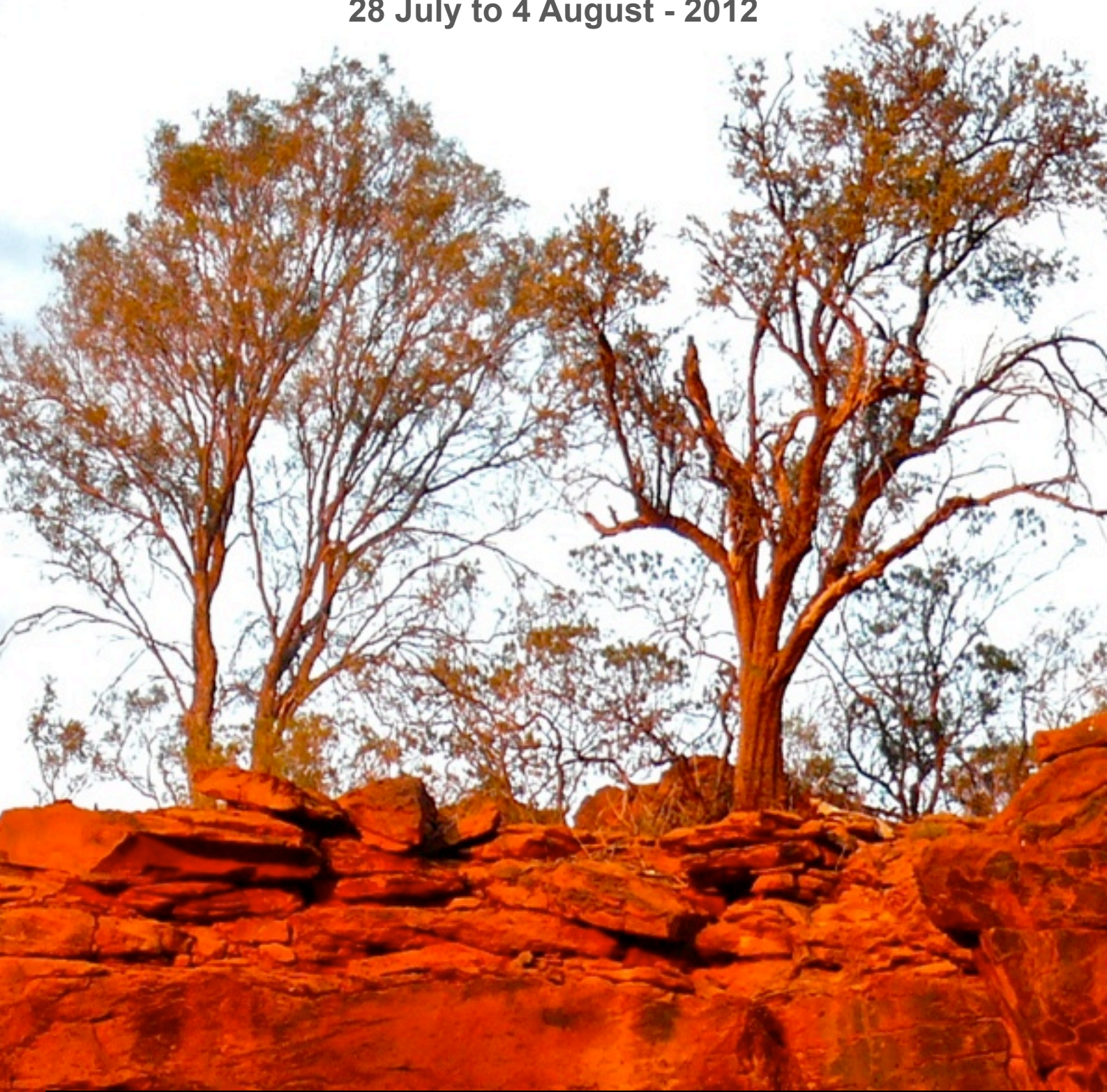


# Lore & Law

with Jelena Popovic

28 July to 4 August - 2012



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The walking itinerary incorporates some of the most inspiring sections of the famous Larapinta Trail in the West MacDonnell Ranges as well as the the first stages of the beautiful ILPURLA TRAIL developed in conjunction with Western Arrente Traditional Owners.

Conversations with colleagues during the walk and informed conversation around the campsite at night will allow participants to develop a more organic and indigenous perspective of "country" and aboriginal lore and how it sits within the European legal framework. Apart from the stimulating, cultural and educational components of the program, the time spent walking this magnificent country will be both a superb physical adventure and a tonic for the soul. SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL CURRICULUM AND CONCEPT.



Deputy Chief Magistrate Jelena Popovic has been a Victorian Magistrate for 20 years. She is one of the pioneers of Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Problem-Solving Courts examining processes in which appropriate court intervention can reduce recidivism. Jelena has been involved in the setting up of court based programs to address the multiple issues with which court users present in our increasingly complex society: issues such as homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency and mental impairment. She is the Co-ordinator of the Koori Courts in Victoria, a position she has held since 2006, has been a member of the Adult Parole Board since 1997 and maintains an active role in Judicial Professional Development.

