

WATER JUSTICE HUB NEWSLETTER

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



The 'Aquawhen II?' exhibition

Photo: Water Justice Hub

Art, Voice & Justice Exhibition: 'Aquawhen II?'

22-25 March 2022

The Art, Voice & Justice Exhibition: 'Aquawhen II?' was from 22 March to 25 March 2022. The purpose of the exhibition was to showcase the 'voice', art and the lived experience of the people living in far western New South Wales in 2019. The exhibition featured the words of 33 residents of Menindee and Wilcannia who gave testimonies before the [2019 Citizens' Inquiry on the Health of the Barka-Darling River and Menindee Lakes](#). Their words, and the images that they represent as developed by artists Rix Lee and Tom Horne, are featured in full-sized visualisations.

The exhibition also included 9 paintings of [Glenn Loughrey](#); 8 haiku calligraphy pieces (words by Maurice Nevile with calligraphy by Jill Robertson); a video of 2019-20 of the Barka-Darling (created by Otis Filley & Dan Schulz) that included the sounds of the Barka-Darling and the relationships between water and life; and 'Justice Posters' based on the selected research of some members of the Water Justice Hub.

Formally launching the exhibition was Dr Aunty Matilda House, Dr Michelle Maloney from the Australian Earth Laws Alliance, artist Glenn Loughrey, Crawford School's Interim Director, [Professor Renee Fry-McKibbin](#). Water Justice Hub Convenor [Professor Quentin Grafton](#) described the event: "This exhibition is a unique opportunity to connect to people, to place and across time. It's an 'everywherewhen' experience that invites everyone from everywhere to connect to water in a very special place. We call this experience Aquawhen II?". Read more [here](#).

Water Justice Hub workshop

23-27 May 2022



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From 23 May to 27 May 2022, the Water Justice Hub organised a workshop at the University of Notre Dame, Broome, Western Australia. The focus of the Broome workshop was to be on strengthening partnerships with communities, understanding their priorities and goals, and how these align with the Hub skills and experience. Elders and Traditional Owners from the Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council and the Kimberley Land Council attended the workshop and shared water stories with the Water Justice Hub. The Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council, the Kimberley Land Council, and the Water Justice Hub also hosted a forum about changes to water policy in WA, new research, and exciting water projects. It was an inspiring workshop where arts, stories and water research are connected. Participants actively contributed to creating the Hub's plan for the next three years. The Hub will be advancing water justice in Communities (at the centre), Policy, Academic Community, and the Global Community (Figure 1).

