The University’s Wingara Mura -Bunga Barrabugu Strategy has a number of aims, including the following:

- to create a university community where students and staff are able to “engage effectively respectfully and productively in critical thinking and self-reflection about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues specifically, and diversity more broadly”; and
- to prepare students and staff “to research and use knowledge from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sources and settings ethically and effectively”.

With the support of the DVC Indigenous Strategy and Services and the National Centre for Cultural Competence, the Faculty of Veterinary Science will hold their 3rd Indigenous seminar series during October. Staff and students from all faculties are invited to hear an excellent group of speakers discuss topics related to animal research and cultural competence in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander area. This is a great opportunity for staff and students to enhance their knowledge about Indigenous cultures, engage with the speakers and develop networks for professional placements and teaching/research collaborations.

Please see below the names of the speakers, and dates, so you can enter these dates into your diaries. More details on the speakers, their areas of interest, biographies and a description for each talk will be provided before each talk.

These talks will be presented at the Webster Lecture Theatre, Veterinary Science Conference Centre, Camperdown campus, on Thursdays 1-2 pm on October 9, 16, 23 and 30. For more information, please contact Dr Jaime Gongora, the Faculty's Sub Dean for Indigenous Strategy.

- **9th October** - Reconciliation and how we are building an inclusive culture in our workplaces, universities and communities. Leah Armstrong (CEO of Reconciliation Australia and a fellow of the University of Sydney Senate)
- **16th October** - Cultural competency while conducting scientific research in an Aboriginal Australian community: lessons learnt. Layla Schrieber (Faculty of Veterinary Science alumni who has conducted scientific research in Indigenous communities)
- **23rd October** - The Seven Sisters are rising; the dingoes now have pups! – A link between animal breeding cycles and Aboriginal Astronomy? Trevor Leaman (researcher at the Wiradjuri Cultural Astronomy Project, UNSW)
- **30th October** - Protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and understanding how Indigenous
People see the landscape and environment. Jimmy Richards (Jimmy is a Senior Ranger with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Environment and Resource Management)