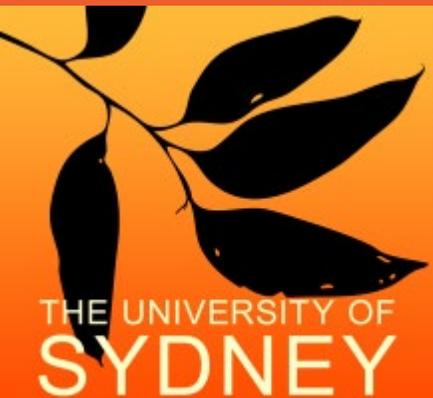


# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health research Showcase 2020

**Lisa Jackson Pulver**  
**Deputy Vice Chancellor**  
**Indigenous Strategy and Services**



IRNet Show



I pay respects to the people of  
this Land – the Kurna People.



Jackson, Campbell  
and Llewellyn  
families of Vic and  
SA  
Welsh G-G father



Smith and Powell  
families  
NSW North Coast  
Scots grandfather

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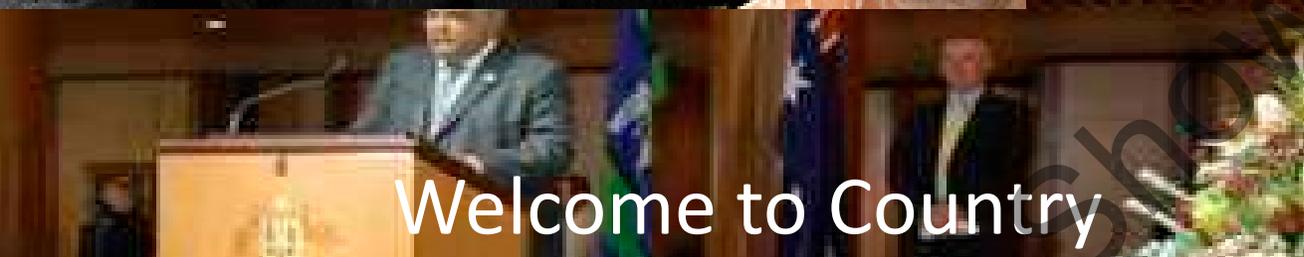
**The University is on the Lands of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation and those of the Wangal, Deerubbin, Tharawal, Ngunnawal, Wiradjuri, Gamilaroi, Bundjulong, Wiljali and Gereng Gureng.**



# Parliamentary Apology



PM Paul Keating's Redfern Speech

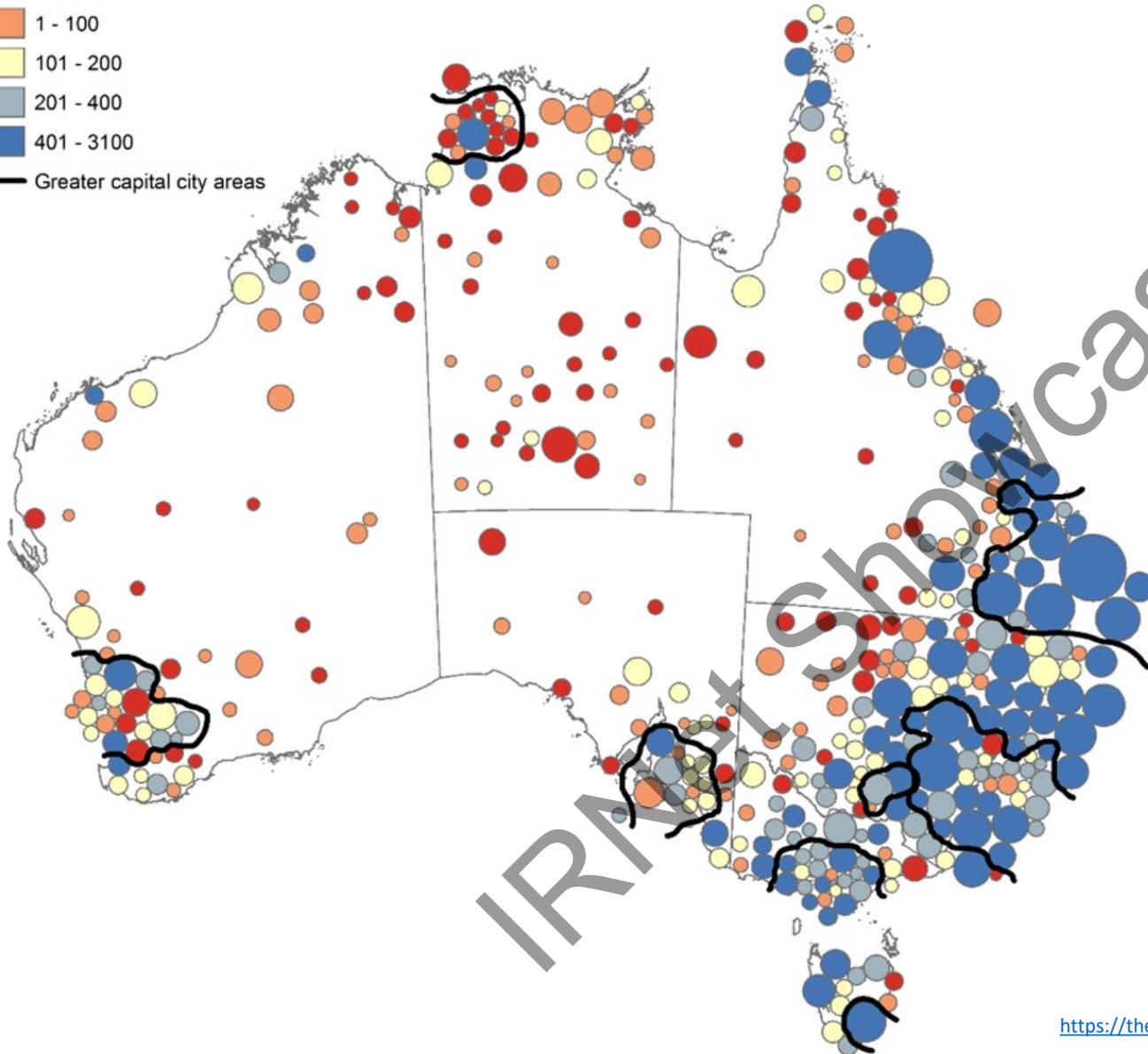
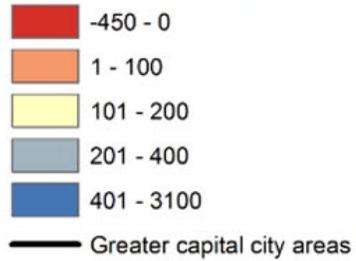


