

INVITATION

The Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research,
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warmly invite you to the launch of

People on Country Vital Landscapes Indigenous Futures

Edited by Jon Altman and Seán Kerins

Book Launch & Meet the Authors

Editors Jon Altman and Seán Kerins

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Vital Landscapes | Indigenous Futures

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Sydney

Tuesday 9th October

5.30 for 6.00-7.30 p.m.

Mary Jane Barker Theatre, Y Conference Centre,
Y Hotel Hyde Park, 5-11 Wentworth Ave,
Sydney, NSW

Launch by Jody Broun, Co-Chair, National Congress of
Australia's First Peoples, followed by contributions from
Indigenous ranger partners and authors. Hosted by Jason
Ardler, General Manager, Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

Melbourne

Thursday 11th October

5.30 for 6.00-7.30 p.m.

BMW Edge Theatre, Federation Square
Cnr Flinders & Swanston Streets, Melbourne, VIC

Launch by Monica Morgan, Indigenous Rights Program, Amnesty
International, followed by contributions from Indigenous ranger
partners and authors. Hosted by Professor Brian Howe AO,
University of Melbourne.

Canberra

Wednesday 10th October

5.30 for 6.00-7.30 p.m.

Finkel Lecture Theatre, John Curtin School of Medical Research
Australian National University
Building 131, Garran Road, Acton, ACT

Launch by Dr Tom Calma AO, Co-Chair, Reconciliation Australia,
followed by contributions from Indigenous ranger partners and
authors. Hosted by Dan Gillespie, Chairperson, People on Country
Advisory Committee.

Darwin

Tuesday 16th October

4.30 for 5.00-6.30 p.m.

Mal Nairn Auditorium, Charles Darwin University
Red 7, University Drive North, Casuarina, NT

Launch by Marion Scrymgour, Australian Red Cross, followed
by contributions from Indigenous ranger partners and authors.
Hosted by Dan Gillespie, Chairperson, People on Country
Advisory Committee.

To confirm your attendance, please respond to Elisabeth Yarbakhsh at elisabeth.yarbakhsh@anu.edu.au or
phone +61 2 6125 0648 by 02 October. Numbers are limited. Refreshments will be provided at all events.
Copies of the book will be available at a special launch price.



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People On Country

Over the past four decades Aboriginal people living in remote and regional Australia have been empowered by land rights and native title laws to claim back large tracts of their ancestral lands. Today the Indigenous estate covers over 20 per cent of the continent and includes areas of globally significant biodiversity and cultural value, many now declared as Indigenous Protected Areas in the National Reserve System. But none of the Indigenous estate is in its pre-colonial condition and it faces a myriad of environmental threats.

People on Country Vital Landscapes Indigenous Futures draws on a diversity of perspectives to document a significant social and environmental movement that is quietly gathering momentum across this vast Indigenous estate. This series of essays, drawn from an unusual collaboration between university researchers and Indigenous land owners, tells a little-known story about Aboriginal people who are living on, working on and caring for the lands and seas that they own and manage. The ongoing struggles by Indigenous people to conserve and rehabilitate the outstanding natural and cultural values of their ancestral lands deserve wide recognition and acclaim.

This book seeks to reposition Indigenous people and their caring for country activities from the margins to the very core of the growing national conversation on issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and resource depletion. It challenges the Australian public, policy community and politicians to re-imagine the role that the Caring for Country movement, deploying a mix of western scientific and Indigenous ecological knowledge systems and techniques, must play in the proper environmental management of Australia in the 21st century.

People on Country Vital Landscapes Indigenous Futures is available from good bookstores, or direct from Federation Press at <http://www.federationpress.com.au> at a publisher's discount price of \$35.00. [288pp paperback, ISBN 9781862878938, Australian RRP \$39.95.]

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