Shire's Indigenous groups and Council, which is a key focus area for the Community, Economy and Innovation team and Council as a whole.

The Community, Economy and Innovation team incorporates community services, such as the swimming pool and libraries, as well as tourism, events, senior housing, communications and marketing, Indigenous partnerships, economic development and the Cooktown 2020 Festival.

Mr Gibson has also worked as a Director of an Arts and Culture Centre, BRACS Community Radio and as a community police officer.

DR HERON LOBAN



Dr Heron Loban is a Senior Lecturer at the Griffith law School.

She is a Torres Strait Islander woman with family connections to Mabuiag and Boigu.

She is admitted to practice as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, Supreme Court of Queensland and of the High Court of Australia.

Her research interests are Indigenous legal issues and consumer law.

Her publications include publications "*Inequities, Alternatives and Future*

Directions: Inside Perspectives of Indigenous Sentencing in Queensland," (2013) **Psychiatry, Psychology and Law**, Vol. 20 (6), pp. 812-823.

Dr Loban is skilled in Policy Analysis, Strategic Planning, Public Speaking, Public Policy, and Research. She is an education professional with a Ph.D. focused in Law from James Cook University.