# Welcome to Country



# New beginnings – again?

**Number of persons**

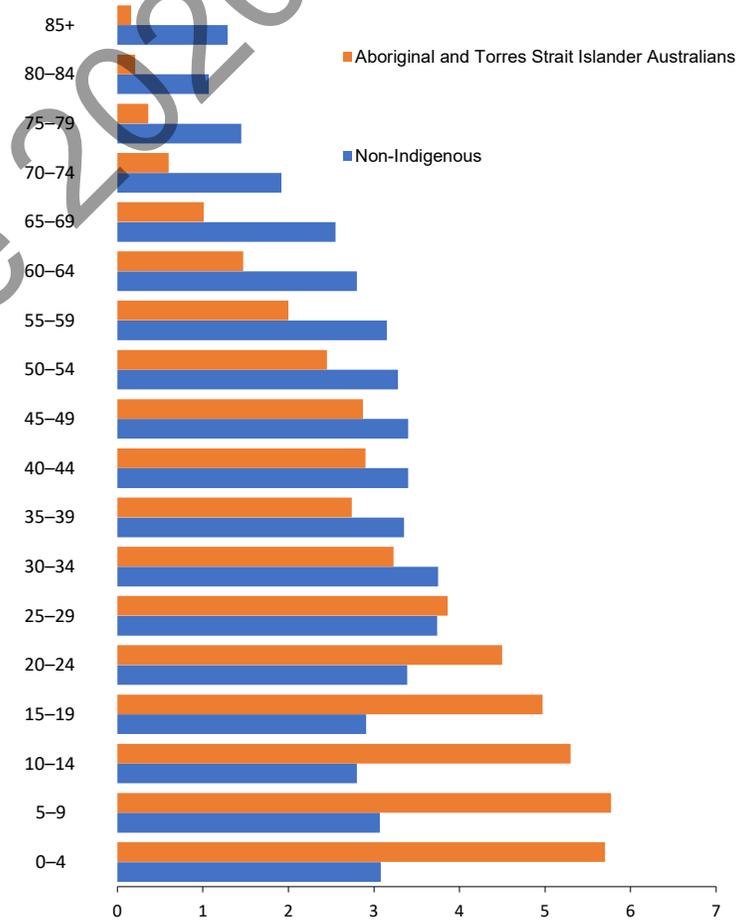
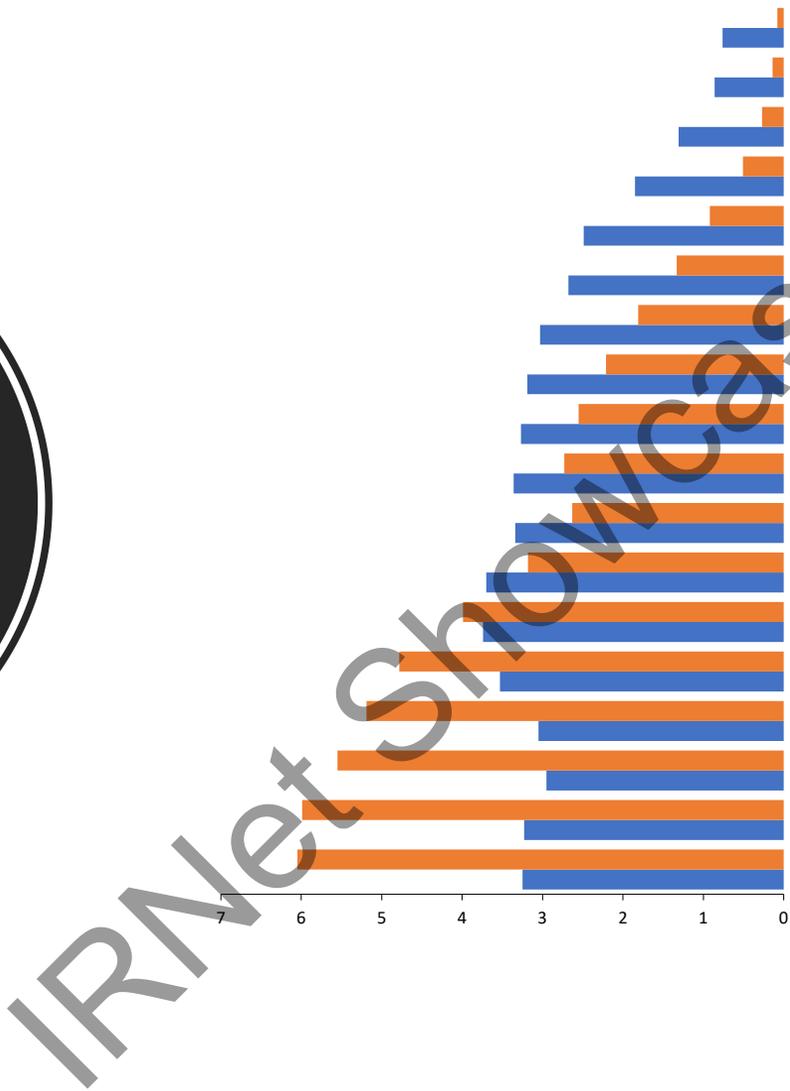


