



A Committee of Pacific Palms Arts Inc
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Uncle Jimmy Smith, Krystal De Napoli & Duane Hamacher
First Nations Astronomy
Pacific Palms Writers Festival 2023

The 4th Pacific Palms Festival continues our First Nations focus and follows our 2022 Country and Songlines Festivals.



Uncle Jimmy Smith is an Aboriginal educator and cultural practitioner. Jimmy comes from Erambie mission outside the town of Cowra, New South Wales. He holds a Bachelor of Adult Education and a Masters in Education (Aboriginal Studies). Jimmy has a particular passion in Aboriginal science and technology including Astronomy and traditional land usage.



Krystal De Napoli is a Kamilaroi author and astrophysicist devoted to the advocacy of Indigenous knowledges and equity in STEM. She is the co-author of *Astronomy: Sky Country*, published in 2022, which explores the wondrous interconnected world of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander astronomy.



Duane Hamacher is Associate Professor of Cultural Astronomy, ARC Centre of Excellence in All-Sky Astrophysics in 3-Dimensions (ASTRO 3D) and the School of Physics at the University of Melbourne. Duane researches cultural astronomy, dark sky studies, astronomical heritage, and the history and philosophy of science and wrote 'The First Astronomers: how Indigenous Elders read the stars' 2022.

Our physical and virtual PPWF 4 is scheduled for
2pm – 5pm Sunday 19 March 2023 at Club Forster NSW

Registrations are open at Humaniflix at

[Get tickets](#)

Registration enables limited capacity attendance at Club Forster or Zoom online participation – with recordings available to registrants.



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