



DEFENDING COUNTRY

SHARING STORIES OF ABORIGINAL
& TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICE

1-3 DECEMBER 2014 | CRAWFORD SCHOOL
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and celebrate the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and pay our respects to the elders of this land.

WELCOME DELEGATES

I am Professor Mick Dodson and it is my pleasure to personally welcome each of you to the conference *Defending Country: Sharing Stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service* at the Australian National University.

This conference is the first of its kind for the *Serving Our Country* project. It is about bringing together the diverse and collective voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence personnel. This conference will explore the impacts that defending country has had on individuals, families and communities throughout history and in the present day.

Our gathering brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans, former and currently serving defence personnel, family members, researchers, community organisations and representatives from our project Partner Organisations. Together we will discuss issues of remembrance and commemoration of Indigenous service.


It is an exciting time for the project as we continue to gather the many important stories and recollections of our service in defence of Australia.

Through panel discussions, themed workshops and social activities, we hope to achieve outcomes that contribute to the development of projects publications and a research agenda that will support wider recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence service personnel.

Throughout this conference, I ask you to stay engaged to help us shape the outcomes of the *Serving Our Country* project in a way that represents the diversity and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence service stories.

Before I close, I would like to thank each of you for attending our conference and sharing your story. I extend my personal thanks and respect to all of you.

Yours sincerely



Professor Mick Dodson AM

Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies
The Australian National University





June Rose and Laurel Williams came and spoke with us at the Newcastle Yarn Up, March 2014.



Eric Law from Cherbourg came and spoke to us about his service. Many Aboriginal men from his community served in the defence forces from WW1 to Vietnam.



Professor John Maynard and Professor Mick Dodson with Laurel Williams, who shared with them the long and proud history of service in her family and community through a series of photos.



Desmond Mayo serving in Malaysia (photo supplied by Desmond Mayo)



George Anderson being interviewed by Professor Mick Dodson at the Brisbane Yarn Up in April 2014.



George Anderson (centre) during the Vietnam conflict. (Photo supplied by George Anderson).



An image of Victor Simon who spoke to us at the Sydney Yarn up 2014 (pictured on right).



Victor Simon who spoke to us in Sydney also showed us his medals from service.



SERVING OUR COUNTRY

A history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the defence of Australia

What is the project about?

The *Serving Our Country* project explores the historical contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian defence and auxiliary services from the Boer War to 2000.

The research team, led by Professor Mick Dodson from The Australian National University (ANU), aims to increase public recognition of Indigenous Australians service through this research. Our aim is to collect 150 oral history recordings, which will be archived for the future. Oral and video history recordings and archival research will take place throughout Australia from 2014–17.

The research is being led by the ANU with support from the Australian War Memorial, Department of Defence, Department of Veterans' Affairs, National Archives of Australia and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

The project researchers are:

- > Professor Mick Dodson AM
- > Professor Joan Beaumont
- > Professor John Maynard
- > Dr Samuel Furphy
- > Dr Mary Anne Jebb
- > Dr Noah Riseman
- > Dr Geoffrey Gray
- > Dr Allison Cadzow

The project staff are:

- > Craig Greene
- > Alexander Hayes
- > Kate Macfarlane

For more information on the project please visit:

- > www.ourmobserved.com

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Monday 1 December

Springbank room & breakout rooms, Crawford School			
8–9 am	Housekeeping and registration		
9–9.15 am	Acknowledgement of Country and opening remarks > <i>Professor Mick Dodson, AM</i>		
9.15–10.15 am	Opening Veterans Panel Professor Mick Dodson and Professor John Maynard > <i>Roy Mundine</i> > <i>Robert (Bob) Blair</i> > <i>David Williams</i>		
10.15–10.40 am	Morning tea		
10.40–11.40 am	Session 1: Commemoration and Remembrance Professor Joan Beaumont and Ian Hodges (DVA) > <i>Julie Reece</i> > <i>Margaret Simoes and Annette Twyman</i> > <i>Frank Lampard</i>		
11.45–12.45 am	Session 2: Labour and Service Dr Geoff Gray > <i>Dennis Anderson</i> > <i>Glen Stasiuk</i> > <i>Richard Trembath</i>		
12.45–1.30 pm	Lunch		
1.30–2.30 pm	Session 3: Citizenship and Activism Professor John Maynard > <i>Dr Dale Kerwin</i> > <i>Patrick Mills</i> > <i>Michael Wenham</i>		
2.30–3 pm	Afternoon tea		
3–4.45 pm	3 x Workshops on themes discussed in the day in breakout rooms with groups to report back from 4 pm.		
	Workshop #1: Labour and Service Breakout Room: 1.59 Lennox Room	Workshop #2: Citizenship and Activism Breakout Room: 1.60 Griffin Room	Workshop #3: Commemoration and Remembrance Breakout Room: 1.61 Seminar Room 3
5–5.30 pm	Buses depart for reception		
6–8 pm	Reception Hosted by the Chief of Army, Duntroon House		
	Buses depart for ANU		

