

Aboriginal Elders as Teachers of Environmental Knowledge

WORKSHOP 2

A boriginal people have looked after the land, water, air, plants and animals that inhabit Australia for over 60,000 years, so it only makes sense to look to Indigenous knowledges when it comes to looking after the environment. As Aboriginal people, we look to our Elders for support and for knowledge that has been passed on from generation to generation. In our Professional Development workshops, we revise Indigenous knowledges on ways that we can care for Country, and ways that we can weave these into our everyday lives to ensure we pay respects to the land on which we live, and to our Ancestors who have paved the way in maintaining Country. We will share and reflect on Dr. Sue Atkinson Lopez's PhD research "Indigenous Early Childhood Curriculum and Self Determination" which has a focus on "What Aboriginal Elders Want Children to Learn about Culture". Participants will gain a greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and feel more confident to support Aboriginal inclusive practise in their services. This workshop includes storytelling and hands on art experience.



Sue Atkinson (Yorta Yorta) and Aunty Fay Carter (Yorta Yorta) reading Sue's Aboriginal story "Bartja and Mayila"



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