Each circle represents a location defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as an “Indigenous Area”. The circles representing these locations have been sized so that their areas are proportionate to their Indigenous population count in 2011.

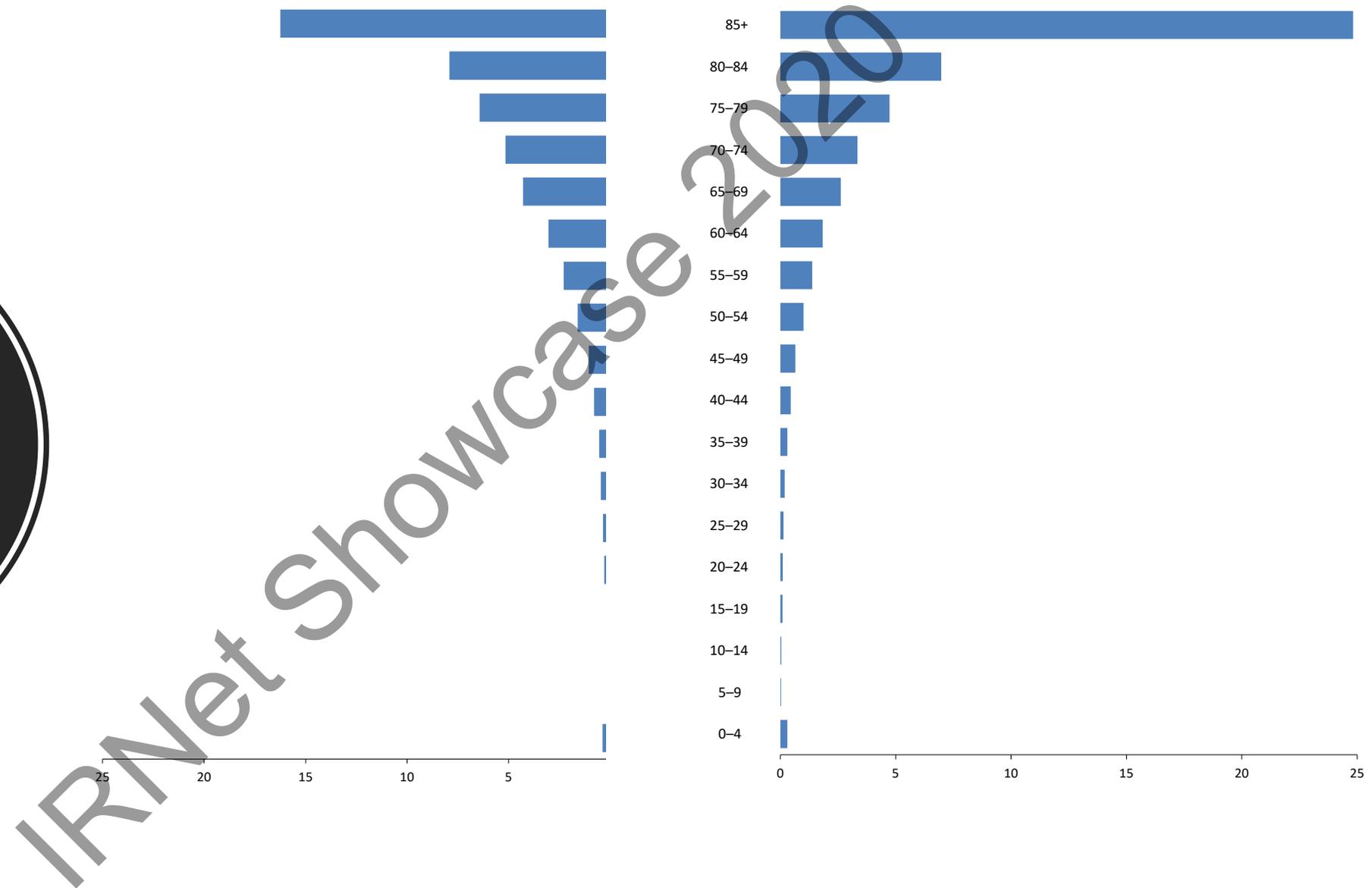
They have been moved on the map so they do not overlap, but under the constraint that they move as little as possible, that they remain within their state boundaries (except for the ACT), and that they retain their relative position next to each other as much as possible.

We have also added a line around the greater capital city areas to help readers identify them. Each area has been coloured in a manner that indicates the change in population between 2011 and 2016.