Tuesday 2 December

Springbank room & breakout rooms, Crawford School			
8–9am	Housekeeping and registration		
9–10am	Opening Panel for Women in the Service Dr Mary Anne Jebb > <i>Dr Sue Gordon AM</i> > <i>Gaye Doolan</i> > <i>Pattie Lees</i>		
10–10am	Morning tea		
10.30–11.30am	Session 4: Women and Service Dr Allison Cadzow > <i>Linda Janetzki (nee Albert)</i> > <i>Professor Lisa Jackson-Pulver</i> > <i>Thelma Weston</i>		
11.35–12.35pm	Session 5: Family and Home Front Dr Samuel Furphy > <i>Glenda Humes</i> > <i>Dr Lawrie Bamblett</i> > <i>Jessica Horton</i>		
12.35–1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30–2.30pm	Session 6: Social Justice: Land, Pensions and the Law Professor Mick Dodson > <i>John Pearson</i> > <i>Ray Minniecon</i> > <i>Alec Illin</i>		
2.30–3pm	Afternoon tea		
3–5pm	3 x Workshops on themes discussed in the day in breakout rooms with groups to report back from 4:15pm.		
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7–10pm	Conference dinner at the Ivy Café, Old Canberra House, Crawford School.		

Wednesday 3 December

Springbank room & breakout rooms, Crawford School	
8–9 am	Housekeeping and registration
9–10.30 am	Vietnam Veterans Panel Dr Allison Cadzow and Gary Oakley (AWM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">> <i>John Kinsela</i>> <i>George Anderson</i>> <i>Desmond Mayo</i>> <i>Victor Simon</i>
10.30–11 am	Morning tea
11–12 pm	National Archives of Australia Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">> <i>Rebecca Bateman</i>> <i>Ian Batterham</i>
12–1 pm	Lunch
1–2 pm	Serving our Country Project update and feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">> <i>Project researchers</i>
2 pm	Buses depart for Australian War Memorial tour
2.30–5.30 pm	Australian War Memorial tour and Last Post Service Led by Gary Oakley and Garth O'Connell (AWM)

DETAILED PROGRAM

Monday 1 December

Springbank room and breakout rooms, Crawford School

9.15–10.15 am

Opening Veterans Panel

Professor Mick Dodson and Professor John Maynard

- > Roy Mundine
- > Robert (Bob) Blair
- > David Williams

“Bugger that, I might be Aboriginal, I might be black but I’m bloody Australian. I was born here, I want to put my name down...”

George Anderson, Vietnam Veteran –
Serving Our Country interview 2014.

In the opening Veterans panel, our panellists will discuss reasons for enlisting, experiences of service and other service stories they would like to share.

Corporal Roy ‘Zeke’ Mundine MID, is a Bundjalung man from Baryulgil in New South Wales, but has spent much of his life outside Australia. He joined the army in 1958 where he served a distinguished career for over 36 years. He was a Section Commander in the infantry, Quartermaster and a Warrant Officer Class One. He completed service in Malaya, England, New Zealand and served twice in Vietnam and Borneo. He worked at the Royal Military College Duntroon on staff, and has been honoured with the Mentioned in Despatches award.

Robert (Bob) Blair was born in Wondai, South Burnett area of Queensland in 1942. He joined the Australian Army in 1961 and served for 21 years. During his service he did a 13 month stint in Vietnam, was a Warrant Officer 1st Class, Corporal at Wagga Wagga and Regimental Sergeant Major of 42 RQR. Bob helped set up the Darambal Conference Centre, the Ted Mitchell Gallery and Dreamtime Lodge Motel in Rockhampton and was awarded the Centenary Medal for service to the community through cultural awareness activities in 2001. He has also been the Deputy Chair and Acting Chair of IBA (Indigenous Business Australia)

David Williams is a Bundjalung man from Baryulgil in New South Wales. He joined the Australian Navy in 1965 and was an engineer, diver and submariner and served in the Indonesian confrontation, Borneo, Malaya, Vietnam and on submarines.