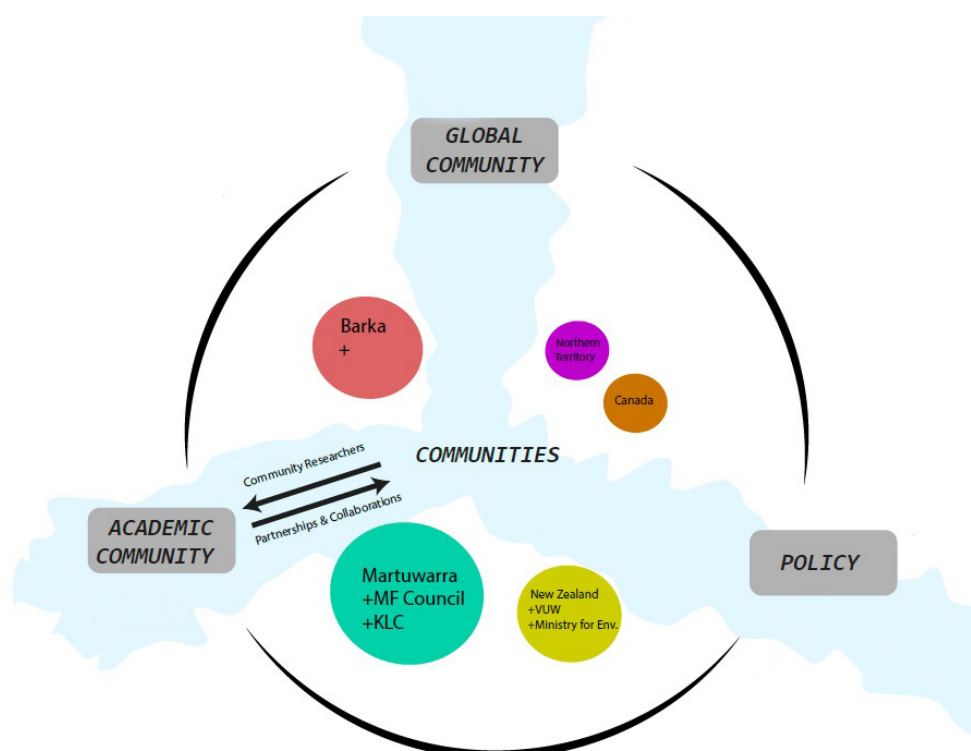


Figure 1. Transformative justice

WJH researchers in the News

Professor Quentin Grafton, Convener of the Water Justice Hub, was recently appointed to be a Lead Expert (one of three) and Commissioner (there are 17 in total including 4 co-chairs) of the Global Commission on the Economics of Water. The Commission is an independent body, convened by the Government of the Netherlands and facilitated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Chaired by Professor Mariana Mazzucato, WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Professor Johan Rockström and Singapore Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, the Commission will provide an independent review of The Economics of Water: An Agenda for the Common Good. The group of 17 experts from all regions of the globe will present evidence and pathways for changes in policy, business approaches and global collaboration to support climate and water justice, sustainability, and food-energy-water security. Read more [here](#).



Professor Quentin Grafton

Water Justice Hub Researcher Interviews Ep. 4

In this episode of the WJH Researchers Interview series, we talk to Paul Wyrwoll, a research fellow at the Institute for Water Futures and Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University. His previous research has encompassed: modelling the regulation of multipurpose hydropower reservoirs; the design and application of water pricing; and the resilience of social-ecological systems under risks and uncertainty. A central focus of his applied research is integrating technical analysis into decision-making. Paul talks to us about his experiences with water in and around Canberra, Australia's capital, and his plans for work with Water Justice Hub. Read more [here](#).



Dr Paul Wyrwoll

External Water Stories

[No water, no life: Running out of water on the California-Oregon border](#)

[The Ganges: India's most polluted holy river](#)

[A map of the future of water](#)

[Stanford study reveals a deepening water crisis in Jordan](#)

[Water crisis: A global problem that's getting worse](#)

Publications

Dr Ana Manero | A systematic literature review of non-market valuation of Indigenous peoples' values: Current knowledge, best-practice and framing questions for future research | *Ecosystem Services*

Dr Ana Manero and co-authors conducted a global systematic literature review and detailed a meta-synthesis of 63 peer-reviewed studies on non-market valuation (NMV) research applied to Indigenous peoples' values. This published article provides researchers and policy-makers with the most up-to-date review of the state-of-knowledge and suggestions for best-practice on the use of NMV methods when applied to Indigenous peoples' values. A video abstract of the research article is available [here](#).

Water Justice Podcasts

Australia – Restoring Connections to Water

Dr Kat Taylor, Tim Whiffen, Jamie Kirkpatrick, Rikki Dank

This podcast tells the story of Water in Australia. The living connection to water from our First Peoples and native species relies on undoing decades of damage. We are joined by guests who have fought for their land, for their water, and for their environments. Joined by water warriors, Kat and Tim discover how water is being undervalued and explore how to join the fight in restoring the precious relationships we share with water in Australia.

Special Episode – The Bending Toward Water Justice Panel

Dr Kat Taylor, Tim Whiffen, Dr Ana Manero, Associate Professor Keith Barney, Safa Fanaian & Professor Quentin Grafton

To finish series one of the Water Justice Podcast, we have the 'Bending Towards Water Justice Panel'. Panellists answer questions related to their research and how they take their findings and bring them to the world in serving water justice. This episode celebrates a special edition journal guest-edited by Professor Quentin Grafton, Safa Fanaian, Gabriela Sacco, and Luis Liberman. The special issue of the International Journal of Water Resources Development is titled 'Water Justice: Pathways for Voice, Truth and Reconciliation'. Contributors to the Journal, Keith Barney, Ana Manero, Safa Fanaian, and Quentin Grafton align their experiences of water justice in a comprehensive discussion about collective action committed toward common goals.



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