

Seminar 6:

Reconciliation Australia



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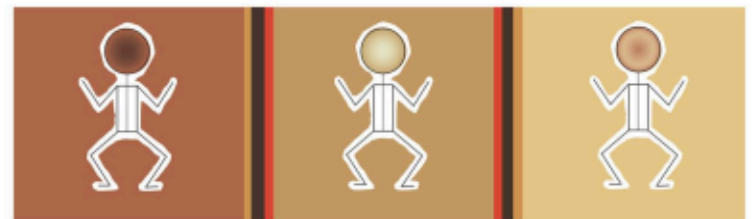
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples please be advised that this presentation may contain mention of people who have passed. Listen with care.

Acknowledgment



Reconciliation Victoria acknowledges Traditional Custodians throughout Victoria, and we recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, culture, and community.

This evening I'm joining you on the lands of the **Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung peoples** and I like to pay my respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and to acknowledge all First Peoples joining us this evening.

I would also like to extend this respect to reconciliation champions and supporters.



Reconciliation Victoria

We work in **partnership** with First Peoples to facilitate reconciliation across the state to support a deeper understanding of culture, respect, and justice.



Our vision:

To see a Victorian identity that reflects our true history, that values Aboriginal culture and ensures self-determination and equitable outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



Reconciliation movement

Reconciliation is about **strengthening relationships** between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

Some claim the reconciliation movement took off under various names in the 1960s. Reconciliation Australia says the formal movement started in 1991 with the final presentation of *The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody report*.

Since 2002, Reconciliation Victoria has been walking and working together with First Peoples to overcome division and inequality, and to address and **acknowledge our true-history**.



Being Brave. Making Change

Yoorrook Commission Truth-telling and Justice

First formal truth-telling process into injustices experienced by First Peoples in Victoria.

Treaty Advancement in Victoria

The First Peoples Assembly of Victoria is the voice for Aboriginal communities across the state, representing them in the next phase of the Treaty process.

Victoria Aboriginal and Local Government Strategy

A five-year strategy for Local Governments and Aboriginal communities to strengthen partnerships and engage in shared-decision making to support Aboriginal self-determination and reconciliation.

Truth-telling about Australian history in Victorian education

The Department of Education is investing in making truth-telling about Australian history part of Victorian curriculum.



Our Actions

- **Rec Vic Measuring Stick**
Statewide Survey in partnership with Aboriginal researchers.
- Reconciliation Victoria is launching a **Membership Platform**.
- RV's **Maggolee website** will support local governments through the lens of the recently launched Victorian Aboriginal and local government Strategy (VALGS).
- In partnership with First Peoples, RV will be hosting monthly **Education webinars**, which will focus on supporting truth-telling in Australian history in our schools.
- We will be increasing the profile of Aboriginal **Gathering Places** across Victoria.



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Our Actions

- Rec Vic will host its **annual on-country forum**.
- We will continue to **support Treaty** advancement in Victoria and the truth-telling and justice Yoorrook commission.
- We will be following the **state-election developments**
 - Surveying candidates and senators
 - Increasing awareness of Aboriginal leadership and governance resources.
 - Raising the profile of emerging young leaders.
- We will be continuing to work closely to support the activities of the **22 local reconciliation groups** that operate across Victoria.



We support meaningful RAPs



We work with RAP organisations across the state through the lens of **Moodji** (Friendship) Collaboration Agreements.

We support and encourage RAP organisations to:

- Conduct ongoing **engagement** and consultation with Traditional Owners, all First Nations Peoples, staff, and RAP experts.
- Invest in dedicated RAP **resources** and expertise.
- Make their RAP an organisational-wide plan.
- Track, measure and share RAP progress and success.

* MOODJI (Gunditjmara word)



First Peoples make RAPs meaningful

- Assess and support staff **cultural learning**.
- Assess and strengthen **cultural safety** and service inclusion.
- Develop an **Aboriginal employment** strategy and employ Aboriginal people.
- Support Aboriginal businesses and increase procurement of **Aboriginal services**.
- Increase awareness and support for self-determination and **shared decision making**.





Silent Witness

**Read by
Uncle Jim Berg**



Thank you for the opportunity to join you this evening.

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