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SESSION

Welcome to Country

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 9:00am-9:30am

WA MARITIME MUSEUM, Fremantle

Opening Day 2 of Symposium, Welcome to Country will be given by Associate Professor Simon Forrest, Curtin University's Elder in Residence.

SPEAKER

Associate Professor Simon Forrest

ELDER IN RESIDENCE, CURTIN UNIVERSITY

Simon Forrest was born and raised in Wadjuk country (Perth). He has connections to country at Goomalling (Balardong), Swan Valley (Wajuk), Mt Magnet (Badimaya) and Leonora (Wongutha). He trained as a teacher in his early years and taught Aboriginal primary school students in a number of different settings in Western Australia, from remote communities to small rural towns to regional cities. He has also worked in the public sector in senior managerial positions in education and curriculum and Indigenous affairs policy and implementation.

Simon is Western Australia's longest serving Aboriginal academic having been taught undergraduate and postgraduate students since 1983 at Edith Cowan University (ECU), The University of Western Australia, Curtin University and Michigan State University. He was the Inaugural Head of KurongKurl Katijin School of Indigenous Australian Studies at ECU. His services are widely sought particularly as a presenter in the areas of Aboriginal Education, History and Politics, Cultural Awareness and Competency and Cultural Consultancy. In 2005 was awarded National Scholar of the Year at the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee Awards (NAIDOC Awards).

He has considerable experience working in the field of Aboriginal education and provides many Welcome to Country performances throughout many industry businesses, small corporations and schools.

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