10.40–11.40 am

Session 1: Commemoration and Remembrance

Professor Joan Beaumont and Ian Hodges (DVA)

- > Julie Reece
- > Margaret Simoes and Annette Twyman
- > Frank Lampard

“We all grew up in Cairns with Mum and Dad, and every Anzac Day we used to go to the local graveyard, to pay our respects, every Anzac Day we did this...”

Tracey Hoffman, Serving Our Country interview 2014.

This panel explores the various ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defence service has been recognised in memorials, ceremonies and exhibitions.

Annette Twyman is from Shoalhaven, South Coast of NSW. She was a consultant researcher and co-curator of the *IN MEMORY* exhibition, an exhibition acknowledging Shoalhaven Aboriginal service men and women.

Margaret Simoes is from the Wandj-Wandj clan of the Yuin nation (Nowra area). She is an Aboriginal Community Development Officer with the Shoalhaven City Council and was a co-curator of the *IN MEMORY* exhibition.

Julie Reece is from Woodside, South Australia. She is a retired history teacher now running WW1 commemorative projects for a number of South Australian schools along with WW1 battlefield tours for the public. She worked exclusively on tours with Travel Horizons based in Norwood, Adelaide. She is also Founder and leader of the ‘Connecting Spirits’ commemorative project established in 2006, which is based at Meningie Area School, South Australia.

Frank Lampard AM, is of Ngarrindjeri and Kurna descent. He is a retired former public servant with over 40 years’ experience. He was conscripted in 1966 and

served in the Army as a Medic with 2 Field Ambulance, semi-detached to Central Medical Records in Melbourne. Frank has received numerous community awards over the years including an Order of Australia Medal.

11.45–12.45pm

Session 2: Labour and Service

Dr Geoff Gray

- > Dennis Anderson
- > Glen Stasiuk
- > Richard Trembath

This panel discusses the various reasons Indigenous people volunteered to serve their country in times of war. In addition, this session touches briefly on how, and why, Indigenous people were recruited as labourers and what their service entailed during World War II.

Glen Stasiuk is a maternal descendent of the Minang-Wadjari Nyungars of the South-West of Western Australia and his paternal family emigrated from post-war Russia. He is a lecturer and senior Indigenous researcher at Murdoch University. Through his filmmaking, research and writing he explores culture, knowledge and diverse narratives. His documentary *The Forgotten*, was voted Best Documentary at the 2003 WA Screen Awards. His great uncles served in the 16th and 28th Battalions in the First AIF and the 2/16th Australian Infantry Battalion in World War II.

Richard Trembath teaches history at the University of Melbourne. With Dr Noah Riseman from Australian Catholic University, he is completing a book on Indigenous service in Australia's armed forces since 1945. Currently he is working on Indigenous participation in Australia's three Regional Force Surveillance units, especially NORFORCE in the Northern Territory and the Kimberley in Western Australia.

Dennis Anderson is a Bidjara man originally from Charleville in Central Queensland. He currently works for the Department of Industry as a Procurement Officer. He has been self-employed for over 18 years in the industry and is an ex-servicemen where he served in ICAMD and RAAF Amberley for 8 years.

1.30–2.30pm

Session 3: Citizenship and Activism

Professor John Maynard

- > Dr Dale Kerwin
- > Patrick Mills
- > Michael Wenham

"There was a great slogan on the back of one of the floats at one of the ANZAC processions which said "Free to fight but not to drink."

John Lester, Serving Our Country Interview, 2014

This session will discuss the impact and influence of wartime experience from the Boer War to Black Power upon the mobilisation of Aboriginal activists fighting for citizenship, social and political change in Australia.

Dr Dale Kerwin is an Adjunct Aboriginal Research Fellow at Griffith University. His academic career has been driven by the need for a proper conversation between the colonisers' history and the first Australians' history. He began his journey to university through correspondence courses, whilst at the same time being taught by his Elders to engage with non-Aboriginal people with a view to continuing that conversation for the benefit of both communities.

Patrick Mills was born in 1949 on Thursday Island in the Torres Straits. He joined the RAN from the Thursday Island High school from 1966–78. His war service was in the Vietnam conflict and he saw active service from 1967–69 with a total time in the navy of 12 years with honourable discharge at the rank of POMTPD.

Michael Wenham is from the Gamilaraay (Kamilaroi) nation in NSW. He is currently a PhD student in History at the University of Newcastle and is undertaking a family history project titled 'In Search of George Wenham: an Aboriginal Anzac and the History of Denial'.