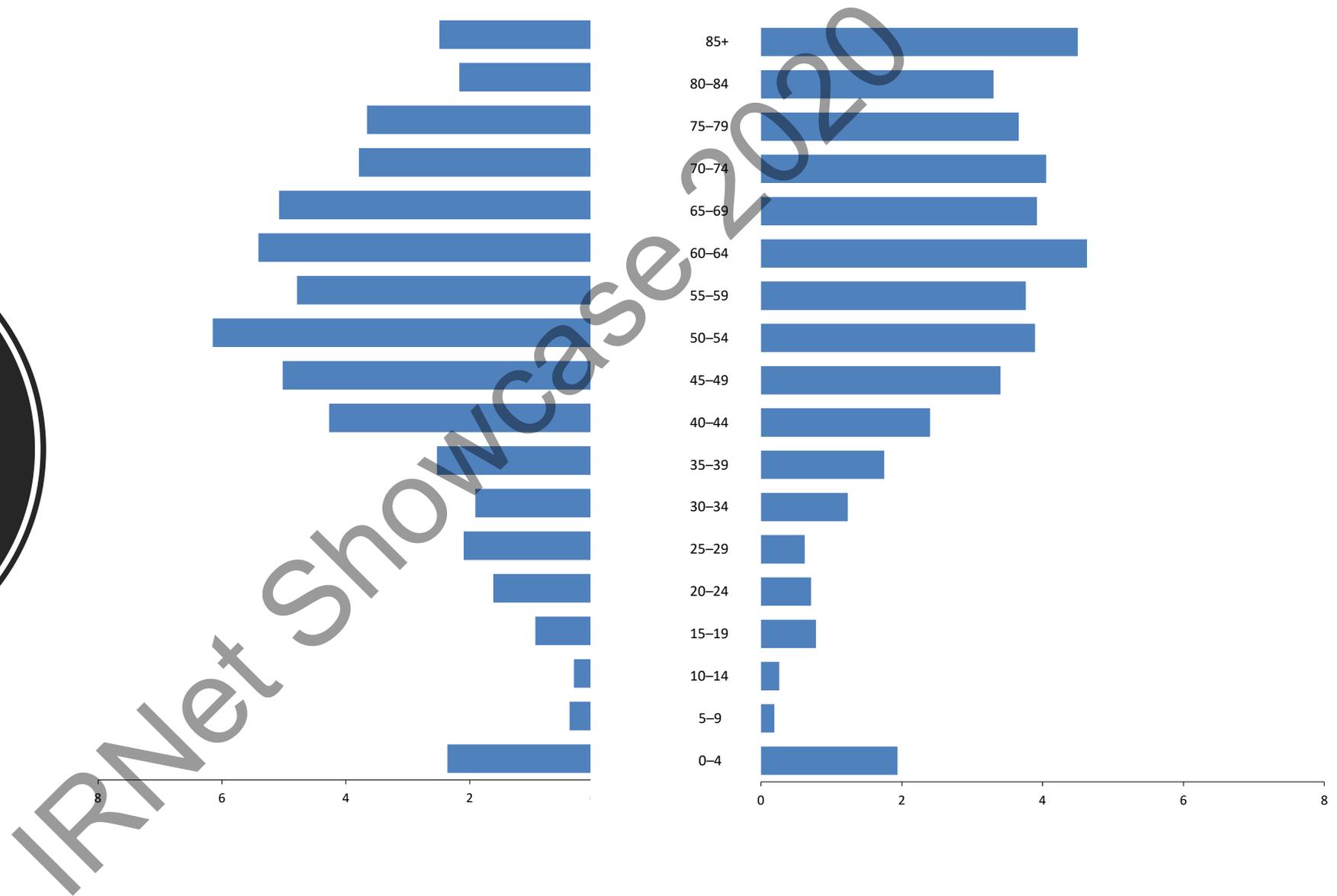
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian Population and Non-Indigenous Population 2016



