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**Prime Minister's Reception  
for Indigenous Innovators  
and Entrepreneurs**

9 February 2016

This booklet showcases 21 Indigenous entrepreneurs and innovators who will be attending the **Prime Minister's Reception for Indigenous Innovators and Entrepreneurs** on 9 February 2016.

The reception will celebrate the achievements of Indigenous businesses and their contribution to economic development and the innovation agenda.

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**Zoe Betar**

Learning Experience Designer - Indigenous Digital Excellence (IDX)

Zoe Betar is a proud Bundjalung woman from Tweed Heads who works at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern.

She is the Learning Experience Designer for the Indigenous Digital Excellence (IDX) initiative. In this role she co-creates and delivers workshops in Redfern and regional communities, using robots, Scratch for online gaming and 3D printing.

The IDX initiative uses technology to engage young people in Indigenous communities and explore their 60,000+ years of innovation. Zoe is also a member of the NSW Reconciliation Council and collaborates with the Michael Crouch Innovation Centre (UNSW) and the Macleay Museum (Syd Uni).

[\*idx.org.au\*](http://idx.org.au)



**Luke Briscoe**

**Founder - INDIGI LAB**

Luke Briscoe (Jingirdba-Wanuginbi) is a proud Kuku-Yalanji descendant from Far North Queensland. Luke has experience in the creative industries, digital communication, project management and community and cultural development.

Luke founded the Indigenous owned and operated business INDIGI LAB to create innovative projects for social and environmental change through digital culture. Luke's goal is to establish national Indigenous ethical guidelines in science and digital technology to support a better understanding, value and respect for Indigenous knowledge in these fields.

[\*indigilab.com.au\*](http://indigilab.com.au)



### **Jason Eades**

CEO - PriceWaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC) Jason Eades is a proud Indigenous man, born and raised on Gunnai country in south-east Victoria. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of PricewaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC).

Jason leverages the resources and expertise of Pricewaterhouse Coopers to partner with corporates and government to improve outcomes for Indigenous communities.

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### **Shane Fields**

Director - Fields Group

Shane Fields is a proud Gamilaroi man from Tamworth and the Director of the Fields Group. The Fields Group provides a full range of national security services across all market segments and is a member of the Australian Security Industry Association Ltd.

Under the Indigenous Procurements Policy, the Fields Group was awarded a \$9.2 million domestic contract by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the provision of security guard services.

Shane is a licenced Security Consultant, and a member of the ASIS International Asia Pacific Network and the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers.

Through the Fields Group, Shane supports the Arthur Beetson Foundation and the Naisda Dance College (NSW).

[\*\*\*fieldsgroup.com.au\*\*\*](http://fieldsgroup.com.au)



**Chris Ingrey**

CEO - La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC)

Chris Ingrey is of Dhungutti and Dharawal descent and is from the La Perouse Aboriginal community, Botany Bay. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in Sydney. For the past five years, La Perouse LALC has played a major role in enhancing the community's governance and leadership, with a focus on engaging young people.

Chris has led significant reforms to the governance of the La Perouse Aboriginal community. This has included developing the Empowered Communities initiative and restructuring the La Perouse Aboriginal Alliance Group to better suit the needs of the community.

***[lapa-access.org.au](http://lapa-access.org.au)***



**Michael Ingrey**

Manager - La Perouse Youth Haven Programme

Michael Ingrey is of Dhungutti and Dharawal descent and is from the La Perouse Aboriginal Community, Botany Bay.

Michael manages the La Perouse Youth Haven (est. 2005) and LAPA Deadly's Leadership Group (est. 2006). Michael is currently a 2nd year student at UTS Business School studying a Bachelor of Business Administration (Indigenous).

He aims to use these skills to develop best practices and sustainable services in Aboriginal enterprises to service the wider community.

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**Ray Ingrey**

Chairperson - Eastern Zone Gujaga Aboriginal Corporation

Ray Ingrey is of Dhungutti and Dharawal descent and is from the La Perouse Aboriginal community at Botany Bay. He holds a number of leadership positions including: Chairperson of Eastern Zone Gujaga Aboriginal Corporation, Board member of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and Chairperson of the Dharawal Language Program.

Ray's community involvement comes from the belief that education is the key to self-determination and economic prosperity for his people.

***[lapa-access.org.au/education](http://lapa-access.org.au/education)***



**Mikaela Jade**

Founder / CEO - Indigital

Mikaela Jade is a proud Indigenous Cabrogal woman and the Founder and CEO of Indigital Pty Ltd. Her digital technology company specialises in the ethical digitisation of Indigenous cultures through mixed reality products.

