

Understanding the occupational implications of a Koori development scholarship:

A case study of the indigenous training scholarship with the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre

This project is a collaboration between AOSC, the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre, the Koori community, Cultural Capital Investments Pty Ltd and In-Ja—Ghoondji Lands Incorporated.

The aims of this project are to:

- understand how participation in the training program at the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre, which is funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, influences the participant's personal experiences, self esteem and future vocational plans
- develop and evaluate a means of assessing how similar training programs funded by FRDC influence participants' personal experiences, self esteem and future vocational plans

The participant is the first recipient of the 2009 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC) Indigenous Development Scholarship (DAFF Indigenous Aquaculture).

The case study will be conducted primarily at the site of the pilot aquaculture project in Tomerong but also at the Marine and Fresh Water Centre on the UOW Shoalhaven Campus, in Nowra.

The findings from this case study will provide valuable information for the Koori community and for the Department of Fishing & Forestry.