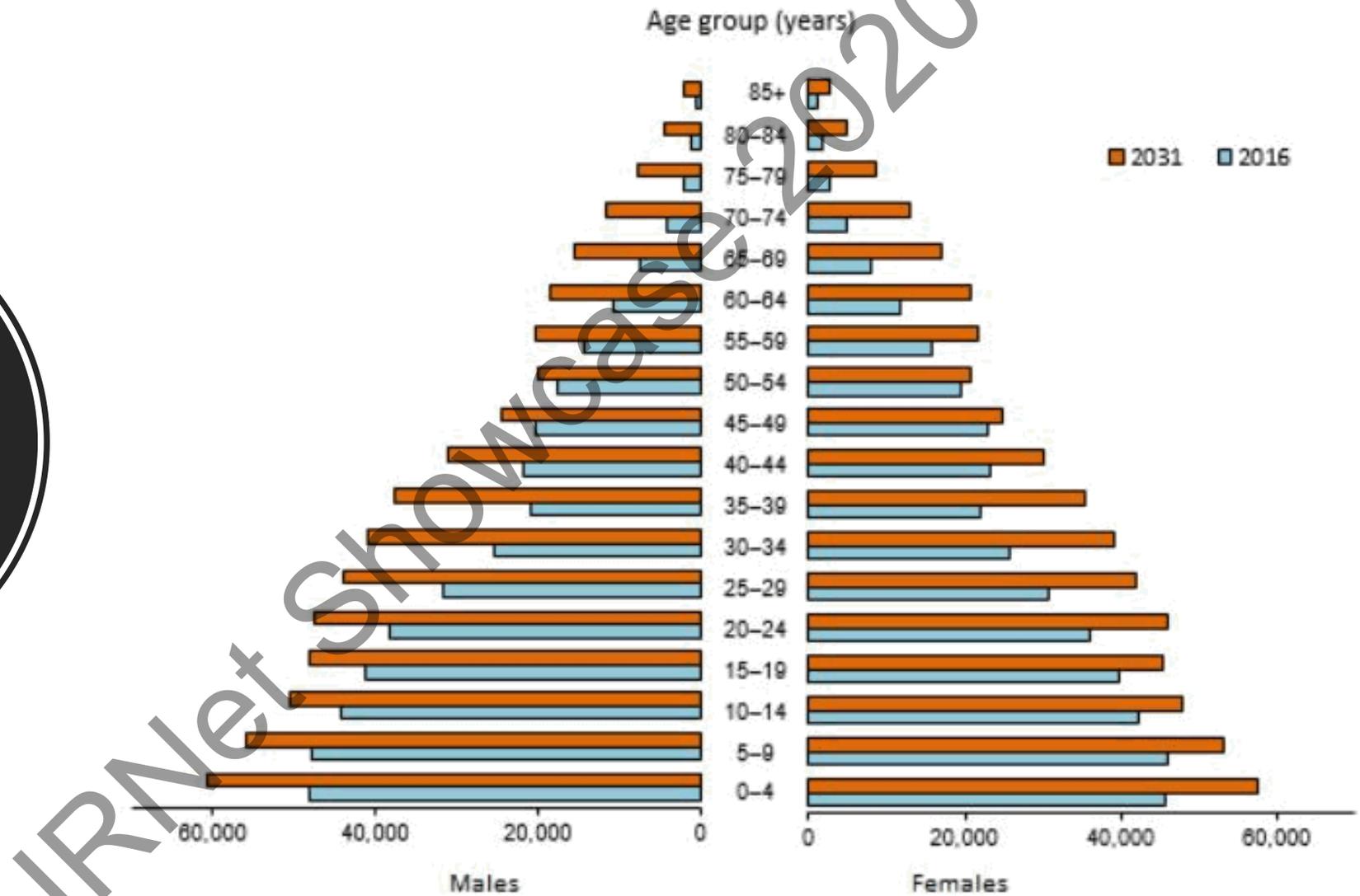
Non-Indigenous deaths - age and sex, 2015



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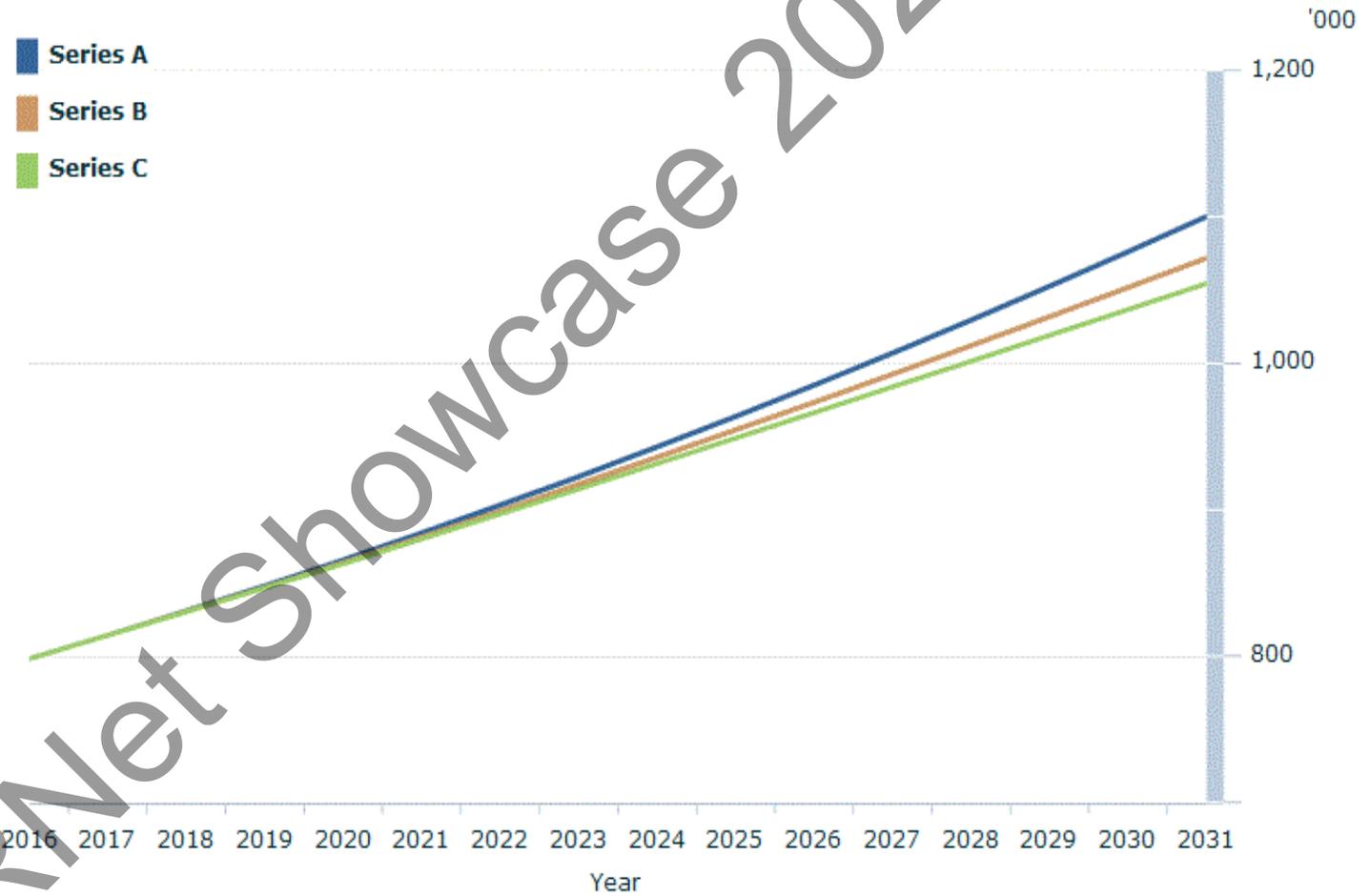