Indigital's first mobile phone application Digital Rangers™ is an 'on Country' augmented reality storytelling app that works without connection to the internet.

Mikaela is a United Nations Permanent Forum Indigenous Issues delegate, Tribal Link Alumni member (New York), TEDx presenter, Professional Associate of the University of Canberra and a scholarship awardee of the Australia Rural Leadership Program.

***Facebook: Digital Ranger***





### **Fiona Jose**

Executive General Manager Cape Operations - Cape York Partnership

Fiona Jose is a proud Kuku Yalanji and Torres Strait woman and the General Manager of Business Community Investment at Cape York Partnership. Fiona was the winner of the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Award – Queensland for Purpose and Social Enterprise. Fiona is also a leader in Empowered Communities, Board Member of Bama Services and Djarragun College, and Chairperson of the Jawun Advisory Group.

Fiona joined the Cape York Institute in 2010 and has held a number of executive positions in the organisation, including Director of Leadership for the Cape York Leaders Program, Chief Executive Officer of Cape York Institute, and most recently, General Manager of Cape York Partnership.

**[capeyorkpartnership.org.au](http://capeyorkpartnership.org.au)**



### **Will Morgan**

Director - Buri Building & Design

Will Morgan is a proud descendent of the Kamilaroi Nation and an owner and Director of Buri Building and Design Pty Ltd. He has over 15 years national and international experience in the building industry.

Buri Building and Design Pty Ltd is 100 per cent Indigenous owned business that was founded in 2010. It specialises in a range of building services including construction, asset management, refurbishment, office fit out and modifications to buildings in the government and non-government sectors.

The business currently has an 80 per cent Indigenous employment rate. Will has expanded Buri's business to include refurbishments and small civil engineering works through a partnership with Brookfield Johnson Controls.

**[buri.com.au](http://buri.com.au)**



**Tyson Mowarin**

Creative Director - Weerianna Street Media (WSM)

Tyson Mowarin, is a proud Ngarluma man from the Pilbara WA and Creative Director of Weerianna Street Media (WSM). Tyson is an applications designer, digital storyteller and film maker who uses these skills to improve awareness of Indigenous traditions and custodial ownership via digital technologies.

In 2015, Tyson developed a Welcome to Country app that is now available from iTunes. The app provides a living archive for Indigenous knowledge.

In 2014, Tyson was awarded the Professor David Dolan Western Australian Heritage Award that recognised outstanding commitment and contribution to heritage conservation, adaptive reuse, tourism and interpretation in Western Australia. In 2012, Tyson was awarded the Troy Alberts Award for Excellence in Cinematography, at the National Remote Indigenous Media Festival.

**Facebook: *Weerianna Street Media***



**Luke Pearson**

Digital Strategist - IndigenousX

Luke Pearson is a proud Gamilaroi man from NSW. He is a teacher, writer, keynote speaker, consultant, mentor, and the creator of IndigenousX.

IndigenousX is an online media project that enables Indigenous people to tell their own stories in their own words. With more than 23,000 followers and approximately 200 Indigenous hosts, IndigenousX has shared thousands of stories, facts, reports, and photos to an increasing audience.

IndigenousX also assists Indigenous groups and organisations with crowdfunding online and has helped raise over \$300,000 for a variety of Indigenous arts, community, and health programs.

***indigenousx.com.au***





**Mitchell Ross**  
CEO- Muru Group

Mitchell Ross is a proud Bidjigal man from La Perouse in south-east Sydney and the Chief Executive Officer of the Muru Group. Mitchell established the Muru Group in 2012 after a career in IT and sales. The Muru Group supplies office products, stationary supplies and IT solutions.

Mitchell's partnership with Complete Office Supplies (CoS) provides his company with a national reach. The Muru Group leverages CoS's online IT ordering system and existing infrastructure.

The Muru Group brings significant relationship management skills to the partnership and continues to grow their client base.

***[murugroup.com](http://murugroup.com)***



**Michael Rotumah**  
General Manager Northern Australia - Intract Australia

Michael Rotumah is a proud Indigenous man from Darwin in the Northern Territory and a traditional owner of Wauk (Murgarella) and Croker Island in Western Arnhem Land.

Intract Australia is a civil contracting and general building company with diverse projects, including drainage and pavement repairs in Kakadu National Park and constructing drill leases at the Santos Mereenie oil and gas fields. Intract's national workforce is 90 per cent Indigenous.