3–4.45 pm

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- > Breakout Room: Griffin Room 1.60

Workshop #3: Commemoration and Remembrance

- > Breakout Room: Seminar Room 3 1.61

Tuesday 2 December

Springbank room and breakout rooms, Crawford School

9–10 am

Opening panel for Women in the Service

Dr Mary Anne Jebb

- > Dr Sue Gordon
- > Gaye Doolan
- > Pattie Lees

This panel presents an opportunity to hear directly from three Indigenous women who have served in the armed services.

Dr Sue Gordon AM was removed from her mother aged 4 years in 1947. Her family are Ngoonooru Wadjari People from Belele Station via Meekatharra in WA. In 1986 she was appointed the Commissioner for Aboriginal Planning in WA, becoming the first Aboriginal person to head a government department in WA. In 1988 she was appointed as a Magistrate of the Children's Court, becoming the first Aboriginal Magistrate in WA's history. In 1993 she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for commitment to Aboriginal people and community affairs. Sue served as a Signals/Cipher Operator in the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps from 1961–64.

Gaye Doolan is a Palawa woman with family connection to the North East of Tasmania, and has a BA in Aboriginal Studies from the University of Tasmania. She is currently employed as the Indigenous Health Project Officer at the ANU Medical School, where her principal role is the recruitment and retention of Indigenous medical students which includes mentoring and support. Gaye was recently one of 24 female staff to be acknowledged in the ANU Inspiring Women project.

Pattie Lees was born in Cairns but is now a long-term resident of Mount Isa, North West Queensland. Removed from her family at an early age, Pattie was sent initially to an orphanage in Townsville in the late 1950s, before being sent to Palm Island as a ward of the State under the notorious *Aboriginal Protection Act*. At the age of 17 she applied to join the Women's Royal Australian Navy and served for 2 years at a number of Naval Land Bases around Australia. She is currently CEO of Injilinj Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Children and Youth Services.

10.30–11.30 am

Session 4: Women and Service

Dr Allison Cadzow

- > Linda Janetzki (nee Albert)
- > Professor Lisa Jackson-Pulver
- > Thelma Weston

This second panel on Women and Service presents an opportunity to hear directly from three Indigenous women about their service experiences.

Linda Janetzki is a Yidinji/Girramay/Wujul Wujul/Kuku-Yalingi/Guugu-Yimithir and South Sea Islander women who served a decade in the Women's Royal Australian Airforce from 1965–75. She was promoted to the Rank of a Sergeant of which she held for 4 years. Her current role is the Police Liaison Officer in Townsville, where her role includes community liaison with culturally specific communities to foster co-operation and understanding.

Professor Lisa Jackson-Pulver AM is an Aboriginal woman who holds the Inaugural Chair of Aboriginal Health and is a Professor of Public Health at UNSW. She is a Group Captain in the RAAF Specialist Reserve, Public Health Epidemiologist, and she is the co-founder of the

Shalom Gamarada Scholarship Program. Lisa's particular area of interest is Aboriginal Health, data and community empowerment.

Thelma Weston's family is from the Island of Mer (Murray Island) in the Torres Strait and is a member of the Comet tribe. There are eight tribal groups on Mer. She was in the Royal Army Nursing Corps for two years and has managed the Needle Syringe Program at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra.

11.35am – 12.35pm

Session 5: Family and Home Front

Dr Samuel Furphy

- > Glenda Humes
- > Dr Lawrie Bamblett
- > Jessica Horton

This session will focus on the Indigenous experience of the home front and will consider how families and communities at home were affected by the Australian war effort.

Jessica Horton is completing a PhD in history at La Trobe University. Her research concerns Aboriginal people's letter writing in Victoria during the late colonial period.

Dr Lawrie Bamblett is a Research Fellow at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. He has developed and conducted community education and health programs at his home community, Erarnbie Mission, near Cowra, for over two decades.

Glenda Humes is one of the ten children of Reg Saunders, the first Indigenous Australian to be commissioned in the army. She has degrees in law (ANU) and Indigenous social policy (UTS) and has worked extensively in Indigenous health.

1.30 – 2.30pm

Session 6: Social Justice: Land, Pensions and the Law

Professor Mick Dodson

- > John Pearson
- > Pastor Ray Minniecon
- > Alec Illin

This panel explores some of the social justice issues connected to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's service in defence of Australia. Themes explored in this session include the discrimination and disadvantage servicemen and women experienced when they returned from war, their resilience and resistance in the face of those challenges, and the ways in which we remember them.

Pastor Ray Minniecon is a descendant of the Kabi Kabi and Gurang Gurang nations of south-east Queensland, as well as a descendant of the South Sea Islander people with connections to Ambrym Island. Ray is the Founder and Chairperson of the Coloured Digger Project in Redfern. He has a BA in Theology from Murdoch University and qualifications and extensive experience in management and leadership at a community and national level.