Estimated  
population  
Aboriginal and  
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Islander  
Population  
2016 - 2031



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Graph 1 - Estimated & projected Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population, 2016 to 2031





Estimated  
population  
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- **POPULATION STRUCTURE**

2006 median age 21.2 years

2016 median age 22.9 years (37.8)

2031 median age is projected to be between 25.7 and 26.7 years

Population is projected to **increase** across all age groups between 2016 and 2031

- **People aged 0–14 years**

2016 = 274,300

2031 = 309,800 to about 350,900

Population is projected to **decrease** from 34.4% in 2016 to between 29.4% and 31.9% in 2031

- **People aged 15–64 years**

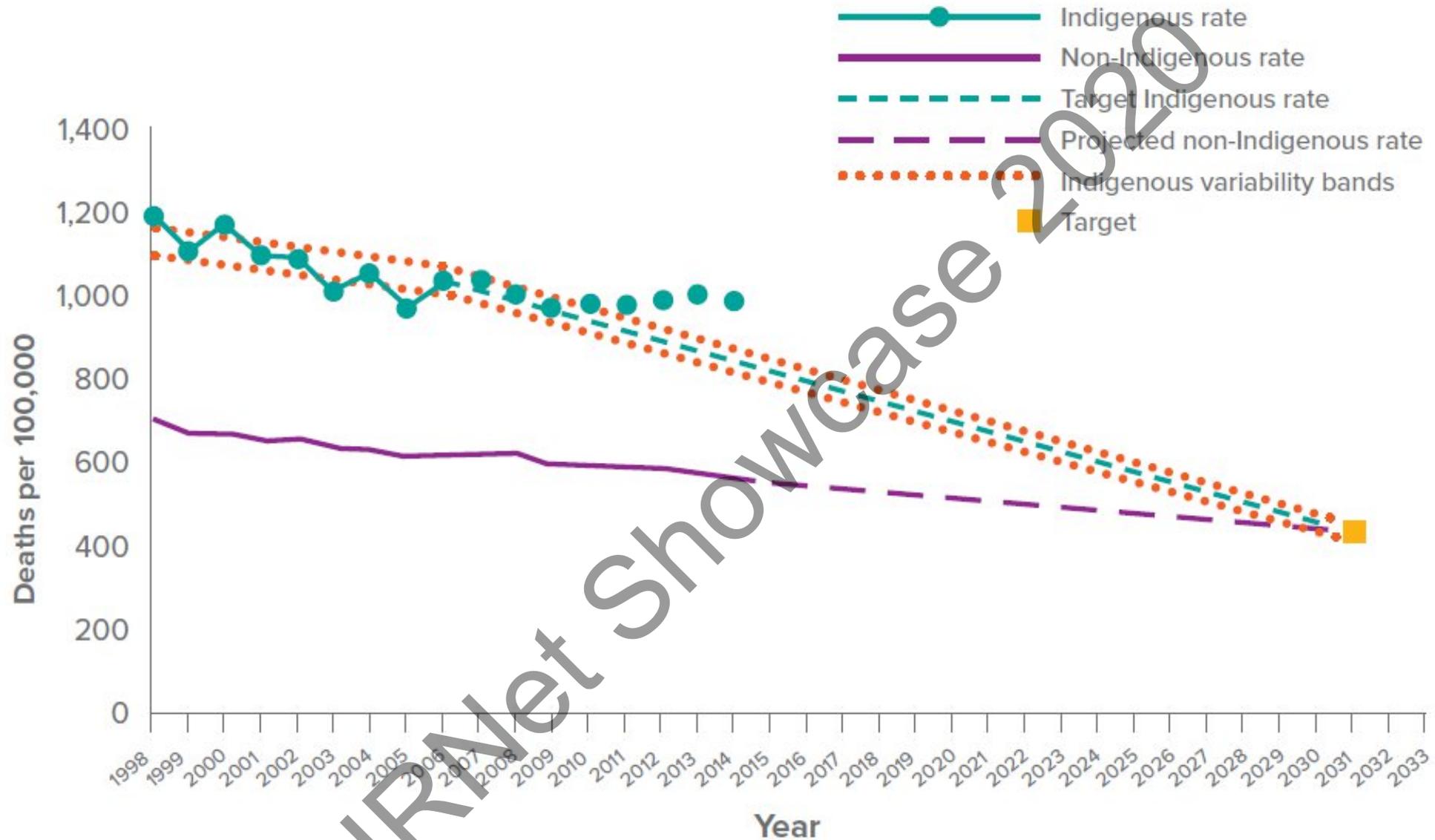
