



It's a family affair at UNE

Ngarabul and Darug PhD student Lynette Marlow has found UNE to be the most inclusive university she has studied at.

Currently working on her PhD study in First Nation's Place-making, Lynette has previously studied at four different universities and gives UNE high marks for its focus upon inclusivity for First Nations peoples.

"I have felt more included at UNE than at any other university" she said.

"The community is fabulous. The tutors, mentors and supervisors are exceptional."

Study has been a life-long family affair for Lynette.

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Taking 10 years to complete her first degree some 20 years ago, she credits her family and children as achieving the degree with her.

The support of family, especially her inspirational Uncle Mervyn Marlowe (now deceased), Uncle Rex Marlowe and Aunt Dawn Webb (now deceased) other family members were crucial to her keeping on going, even when times were hard for the single mother of three.

This level of support and encouragement has allowed Lynette to continue her study journey here at UNE and also inspire three close family



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members of the next generation, all of whom are currently studying tertiary education at UNE.

Elias Wright (son) is finalising his studies in Internet Technology and is employed in the UNE IT department.

Jessica Hooper (cousin) went through TRACKS last year and is currently working at the Glen Innes Primary School.

Rose Wright (daughter) also went through the TRACKS program and is now studying Education, hoping to be a History/English secondary education teacher.

Lynette describes the changes where now "as a family we all talk about different topics or issues within the study content". "I have watched Rose's confidence

grow, actually I have seen both girls flourish through the TRACKS program and I can see the positive influence passed on to my grandchildren," she said.

History and place are integral to Lynette's identity.

"I realised I needed to come to a place of peace about my white ancestry," she said. "My white settler ancestors also came from this area and partook in the atrocities against the Ngarabul, including massacres, dispossession of country and the Stolen Generations.

"I believe truth-telling must start from within myself."

Lynette was involved in the 2021 NSW Senate Inquiry into the rationale for, and impacts of, new dams and other water infrastructure in NSW.

That's when the importance of First Nation's storytelling of place, offering alternative perspectives on settler's concepts of development became important to her.

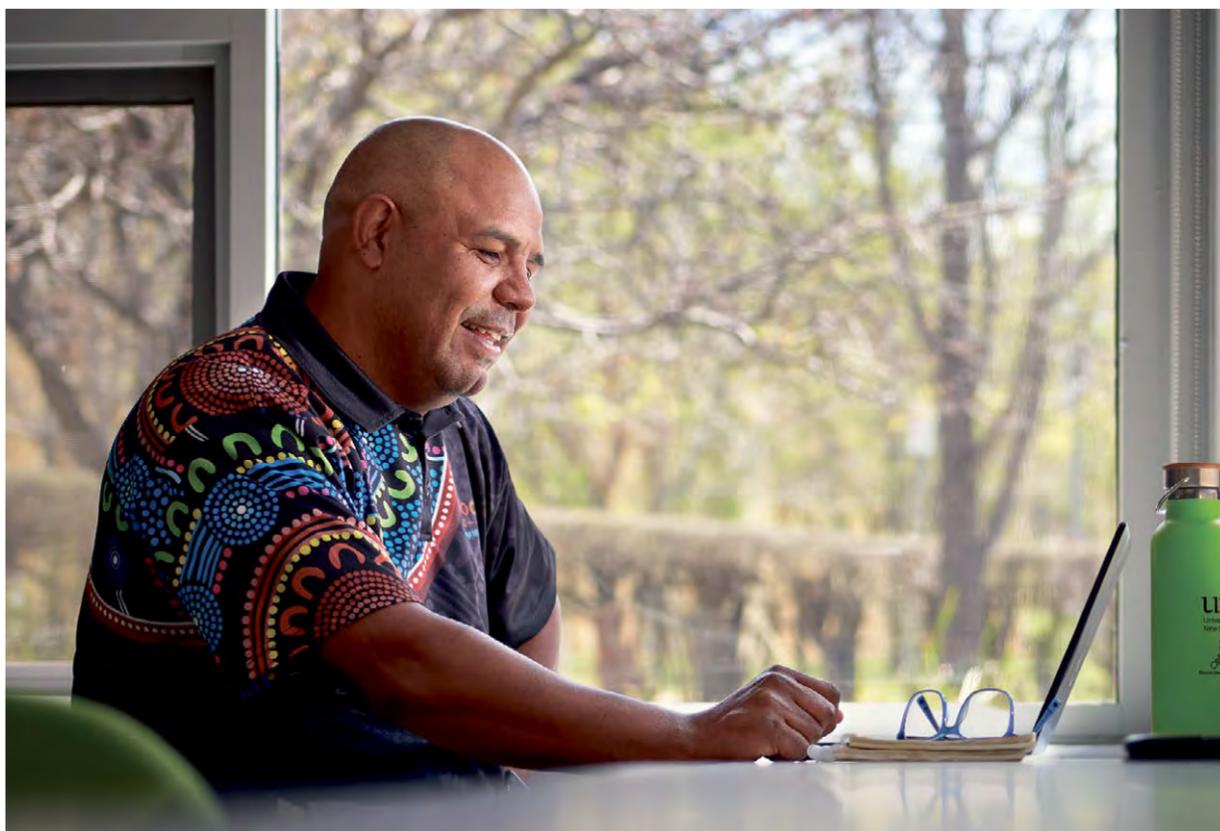
"Our stories of our place is a rebuttal to the settler's concepts about development," she said. "We look at place as a living being and that we are part of the place."

Lynette said "I am finding the PhD community incredible!

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"Through my childrens and my own experience I have found the tutors, mentors and supervisors are exceptional.

"I have studied at many Universities. UNE supports and suits my style of learning."



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