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## NOEL PEARSON BIOGRAPHY

Noel Pearson is a proud first nation Australian of the Bagaarmugu descent like his father. He is a well-known lawyer who was born in Queensland. He was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 1965. He, as well as being a lawyer, is well-known for being the founder of Cape York Institute. He also had a very interesting early life.

Noel Pearson was born in Cooktown, Queensland, and lived with his brother and both parents. He went to Hope vale primary school, then later went to St. peter's Lutheran high school. He then went to the University of Sydney and got a degree in history and law. This led to him becoming a lawyer later on. He then had some more interesting things happen to him in his adulthood.

In Noel Pearson's adulthood, he established the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership. Him and his wife Tracy Kluck live together in their 2-storey house. He is still very close to his brother (Gerhardt Pearson) and his parents (Glen Pearson and Ivy Pearson). He has created his institute to make sure that Cape York's people have equal rights and so that aboriginal people have equal rights. He was elected Chairman of the Cape York Land Council from 1996 to 1997 before resigning. He also continues to be an activist for land rights to make sure no countries land is taken. Making his institute was a fascinating achievement. He also played a big role in the development of the Cape York land council. He continues to run his triumphant institute.

Today, Noel Pearson is an aboriginal lawyer who is still very successful. He has succeeded in making his institute and it is serving its purpose. Today, he is 56 years old, and an activist for land rights. He continues to run a very triumphant institute supporting Cape York's development and it's certainly serving its purpose just like what he wanted.