

RECONCILIATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.



ANNUAL REPORT **2021-2022**

Acknowledgement of Country

Reconciliation SA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Country throughout South Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land and waters.

We pay our respects to the diversity of cultures; significance of contributions and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Ngadlu tampinhi Kurna miyurna yaitya yarta-mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku, ngadluku piipawarpulayi kuu Kurna yartangka tikanthi.

We acknowledge the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our office sits.



Front cover artwork and elements throughout this Annual Report have been provided by 11 year old Zeisha, one of the 2021 Children's Art Competition for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day winners. The theme was Proud in Culture, Strong in Spirit. "This artwork represents the 2021 theme by using feathers to show how colourful life is especially in natural Australia. I am always happy outside".

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From the Leadership Team



This year has been a significant era for Reconciliation in both South Australia and for the nation. With the commitment from both a federal and state level governments to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full and progressing state based voice, the opportunity to embed First Nations voice in decision making has provided a renewed sense of hope and energy for the reconciliation movement.

With this Reconciliation SA reached a milestone 20 year anniversary. This provided the opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions from many many dedicated individuals and organisations that have supported, advocated and donated their time and resources in building stronger relationships between First Nation and other Australians. Celebrating our birthday with the most significant event calendar in our 20 year history including our prominent National Reconciliation Week Breakfast, special birthday event for members and free community event *Nguyanguya muri wamangka*: Reconciliation in the Park, previous Co-Chairs commented on the progress achieved and for other Australians “it’s our responsibility to do the work”.

Working in partnership and relationship building has been a strong focus with a growing number of members, sponsors and partners actively involved in our events and activities. Education has continued to be a priority with the delivery of anti racism programs in schools and workplaces. We continue to experience strong demand for our services and engagement in individual organisations reconciliation journey’s.

Progressing our own Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) has enabled us to continue to strengthen and grow the cultural integrity of our own organisation with much progress made in our first year, including our partnerships with First Nation organisations and support for First Nation business.

Working with First Nation communities and supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart SA delegates has been a privilege and we look forward to playing our role to support and promote the intent and implementation of the statement and the nation building opportunities that lay ahead.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those who have played a role in another successful year. We rely on the commitment, energy and financial and in kind support of many partners and are truly grateful for your active participation.

To Board members, we would like to thank you for your time and commitment to attending meetings, events and ‘calls-to-action’. We would like to thank outgoing members Brad Chilcott and Samantha Yates, as we welcomed Ms Lainie Anderson and Mr Rick Caruso to the Reconciliation SA Board.

A special thanks to staff who worked tirelessly to bring our events and activities to the SA community and are a driving force for change and the significant contribution from outgoing CEO Shona Reid who played a huge role in building the profile of the organisation both at a State and National level.

Finally, thank you to our members, who always play an important role in how we set the direction for the organisation and support the ultimate goal of a reconciled South Australia.

We look forward to what we can achieve with our partners, supporters and communities over the next 12 months.

Sincerely,

Your leadership team

Professor Peter Buckskin
FACE, Co-Chair

Commissioner Helen Connolly
Co-Chair

Ms Belinda Hallsworth
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Five Dimensions

When exploring reconciliation, we often condense its meaning into a singular form of relationships, whether that be building relationships or strengthening relationships between First Nation peoples and the wider Australian community. It is, however, far more complex than this and it is important to look in greater detail to what it means when we refer to 'reconciliation' as a process or destination.

In 2016, 25 years after the formation of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and the start of the formal reconciliation process, Reconciliation Australia provided some guidance to what this deeper level of understanding might be, whilst acknowledging many people bring different ideas to the table, Reconciliation Australia has identified five interrelated dimensions to measure reconciliation: race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity; unity; and historical acceptance.

In providing this Annual Report we have sought to follow these dimensions and report to our members and community on our work during the 2021/2022 financial year.