John Pearson is a Yimidjurr man from Cape York, and joined the 49th Battalion on 17 August 1987. His first Corp was the Royal Australian Electrical Mechanical Engineers (RAEME); and he was then Commissioned in 1993 at the Officer Cadet Training Unit at Lavarack Barracks. He has served only in Australia, and has been posted to a number of military units. He served a short time with 4 RAR in the late 1990s. He holds the rank of Lieutenant, and is currently in the Royal Australian Army (Standby Reserve). He is currently a MA candidate in History at the University of Adelaide where he is researching Aboriginal Defence Service in World War I.

Alec Illin was born in Townsville in 1945 and is from the Kalkadoon people of Mt Isa and his father's people are the Mjon people. In 1965 he was called up for national service and spent 15 months in Malay from 1966-67. After completing his service, he then signed onto the regular army and went to Vietnam from 1968-69. He is currently a member of the RSL and of the TPI association.

3–5pm

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> Breakout Room: Seminar Room 3 1.61

Wednesday 3 December

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9–10.30 am

Vietnam Veterans Panel

Dr Allison Cadzow and Gary Oakley (AWM)

- > John Kinsela
- > George Anderson
- > Desmond Mayo
- > Victor Simon

This session involves Vietnam Veterans speaking about their war time experiences (1962–75) and on return. Both National Service and regular army service will be discussed.

John Kinsela is a Wiradjuri man and was born and bred in Sydney, NSW. He was a National Serviceman in the Army from 1969–71 with 8 months in Vietnam. He joined the Army Reserves 1 Commando Coy and 1 Commando Regiment from 1978–84, and in 1981 was chosen Commando of the year. He does volunteer work at the Mt Druitt Justice Group, and is actively involved in the Mt Druitt Police Citizen Youth Club.

George Anderson is a Gangulu/Wuli-Wuli man and was born at Cracow, Dawson Valley, in Central Queensland. The eldest of 13 children, George was raised in Theodore, Queensland. George served proudly with the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment, 5th Platoon, BRAVO Company in Vietnam, 1971. He is an active RSL Sub Branch member, and respected community volunteer and is often requested to speak at local ANZAC and NAIDOC Week events.

Desmond Mayo was born in 1945 in Peterborough, South Australia. He has Muram, Wadaman and Gurindji heritage and was called to enlist in National Service in 1965 as a 20 year old. He went to training at Puckapunyal, Victoria and was accepted into the Army. In 1966 he went to Adelaide and joined 3 RAR unit until he was transferred to 4 RAR, Malaysia. In 1969 he was discharged from the army in Brisbane. Today he is retired and likes to look after his grandchildren.

Victor Simon was born in 1945 in Taree Hospital and was raised in Forster, Central North Coast NSW. He joined the army when he was 19 for three years. He initially went to Vietnam in 1966 as a reinforcement for 1 BAT, then subsequently fought for the 6 BAT in the battle of Long Tan.

11 am–12pm

National Archives of Australia presentation

Rebecca Bateman

Project officer of Indigenous Issues, National Archives
Indigenous family stories through the records

Ian Batterham

Assistant Director, Preservation services and projects, National Archives

Caring for your family's wartime keepsakes

Rebecca Bateman is of Weilwan, Gamilaroi and Bidjara descent. Her family is from north-west NSW and south-west Queensland. Rebecca is the Project Officer of Indigenous Issues at the National Archives of Australia. Before this role, she spent 12 years working in the Family History Unit at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. She is passionate about

connecting Indigenous people – particularly members of the Stolen Generations – with the records that document their lives and, ultimately, helping them to reunite with family, community and identity. Rebecca is involved in the National Archives contribution to The Australian National University's *Serving our country* project.

Ian Batterham is the Assistant Director of Preservation at the National Archives of Australia. Over his working life, Ian has carried out a range of significant treatment projects including work on the Walter Burley Griffin Canberra designs. He is author of *The Office Copying Revolution* published by the NAA and has done significant research into environmental conditions for archival storage and the effects of fire on archival collections. He has a masters in Materials Conservation from the University of Canberra.

1–2pm

***Serving our Country* project update and feedback**

Project Researchers

Professor Mick Dodson

Professor Mick Dodson is a member of the Yawuru peoples – the traditional owners of land and waters in the Broome area of the southern Kimberley region of Western Australia. He is Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at The Australian National University and Professor of Law at the ANU College of Law.

Professor Dodson was Australia's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner with the Human Rights Commission. He served as Commissioner from April 1993 to January 1998.

