

## Ian Mongunu Gumbula

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My homeland is Djiliwirri. My clan nation is Daygurrurr Gupapuyŋu. My skin name is Bułany. I am a strong Yolŋu person who upholds my own language and has strong cultural knowledge and skills that come from my land as well as from my own *wakupulu* (great-grandmother) *māripulu* (grandmother) *ŋāndipulu* (mother) and *yapapulu* (great-great-grandmother) tribes and clan nations. These are my *yalu'* (nest) or my Yolŋu foundation. They are my bloodline and my cultural roots.

As a researcher, I am keeping this cultural foundation and connection. Knowing who I am dealing with, and how to use that knowledge in different areas, mean I am able to deliver research in a right way. I have access through my kinship to my own, and other clan groups. I can talk about some of the skills and knowledge that my *yapa* have, or my *māri* have, and through this deliver the support that family needs, that community needs. And that is important for the funders that you are working with, so they will have that understanding.

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2024 – present Senior Researcher and PhD candidate, Northern Institute, CDU

2019 – 2021 Senior Researcher and Lecturer in Aboriginal Futures, CDU

2006 – 2009 Research Consultant, Yolŋu Aboriginal Consultants Initiative, CDU

### PREVIOUS OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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2023 – present Community Engagement Worker, Indigenous Connections

2023 – 2024 Community Development Djamaŋmirr, Aboriginal Resource Development Service

2023 – 2024 Community Engagement Officer, Department of Social Services, Australian Government

2015 – 2022 Cultural Governance Officer, Yugul Mangi

2014 – 2015 Stronger Communities for Children Program Coordinator

2009 – 2014 Indigenous Engagement Officer, FaHCSIA, Australian Government

1998 – 2007 CDEP Manager, Galiwin'ku

1997 – 1998 Youth Worker, Galiwin'ku

1989 – 1996 CDEP Coordinator, Ngukurr

1987 – 1988 Relief Manager, ALPA Stores, Galiwin'ku

1975 – 1986 Teacher, Shepherdson College and Ngukurr School

### BOARD AND GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

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- Director, Mawul Rom Program
- Board member, Wanta Aboriginal Corporation
- Board member, Stronger Communities for Children Program, Ngukurr
- Aboriginal Expert Group member, advising the Tripartite Forum to the Northern Territory 10 year Generational Plan for Children and Families.

### RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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### Previous research projects

- Weather and Climate Communication Project – ARC Discovery Grant (2024 – present)
- The Indigenous Diplomacy Research and Sharing Program (2020 – present)
- Investing in Aboriginal Languages – ARC Discovery Grant (2021 – 2024)
- Local Decision Making Monitoring and Evaluation (2020-2022)
- Remote Engagement Coordination – Indigenous Evaluation Research – Stage 2 (2018– 2019)
- Remote Engagement Coordination – Indigenous Evaluation Research – Stage 1 (2016– 2018).
- Gambling and Gambling Related Harm (2009)
- Financial Literacy Project (2008)
- Gifted and Talented Children (2008)

### Guest teaching positions

- Presenter, Treaties and Reconciliation with First Nations Politics, CDU, 2023 – onward
- Presenter, Yolŋu elder group – Indigenous Diplomacy Workshop, ANU, 22-24 Nov 2022
- Keynote presenter – Northern Territory Pathways to Politics Program for Women, CDU 18 Nov 2022
- Keynote presenter and facilitator– Engaging Governance Workshop: Experiential workshop for Higher Degree Indigenous Researchers. CDU, 3-7 Oct 2022
- Keynote presenter, Ngukurr research group – Ground Up Indigenous Evaluators Workshop, Charles Darwin University, 19-20 Apr 2017

### Publications

- van Weeren, Trevor, Juli Cathcart, Yingiya Guyula, **Ian Gumbula**, Mercy Gumbula, Gwen Rami, John Greatorex, and Michael Christie. "An Evaluation of the ANZ-TCU Financial Literacy Project Jan 2006 – July 2007." (2008). [https://www.cdu.edu.au/centres/yaci/pdf/ANZ\\_TCU\\_FL\\_Nov08.pdf](https://www.cdu.edu.au/centres/yaci/pdf/ANZ_TCU_FL_Nov08.pdf)
- Christie, M., Greatorex, J., Gurruwiwi, D., Djirrimbilwuy, F., Galathi, J., Gapany, D., Garngulkpuy, J., Guthadjaka, K., Gurrumurruwuy, C., **Gumbula, I.**, Lawurrpa, E., Dhamarrandji, M., Gumbula, M., Nyunyunyuru, M., Gaykamanju, W., Guyula, Y. (2009). Regulated gambling and problem gambling among Aborigines from remote NT communities: a Yolŋu case study. *Darwin, School for Social & Policy Research and School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Charles Darwin University.*

### Presentations/ Webinars

- **Gumbula, I.**, Nyomba, H., Gumbula, M., (2022) First Nations Cultural Governance. *Pathways to Politics Program for Women*, Darwin, 18 Nov.
- **Gumbula, I.**, Nyomba, H., Bulkanhawuy, J. (2022) Yolŋu Diplomacy – The Ancestral and New Relation. *Engaging Governance Workshop: Experiential workshop for Higher Degree Indigenous Researchers*. Charles Darwin University, 5 Oct.
- **Gumbula, I.**, (2022) First Nations Cultural Governance and Research for Local Decision Making, *Engaging Governance Workshop: Experiential workshop for Higher Degree Indigenous Researchers*. Charles Darwin University, 6 Oct.
- **Gumbula, I.**, Bulkanhawuy, J., and Muthamuluwuy (2022) First Nations Sovereignty & Diplomacy Research, NAIDOC week symposium, Charles Darwin University, 5 July.
- **Gumbula, I.**, & Gumbula, M., (2020) *Clan Based Management Model in Ngukurr*, People Policy Place Seminar, Northern Institute, Darwin, 27 July.
- **Gumbula, I.**, Gumbula, M., Gumbula, S., and Wanambi, K., (2019) *Remote Electoral Engagement and Participation*. Presentation to the Electoral Regulation Research Network, NT Parliament House, Darwin, 28 Jun.