Race Relations

Our Strategic Focus ~ We seek a State free of racism, where relationship between all Australians are respectful of cultures, rights and experiences



LIKE ME LIKE YOU

In 2017, Reconciliation SA successfully secured funding through Fund My Community resources from the then Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) to develop an anti-racism education program targeted at younger students. *ActNow Theatre* was again engaged to support this work within the schooling environment.

Like me Like you is an hour long session, provided by *ActNow Theatre*, within the school where it encourages students to participate in a variety of drama activities: song, dance, live performance, puppetry and discussion. It introduces the concepts of similarity and differences, diversity, and interpersonal racism through developmentally appropriate discussions and interactions.

A core part of this program is the delivery of pre and post professional development provided by Reconciliation SA to the participating schools teaching staff. This further supports the ongoing learning and development of reconciliation within the schooling environment.

Reconciliation SA continued to facilitate the pre and post professional development in 2021 – 2022, with schools that participated in performances in early 2021.

GENERATION OF CHANGE

Generation of Change supports students in years 7-12 and their teachers to explore their ability to respond to racism, empowering the development of skills through education. Generation of Change aims to achieve these objectives through discussions surrounding cultural safety, racism and the lived experiences of individuals and their communities. Reconciliation SA works closely with *ActNow Theatre* in the design, development and implementation of this program. A core part of this program is the delivery of pre and post professional development provided by Reconciliation SA to the participating schools teaching staff. This further supports the ongoing learning and development of reconciliation within the schooling environment.

This program has been recognised nationally through the Human Rights Commission 'Racism Stops with Me Awards' in 2017 and 2018.

This is Reconciliation SA's second year from a three-year funding contract with the Department for Education to continue a roll-out of this significant anti-racism education program to the public education sector. Additionally, for the first time, workshops supporting teachers to engage in professional dialogue regarding their own responsibilities in anti-racism education were included in the delivery. In August 2021, Reconciliation SA delivered a two-week block to 10

secondary schools that included rural and metro areas. These schools included Blackwood, Port Lincoln, Ceduna, Brompton, Nuriootpa, Gladstone, Clare, Paralowie, Botanic, Salisbury and Lobethal. Overwhelmingly, the program was delivered to over 400 students with majority of the feedback indicating how important the Generation of change experience is.

During the period of March to May 2022, Reconciliation SA delivered to independent schools such as Endeavour College and SEDA College. Two sessions were delivered to Endeavour College which saw over 100 students attend throughout the two consecutive days. The delivery to SEDA College also saw close to 100 students attend and close to 20 teachers and staff. This was the first time introducing Indigenous AFL players from the Adelaide Football Club sharing their lived experiences with racism.

R2R IN THE WORKPLACE

Reconciliation SA funded the development of a Racism in the Workplace program in early 2021 and underwent its first delivery in June 2021.

Reconciliation SA alongside *ActNow Theatre* developed a unique anti-racism program for the workplace that aims to support employees in a safe environment that adds value to their professional and personal lived experiences.

This program furthers our race relations portfolio, meets the needs of government, corporate and business sector requests for support. The program specially targets adults within the workforce and supports their:

- unlearn and relearn about race relations in South Australia
- development of skills and attitudes in being able to respond to interpersonal and institutional racism
- developed staff led strategies to address racism in the work environment.

The first of many sessions were delivered to the Department for Innovation and Skills & the Department for Energy and Mining as a 5-session contract agreement which started in June 2021 and was completed in April 2022. Other businesses or Departments Reconciliation SA have delivered to include BHP, The Department for Treasury and Finance, The Department for Correctional Services, BAE Systems, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) and The Department for Infrastructure and Transport. There has been general interest from workplaces wanting to know more about the program as it continues to grow in popularity.



Equality and Equity

Our Strategic Focus ~ We seek a State where First Nation rights are upheld, and all First Nation people can participate and equally experience positive social and economic opportunities



RECONCILIATION IN EDUCATION

Reconciliation SA in partnership with Reconciliation Australia supported the promotion and engagement of schools and teachers in the *Narragunawali: Reconciliation in Education* program across SA. *Narragunawali* supports all schools and early learning services in Australia to develop environments that foster a high level of knowledge and pride in First Nation histories, cultures and contributions.

