

Loretta Weatherall

Loretta Weatherall is a Kamilaroi woman. Her father is from Goodooga and Loretta lived there until she was eight years old. After that she moved to Walgett where her mother is from. This is where Loretta finished her primary school years and then high school until Year 9. Her parents decided to send her off to boarding school in Sydney, where she attended Mackellar Girls High whilst staying at an Aboriginal hostel (Biala) to complete her HSC. Later, Loretta returned to Walgett met her partner John Sands and had two beautiful girls Zoe 16 and Georgia 13. Loretta worked for Attorneys General in the local court system for five years. She decided to move to Tamworth so that her daughters could have a better education and enjoyable lifestyle. Loretta has worked for the University of Newcastle and completed her administration traineeship. Through the research opportunities offered under the Gomeroi gaaynggal program she has significantly changed her role and has now completed her Indigenous Research Capacity Building Certificate IV and Pathology sample collection certificate. In 2015 Loretta is undertaking further study towards her PhD. She is currently working as an Indigenous researcher with the Gomeroi gaaynggal team exploring ArtsHealth as a mechanism to improve Indigenous health outcomes in pregnancy. Loretta is using all of her skills to become a role model for Indigenous women.