

MY JOURNEY THROUGH THE ACADEMIC MIST

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Dr Michael Adams is mostly recognised by his nickname Mick or Micky (by those who grew up with him). Dr Adams is the third eldest from a family of thirteen. He is a descendent of the Yadhigana/Wuthuti people of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland on his father's side and the Gurindji people of Central Western Northern Territory on his mother's side.

Dr Adams' journey through the academic mist started way back in 1976 when he enrolled in the Aboriginal Task Force with the South Australia Institute of Technology (SAIT). The introduction to the processes of academia was through an interview in the stairwell exit of the old Darwin post office. This book is about courage and determination and how the author turned his life around to become a respected leader in his own right. It is an inspirational story laced with humour, raw emotion and spirit. It's about the accidental journey of an angry young man from Darwin who got into pub fights at the drop of a hat and who eventually found himself in Adelaide studying social work.

Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik suggested that Micky could have written a tome about the positive and wonderful things that the academic journey afforded him. Instead he decided to write about the challenges, frustrations, and the blocks he had to overcome to reach his goals in the hope that it would inspire others to take up the challenge of realizing their full potential.

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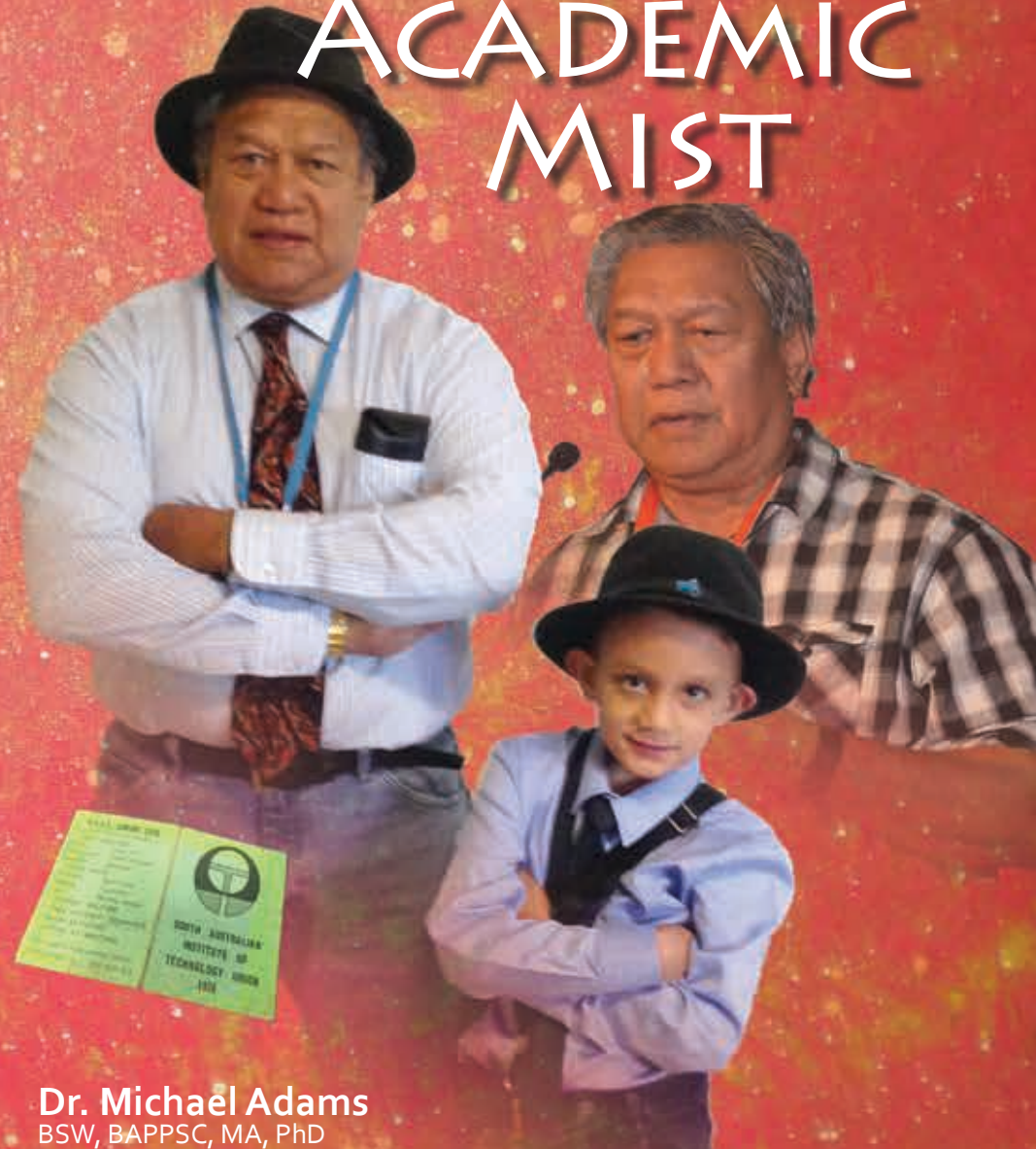


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