Reconciliation SA supported this by holding 15 large scale workshops, 7 of which were public facing while the rest engaged Catholic Education, Teach Australia, Gowrie SA Inclusion Agency, Community Childrens Centres SA, Happy Haven OSHC, and the Australian Education Union SA members. These workshops support deeper understandings of reconciliation in education and how to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan, all within the South Australian context.

Reconciliation SA also held 68 onsite or online meetings with schools and early learning settings. These meetings supported reconciliation understandings, and offer intensive support on developing Reconciliation Action Plans, as well as exploring specific actions and how to implement them effectively.

COVID19 continued to impact efforts to get into schools and early learning settings, particularly in early 2022, but despite restrictions and challenges being experienced across the education sector, we estimate that 856 educators, teachers and leaders have engaged in shared reconciliation work across school and early learning sites.

EDUCATION: RECONCILIATION INDUSTRY NETWORK GROUP

The *Education: Reconciliation Industry Networking Group (RING)* has been an initiative of Reconciliation SA for many years, with its origins being a subcommittee of the Reconciliation SA Board. The aim of this network is to bring all education sectors around the table to learn from each other, build capacity together and find opportunities to partner in reconciliation activities.

The Education RING strengthened this year by bringing several new members from school and early learning associations into the network.

This reporting period we have continued “Spotlight Sessions” in the meetings, which provided the sector with a guest speaker to talk through common matters of interest. We held 5 meetings, including 1 with a special focus. These included:

- Understanding more about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, and how to organise and celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day
- Learning about the Early Years Learning Framework review, and how to participate in review processes, as well as what the focus on reconciliation will be in the reviewed framework
- Understanding the Uluru Statement from the Heart and how members can support early learning settings and schools to understand the purpose of the statement.
- Learning about truth telling in film making and exploring teaching resources that can extend learning from films.
- Learning about the review of ACARA, and how the organising ideas within the curriculum connect to respect, relationships and opportunities within *Narragunawali* reconciliation action plans.

EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS

As part of our role in advocating and providing information, Reconciliation SA have been releasing Education Newsletters quarterly to thousands of teachers across SA (regional, remote and metropolitan areas). These newsletters promote the:

- local and national work of reconciliation in education
- latest curriculum information related to First Nation matters of interest
- local news, schools' successes and opportunities

This type of communications provides opportunities for Reconciliation SA to extend its networks, engage the education sector further and provide practical support to teachers, educators and the schooling community. This year we changed to a mail chimp model of communication and have focused on sharing Reconciliation SA events and community events as a priority.

RECONCILIATION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES GRANT PROGRAM

The grants program has been wide reaching with sites across South Australia participating. The program is now in its second year, with 105 applications received, and 66 successful applications in the financial year.

Successful projects often identified their initiatives as being influential in engaging a broad range of stakeholder's including (but not limited to) educators, teachers, students, families, and local community. Further, schools and early learning sites have also used the grants as an opportunity to engage with local councils, sharing their work with their local mayor or members of parliament.

The grants program has played a key role in providing opportunities to positively engage with First Nation matters of interest, examine the concept of reconciliation, and engage in tangible activities that meaningfully create positive relationships between students, teachers, educators, and First Nation peoples.

The Reconciliation Education Activities Grants program has demonstrated that reconciliation beyond the classroom is something that the whole school community can engage in and be a part of.

