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## DREAMING MESSAGES AT CRADLE COAST CAMPUS

Professor Basil Sansom will be discussing the role of Aboriginal Dreaming at a lecture at UTAS Cradle Coast campus tomorrow night (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August).

Professor Sansom is an anthropologist who has done fieldwork in Sekhukhuneland (South Africa), the Libyan desert, Lebanon and Aboriginal Australia. After spending all his working life in hot climates, he has retired to Tasmania where he is an Honorary Fellow in Riawunna at UTAS.

Professor Sansom says Aboriginal Dreaming can deliver profound messages into modern day settings.

“Dreamings can enter suddenly onto contemporary scenes and have the ability to reconcile European realities with aboriginal beliefs about nature and the cosmos. Such Dreaming assertions defy whitefella versions of reality,” he explains.

“The new Dreaming stories are in a form that was well known to classical Greeks. Ovid told these types of stories.”

Basil Sansom wrote *The Camp at Wallaby Cross: Aboriginal fringe-dwellers in Darwin* (1980). He is Emeritus Professor of anthropology (UWA) and an Hon. Fellow in Riawunna (UTAS). Presently he is doing work on native title cases.

What: ‘Irruptions of the Dreaming in post-colonial Australia’

When: 6.30 – 7.30 pm Friday 27 August

Where: UTAS Cradle Coast campus

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