In 2009, Mick Dodson was named Australian of the Year by the National Australia Day Council.

From September 2011 to February 2012 inclusive, Professor Dodson was at Harvard University where he was the Malcolm Fraser & Gough Whitlam Harvard Chair in Australian Studies and a Visiting Professor, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. He was based at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy in the John F Kennedy School of Government.

He currently leads the ARC linkage research project, *Serving our Country: A history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in the defence of Australia*.

Professor Joan Beaumont

Professor Joan Beaumont is an internationally recognised historian of Australia in the two world wars, Australian defence and foreign policy, the history of prisoners of war and the memory and heritage of war.

Her publications include the critically acclaimed *Broken Nation: Australians and the Great War* (Allen & Unwin, 2013), winner of the 2014 NSW Premier's Prize (Australian History) and shortlisted for the 2014 Prime Minister's Literary Award (Australian History), 2014 WA Premier's Prize (non-fiction) and the 2014 Council for the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences Prize for a Book.

She is a graduate of the University of Adelaide and the University of London (King's College) (PhD), a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

Professor John Maynard

John Maynard is one of the foremost Aboriginal historians in Australia. His shortlisted books *Fight for Liberty and Freedom* (2007), *The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe* (2011) and *Aboriginal Stars of the Turf* (2002) have received high acclaim. His research has concentrated on the intersections of Aboriginal political and social history and he has made significant contributions to the research fields of Aboriginal, race relations and sports history both nationally and internationally. Professor Maynard has held several major positions and served on numerous prominent organizations and committees including Director of the Wollotuka Institute of Aboriginal Studies at the University of Newcastle, Deputy Chairperson of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Executive Committee of the Australian Historical Association, New South Wales History Council, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEAC), Australian Research Council College of Experts – Deputy Chair Humanities, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples Research and Knowledge Network (NIRAKN) and the NSW Fulbright Selection Committee. He was the Australian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow 2004, University of Newcastle Researcher of the Year 2008 and 2012 and Australian National University

Allan Martin History Lecturer 2010. He is a much sought after media commentator on Aboriginal history and has appeared on numerous television and radio programs including documentaries.

Dr Samuel Furphy

Samuel Furphy is a Research Fellow in the National Centre of Biography, within the School of History, Research School of Social Sciences. His research interests include Australian colonial history, British imperial history, Aboriginal history, and biography. His recent book – *Edward M. Curr and the Tide of History* – is a biography of a nineteenth century pastoralist, public servant, amateur ethnologist and Aboriginal administrator, whose written works were influential in the Yorta Yorta native title case. It was shortlisted for the Victorian Community History Awards in 2013. Before joining the National Centre of Biography, Sam worked as a professional historian, writing several commissioned histories including *Dimmeys of Richmond* (2007) and *Australian of the Year Awards: A Fiftieth Anniversary History* (2010).

Dr Mary Anne Jebb

Dr Mary Anne Jebb joined AIATSIS in 2014 as a Research Fellow. She is a historian whose PhD integrated oral historical and ethnographic research methods with written documentary textual analysis to uncover histories of a region of Australia where few people recorded their experiences in writing. It was published as *Blood, Sweat and Welfare* in 2002, for which it received the Keith Hancock History Award. She has held academic lecturing and research positions at Murdoch University, Notre Dame (Fremantle), the University of Western Australia and The Australian National University, with many years living and working in remote regions of Western Australia. Her research creates contemporary historical recordings and products for preservation with AIATSIS as well as drawing on AIATSIS heritage collections for collaborative history productions. She has particular interest in concepts of curating your own history and evaluating the impacts of digital history technologies like sound recordings, film, photographs, exhibitions and web based archives, on Indigenous peoples' histories.

Dr Noah Riseman

Dr Noah Riseman is a Senior Lecturer in History at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, specialising in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history.

He is currently researching the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander military service in the post-World War II era and the links between military service, citizenship and Indigenous rights. Riseman's first book, *Defending Whose Country? Indigenous Soldiers in the Pacific War*, was published by University of Nebraska Press in 2012.

Dr Geoffrey Gray

Dr Geoffrey Gray is Adjunct Lecturer, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, and Adjunct Professor of History, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Queensland. His publications include *Abrogating Responsibility: Vestey's, anthropology and the future of Aboriginal people* (forthcoming), *Scholars War: Australasian social scientists, 1939-1945* (2012), and *A Cautious Silence: The politics of Australian anthropology* (Canberra, 2007).

Additional Panel Facilitators

Ian Hodges

Ian Hodges worked as an historian at the Australian War Memorial from 1997-2007. Since 2007 he has been an historian at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is currently also a doctoral candidate at The Australian National University where he is researching returned First World War soldiers in the Wagga Wagga district of New South Wales.

