

Reconciliation for Western Sydney

Incorporated in 1997, we aim to create and support activities and learning opportunities that contribute to the elimination of disadvantage and injustice.

We are local people of diverse backgrounds, occupations, skills, and experiences.

We collaborate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their organizations, with councils and schools as well as local, regional and national groups to pursue reconciliation and justice. This requires truth-telling about our shared history to achieve an inclusive and just future, including treaties.

We relate to organisations such as Reconciliation NSW, Reconciliation Australia, Tranby Aboriginal College, NAISDA (National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association), ANTAr (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation), Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS and many others.

We are grateful for the many individuals and organisations that have worked with us over the years.



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Join us at our meetings

7:30-9:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Reg Byrne Community Centre, Cnr Darcy Road & Fyall Ave, Wentworthville (off Cumberland Highway, 10-15 minutes from the station), free parking available.



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**Creating A Truthful
Future Together**



"Reconciliation" by Edna Watson

RECOGNITION

RESPECT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Reconciliation

*Reconciliation means understanding
Reconciliation means awareness
Reconciliation means compassion
You say you want reconciliation but do you
Understand what it will take?*

Anita Heiss, Wiradjuri Author

Join Us on an Exciting Journey

- Build relationships of respect and trust with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their organisations, particularly those of the traditional custodians of our area, the Darug nation
- Experience the generosity of Aboriginal people who share their stories and their resilience
- Support Aboriginal people in their struggle for justice, sovereignty and healing.



Jacinta Tobin teaches community members Darug language, song and story

"In 1967 we were counted, In 2017 we seek to be heard. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future."

Uluru Statement from the Heart,
Sorry Day, 26 May 2017



Learn from the oldest living civilisation right on our doorstep

Enable our multicultural community to open its heart and mind to acknowledge Australia's whole history and take steps towards a new future for this country.



Charlie Trindall explores with participants what "acknowledging country" really means, connecting to the bones of 120,000 years of ancestors beneath our feet.



Discover the wisdom of how to live well on this continent & with each other



Bill Gammage, author of "The Biggest Estate on Earth", highlights the amazing ways how Aboriginal people managed and cultivated the whole continent.

We invite you to

- Participate in our **monthly meetings** (3rd Wednesday evening) to share stories, information and ideas and plan future events together.
- Attend our **free annual "Building Bridges" course** (4-5 Wednesday evenings usually in September) for rich learning opportunities with Aboriginal presenters and participants from the community at large.
- Join our group as a **member** to learn more and help us extend our messages and actions for tomorrow (see insert).

