

ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS FOR ALL WOMEN July 2024



FIRDA MENTORS ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND SUPPORTS RECOVERY FROM GENERATIONAL TRAUMA, ABUSE AND VIOLENCE through volunteer psychologists and psychotherapist for long term work with First Nations families.

All income supports the weekend and FIRDA's programs. We are all volunteers, and this income supports us delivering services.

Share in our Cultural Business

Come and enjoy a day of learning about Aboriginal women's business, Law, Culture, Song, Dance, History and share in what is a unique way of being, knowing and doing from our cultural perspective to create cross cultural harmony. This retreat will have ceremony, fun, laughter, good food, interactive work, dancing, language learning and songs from our traditions and Tjukurpa. FIRDA founder and national co-convenors Tjanara Goreng Goreng, Wakka Wakka Traditional Custodian (QLD) Anangu cultural family (Uluru) and Kamilaroi cultural teacher & Wyappa Practitioner Kerrie Shepherd have been doing these weekend retreats since 1996 with many Australians and international communities to assist people engage in sharing, caring, and learning our knowledge together for peace, harmony, and respect.

VENUE:

PLEASE BRING: a tent if you are camping, sewing materials: needle, thread, feathers, special objects, a length of white material for a headband, water and personal toiletries and food to share.

Useful for your Work, your own Life and in Supporting Aboriginal Women and Families

Cultural Learning, Competence in knowledge about First Nations history, women's business, and Law

You may want to know more about Aboriginal women's business, Aboriginal history, your part in supporting Aboriginal people and women and their families especially in your work or for your own general knowledge. This workshop will enable you to learn about knowledge that is not written in books and is part of our oral history. You can receive a certificate of attendance for your workplace noting your involvement in this deep learning immersion process. Skills in cultural security, safety and knowledge will be imparted



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Learning more about your Cultural Business as Women

Our Elder women have shared this knowledge to other women as a way of holding onto and sustaining our cultural knowledge and traditions for many years. Non-Aboriginal women benefit from knowing more about this country's rich Indigenous cultural knowledge and it can assist you as a mother, sister, daughter, parent, wife, and grandmother. *Women are responsible for nurturing children, their land and spirituality and bringing up boys to men and girls to women. This empowers us as women to understand our place in the world and pass that knowledge onto generations.*

As a process of reconciliation, sharing country history and sustaining the environment, land, and country that we all love

This workshop will provide you with a deep connection to ancient knowledge that women utilised in taking care of country. If that is your field of work or passion in social and environmental justice, you will benefit from learning and sharing more.



YOUR INVESTMENT: \$350. All tickets are available via Humantix and Eventbrite.

Your investment covers you from Friday 5pm to Sunday 2pm with all retreat activities, accommodation and shared food and event activities included.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no discounts or concessions as this is a volunteer run event in which we share the income with the organisers and the venue owner we must charge enough to cover costs and support FIRDA future programs. You can organise a payment plan directly if you need to. Thank you for understanding.

RETREAT GUIDES TJANARA and KERRIE

Tjanara Goreng Goreng is a co-Founder and Chair of FIRDA. She has been offering women's business workshops with the permission of her Elder teachers since the mid 1990's in Australia and overseas. Her mission is to increase the knowledge, understanding and respect for Aboriginal cultural traditions amongst non-Aboriginal peoples and give back to her community by sharing this knowledge with women both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal to support respect, engagement, understanding and cultural competence for those who work with Aboriginal women and their families.

Kerrie Shepherd is a Kamilaroi woman who wants to share and sustain her cultural traditions by practising and sharing them. Kerrie works in a First Nations organisation that does community consultations and engagements designs for urban spaces. Kerrie is a Wyappa Practitioner, and she will do Wyappa with us all on the weekend. Kerrie works as a volunteer at FIRDA for some years and supports us in facilitating women's business talking circles. Kerrie and Tjanara volunteer as the national co-convenors of FIRDA.

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