

The National Inaugural First Nations Dingo Forum aims to holistically address the cultural, legislative, and conservation aspects of the Dingo, fostering collaboration and empowerment among First Nations and Dingo-minded peoples in the journey.

To convene a National Inaugural First Nations Dingo Forum that brings together diverse representatives from First Nations and other Dingo-minded parties to discuss and advocate for recognising and preserving the Dingo's cultural and ecological importance.

To our Elders, Traditional Owners, Rangers and those working towards the protection of the Dingo, Giringun thanks you all for your show of support for our Dingoes now and into the future.

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TIME	INTENDED OUTCOME	SESSION
7.30am – 8.30am (1 hour)		Arrival and Registration (sign-in)
8.30am – 8.50am (20 mins)		FACILITATOR Forum Opening and Welcome • Welcome to Country: Gimay Walubara Yidinji and Yirrganydi Traditional Owners "Acknowledging those before us" • Introductions and acknowledgements
8.50am – 9.00am (10 mins)		Overview of Agenda and Forum Objectives • Why are we here? • Purpose and objectives of the forum
		Girringun Aboriginal Corporation Ganbarra (Dingo) Film
9.00am – 9.30am (30 mins)	Dingo Declaration 1. Significance 2. Problem 3. Demand	Dingo, a culturally significant animal to many First Nations People: the Dingo through the Aboriginal timeline Presented by Girringun Aboriginal Corporation Traditional Owner Dingo Working Group panel Sonya Takau, Phyllis Grant, Whitney Rassip, Chris Muriata & Troy Wyles Whelan
9.30am – 10.00am (30 mins)	Dingo Declaration 1. Significance (Cultural) 2. Problem 3. Demand The National Dingo Network	Breakout Session 1: Significance of Dingoes to your Country and your people Please remain at your tables for each breakout session. Each group to discuss and answer the following questions to support the draft Dingo Declaration: 1. How are Dingoes significant to you/your culture/your Country? 2. What do you want to get out of this forum? (First Nations participants need to apply this question to their Country – a local perspective.) 3. If culturally appropriate, please write your local language name for Dingo, and your Country-language name for Dingo; Country: (the language name and your Country will be used in the "Dingo Declaration". If it cannot, please tell us know.)
10.00am – 10.30am (30 mins)		Morning Tea
10.30am – 10.40am (10 mins)	Dingo Declaration 1. Significance 2. Problem 3. Demand National First Nations Dingo Network	FACILITATOR • Recapping on intended outcomes of the forum: Dingo Declaration National Dingo Network • Recapping on the first session cultural significance of the Dingo to First Nations peoples
		The several upcoming sessions relate to The Dingo through scientific ecological perspectives
10.40am – 11.00am (15 Presentation + 5 min Q&A)	1. Significance 3. Demand	The Importance of the Dingo in the natural environment and ecological significance Presented by Dr Barry Trall

**DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

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11.00am – 11.20am (15 Presentation + 5 min Q&A)	2. Problem 3. Demand	Dingo DNA molecular biology and conservation genetics. Scientific research on the "Wild Dog" myth and the genomic identity of Dingoes Presented by Dr Kylie Cairns	3.20pm – 3.40pm (15 Presentation + 5 min Q&A)	1. Significance 2. Problem 3. Demand	Promoting Wongari-Wise Behaviour on K'gari Presented by Tessa Waia and Darren Blake Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation
11.20am – 11.50am (30 mins)	1. Significance (ecological) 2. Problem 3. Demand	Breakout Session 2: Benefits of Dingoes in the natural environment, DNA Research and the "Wild Dog" terminology. Please remain at your tables for each breakout session. Each group to discuss and answer the following questions to support the draft Dingo Declaration: 1. What do Dingoes do (ecologically) on different traditional Countries? 2. What do you see as Dingoes doing for the environment and people on your Country? (local perspective) 3. How do you identify a Dingo or "wild dog" ?	3.40pm – 4.10pm (30 mins)	Dingo Declaration 1. Significance 2. Problem 3. Demand National First Nations Dingo Network	Breakout Session 4: Dingo management moving forward. Please remain at your tables for each breakout session. Each group to discuss and answer the following questions to support the draft Dingo Declaration: 1. How would you like to see Dingoes managed on your Country? 2. What do you want to happen on your traditional lands with Dingo protection/ management? Eg: changed laws, changed management on public or native title lands, increased power for Indigenous Rangers, funding for active management by TO's etc.
10.50am – 12.00pm (10 mins)		FACILITATOR • Recapping on the ecological importance • Dingo DNA research including "Wild Dog" myth	4.10pm – 4.30pm (30 mins)		Day One Overview and Summary Update on National Dingo Declaration
12.00pm – 1.00pm (1 hr)		Lunch			
1.00pm – 1.20pm (15 Presentation + 5 min Q&A)	2. Problem 3. Demand	Dingo Management Trapping & Shooting Presented by Alix Livingstone			
1.20pm – 1.40pm (15 Presentation + 5 min Q&A)	2. Problem 3. Demand	TOBO & PAPP Baiting Presented by Mel Browning			
		Q & A (Open to the floor)			