These grants have only been possible with the sponsorship from key education partners including the Department for Education, Catholic Education, Association of Independent Schools SA, Gowrie SA, Community Children's Centres SA, SA Power Networks, and the Wyatt Trust.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY

The Reconciliation SA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day Artwork Competition aligned with the 2021 theme of:

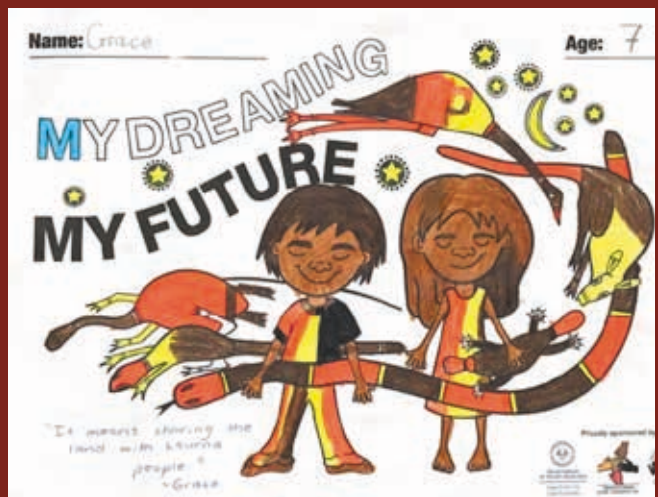
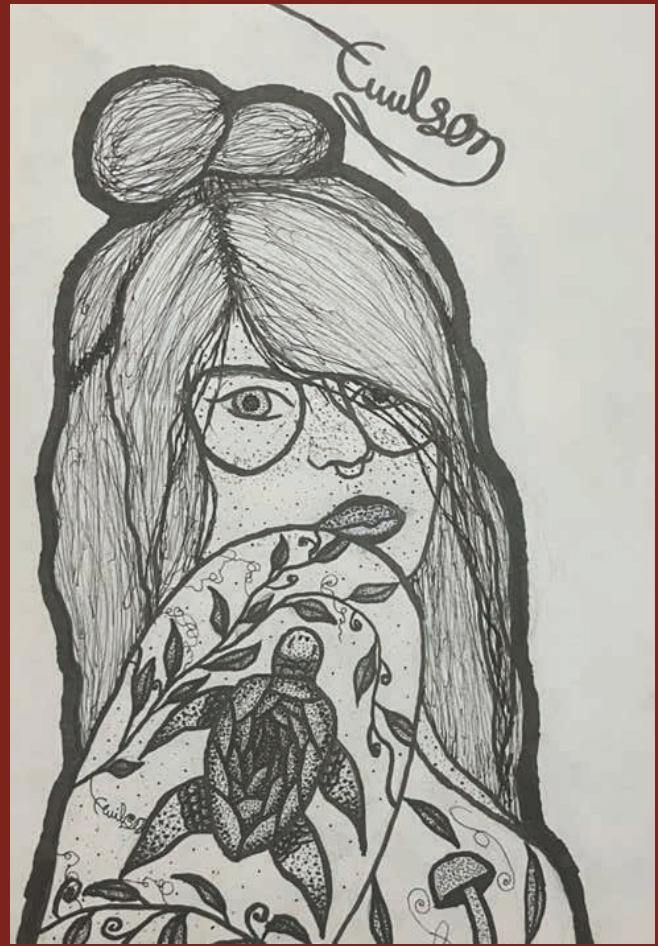
'Proud in culture, strong in spirit.'

The competition was aimed at promoting

- The voices of Aboriginal children and young people
- Aboriginal children and young people as future leaders
- The strength of Aboriginal culture
- The importance of connection to culture

This competition was open to all children across South Australia and was divided into free art and colouring sheet sections to cater for age-appropriate engagement.

Reconciliation SA engaged Ms Karen Briggs again this year to design an original colouring sheet for all schools and children to access. We were excited to offer this competition again this year and are grateful to receive generous sponsorship from the South Australian Department of Child Protection to do so. This program highlights the wonderful talent and stories of children and young people in South Australia and is a wonderful way of activating the child protection and education sectors to think about and celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.





