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June 2020

This month marks the halfway point for the year and with that, we welcome Winter. We are excited to announce that at the end of this month (30 June), we will be hosting a FREE education webinar! The webinar is open to all educators and will explore teaching Aboriginal Perspectives using the National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week themes. For more information and to register, see the event info at the bottom of this eNews.

Congratulations to everyone on their fantastic commemorations of National Reconciliation Week! It has been hugely inspiring to everyone on the Reconciliation Victoria team to see the number of people and the enthusiasm with which everyone participated and engaged with the wide variety of events, activities and resources that were put together for the adapted commemorations of this week.

Reconciliation Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association celebrated the 2020 HART Awards on Friday 5 June with a special online version of the event. Expanding our horizons into this digital format was certainly a new experience, and we had a lot of fun creating this accessible online version so that everyone could join us in acknowledging some of the fantastic contributions to reconciliation throughout this past year. Congratulations to all who were nominated! If you didn't catch the live announcement of this year's winners, you can still access the video along with a list of the winners [here](#).

With these events has also come the Black Lives Matter protests, nationally, and around the world. It is important that we listen to these voices, hear these cries, and take action. We have been moved by the displays of protest across all of Victoria, and the estimated 500 000 people who showed their support in metro Melbourne. I encourage everyone to listen, to continue to educate yourselves, and to engage in meaningful conversations with friends and family. For those who tuned into Q&A, you may have seen Meyne Wyatt's incredible monologue. If you haven't had the opportunity to hear his powerful words, please have a listen [here](#).

This time of year is usually when we begin thinking about NAIDOC

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below. Please have a read, and begin thinking about how you or your organisation can celebrate this year's important theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Make sure you keep updated with this year's events and resources, which we will be sharing via our [eNews](#), [Facebook](#), and [website](#).

Stay safe and healthy,

Diana David
Chief Executive Officer
Reconciliation Victoria

> 6 June
Anniversary of
[Batman's 'Treaty'](#)
(1835)

> 30 June
1863
Coranderrk
Aboriginal Reserve
gazetted

NEWS



Reconciliation Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association are proud to announce the

Winners of the 2020 HART Awards

This year, the HART Awards were broadcast live on our Facebook page on Friday 5 June at 10am. We were so excited to announce that our talented friends at the [Indigenous HIP HOP Projects](#) would be closing the HART Awards this year.

The quality of this year's nominations was exemplary and competition was tight in each of our three categories – Community Organisations, Schools and Early Years, and Local Government. Our heartfelt congratulations to everyone who was nominated.

If you missed the live event, or want to watch it again, the recording is available now [on our website](#) alongside a full list of this year's winners.

Education



Reconciliation Victoria is embarking on their Education Project.

Through this we are hoping to connect educators to resources. If you are an educator then we need your help completing this [survey](#). This will help to inform the types of resources that are the most useful for Reconciliation in Education.

If you have any questions [email us](#). Looking forward to hearing from you.



National Reconciliation Week ended on 3 June with **Mabo Day**

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Vic NAIDOC
5-12 JULY 2020



Statement from Victorian NAIDOC Committee regarding NAIDOC Week for 2020

The Victorian NAIDOC Committee will be running a number of online events from 5-12 July 2020. At this stage we have been informed that the National NAIDOC Committee have flagged NAIDOC Week 2020 for November, however, we have not received anything official.

Regardless, we will be holding events online from 5-12 July to mark the historic week and hope to celebrate all people involved in previous NAIDOC Weeks, as well as helping the Victorian community learn about NAIDOC, the history, the people and community.

The week will include:

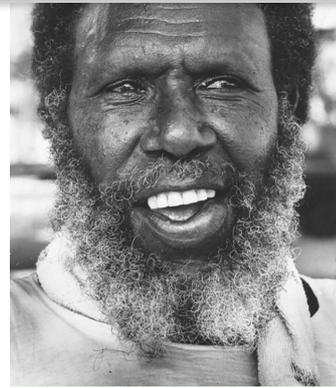
- Flag Raising
- Pride Night
- Virtual March
- Dance Up
- Sharing Stories of people of NAIDOC Weeks passed
- History of NAIDOC
- Limited edition merchandise



This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Bridge Walks for Reconciliation – a remarkable event that saw all Australians come together in support of reconciliation. On the 20th Anniversary, we celebrate the efforts of the champions within our communities. Whilst we reflect, we refocus and commit ourselves to advocating for truth-telling and justice.

