



### Registration and Catering

We encourage you to register with the **Parramatta Evening College on 9687 2072** since this helps with preparation and catering. You can also just turn up to any or better all of the sessions that build on each other. Donations on the night are appreciated to help cover costs.

### The Venue

Due to renovations of the Parramatta Town Hall, Building Bridges will be held this year at the Reg Byrne Centre in Wentworthville, **just off Cumberland Highway.**

**Ample parking available.**

### By Train

Reg Byrne Centre is 10-15 min from **Wentworthville Station:**

Take the right-hand exit from the station. Left on Wentworth St, Right on Hill Rd. Left on Darcy Rd, cross Cumberland Hwy. Follow Darcy Rd to Fyall Ave.

### Reconciliation for Western Sydney

Since 1997 Reconciliation for Western Sydney Inc. has met monthly to discuss and plan actions to advance reconciliation and justice for Indigenous Australians. We engage with many organisations to further this cause.

We initiate and support larger public events throughout the year, such as Reconciliation Week in May, NAIDOC Week in July and Building Bridges in August.

For our regular monthly meetings we sometimes invite Indigenous speakers to share their thoughts and stimulate action. Members and guests include health workers, lawyers, stolen generation survivors, teachers, artists and people from all walks of life.

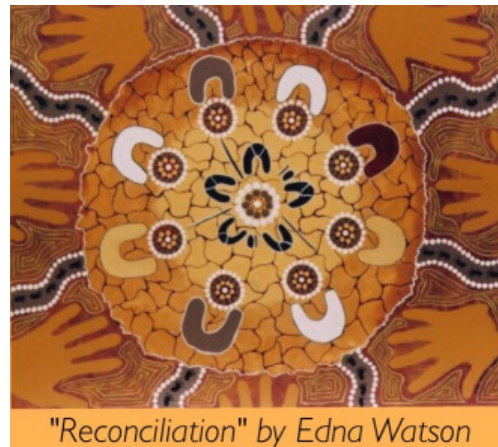
We welcome newcomers to our regular meetings which are friendly and informal and where supper is provided. A nominal subscription of \$10 a year is charged to help offset running costs.

### Join us at one of our monthly meetings

**Time: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm**

**Place:** Reg Byrne Room at Karabi Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Darcy Rd & Fyall Av (off Cumberland Highway), Wentworthville.

**For further information, contact Lyn 9639 8394**



"Reconciliation" by Edna Watson



## Building Bridges 2017

### Five Wednesday Evening Seminars

**2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 August at 7:30 pm**

**Aboriginal Presenters share their knowledge and experience and invite dialogue to build a common future of respect and justice for all.**

### Reg Byrne Centre

Cnr Darcy Rd and Fyall Av  
Wentworthville

No charge - Donation appreciated

**An initiative of**

**Reconciliation for Western Sydney**

### Topics will include

*Aboriginal Civilisation-*

*Darug History, Story and Language*

*Aboriginal Health*

*Uluru Makarrata Statement*

*Aboriginal people in the Media*

*Aboriginal Astronomy*

*Changing the Gap in corrective services, education, & employment*

*NT intervention and detention*

*Sovereignty and Treaty*

*Current and Future Gifts and Challenges*

## *The Program*

Aug 2	<b>Chris Tobin</b> <b>Jacinta Tobin</b>	<b>Aboriginal Civilisation</b> - as revealed through objects and tools <b>Darug History, Story and Language</b> - Why and how they matter to all.
Aug 9	<b>Pam Gow</b> <b>Michael West</b>	An Overview of <b>Aboriginal Health</b> - Challenges and Solutions Changing the Gap in <b>Education, Employment</b> and <b>Corrective Services</b>
Aug 16	<b>Christine Palmer</b> <b>Natalie Cromb</b> <b>Zac Wone</b>	Panel Discussion, facilitated by Joanne Tuscano: <b>NT Juvenile Detention Inquiry, NT Intervention ten years on and moves for Sovereignty and Treaty</b>
Aug 23	<b>Nicole Watson</b> <b>and others</b>	The <b>Uluru Makarrata Statement</b> - the long journey to it and from now on. How do we <b>create a Future</b> where everyone owns all of Australia's history and culture? Group discussions with various resource people
Aug 30	<b>Robert Fuller and</b> <b>Kirsten Banks</b> <b>Lola Forester</b>	<b>Aboriginal Astronomy</b> - Humans place and connections in the Universe Aboriginal people in the <b>Media</b> , past and current challenges and changes



The sessions start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.30, with a break for supper between the two sessions and a chance for informal conversations with the presenters and each other.

## *The Presenters*

**Chris Tobin**, a Darug man from Western Sydney, one of the traditional custodians for this part of the country. Chris is an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger with National Parks and a workshop leader.

**Jacinta Tobin**, a Darug woman and custodian from Western Sydney, a musician, an educator in Darug culture and language.

**Pam Gow**, a Kamilaroi woman, a long term nurse with NSW Health in Western Sydney.

**Michael West**, a Gamilaroi man from the Moree area, with Metropolitan Land Council, a consultant and trainer in Aboriginal cultural awareness and appropriateness of service delivery.

**Joanne Tuscano**, former teacher and full-time writer on Indigenous issues and co-author of Back on the Block and This is Where You Have to Go.

**Christine Palmer**, a respected Warlpiri elder, therapist, indigenous support worker and trainer, was a member of NT women's advisory council and various youth justice advisory committees.

**Natalie Crombs**, a Gamilaroi writer and lawyer from Burra Bee Dee, connected with WSU, UTS and Koori Mail, a passionate advocate for changing systems that subvert Indigenous rights.

**Zac Wone**, a Kabi-Kabi and South Sea Islander man, a Union activist and national convenor of Labor for Treaty and First Nations Worker Alliance.

**Nicole Watson**, a Birri Gubba woman from Queensland, a Murri lawyer and Senior Research Officer at Sydney University's law faculty.

**Robert Fuller**, A PhD candidate in Aboriginal Astronomy at UNSW, a cultural astronomer doing a study of the astronomy of the East Coast saltwater people.

**Kirsten Banks**, a Wiradjuri woman and astronomy educator at Sydney Observatory with a passion of sharing the wonders of the universe and complex knowledge of Indigenous Australian Astronomy.

**Lola Forester**, a Yuibera woman from Qld, host of the news and current affairs program of Koori Radio (Blackchat) and commentator on relevant issues.

Building Bridges provides an opportunity to come and hear Indigenous and a few non-Indigenous presenters sharing their experience, knowledge and expertise in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

Here's your chance to meet and learn directly from and with Aboriginal people and discover that there's more to Indigenous society and culture than is portrayed in most media,

In recent decades some amazing changes have happened on the journey towards recognition and justice. However, many aspects of funding and compensation, Intervention, incarceration and sovereignty need discussion and deep change to achieve a just future society for all.

It depends on us, the people, to address the causes of the gaps and stand up for what is needed for full recognition, partnership and equality. Governments won't move unless we the people demand it.

**It's time to listen to and learn from Aboriginal people themselves and deepen the dialogue. Together we can accept and acknowledge the truth and enable dignity and healing for all.**

**For more information**

Ring Lyn on 9639 8394 or 0421 188 770

