



Fig 1: (from left to right): Liz Taylor, Jane Humphries - CEWO, Shjarn Winkle and Paul Frazier - 2rog, Moree November 2020.

## Meet Liz Taylor - A passionate Gomeroi Woman

Liz Taylor (Fig.1) is our newly appointed Gwydir Selected Area Cultural Advisor. This role sits within a pilot project to help guide communication and engagement with Traditional Owners in the land of the Gomeroi People.

Liz Taylor is a proud Gomeroi First Nation woman, born in Moree, who is deeply passionate about Indigenous People's rights, their land, water, and their cultural heritage being maintained and passed on.

"We must share our knowledge and science and work in collaboration to - heal our country and waterways - to educate and engage our future caretakers"



Fig 2, Gingham Waterhole of the Gwydir Wetlands. Credit UNE

Throughout her lifetime, Liz travelled and connected with Elders from Redfern to Broken Hill, absorbing knowledge from many different First Nations. Having been on country in the wetlands for cultural heritage assessments, cultural education and wetland conservation programs, Liz emphasises the value of reconnecting the Gomeroi people with the wetlands (Fig 2). Liz will help us to listen and learn from the Traditional Owners.

"Our country and our water sustained Aboriginal people since time immemorial and are crucial for our health, our spirit and our web of life, thus survival of all species"

Liz dreams of bringing the collective knowledge of her country back home - for that knowledge to be built upon and engaged with. We can't wait to work alongside Liz to produce an education resource and to (one day soon) be able to participate in on country events. We strive to learn more about our study sites - our "Warrambools", the waterholes and wetlands of the Gwydir and continually build on the relationship between science and traditional knowledge.

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Managing water for the environment is a collective and collaborative effort, working in partnership with communities, private landholders, scientists and government agencies - these contributions are gratefully acknowledged.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live, work and play. We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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