2016 = 490,000

Population is projected to **increase** to between 658,200 and 660,000 in 2031

- **People aged 65 years and over**

2016 = 34,000

Population is projected to increase to between 86,500 and 89,600 in 2031



**Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy: actual, projected and target rates**

# Wingara Mura - Story lines

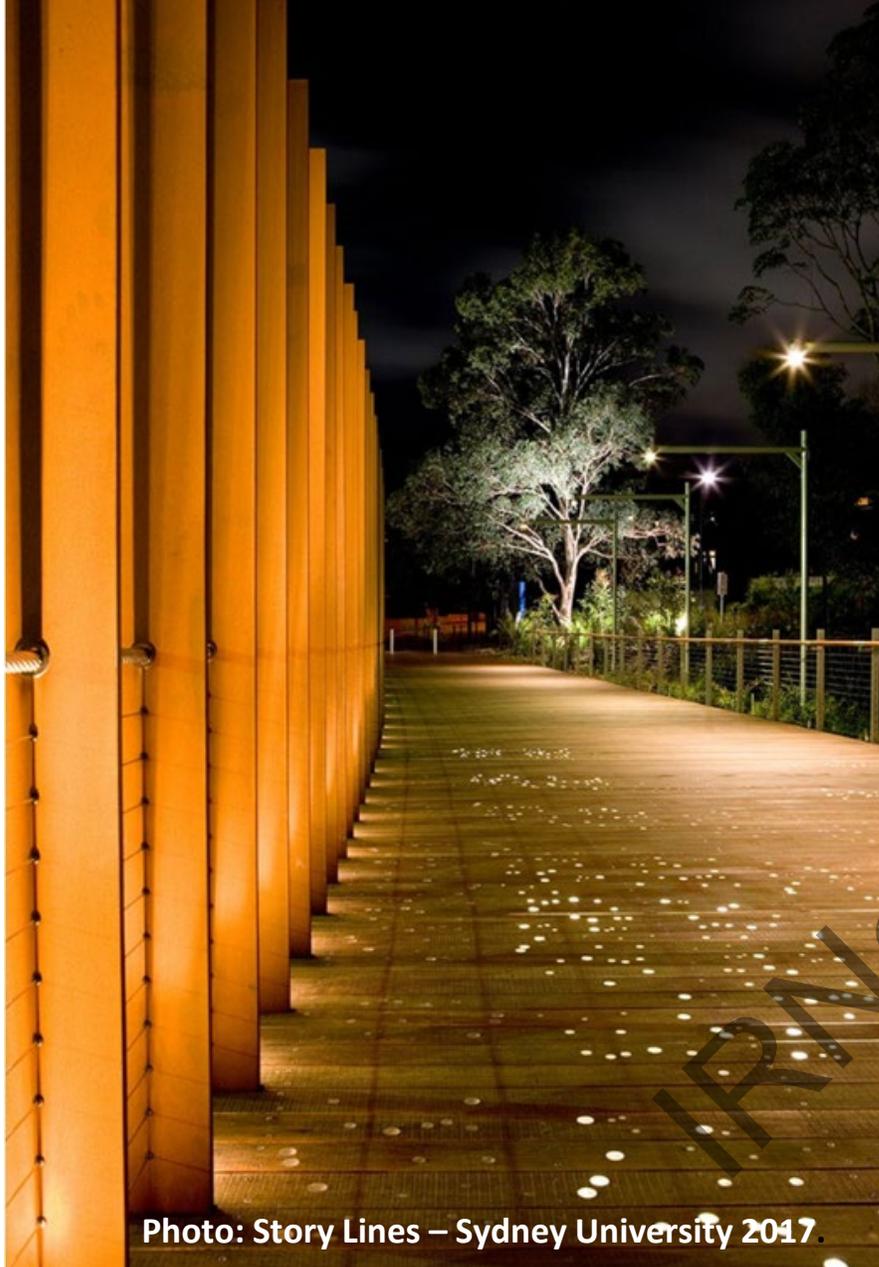


Photo: Story Lines – Sydney University 2017.

Story lines follows the tracks, journeys and narratives of Aboriginal peoples, from the beginning of time to now.

These commemorate belonging to Country, the art, the dance, and the richness of the journey that impacts on us all today.

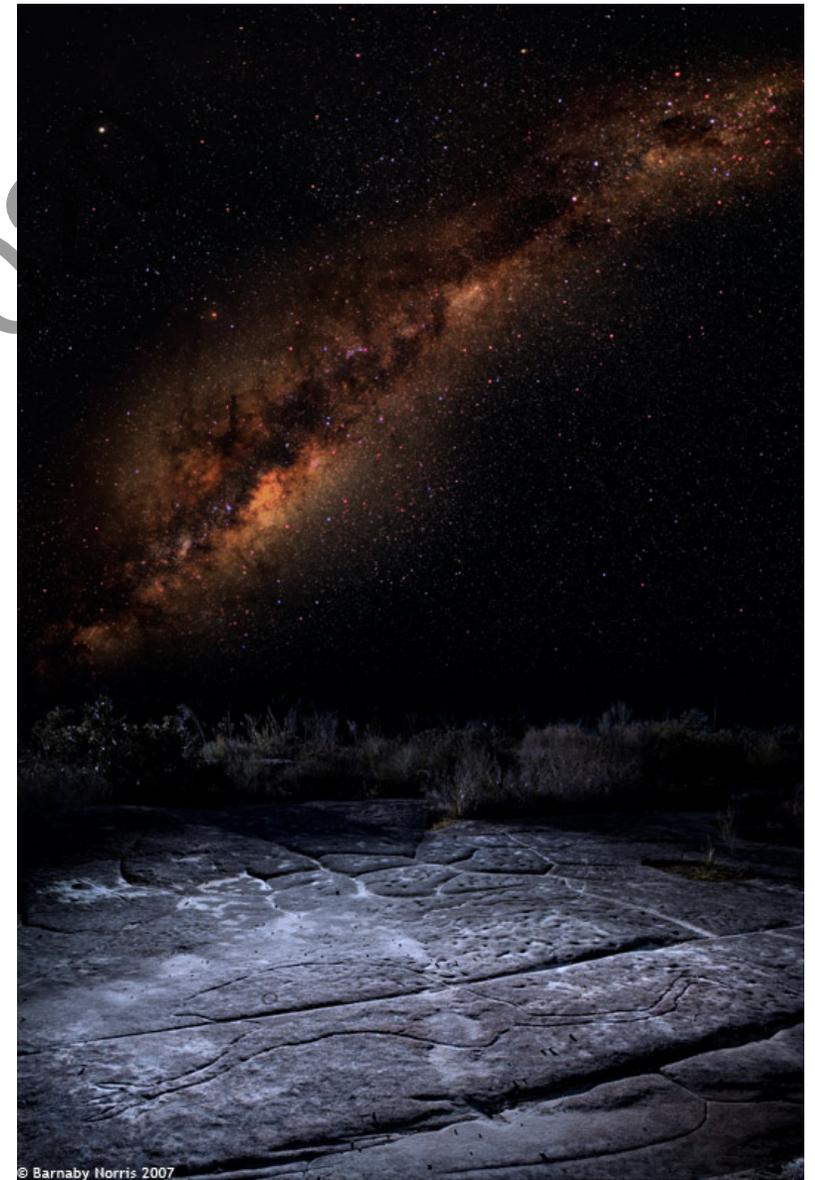
That story has been expanding since in Australia since 1788, and all who live here are the part that needs to be written.