'More Australians want to do something to help improve reconciliation but don't know how.'

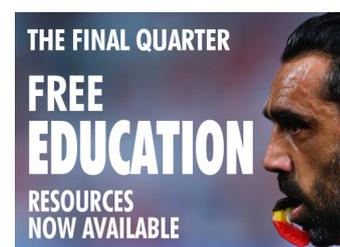
[Read this article from ABC News](#)



This day commemorates Torres Strait Islander **Eddie Koiki Mabo** taking his case to the Australian High Court in 1982. He challenged the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and the outcome lead to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands.

This decision paved the way for Native Title.

[This link](#) celebrates the life and legacy of Eddie Mabo. If you would like to learn more about this day and reconciliation, the [Walking Together website](#) is a great place to start.



Stream the film. Request the DVD. Access the resources.

Education resources for schools, sporting clubs and community organisations.

[Available here.](#)



Reconciliation Australia's Statement on Rio Tinto

Respectful relationships built on trust are at the heart of reconciliation.

The blasting activity in Juukan Gorge by Rio Tinto exposes a broken relationship with the Puutu Kunti Kurama and Pinikura (PKKP) Peoples and a breathtaking breach of a respectful relationship.

It was devastating for the Traditional Owners and robbed the world of a uniquely valuable cultural heritage site.

The pain caused by this action extend to First Peoples and their allies across Australia and around the world.

Rio Tinto's actions failed to meet their own aspirations to advance reconciliation and do not meet the standards Reconciliation Australia expect of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) partners.

We have met with Rio Tinto to convey our extreme concern over recent events, and while not discounting their many positive outcomes and important work to advance reconciliation, Reconciliation Australia has revoked its endorsement of Rio Tinto as an Elevate RAP organisation and suspended the company from the RAP program.

Review of the suspension will be dependent on how Rio Tinto engages with and responds to the PKKP Peoples, and how they respect the aspirations of all Traditional Owner groups they are in partnership with.

It is also dependent on the company keeping their commitment to a full and public release of a review into the actions that led to the destruction of Juukan Gorge, and meaningful accountability and sustained action in light of the review, including efforts to share key learnings.



Silent Witness exhibition

Silent Witness: A Window to the Past is a powerful body of work, originally developed in collaboration with Melbourne Museum, that tells the stories of People and Country through the photographic portraiture of scar trees from Wotjobaluk Country.

Watch this body of work via the [Incinerator Gallery website](#).

The immersive exhibition has been translated to a video experience. This creates the special opportunity to take a moment at home to be

Culture is Life (an Aboriginal not-for-profit), in partnership with **The Australian Dream**, is excited to launch the 'My Australian Dream' campaign. The campaign places Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at the centre of the conversation. It unearths some of their heartfelt desires and extends the invitation to all Australians to share their hopes and dream Australia.

How you can support the campaign.

- **Follow Share and Like** @cultureislife and #MyAustralianDream on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube
- **Join the dream** by posting your own #MyAustralianDream posts and [learn more about the campaign](#).
- **Host a screening of The Australian Dream Film and download the screening guide** – this can be intimate in your home or in your school or work place. [Click here to host a screening](#).

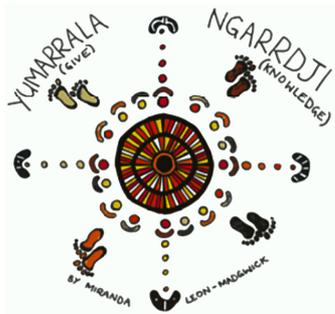
Culture is Life – My Australian Dream

Educational Resources can be found on the [ABC Website](#)



Check out the latest [Narragunnawali News](#) containing information about reconciliation in Australia, ideas for driving reconciliation in schools and early learning services, and highlights of great things happening in schools and early learning services across the country.

them for taking us on this journey and for sharing their powerful words and knowledge with us.



