

Mirrabee Cultural Tour: Monday 28th November 2022

TIME	SESSION
9.00am	Tuggeranong Creek Axe Grinding Groove site (Christmas St Theodore ACT) Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony Dr Aunty Matilda House & Paul Girrawah House Adam Shipp, bush tucker and medicinal plants presentation Josh Evans, traditional weapons and resources presentation
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.30am	Red Hill Camp site visit (Cnr Flinders Way & Hayes Cres Red Hill ACT) Dr Aunty Matilda House & Paul Girrawah House
12:30pm	LUNCH at NGA
1.00pm	National Gallery of Australia (NGA), Parkes Place E, Parkes ACT - Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Gallery Brenda Croft & NGA tour guide National Gallery of Australia (NGA), Parkes Place E Parkes ACT - 4 th National Indigenous Arts Triennial Ceremony Exhibition Brenda Croft & NGA tour guide
2:15pm	Parliament House (Yirrakala Bark Statement & Barunga Statement)
3:15pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:30pm	Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Parkes ACT
4.00pm	Finish

Biography Dr Matilda Williams-House, Ngambri/Ngunnawal/Wiradyuri Elder who has dedicated her life to the pursuit of social justice for Indigenous people. One of ten children, she was born and raised on Erambie-Cowra Aboriginal reserve, Hollywood Aboriginal reserve at Yass and Ngambri-Kamberri Country and has multiple Wiradyuri, Walgalu and Wallaballoo ancestries. In the early 1960's Dr House married and began raising her family of four children on Ngambri Country. In early 1970's she began working as an Aboriginal liaison/social officer at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra, assisting Aboriginal people with health, education, welfare and employment. A tireless supporter of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy since its founding in 1972, she helped found the ACT/NSW Aboriginal Legal Service, Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council in Queanbeyan in the 1980s. She had a key role in establishing Winnunga-Nimmitjah Aboriginal Medical Service and the Australian National University's Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre in 1989, which provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. In 2006, Dr House was named Canberra Citizen of the Year. On the eve of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations in February 2008, she became the first person to perform the Welcome to Country at the 42nd opening of Federal Parliament. Her contribution to her community was recognised by the ANU with the conferral of the Degree of Doctor of the University in 2017.

Biography Paul Girrawah House has multiple First Nation ancestries from the South-East Canberra region, including the Ngambri-Ngurmali (Walgalu), Pajong (Gundungurra), Wallaballoo (Ngunnawal) and Erambie/Brungle (Wiradjuri) family groups. Paul acknowledges his diverse First Nation history, he particularly identifies as a descendant of Allianoyonyiga (Onyong) from Weereewaa (Lake George) and Henry 'Black Harry' Williams who were both multilingual, essentially Walgalu-Ngunnawal-Wiradjuri speaking warriors and Ngunnawal-Wallaballoo man William Lane aka 'Billy the

Bull' - Murrjinille. Paul was born at the old Canberra hospital in the centre of his ancestral country and strongly acknowledges his First Nation matriarch ancestors, in particular his mother Dr Aunty Matilda House-Williams and grandmother, Ms Pearl Simpson-Wedge. Paul completed a Bachelor of Community Management from Macquarie University and is currently undertaking Graduate Certificate's in Wiradjuri Language, Culture and Heritage and Management from CSU and ANU. Paul works on country with the ANU First Nations Portfolio as a Senior Community Engagement Officer.