What would you write I wonder?

I know what some wrote...

This photograph shows the Aboriginal "emu-in-the-sky" constellation. It won its creator, Barnaby Norris, third prize in the prestigious 2007 "Eureka" awards.

Below it is the emu engraving at the Elvina engraving site, in Kuring-Gai Chase National Park. The constellation is positioned above the engraving as it appears in real life in Autumn.



© Barnaby Norris 2007

## Garma Youth Forum 2019

*Following the 'Uluru Statement From The Heart', in 2019, a group of young Indigenous people have gathered in East Arnhem Land for the Youth Forum at Garma. The forum has been facilitated by AIME and resulted in a Declaration for the Prime Minister and Education Minister's across Australia - The Imagination Declaration. This message was read out by Sienna on August 5, 10:00am at the 2019 Garma festival.*





To the Prime Minister & Education Ministers across Australia, In 1967, we asked to be counted.

In 2017, we asked for a voice & treaty.

Today, we ask you to imagine what's possible.

The future of this country lies in all of our hands.

We do not want to inherit a world that is in pain.

We do not want to stare down huge inequality feeling powerless to our fate.

We do not want to be unarmed as we face some of the biggest problems faced by the human race, from rising sea levels, which will lead to huge refugee challenges, to droughts and food shortages, and our own challenges around a cycle of perpetuated disadvantaged.

It's time to think differently.

With 60,000 years of genius and imagination in our hearts and minds, we can be one of the groups of people that transform the future of life on earth, for the good of us all.

We can design the solutions that lift islands up in the face of rising seas, we can work on creative agricultural solutions that are in sync with our natural habitat, we can re-engineer schooling, we can invent new jobs and technologies, and we can unite around kindness

**Photo: Greg Robinson 2019**

We are not the problem, we are the solution.

We don't want to be boxed. We don't want ceilings. We want freedom to be whatever a human mind can dream.

When you think of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kid, or in fact, any kid, imagine what's possible.

Don't define us through the lens of disadvantage or label us as limited.

Test us. Expect the best of us. Expect the unexpected.

Expect us to continue carrying the custodianship of imagination, entrepreneurial spirit and genius. Expect us to be complex.

And then let us spread our wings, and soar higher than ever before.

We call on you and the Education Ministers across the nation to establish an imagination agenda for our Indigenous kids and, in fact, for all Australian children.

We urge you to give us the freedom to write a new story. We want to show the world Aboriginal genius.

We want to show Australia Aboriginal leadership and imagination for the whole nation.



Photo: Greg Robinson 2019

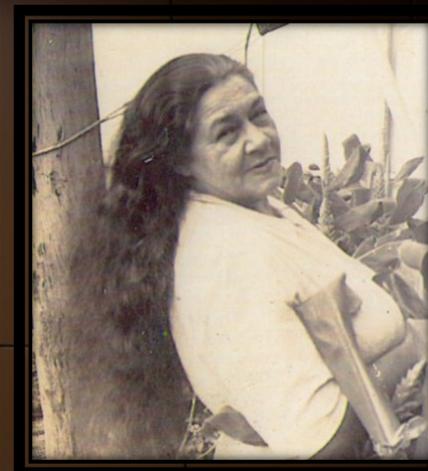


Photo: Rebecca Halliday 2019

The youth have shared their challenge to us – to “set an imagination agenda for our classrooms, remove the limited thinking around our disadvantage, stop looking at us as a problem to fix, set us free to be the solution and give us the stage to light up the world.”

*Deep respects to the people of these Lands – there is not a place that has not been known, loved and nourished, nor a person forgotten.*

**IMAGINE – its 2028. We are dancing with a million of us. We know where we are, we remember where we are from, and we know where we are going.**



- What does success in how we do our work in the environment look and feel like?
- How we do our collaborations in our local environments and with each other?
- Have we managed to pay forward for those who we have grown or seen grow into our world?
- What's missing from this picture and how could we have created this way back, here, in 2020?

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