Winner of the Chief Minister's Northern History Book!
 Territory History Book Award announced!

The winner of the prestigious 2016 Chief Minister’s Northern Territory History Book Award is *The Pearl Frontier: Indonesian Labor and Indigenous Encounters in Australia’s Northern Trading Network* by Julia Martinez and Adrian Vickers.

The judges said this book "makes a significant contribution to our understanding of how the pearling industry in northern Australia forged unique cultural relationships across Southeast Asian region."

“A meticulously researched, cross-disciplinary body of work, *The Pearling Frontier* illustrates the personal struggle of hard-working, entrepreneurial people, who took enormous risks, to forge an industry that shaped communities across northern Australia.”

Associate Professor Julia Martinez is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow in the Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts at the University of Wollongong and Adrian Vickers is a Professor of Southeast Asian Studies from the University of Sydney.

The winning book was selected from four shortlisted entries:

- *Silent pearls: old Japanese graves in Darwin and the history of pearling* by John Lamb
- *The Pearl Frontier: Indonesian Labor and Indigenous Encounters in Australia’s Northern Trading Network* by Julia Martinez and Adrian Vickers
- *Different White People: Radical Activism For Aboriginal Rights 1946 – 1972* by Deborah Wilson
- *Gulf Country Songbook: Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji Songs* by Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji families with Karin Riederer

The winner was announced today at a ceremony at Northern Territory Library in Parliament House.

Image: ABDOEL Gafoer - Nationality: Indonesian - Arrived Broome per Centaur 22 February 1940, National Archives of Australia, 31707955

**BOOK TALK**

**Meet the authors!**
WHEN: Tuesday 28 June at 5.15pm  
WHERE: Northern Territory Library in Parliament House

Meet the winners of the 2016 Chief Minister’s Northern Territory History Book Award tonight at 5.15pm!

Associate Professor Julia Martinez and Professor Adrian Vickers will discuss their winning book *The Pearl Frontier: Indonesian Labor and Indigenous Encounters in Australia’s Northern Trading Network* - a fascinating insight into research and writing about Northern Territory history and culture.

HONOURABLE MENTION

Gulf Country Songbook

*Gulf Country Songbook*  
YANYUWA, MARRA, GARRWA AND GUDANJI SONGS  
THIS BOOK HAS SOUND
This year for the first time, the judges of the 2016 Chief Minister’s Northern Territory History Book Award awarded an Honourable Mention to *Gulf Country Songbook: Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji Songs* by Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji families with Karin Riederer and Waralungku Arts.

The judges described the *Gulf Country Songbook* as a beautiful, immersive experience that represents the importance of oral history and song to Indigenous culture. They stated: “This multimedia songbook presents Indigenous cultural knowledge and history in a highly innovative way.

Congratulations!

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