Gary Oakley

Gary Oakley is a Gundungarra man and was born in Katoomba, NSW. He joined the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) as a Junior Recruit in 1969 and went on to serve in HMA Ships *Duchess*, *Sydney*, *Perth*, *Stewart*, *Stalwart* and the submarines *Oxley* and *Ovens*. He trained as an electrical engineer and served for 22 years, including Vietnam. While at HMAS *Platypus* he became curator of the 1st Australian Submarine Squadron Museum, and on leaving the RAN, took up a curatorial position at the Australian War Memorial in 1991. He has been a curator at the Bavarian Army Museum in Ingolstadt, Germany and studied Cultural Heritage Management and Museum Studies at the University of Canberra. He is the first Indigenous Liaison Officer employed at the Australian War Memorial and the National President of the Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association of Australia (ATSIVSAA).

Project Staff

Craig Greene

Craig is a Gurindji Warlpiri man for the Northern Territory. He joined NCIS in November 2013 as the Community Consultation Coordinator for the ARC Linkage project *Serving Our Country: a history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the defence of Australia*. Craig has worked on many National major events and conferences as well non-government organisations, noting his most recent position as the Community Engagement Coordinator with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples based in Sydney. Craig holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of South Australia.

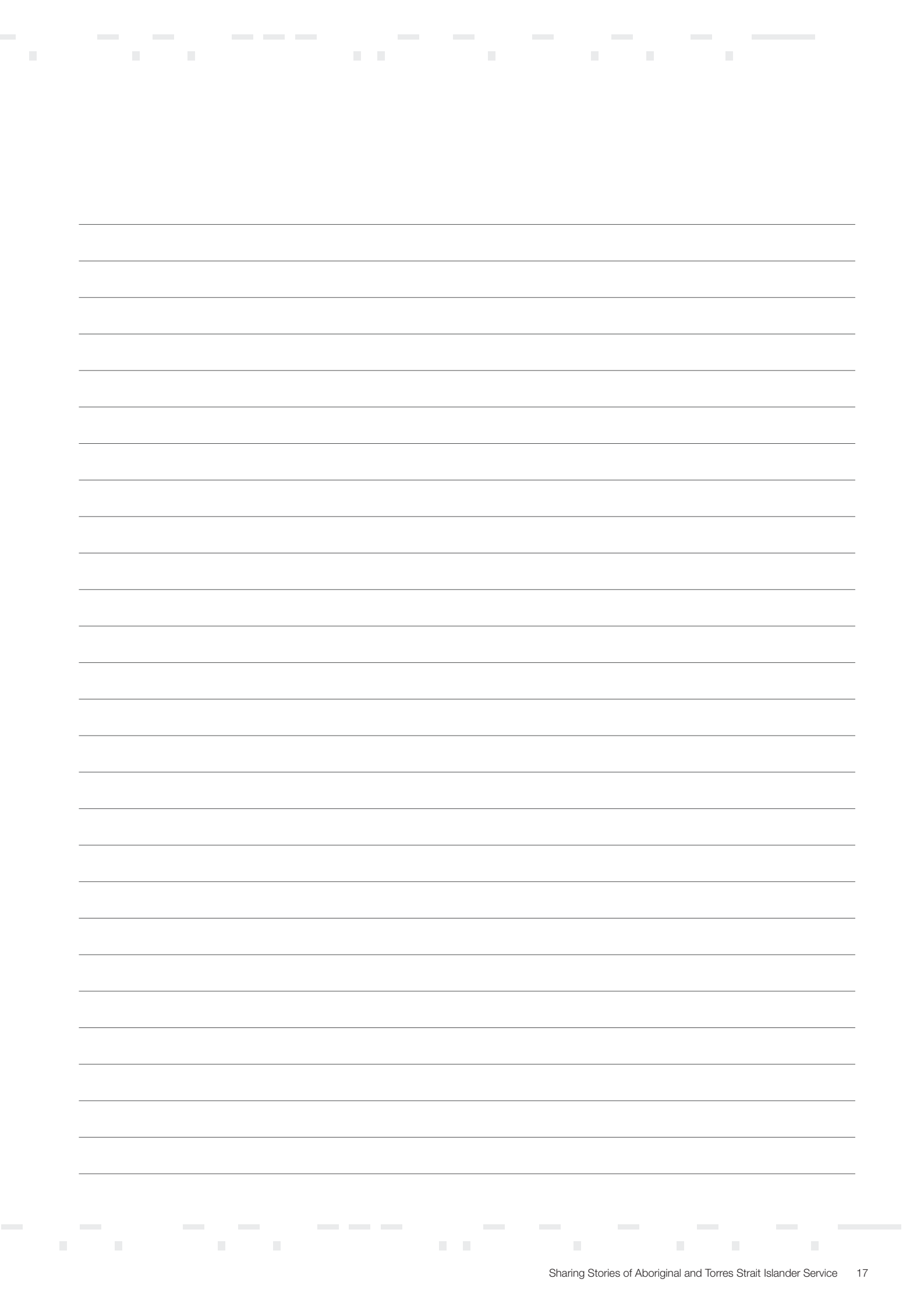
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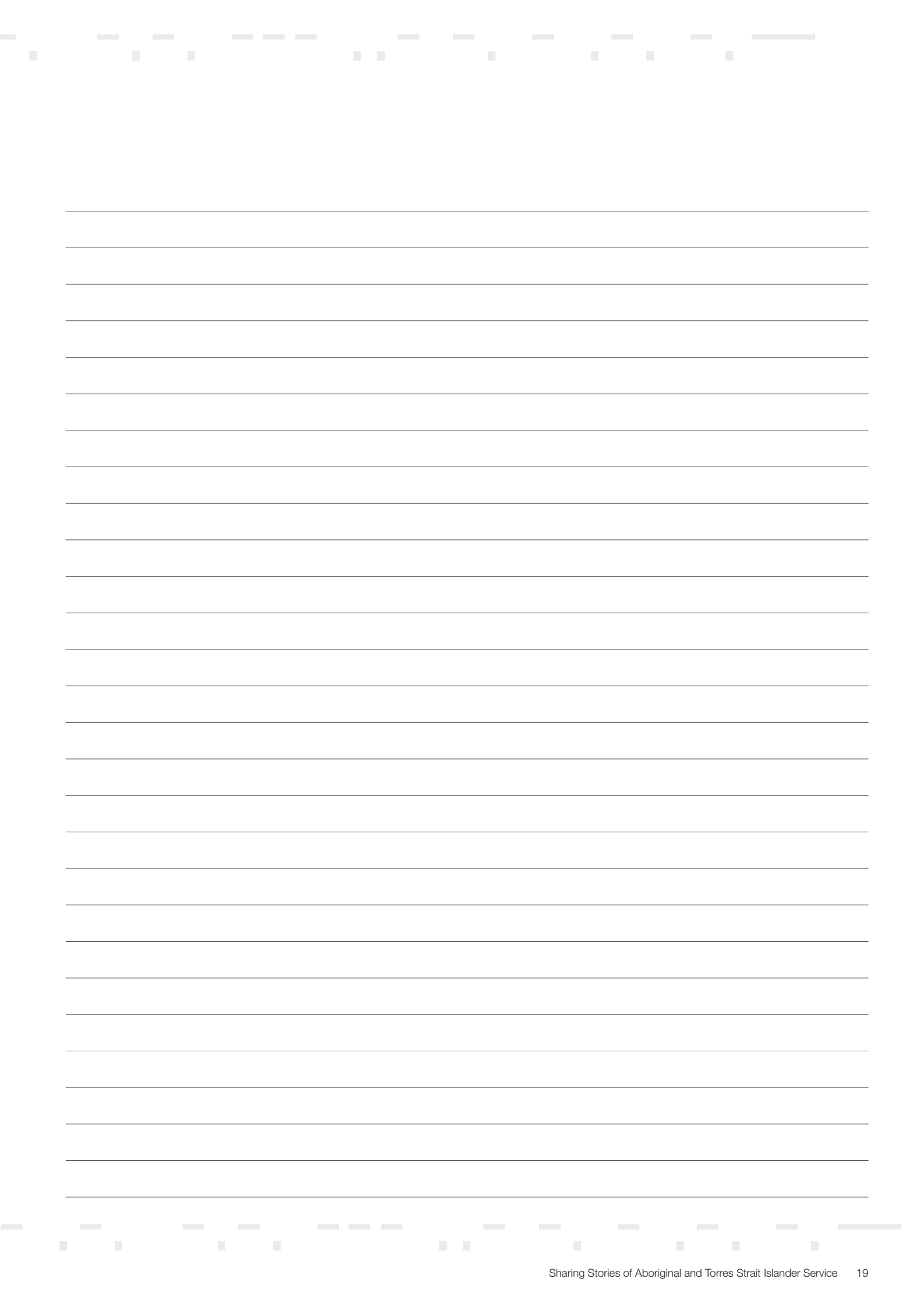
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