



Division of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Leadership's
INDIGENOUS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

11:00AM-3:00PM

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

PARRAMATTA SOUTH CAMPUS- EB.G.02

11:00 am: Welcome to Country

11:10 am: Introductory addresses

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

11:30 am: Cultural safety and research partnerships with First Nations pregnant mothers and young people
by Kokatha/Wirangu Assoc/Prof Yvonne Clark

12:30 pm: Lunch (will be provided)

1:00 pm: WSU Indigenous Student and Staff Presentations

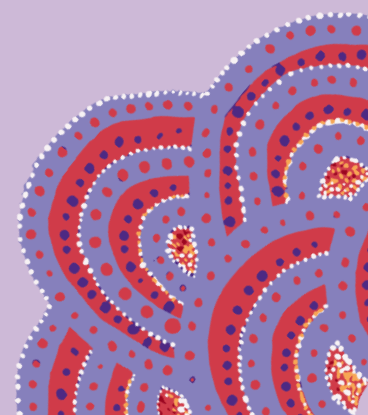
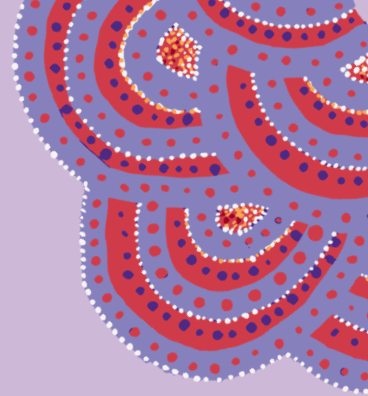
2:30 pm: Staff & Student Awards (Keynote Speaker's, DVC- Indigenous Leadership's and Popular vote)

3:00 pm: Event Conclusion

Keynote Abstract

Cultural safety within First Nations research ensures that all aspects of my research are considered and centred, including staff, partnerships, governance, and research methods. Research partnerships with both First Nations and mainstream organisations are essential, and my primary form of engagement and governance is through the Aboriginal Communities and Families Health Research Alliance. This is both a research platform within the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) - Women and Kids theme and a governance structure in which approximately 50 South Australian Aboriginal services and the Aboriginal community participate and help to set research priorities. My research projects focus on healthy pregnancies, healthy young people, and social and cultural elements with strength-based approaches. A primary aspect of my research concerns lateral violence for young Aboriginal people and how it can potentially disconnect them from their social and emotional well-being (SEWB). I emphasise approaches for connections and prevention of lateral violence, and how this knowledge can assist First Nations researchers in health, well-being, and psychology

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BIOGRAPHY



Yvonne Clark, a Kokatha/Wirangu woman from South Australia (SA), is a clinically endorsed psychologist with her PhD and researcher. Yvonne is an Assoc Professor, holding a joint appointment with the SAHMRI and the University of SA. She leads various research projects that include exploring the feasibility and acceptability of a care package to reduce cannabis use and stress amongst pregnant Aboriginal women and their support persons in two locations in Adelaide, SA. More recently, Yvonne has been leading multifaceted research in ICARE that will provide cultural and strength-based tools and support during pregnancy and the early years to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in SA and Western Australia. She has also been awarded a NMHRC Investigator grant beginning in 2025 to continue her work with families and to prevent lateral violence for young Aboriginal people. Yvonne is currently a Director with the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association and co-chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Psychology Interest group.

