



Curtin University

2012 ROB RILEY
MEMORIAL LECTURE
PRESENTED BY MS TANIA MAJOR
FRIDAY 4 MAY 2012

Professor Jeanette Hackett AM,
Vice-Chancellor, and the Centre for
Aboriginal Studies invite you to the

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Bankwest Lecture Theatre
Building 200
Curtin University
Kent Street, Bentley

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by Tuesday 1 May 2012

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Inside-out Capability Building: A different approach to social justice

Tania Major is a Kokoberra woman from the remote community of Kowanyama in Cape York, Queensland. She was the youngest elected regional councillor in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and in 2006 was named Queensland Young Australian of the Year. Tania was further honoured by being named the Young Australian of the Year in January 2007. In 2010 she was the spokesperson for GenerationOne, an initiative to end the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Tania holds a bachelor degree in Criminology from Griffith University, a master degree in Public Policy from Sydney University and has established her own consultancy and advocacy business. She is currently leading the project 'Cape York Super Sisters' which aims to empower young women who need education, training or employment support.

Tania's presentation will outline her current work to build capabilities in communities from the inside-out, rather than replicate the all too prevalent 'outside-in' approach to community development. She strongly believes that change happens one person, one family at a time, and will outline her approach to individual rather than collective engagement and activity.

Rob Riley was an Indigenous statesman and leader of his people whose untimely death was mourned throughout Australia. Inspired by his conviction that Australia had to confront its history of dispossession of Aboriginal people from their lands and all that has flowed from it, Riley worked tirelessly to advance social justice and reconciliation with non-Indigenous Australia.