

Inland Australian Study Tour

Indigenous Family and Community Strengths Conference delegates and The Fifth Australian Family and Community Strengths Conference delegates and others are invited to join us on a **10 night Inland Australian Study Tour.**

Come and learn about one of the oldest cultures in the world – the cultures of the Australian Aboriginal. Central Australia is a place of great beauty – the striking colours of the orange earth and the clear blue sky. Paul Ngala, a local Arrernte identity, will be our Tour Leader. Paul Ngala will take us to his homeland – his “country” where we will learn about ceremonies, creative activities including the now world famous Aboriginal paintings, the kangaroo and bush tucker and the stories of how their land was created in The Dreamtime. Paul will be joined by other community identities to share their stories with us.

Paul will take us to other communities and the spectacular landforms in the McDonald Ranges, Emily Gap, Kings Canyon and Uluru to name just a few. We will experience meals prepared in restaurants and out in the open where we will eat under the bright starlit sky.

We will visit historic Hermannsburg, Alice Springs, School of The Air, The Flying Doctors Service and Indigenous service organisations.

We will learn about didgeridoos, Arrernte Languages, family systems and skin names (kinship systems).

This is a unique tour put together for conference delegates and others who have an appreciation of the importance of culture and environment to families and communities around the world.

WHEN Departing Sydney to Alice Springs **21 April 2008** (you will need to make your own way to and from Sydney Airport)
Departing Uluru to Sydney on the **1st May 2008**

WHERE Central Australia

COST \$3,300 - \$3,500 * per person (incl. \$327.27 GST goods and services tax)
Cost includes flights from Sydney and Uluru, airport transfers in the Northern Territory, all meals (excluding free day on the 27th April), accommodation and tour.

* **Please Note** The final costing will be determined by the number of persons joining us on the tour. The cost is in Australian dollars and a deposit will be required by the 13th December with final payment due by the 4th March 2008. Costs are based on twin-share.



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DAY 1	9.55am	Depart Sydney Airport on Qantas Flight QF790
	1.00pm	Arrive in Alice Springs. Met at airport and taken to accommodation at Desert Palms Resort
	2:30pm	Visit selected Aboriginal organisations such as CAAC Health, IAD Education and others
	5:30 pm	Welcome to country and BBQ held at Telegraph Station
DAY 2	8:00am	Tour of Alice Springs area including Desert Park, Royal Flying Doctors Service and School of the Air. Visit Gallery for presentation of enterprises and art exhibit. Dinner at Steak House Accommodation at Desert Palms Resort
DAY 3	8:00am	Day trip to the Eastern McDonalds visiting Emily Gap and Ross River Homestead. Dinner in town Accommodation at Desert Palms Resort
DAY 4	8:00 am	Visit to Titjikala Community Art Gallery and community businesses. BBQ dinner Accommodation at Desert Palms Resort.
DAY 5	8:00am	Tour to Hermannsburg visiting Wallace Rock Hole community and Ipolera Accommodation at Glen Helen Resort. Local entertainment
DAY 6	8:00am	Depart Glen Helen for Alice Springs via Western MacDonalld Ranges visiting waterholes and sites on way. Dinner at Simpsons Gap. 9:00pm return to accommodation at Desert Palms Resort
DAY 7		FREE DAY. Accommodation at Desert Palms Resort
DAY 8	8:00am	Depart for Pwerte Marnte Marnte, Paul's homeland. Visit Kyunba Rock Art site and Rainbow Valley. Overnight camp. Men and women will visit separate sacred sites
DAY 9	8:00am	Depart for Kings Canyon. Spend the day at Kings Canyon and visit Aboriginal communities of Lilla and Wanmara. Accommodation at Desert Palms Resort
DAY 10	8:00 am	Depart for Uluru. Visit to Kata Juta and Uluru base. Experience the sunset at Uluru Sounds of Silence Dinner with accommodation at Uluru
DAY 11	6:00 am	Sunrise at Uluru
	1.35pm	Depart from Uluru on Qantas flight QF729 at arrive Sydney at 5.05pm
	5.05pm	arrive at Sydney airport

ALL ABORIGINAL ENTERTAINMENT AND STORY TELLING BY LOCAL PEOPLE OF THAT COMMUNITY

TO REGISTER

Please pay deposit of \$1,430 by 13 Dec 2007. Final payment by 4 March 2008

Name/s on Passport _____

Postal address _____

Town/Suburb/City _____ State / Postcode _____

Email (essential) _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD ONLY - ABN 15 736 576 735

If you can not pay by credit card, contact Michelle Gifford ph + 61 2 4921 6830 or Email Michelle.Gifford@newcastle.edu.au

_____ Number of people attending @ \$1,430pp (inc GST) TOTAL COST \$ _____

I wish to pay by credit card visa / master / bankcard

Cardholder Name _____

Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Signature _____

Please Note: The Family Action Centre reserves the right to make changes to the draft itinerary above. In the event of an industrial disruption or other unforeseen circumstances, The Family Action Centre accepts no responsibility for loss of monies. Please ensure you have personal travel insurance for this tour.

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