- Sat Assemble at 2pm in foyer of the Alice Springs Resort - visit Araluen Arts Centre - final briefing in the evening. Dine at the Alice Springs Resort.
- Sun Introduction to desert walking along sections of the Larapinta Trail from Serpentine Chalet to Ochre Pits. Transfer to our private desert camp at Davenport Creek in the foothills of Mt Sonder. FIRESIDE CHAT-1 [4-5 hours easy/medium grade walking]
- Mon Walk the mesmerizing Ormiston Gorge. FIRESIDE CHAT-2 [4-5 hours easy/medium grade walking]
- Tues Break camp and walk from camp for lunch under Mt Sonder Travel to Ipolera via Tyler's Pass with a view of the extraordinary Tnorala [Gosses Bluff]. We will be met by our hosts, Traditional Owner Herman Malbunka and Custodian Mavis Malbunka. FIRESIDE CHAT-3. [3-4 hours easy grade walking]
- Wed Enjoy a day on country. Walk the Tjilpa Valley with young Arrente guides and spend some quiet time in this beautiful place. Evening meal with the Malbunka family. FIRESIDE CHAT-4. [3 hours easy grade walking]
- Thur Break camp and travel to Palm Valley for a short walk with Arrente guides. Return to the township of Hermansburg, a place steeped in the history and drama of the Central Australian story. We will camp in the old Mission Cultural Precinct and spend the evening with local people. [2-3 hours easy/medium grade walking]
- Fri Break camp and wind our way back to Alice Springs via a magic walk through Standley Chasm, a twisting maze of gorges and inspiration. Participate in a celebratory evening meal at the Resort. [2 hours medium/hard grade walking-easy option available]
- Sat Breakfast at the Resort and then personal time in Alice Springs before shuttle return to airport.

## TOTAL COST OF \$2990 INCLUDES

- 2 nights accommodation at the ALICE SPRINGS RESORT - twin share - [single upgrade \$150 per night] - includes cooked breakfasts.
- 5 nights desert camp under the stars with all camping equipment provided including one night in Hermansburg
- All coach transport on trip.
- Formal & on-track workshops with facilitator, Jelena Popovic
- Licensed guided Larapinta & Ilpurla Trail Walk with lead guide, support vehicle & camp manager.
- All cooked breakfasts, morning & afternoon teas, lunches, dinners, snacks on the track.
- Araluen Arts Centre & the Namajira Galley on first Saturday.
- Private camps and indigenous interactions.
- First aid, satellite phones, all National Park fees etc.
- Surprises that you will just have to take my word for.

### EXCLUSIONS:

- airfares - flight options can be viewed on the website
- evening meals in the Alice Springs Resort
- alcohol

A non-refundable deposit of \$600 will secure your your place.  
All details, trip notes and curriculum available at website  
[www.intotheblue.com.au](http://www.intotheblue.com.au) - 0414 929768

## OVERALL

**Into the Blue** designs your itinerary around the capacity and objectives of the group. The itinerary seeks to blend elements such as indigenous culture, gentle stretching, meditation and interpretative guiding within the context of a walking journey. Please note that the itinerary may change due to weather, aboriginal cultural imperatives or simply to better suit the objectives of the group.

## WORKSHOP CURRICULUM

This program is designed to stimulate continuing professional and personal growth in the context of a diverse cultural, racial and linguistic community: a community which continues to change at a rapid rate.

The curriculum is not intended to be rigid, but to respond to the issues individual participants wish to raise in the collegiate atmosphere which will be engendered by the location and by being in a group of judicial officers from different States and from varying jurisdictions.

By virtue of the close contact with the Arrernte community, the program provides an unparalleled opportunity to examine the impacts of diversity and equality while exploring issues relating to judicial independence, impartiality, discretion and the decision making process.

The program will take place in the beauty and majesty of Arrernte land. The location and the fellowship of judicial officers will foster discussion around the factors which impact on the work of the individual judicial officer, the positives and frustrations of judicial work and how the frustrations can be approached and managed. It will provide an intellectual framework to consider the “why” and “how” of our work.

A component of the curriculum will address specific areas of judicial work such as strategies for managing difficult court-room scenarios.

Apart from the cultural aspects, the main component of the curriculum will focus on judicial well-being. We will examine the values which effect our judicial performance and how we deal with the myriad impediments (such as time constraints, pressure of work, budgetary restraints, unrealistic expectations) to our working at our optimum level.

As part of this topic, we will discuss:

- strategies and techniques for dealing with the pressures of judicial work
- how to optimise and enrich our judicial lives
- how to build a ‘work/life balance’ into our futures
- how to revitalise and refresh our judicial working lives

## FITNESS & TRAINING

The walking component of the LORE & LAW allows you to feel the landscape around you. Each day on the track involves between 2 and 7 hours walking. The adventure is graded moderate, requiring a fair level of aerobic fitness. Please contact Into the Blue Creative Walks to discuss any fitness issues. You will carry a simple day pack that includes water, jacket, lunch, camera etc. It is possible to sit out any day’s walking if you wish.

## CAMP LIFE

Our nights under the stars will be a highlight of the trip. Whilst the facilities are basic there will be a pit toilet & washing facilities. Sleeping will be in comfortable mosquito-proof bivvy bags. All camping gear is supplied. You will be expected to share some tasks around the camp such as rolling your sleeping bag etc.

## CLIMATE

Expect cool nights and warm, clear days. This is generally a magnificent time of the year in the Australian desert with everything that crawls soundly asleep and no or few flies.

## WHAT TO BRING

A printable equipment and clothing list is provided on the website under the LORE & LAW journey.

## FLIGHTS & ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation is at the Alice Springs Resort. If walkers are intending to arrive earlier in Alice or to stay longer they can book their own accommodation at the Alice Springs Resort at the Into the Blue corporate rate. When booking quote the Into the Blue Trip Name. CONTACT - 08 89514545. Complete details are available on the website under the LORE & LAW journey.

## UPON BOOKING

A representative of the Into the Blue shall call you upon booking. Final payment is due one month before your departure. Please don’t hesitate to call us with any questions you might have.