Yumurrala Ngarrdji

Give Knowledge

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NDIS Access Project

Banyule Community Health Services, Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network and Wellways are working together on **Yumurrala Ngarrdji**, a project that seeks to identify and address the barriers that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities face in accessing the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

We are also interested in producing culturally relevant resources for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community regarding the NDIS. We understand how important it is for community members to have a voice and are therefore seeking community participation in the production of these resources.

Do you have experience with the NDIS? Would you like to be paid for sharing your time and expertise in producing NDIS resources specific to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community?

If you answered yes, we want to hear from you. Please call Julio on 0448 107 034 or [email](#) for more information.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic our co-production team meetings will be conducted online via Zoom. You must have access to a computer and knowledge of Zoom to participate.

Yumurrala Ngarrdji artwork is by Miranda Leon-Madgwick, Worimi woman.



As a not-for-profit organisation, we rely on donations and partnerships to help create change and work towards a Victorian identity that reflects our true history, promotes and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, equity and self-determination.

Donations are used to fund our ongoing work and projects that



Gambay: A Map of Australia's First Languages

First Languages Australia in partnership with local language centres across Australia have developed an interactive map to display and promote the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. The map, titled **Gambay**, translates to "together" in the Butchulla language of the Hervey Bay region in Queensland.

Gambay showcases over 780 languages, using data contributed by regional language centres and programs working directly with language communities around Australia.

Explore the map and read more [here](#).

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The Uluru Statement three years on

Three years ago, Indigenous Australia gifted the nation with

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The [Maggolee website](#), developed by Reconciliation Victoria, includes information on policy and programs, protocols and cultural awareness, Traditional Owner groups and local Aboriginal organisations, Aboriginal languages, key local contacts, news and events.

It contains information about each of the 79 Victorian local government areas, and about actions councils can take across key function areas to build closer relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and to progress reconciliation.

Maggolee has also proven to be a useful resource for teachers, educators and the wider community.



We live, work and play on Aboriginal land. Land that was forcibly taken from Aboriginal people, to whom reparations have never been paid. The **Pay The Rent Campaign** calls for people to act in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by committing 1% of their income in rent, or what people can afford.

You can read more and make a contribution to the campaign [here](#).

EVENTS

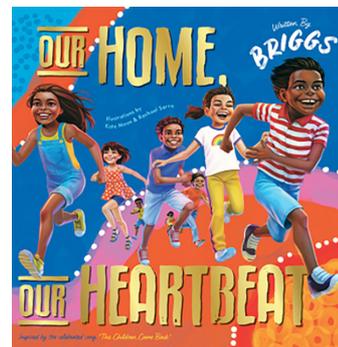


Explore teaching Aboriginal Perspectives using the National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week themes

This webinar for teachers will explore these themes and how they

then Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, is there still hope for a referendum on meaningful constitutional recognition?

Join ABC RN and special guest, **Thomas Mayor**, (below) as they [discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart](#).



Our Home, Our Heartbeat

Adapted from Briggs' celebrated song 'The Children Came Back', **Our Home, Our Heartbeat** is a celebration of past and present Indigenous legends, as well as emerging generations, and at its heart honours the oldest continuous culture on earth.

Readers will recognise Briggs' distinctive voice and contagious energy within the pages of **Our Home, Our Heartbeat**, signifying a new and exciting chapter in children's Indigenous publishing.

[Buy the book here.](#)

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have a Victorian perspective. We will also explore the Narragunnawali Platform. There will also be a Q & A session at the end.

Webinar details will be sent closer to the session. Open to all educators.

Tuesday 30 June

10am - 12pm

[Register your interest.](#)



Alice Skye – Grand Ideas Masterclass

Friday 12 June

12 noon - 2pm

This Masterclass will be happening online via Zoom.

