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Maintaining community and cultural connectedness during periods of isolation through online engagement with Indigenous music and language resources

Participant Information and Consent form

(1) What is this study about?

You are invited to take part in a research project which seeks to investigate online music and languages resources made available during and after the COVID-19 lockdown. You are being asked to participate in this project because you viewed a webisode that was created as part of this project. The information you provide will, in part, help improve online Noongar music and language resources made in future. The overall aim of this project is to assist Noongar people to maintain community and cultural connectedness during periods of social isolation.

This sheet tells you about the project. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research. Participation in this research study is voluntary. So, it's up to you whether you wish to take part or not.

Please read this sheet carefully. By completing and submitting this survey you are telling us that you:

- ✓ Understand what you have read
- ✓ Agree to take part in the research study as outlined below
- ✓ Agree to the use of your personal information as described.

You may print this page for your records.

(2) Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by Clint Bracknell, Dan McAullay, Roma Winmar, Darren Garvey, Jason Barrow, Bobbi Henry, Amy Budrikis and Brigitta Scarfe at Edith Cowan University. This study is being funded by the WA Department of Health.

(3) What will the study involve for me?

We will ask if you would like to complete an online survey about your experience of the webisode that you recently viewed. The survey will take about ten minutes to complete. It is voluntary and anonymous.

(4) Do I have to be in the study? Can I withdraw from the study once I've started?

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Completing this survey is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part. If you wish to take part in the survey you can exit your internet browser and your responses will not be saved. Once you have submitted your survey answers, you will not be able to withdraw, due to the anonymous nature of the survey.

(5) Are there any risks or benefits associated with being in the study?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study. By engaging with this survey, you may increase your understanding of online Noongar music and language resources.

(6) What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting personal information about you for the purposes of this research study. This information will only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement.

Your survey answers will be stored securely and will not be disclosed, except as required by law. Study findings may be published, and but any identifying details about you will not be used in any publication arising from the research.

(7) Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, you are welcome to tell other people about the study.

(8) What if I would like further information about the study?

If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact Clint on c.bracknell@ecu.edu.au, or via Kurongkurl Katitjin (61 8) 9370 6689.

(9) Will I be told the results of the study?

You can contact Clint at any time to ask about the overall results of this study.

(10) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

Research involving humans in Australia is reviewed by an independent group of people called a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the HREC of Edith Cowan University under approval number: 2020-01711-BRACKNELL. As part of this process, we have agreed to carry out the study according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*. This statement has been developed to protect people who agree to take part in research studies.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the university using the details outlined below. Please quote the study title and protocol number.

Research Ethics Officer, Edith Cowan University:

• Telephone: +61 8 6304 2170

• Email: research.ethics@ecu.edu.au