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# SOME PEOPLE WANT TO SHOOT ME

## by WAYNE BERGMANN and MADELAINE DICKIE

### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

As a Nyikina man who straddles both traditional and modern cultures, Wayne Bergmann has faced criticism and condemnation but remains unwavering in his commitment to his community and their needs. As the former head of the Kimberley Land Council, Bergmann played a crucial role in shaping the future of the region. He has worked tirelessly to promote independent Aboriginal economic development, and reclaim what has been lost through racism and discrimination. This is the chance to hear the story of a prominent Aboriginal leader who has often paid a high price for sticking up for his people.

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHORS**

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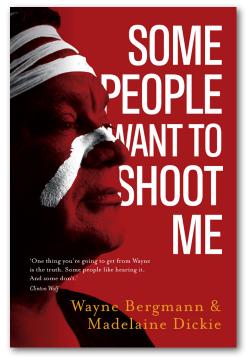
#### **KEY POINTS**

- As the former head of the Kimberley Land Council, Bergmann helped promote independent Aboriginal economic development, and continues to reclaim what has been lost due to racism and discrimination.
- Through the skilled pen of Madelaine Dickie, learn about the countless obstacles and challenges Bergmann has faced on his journey, and the unwavering commitment he has shown to his community, fighting to protect land and way of life.
- In a time where the failure of Voice to Parliament referendum is still at the forefront of national discussion, this biography is a mustread for anyone interested in the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights and representation in Australia.

### PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'This memoir offers unique and fascinating insights into how cultural knowledge and authority, combined with a deep understanding of corporations and governments, can advance the interests of Aboriginal Australia.' Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh

'One thing you're going to get from Wayne is the truth. Some people like hearing it. And some don't.' Clinton Wolf



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