



The RQI Speaker Series

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TANIA SCHAFER: FIELD OF DREAMING

Bridging the research gap between institutions and remote communities

Tania Schafer (nee Bostock), is an Australian Aboriginal woman with connection to the Mununjali people (father) and Bundjalung people (mother).

Drawing on her 29 years of experience as an Aboriginal librarian, Tania will discuss her work dealing with Indigenous collections and her research into family history and connecting communities to collections.

Tania has worked at the John Oxley Queensland Historical Library on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collections and client services since 1992. She will discuss resources held by libraries and how the current trend of online platforms, such as Facebook, Flickr and organisational Internet sites are bridging the gap between researchers and organisations. She will also provide information about avenues for volunteers to assist with this activity.

Tania's work has allowed the Norman Tindale Collections, the Margaret Lawrie Collections, and the Copy-Print Photographic Collections to be opened to online platforms. She created the first State Library Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Internet pages, presented the material for the current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collection pages, and added material to be accessed via the library catalogue.

“I want to leave a legacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers through online access. It is the tool to bridge the gap between institutions, people and remote communities” - Tania Schafer

Among her tertiary qualifications, **Tania Schafer** has a BA. Early Childhood (Teacher); Grad Dip Infor. (Librarian); Grad Dip Infor. (Archivist) and several TAFE IV Certificates in Business Management & Assessment and Workplace Training. Her expertise is researching, accessing, and disseminating information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, collections, and issues.

Plus: A Q&A SESSION will follow Tania Schafer's presentation. We are also raising DONATIONS for for Cunnumulla State School. To donate, go to <https://www.rqi.org.au/product/donate/> and use the coupon code: **cunnumulla**. Visit our website for event updates. For more info or to RSVP, email us at events@rqi.org.au.



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