As General Manager of Intract Australia, Michael Rotumah draws on decades of experience in delivering national housing and infrastructure projects in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

***[intract.com.au](http://intract.com.au)***



**Jodie Sizer**

Principal - PriceWaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC)

Jodie Sizer is a proud Djab Wurrung / Gunditjmara woman and a co-owner and Principal of PricewaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC). This position enables her to use her expertise and the resources of PricewaterhouseCoopers to partner with corporates and government to improve outcomes for Indigenous communities.

Jodie is also the Chair of the Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative, Director of the Indigenous Governance Institute, board member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, member of the Victorian Women's Hall of Fame and inaugural Dardi Indigenous Business Leadership Award recipient in Victoria. Her awards include the Prime Minister's Centenary Medal, induction into the Victorian Women's Hall of Fame. She was also a finalist for the Telstra Small Business Woman of the Year award.

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**Mayrah Sonter**

Director - 33Creative

Mayrah Sonter is a proud Wiradjuri woman and Director of 33Creative. The Indigenous communications business specialises in media design and production including television and video production, graphic design, media campaigns and events management.

Mayrah was previously the head of events at the Deadly Vibe Group and a Cultural Consultant for the IUCN World Indigenous Parks Congress – an international event held in Sydney in 2014. Mayrah is also a Director on the board of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME).

[\*\*\*33creative.com.au\*\*\*](http://33creative.com.au)



**Rhys Thomas**  
Co-Founder - JDRT

Rhys Thomas is a proud Wiradjuri man from West Wyalong and a co-founder of JDRT, an Australian wrist-watch company focused on sustainable design that uses renewable materials. JDRT will be expanding its presence in the US and Europe in July 2016.

Prior to founding JDRT, Rhys was employed at Stripe as their country sales lead for Australia and New Zealand. He also worked at Google Australia as their business development lead for Australia and New Zealand.

[\*jdrt.com\*](http://jdrt.com)



**Natalie Walker**  
Founder/ Managing Director - Inside Policy

Natalie Walker is a proud Kuku Yalanji woman from Port Douglas in Far North Queensland and the founder and Managing Director of Inside Policy. Her company is a national collaboration of omnigeeks that work with government and corporate clients to solve complex social, cultural and economic policy challenges.

Natalie's start up achievements include KPMG's Indigenous Business Stream and Supply Nation. She is also a Director of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, sits on the National Australia Bank's Indigenous Advisory Board and was the Deputy Chair of National Indigenous TV prior to its merge with SBS.

[\*insidepolicy.com.au\*](http://insidepolicy.com.au)



**David Williams**

Co-Founder & Director – Gilimbaa

David Williams is a proud Wakka Wakka man from central south-west Queensland and the Co-Founder and Director of Gilimbaa.

David established himself as an artist during university and following several exhibitions began to experiment with merging traditional art with digital graphic design techniques.

Gilimbaa was formed in 2008. It specialises in culturally effective and appropriate communication strategies, artwork, campaigns, documentary, video production and website design. Previous work includes designing the G20 Leader's Summit 2014 logo.

***[gilimbaa.com.au](http://gilimbaa.com.au)***



**Lyn-AI Young**

CEO/Fashion Designer/Artist - Lyn-AI

Lyn-AI Young is a proud descendent from the Gunnai, Wiradjuri, Gunditjmara and Yorta Yorta Nations. She is also the CEO of her Melbourne based, Indigenous fashion label Lyn-AI. She specialises in designing and creating semi-formal and evening wear. She draws her inspiration from her cultural heritage 'connecting culture to couture'.

Lyn-AI has showcased her designs at Australian Indigenous Fashion Week, and in designing the National Costume for the Miss United Continents Australia 2015 International Finals.

Lyn -AI was a recent nominee for the Victorian Young Achiever Award and has been invited to show her collection at Virgin Australia's Melbourne Fashion Week 2016 and in Canada in September.

***[lyn-ai.com.au](http://lyn-ai.com.au)***



**Scott Young**

Co-Founder/Managing Director - Young Guns Container Crew

Scott Young is a proud Koa man from Winton, Queensland. He is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Young Guns Container Crew (YGCC). YGCC was founded in 2004 by Scott and Trent Young and specialises in packing shipping containers.

YGCC grew from a casual job packing and unpacking shipping containers to transforming a transient work force into a reliable high quality service that drove improvements in the supply chain. Scott is a qualified engineer and has won a variety of awards this year including the Lord Mayor's

Business Awards as Singapore Airlines' Young Business Person of the Year (2015). He was also the national winner of the 2015 Supply Chain and Logistics Association of Australia Industry Excellence award. Further in 2015 he was the winner of the Queensland, Supply Chain and Logistics Association, Industry Excellence award.

***[ygcc.com.au](http://ygcc.com.au)***





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