

2021 SCRGi PROJECTS

- AUNTY BETTY MEMORIAL RECONCILIATION WALK -
Wednesday 2nd June 10am to 12pm at Buderim Forest Park
- SCRGi marquee at Sunshine Coast NAIDOC Day –
NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK 2021 - Sun 4th to Sun 11th July
2021 theme is:- “HEAL COUNTRY! HEAL OUR NATION.”
(Heal Country! calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.)
Date to be advised.
- SHARED HISTORY SEMINARS – dates to be advised
- READING 4 RECONCILIAITON -
(email reconciliationscg@gmail.com for information and dates)



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RECONCILIATION GROUP INCORPORATED

SCRGi acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this great southern land in particular the Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi nation upon whose land we conduct many of our reconciliation projects. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. SCRGi Patron Aunty Betty McMahon holds a special place in our hearts always.

RECONCILIAITON AUSTRALIA, RECONCILIAITON QLD INC AND SUNSHINE COAST RECONCILIATION GROUP INCORPORATED support volunteers involved in a wide array of activities that promote conversations about reconciliation.

A message from:-



At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present, and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

Today, 80 per cent of Australians believe it is important to undertake formal truth telling processes, according to the 2018 Australian Reconciliation Barometer. Australians are ready to come to terms with our history as a crucial step towards a unified future, in which we understand, value and respect each other.

Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage. This National Reconciliation Week, we invite Australians from all backgrounds to contribute to our national movement towards a unified future.



A message from:- Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group

SCRG was established in 1997 by 3 remarkable women – Dawn Wilson, Clare Devlin and Beryl Procopis and it is probably the longest continuously running reconciliation group in Australia. It became incorporated in 2017 (SCRG).

Right from its inception, the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group has always put "word" into "action" as the 2021 Reconciliation Week theme calls us to do. Past and present projects prove that.

Let's be clear - SCRG is not about whipping up guilt. Members who do not have First Nations heritage say the same as may Australians – "It's not my fault". What we do NOT say however is – "tell them to get over it".

Moreover, in the same manner that we say about ANZAC Day "lest we forget", we say "lest we forget the Frontier Wars"; and let us not forget the consequences and injustices that followed those wars and that have led to intergenerational trauma which still has devastating effects on individuals, families, communities and society today.

Just like ANZAC Day, it is proper to be grateful for what we all now enjoy; but also, just like ANZAC Day, to remember that it comes at the expense and sacrifice of others.

The truth is that colonization was based on the false belief of Terra Nullius which justified British occupation without treaty or payment to the 600+ First Nations of this great southern land with 250+ major language groups – and it is important to acknowledge that sovereignty of this great southern land has never been ceded by the First Nations of it.

Approximately 300 delegates said in the Statement from the Heart at Uluru convention – **"It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown."**. SCRG supports the whole Statement.

The dates for National Reconciliation Week remain the same each year - 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum (when the Constitution was amended to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal people and include them in the census), and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. The latter of the 2 altered the foundation of land law in Australia and rendered Terra Nullius a legal fiction.