



# Building Bridges

**Aboriginal Presenters Sharing Experiences and Wisdom**

**Four Wednesday Nights in September**

**Everyone is invited-- to listen, learn and share, towards a new future**



**Sept 4 Voice - Treaty - Truth: Past and Current Developments  
Art -- Respecting Country, Standing up for the Rivers**

**Sept 11 Northern Territory Challenges- What is needed now?**

**Sept 18 Learning from History to Create our Future together**

**Sept 25 Gaining new Voices to lead in “Where to from here?”**

<b>Time</b>	7:00pm for 7:30-9:30pm
<b>Place</b>	Reg Byrne/Karabi Community Centre, Cnr Darcy Rd and Fyall Ave, Wentworthville, off Cumberland Highway, 10 min from Wentworthville Station, parking available
<b>Free</b>	Supper provided, donations welcome. Supported by City of Parramatta Council
<b>Register</b>	Use the link on our website: <a href="http://reconciliation4westernsydney.org">reconciliation4westernsydney.org</a> Or Parramatta College: 9687 2072 or <a href="http://parramattacollege.com.au">parramattacollege.com.au</a> Or call Lyn Leerson 9639 8394, 0421 188 770, email: <a href="mailto:lynlew@optusnet.com.au">lynlew@optusnet.com.au</a>

## Reconciliation for Western Sydney



## Additional Information on the Topics and Speakers

<b>Sept 4</b>	<p><b>Voice-Treaty-Truth-</b> Celebrating the Uluru Statement and Journey since. <i>Teela Reid</i> (not yet confirmed), Legal Aid lawyer, Uluru participant, sought after speaker, connected with the Indigenous Law Centre at UNSW and Prof. Megan Davis, international expert in First Nations Law.</p>
	<p><b>Art—Respecting Country and Standing up for the Rivers in Crisis</b> <i>Bruce Shillingsworth</i>, descendant of the Muruwarri, Gomeroi, Budjeti &amp; Wailwan people of northern inland NSW. Artist, teacher and educator, bringing people and communities together to find water solutions.</p>
<b>Sept 11</b>	<p><b>Juvenile Justice and the Northern Territory</b> <i>Christine Palmer</i>, a respected Arrente Kaytetye elder, therapist, Indigenous support worker and trainer, on key youth and women’s advisory committees, supported by Joanne Tuscano, ex- teacher and writer on Indigenous issues.</p>
	<p><b>The NT Intervention- 12 years of Pains and Actions for Change</b> <i>Neil Evers</i>, a Sydney man and descendant of the Garigal people, active in Aboriginal research and reconciliation. Regina Rogers from Ngukurr in the NT, now studying at Macquarie University, will also share many experiences of living under the Basic Card.</p>
<b>Sept18</b>	<p><b>Indigenous Related Films to Open Hearts and Minds-</b> From “Lousy Little Sixpence” in 1983 to John Pilger’s “Utopia” in 2014 and “Ablaze” in 2020. <i>Alec Morgan</i>, maker and contributor to those and other films, works with archives and First Nations people to enable truth telling and sovereignty.</p>
	<p><b>Reconciliation: Looking Back to Look Forward</b> <i>Lynda Holden</i>, Dhungutti woman, lecturer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Law, Western Sydney University, extensive knowledge and experience also in health, community services, history and education.</p>
<b>Sept 25</b>	<p><b>The History and Invisibility of the Indigenous Voice</b> <i>Brooke Prentis</i>, descendant of the Waka Waka people in Queensland, Indigenous spokesperson for Common Grace and advocate of Aboriginal Rights in church and public media.</p>
	<p><b>Voice-Treaty-Truth-- Where to From Here?</b> Panel of Aboriginal and other voices to promote Actions for change into a new common future: Brooke Prentis, Monica Tan (author of “Stranger Country” 2019) and others, along with participants own group reflections.</p>

## R4WS

Since its **beginning in 1997** Reconciliation for Western Sydney Inc has aimed to provide opportunities for its members and the community at large to learn from the traditional custodians of the land and contribute towards justice, sovereignty and a truthful future, based on relationships of respect and acknowledgement.

**We invite you to work with us** to continue the journey expressed in the Uluru Statement and meet with others to learn and make activities and change happen. Everyone can contribute and will benefit. **We meet on the third Wednesday of the month (except for January) 7:30-9:30 pm at the same location overleaf.**

