

Lead Facilitator

Emeritus Professor Valerie (Judy) Atkinson AM. Ph.D.



Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson retired from formal academic work at the end of 2010. She researched and co-authored the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Task Force on Violence Report for the Queensland government. Her book, *Trauma Trails – Recreating Songlines The transgenerational effects of Trauma in Indigenous Australia*, was shortlisted for an Australian Human Rights Award.

In 2006 she won the Carrick Neville Bonner Award for her curriculum development and innovative teaching practice. In 2011 she received the Fritz Redlich Award for Human Rights and Mental Health, from the Harvard University Global Mental Health Trauma and Recovery program, of which she is a graduate and in 2019 she was awarded an Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant services to the Indigenous community, to education and to mental health.

She is presently Patron of the We Al-li Trust, as she continues to work across Australia on community based violence-trauma specific recovery programs. Judy assisted the University of Wollongong in the development of their postgraduate program: the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Trauma Care and Recovery Practice, and is working with Charles Darwin University on new postgraduate programs.

Co-Facilitator Tanietta DeLauney



Tanietta is a Wiradjuri woman from Mudgee NSW, and mother of four beautiful adult children who have grown up on Bundjalung country. Tanietta is passionate about the praxis of healing and education. Tanietta graduated from Southern Cross University with a Bachelor of Indigenous Studies (Trauma & Healing) and a Master of Indigenous Studies. She holds a current certificate IV in Training and Assessment and developed and delivered Wiradjuri language programs in local primary schools around the Mudgee area.

Tanietta worked as a Native Title Liaison Officer for her Native Title group and developed many cultural heritage programs, and delivered these to the local community, and members of the local mine. Tanietta learned to speak her language and became reunited with her cultural ways and connected to her country as part of her own healing journey after leaving university.

Tanietta currently works with traumatised women and children at the local Aboriginal women's refuge and uses a trauma informed approach to all the work she does. Tanietta also works at Southern Cross University as a Study Support Officer and assists Aboriginal people through their degrees by offering emotional and academic support. Tanietta has published a journal article on edu-care in the *Science in Society Journal* and likes to speak at conferences about trauma informed care. Tanietta is passionate about edu-care, education as healing, and deep listening as a tool to connect with those she works with.