

KEYNOTE

Ocean Literacy as part of an Australian response to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

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Abstract

The concept of ocean literacy evolved in the USA in the early 2000s but has now been adopted widely around the globe. Most recently, IOC-UNESCO has built on this original concept of ocean literacy to develop an educational strategy for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021 to 2030). As a result, Australian educators represent an important stakeholder group that Ocean Decade Australia aims to engage in an inclusive, systematic and consensus driven response to the UN Decade.

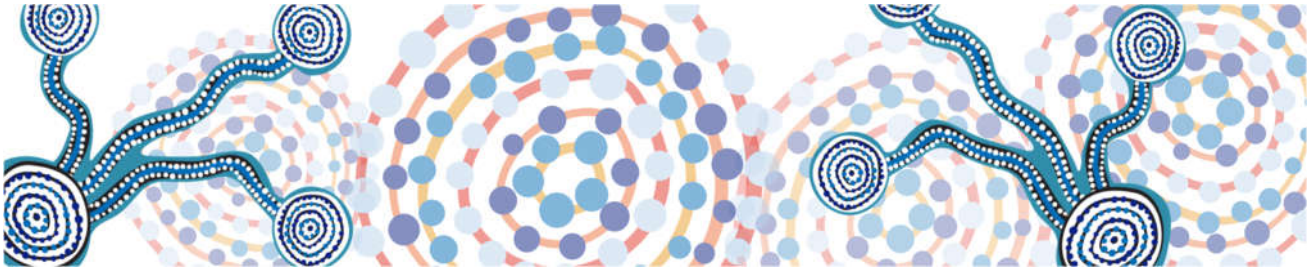
Speaker Profile

Jasmine Chambers

Jas works at the intersection of science and technology, governance, policy, international diplomacy. Jas is co-leading a national dialogue for the UN Ocean Decade 2021 – 2030, seeking inclusivity of all Australian Ocean Stakeholder voices with a focus on impact and measurement. Jas worked in higher education for over two decades in senior leadership roles. Within government, she was the Australian representative to the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and developed the global and national partnership framework for the Bureau of Meteorology. Jas serves as Secretary to Science & Technology Australia and Chair of the Sydney Institute for Marine Science Foundation.

Harry Breidahl

Harry was a founding member of AAEE and MESA and a presenter at the first AAEE conference at Arbury Park in 1980. Since 1974 he has worked as a teacher, university lecturer and freelance consultant. Harry has contributed to many voluntary marine and environmental groups and



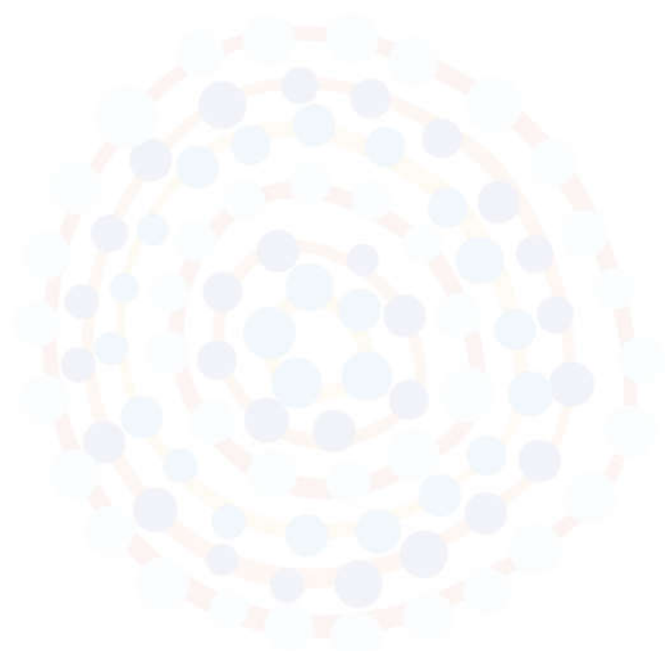
authored over 100 books and other publications. In particular, Harry has become a leader in marine education, both nationally and internationally. Although retired, he is still actively promoting ocean literacy, most recently as part of an IOC-UNESCO group aiming to focus global attention on catalysing ocean sustainability as part of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

Website links

→ <https://www.marine-ed.org/ocean-literacy/overview>

→ <https://oceandecade.org>

→ <https://oceandecadeaustralia.org>



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