

# MEDIA RELEASE

# NINNI YABINI

by **CHERYL KICKETT-TUCKER** and  
**TYROWN WAIGANA**

## KEYNOTE

Written in Noongar and English, and illustrated with striking contemporary artwork, *Ninni Yabini* is a memorable celebration of family and belonging.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

In this delightful picture book, Mother and Father swan are busy rebuilding their nest after a storm when their baby, Ninni Yabini, wanders off. Luckily, the evening star, his namesake, comes out to guide him home.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Professor Cheryl Kickett-Tucker is a highly respected Wadjuk Noongar Traditional Owner, research academic, community development practitioner, youth basketball coach, public speaker and author. Cheryl has worked with Australian Aboriginal people all her life in the fields of education, sport and health and is very passionate about using her knowledge and experience to make a real difference to the lives of Aboriginal children and their families.



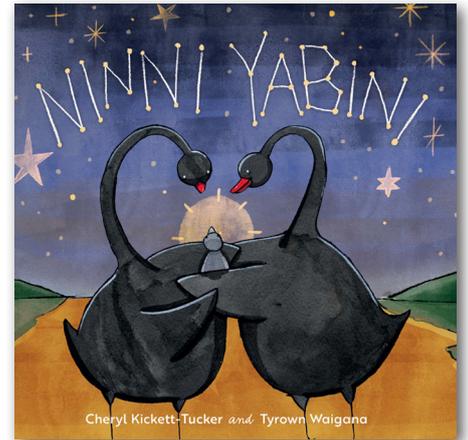
## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Tyrown Waigana is a Wardandi Noongar (south-west cape country) and Ait Koedhal (Torres Strait Islander) multi-disciplinary artist and graphic designer.



## KEY POINTS

- Ninni Yabini means little star and is a story from a Wadjuk Noongar storyteller. It takes place on Weeip's Boodja near Mandoon along Derbal Yerrigan.
- Noongar is the language of the Noongar nation and is spoken by 14 different groups across the south-west corner of Western Australia. Many Noongar families live off-country in urban settings and in other states and territories. This book provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and educators seeking to diversify their bookshelves.



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