Alice Skye, engineer **Nick Huggins** and co-producer **Jen Cloher** discuss the evolution of Grand Ideas, the lead single to be lifted from Alice's soon-to-be-released second album *I Feel Better But I Don't Feel Good*. They'll play examples of early demos, some vastly differing studio versions and discuss how they arrived at a final master almost unrecognisable to its first incarnation. Alice is the latest signing to Bad Apples Music, the label founded by BRIGGS (A.B Original) who will join the second half of the session to talk about the journey of the song once it arrives at the label and servicing to radio and digital streaming platforms.

[More information](#)



Divine Daves: Traditional Burning and Botany in Conversation

The walking talk: **Divine Daves – Traditional Burning and Botany in Conversation** is now being held via Zoom. This means they have plenty of places available, so if you missed out you can now register.



First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria

First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria are currently doing a series of podcasts sharing some of the work and actions being undertaken by the Assembly. Listen in to keep up to date with their work.

Listen to Episode 2 [here](#).

Check their [Facebook](#) to keep updated on future episodes.



A documentary about the desecration of Aboriginal peoples' burial places in the name of research and the fight to return our Ancestors to Country.

The **Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council** has released the documentary *Returning Our Ancestors* for viewing online.

[Watch here.](#)



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Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will meet on country at Bunjil Reserve to discuss their incredible wealth of knowledge around cultural and traditional burning, botany and more.

Sunday 14 June

10.30am - 12 noon

Please join them via Zoom.

The program is presented by the Paradoxa Collective and the Nillumbik Shire Council.

[More information and registration](#)



We Don't Need a Map - Film Screening

Hume Libraries will be hosting a special screening of Warwick Thornton's [We Don't Need a Map](#).

The Southern Cross is the most famous constellation in the southern hemisphere. Ever since colonisation, it's been claimed, appropriated and hotly-contested for ownership by a radical range of Australian groups. But for Aboriginal people the meaning of this heavenly body is deeply spiritual. And just about completely unknown. For a start, the Southern Cross isn't even a cross - it's a totem that's deeply woven into the spiritual and practical lives of Aboriginal people. Now one of Australia's leading filmmakers, Warwick Thornton, tackles this fiery subject head on, in a bold film which challenges us to consider the place of the Southern Cross in the Australian psyche.

An introduction will be provided by Diana David, CEO of Reconciliation Victoria.

For full information and registration, please see [Eventbrite](#)

This is a free event.

Wednesday 24th June 2020

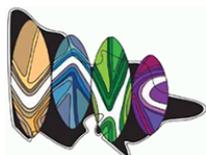
8:00pm-9:30pm

Live on the [Hume Libraries Facebook page](#)

child-healer, a good hunter who speaks three languages – as he discovers the resilience and resistance of many generations of his people and faces the history that runs straight into him.

As he shares his wisdom of history and the complex world around him, we see his spark and intelligence, yet Djuwan is 'failing' in school and facing increasing scrutiny from welfare and the police. As he travels perilously close to incarceration, his family fight to give him a strong Arrernte education alongside his western education lest he becomes another statistic. We walk with him as he grapples with these pressures, shares his truth and somewhere in-between finds space to dream, imagine and hope for his future self.

[More information.](#)



The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council presents

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Caring For Country and Legislative Reform

A special event with Traditional Owners about caring for Country

Caring for Country will provide a platform for Traditional Owners to share their views and experiences about caring for Country and the legislation through which they do this. Particularly, the discussion will focus on the current Australian / Victorian legislations that protect Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and explore what additional legislative protections are required to ensure all in the community better respect and care for Country.

Four panelists will share their views (panelists soon to be announced), followed by a Q&A. This is a free online event produced by Fed Square and the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council. Register your interest by clicking this [FREE ticket link](#) so you will be sent a Zoom link to the event.

[Aboriginal Heritage Council](#)

Wednesday 24 June

3:00 - 4:30pm

Online event

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of Victoria.

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