

WATER JUSTICE HUB NEWSLETTER

We acknowledge and celebrate the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and pay our respect to the elders past and present.



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Images of Water Justice

‘Visualisation of the 2019 Peoples Tribunal Testimonies’

In April 2021, the Water Justice Hub hosted ‘Visualisation of the 2019 Peoples Tribunal Testimonies’ at the Maidens Hotel, Menindee and the Wilcannia Community Hall, Wilcannia.

The goal of this event was to help bring attention and understanding to the ‘2019 Citizens’ Inquiry into the Health of the Baaka/Darling River and Menindee Lakes’ report carried out by the Australian Peoples Tribunal.

In the ‘Visualisation of the 2019 Peoples Tribunal Testimonies’, the artworks/pictures of individual witnesses were exhibited to the people of Menindee and Wilcannia. To all those from the community who came to these events, thank you!

Read more: <https://www.waterjusticehub.org/images-of-water-justice-visualisation-of-the-2019-peoples-tribunal-testimonies/>

Water Stories

Learning from Indigenous knowledge

Kat Taylor, Anne Poelina

In this piece, originally published on *Policy Forum*, Kat Taylor and Anne Poelina deliver an important examination of the ways Australia’s current colonial-orientated water management framework has failed and how it can better focus on Indigenous First Law, water governance, knowledge, and experience.

Read more: <https://www.waterjusticehub.org/learning-from-indigenous-knowledge/>

Water Justice Podcast Ep.2

Latin America – Aqua de Vida

3 June 2021

In the second episode of the Water Justice Podcast, our journey about water justice brings us to Latin America. Through Central and South America we observe where policy actions are lacking, but research and incentives can help to ameliorate water stresses. Mexico is experiencing political challenges around the regulation of water resources, Brazil is struggling to manage competing water demands. Argentina is experiencing similar issues but is also home to civil actions in support of human rights to water and sanitation. Tim and Kat are joined by Professor Cindy McCulligh, Associate Professor Daniel Sant'Ana, and Gabriela Sacco to discover the challenges facing Latin America to explore the possible ways forward for water justice in Latin America.

Water Justice Hub: <https://tinyurl.com/ya8k375d>

Spotify: <https://tinyurl.com/3mj7sv5z>

Apple Podcasts: tinyurl.com/4x5mmkdm

Google Podcasts: tinyurl.com/5cpxf4n9

Water Justice Hub Researcher Interviews Ep. 1

Dr. Anne Poelina

6 July 2021



On the first of our Water Justice Hub Researcher's series, we talk with Dr. Anne Poelina: Chair of the Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council, Adjunct Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Nulungu Research Institute at the University of Notre Dame and Managing Director of the Indigenous not-for-profit organisation Madjulla. Anne gives important insights into what waterways mean to her as an Indigenous woman and her community as well as what she sees as the most pressing water justice policy issues today.

See more: <https://tinyurl.com/bxc5xbr7>



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WJH Researchers in the News

Ana Manero | How the water and sewage under your feet could end up flooding your home (and what to do about it) | *The Conversation*

21 April 2021

WJH member Ana Manero and colleagues examine why groundwater is becoming an increasing threat for many Australians, why it most often affects those from low socio-economic backgrounds and what we can do about it.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/2nutbxtb>

Martuwarra River Of Life, Kat Taylor, Anne Poelina | Living Waters, Law First: Nyikina and Mangala water governance in the Kimberley, Western Australia | *The Australasian Journal of Water Resources*

3 May 2021

The Martuwarra River of Life, Kat Taylor and Anne Poelina have written an insightful analysis on the failures of Australia's National Water Initiative and what a 'Living Waters, Law First' approach would bring.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/2c5djmc>

Sheri Longboat, Kat Taylor | Reimagining, remembering and recommoning water: Reflections on an ongoing blog series | *IASC 2021 Water Commons Virtual Conference*

19 May 2021

Kat was on a panel with fellow member Sheri Longboat at the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) 2021 virtual conference. Sheri and Kat discussed the ways our understanding of water resources should change.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/4kmnhwpx>

International Journal of Water Resources Development

Water justice and Europe's Right2Water movement

Jerry van den Berge, Jeroen Vos & Rutgerd Boelens

<https://doi.org/10.1080/07900627.2021.1898347>

Impounded rivers, compounded injustice: contesting the social impacts of hydraulic development in Laos

David J. H. Blake & Keith Barney

<https://doi.org/10.1080/07900627.2021.1920373>

External Water Stories

Aboriginal water values and management in northern Australia

For at least 60,000 years, Indigenous Australians have sustainably managed Australia's environment and water. Nevertheless, contemporary water management strategies leave Indigenous communities at risk. In this video, published by the CSIRO and narrated by traditional owner, Patricia Marrfurra McTaggart, you will get the chance to learn from Indigenous water knowledge curated by the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRaCK) research program.

Find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMKYybtU7-o>

First Nations 'living in Third World conditions' as communities endure water advisories

Many First Nations communities in Canada have gone for years without clean drinking water, in what have been described as "Third-World conditions in a First-World country."

Justin Trudeau became Canadian Prime Minister in 2015 promising to fix this grave inequity. While some communities' conditions have improved, many still await water justice.

In this video, Global News investigates First Nations water conditions, what the Trudeau government has done, and what the future looks like for water justice in Canada.

Find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibWLCYknpNc>

Why lakes and rivers should have the same rights as humans

For many Indigenous Americans, water is a sacred aspect of their culture. Today, many First Nations are having to wrestle with increasingly polluted waterways due to poor or misguided government regulations.

In this talk, Indigenous American legal scholar Kelsey Leonard explains why giving rivers and lakes legal rights as humans is a first step in fighting water inequality.

Find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opdCfb8cCFw>



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