

Rosemary Wanganeen

Board Member

Rosemary Wanganeen is a proud and highly respected South Australian Aboriginal woman with ancestral links to Kurna of the Adelaide Plains and Wirringu from the West Coast.

Since 1993, Rosemary has been developing a newfound culturally appropriate framework called Griefology and has been successfully self-employed for nearly 30 years. Over this time, she has provided a variety of services as an educator, presenter, facilitator, assessor, cultural advisor and loss and grief counsellor. She has delivered keynote addresses, training programs and workshops across Australia – working regularly with government agencies and universities. From 2017 to 2020, she was a cultural advisor to the University of Adelaide's Wirrtu Yarlur Indigenous Research and Education Strategy and one of her proudest moments was being accepted into the University's Master of Philosophy program.

Rosemary's time in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was a profound experience which contributed to her serving on a number of Boards and Advisory Groups and her contribution to the community has been recognised through several awards, including the City of Port Adelaide Enfield's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elder of the Year Award in 2022 and the South Australian of the Year Community Award in 2009.