Historical Acceptance

Our Strategic Focus: We seek a State where the relationships between all Australians are based on an understanding and acceptance of the wrongs of the past and their impact



ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATION BREAKFAST

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in South Australia across December 2021 and January 2022, the 2022 Apology Breakfast was cancelled in its physical format in the interest of the public's health and safety, and particularly vulnerable members of the community. In place of the physical event, Reconciliation SA produced and delivered an hour-long commemorative film that was published on February 13th 2022 across Reconciliation SA's Youtube and Facebook. Collectively across all social media platforms that belong to Reconciliation SA, this film has had 5,000 views to end June 2022. The film was directed by South Australian film maker Michael Tessari and included multiple facets to commemorate the National Apology to the Stolen Generation in 2008. These were:

- A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Robert Taylor
- A performance of an original song composed specifically for the film by Robert Taylor & the wind section of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
- A performance by Nancy Bates & the Wind Section of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
- A monologue performance by Martin Pascoe
- A discussion between Professor Mary-Ann Bin-Sallik and Professor Michael Lavarch, led by Reconciliation SA CEO Shona Reid in recognition of 25 years since the National Inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families

By producing this film and publishing it online, it provided Reconciliation SA with the opportunity to reach a wider, national audience.

This film was made possible through the support of our valued sponsors, Department for Child Protection (Principal Sponsor), Credit Union SA (Major Sponsor), Green Adelaide (Minor Sponsor), Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (Supporter), Early Childhood Australia: SA Branch (Supporter), Intract Australia (Supporter), Ochre Dawn (Supporter), SACOSS (Supporter) and Sarah Construction (Supporter)

COLONIAL CONFLICT

Reconciling with the Frontier: Accounting for Colonial Conflict, is a project based in the History Department of the University of Adelaide. The following are partner organisations: South Australian Museum, the History Trust of South Australia, the State Library of South Australia, South Australian State Records, and Reconciliation SA.

The aim of this project is to capture as many accounts as possible of conflict or violence between colonists and First Nation peoples in South Australia, and to make this information widely available through a website and on-line 'Story Map'. It does not aim to find a single 'truth' of these events but to learn of and respect diverse community voices and perspectives.

The project draws on archival records of frontier conflict (such as court reports, newspaper accounts, settlers' diaries and reminiscences, government records including police and the Protector's correspondence) as well as verbal accounts that have been passed down and remembered through the generations (by both First Nation and non-First Nation communities). It is envisaged that the website will be launched in the first half of 2023.

ABORIGINAL VETERANS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Reconciliation SA continue to support Aboriginal Veterans South Australia (AVSA). In 2022, AVSA achieved some significant work for the Veterans community, including finalising several important grave dedications, celebrating two significant Veteran events, and a launch of the book "For Love of Country", a book that details the service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

AVSA hosted an intimate ANZAC Day Gathering at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial (Torrens Parade Ground). We were joined by approximately 50 other attendees (in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions) to recognise and commemorate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and servicewomen who served our country. We believe it is really important to understand the experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and servicewomen, the commitment and the sacrifices they made, especially when many did not receive the acknowledgement due upon return.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The annual Aboriginal Veterans Commemorative Service, hosted over 150 guests from the SA community during Reconciliation Week. In honour, and remembrance of First Nation service men and women, guests lay wreaths and book tributes at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial. The event was followed by the book launch of "For Love of Country" and lunch, attended by honourable guests including Her excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC. Reconciliation SA was honoured to support the AVSA Committee to organise and deliver the event. This event was sponsored by Reconciliation Australia.



Reconciliation SA 21-22

RACE RELATIONS

Anti-Racism Programs

- 11 Like me Like you primary school programs delivered in partnership with *ActNow Theatre Company* **700** students
- 12 Generation of Change programs delivered to high school students to **547** students
- 1 Lived Experience sessions delivered by two Adelaide Football club players
- 9 Responding to Racism in the Workplace sessions delivered to Government, Not for Profit and Private sector

UNIVERSITY

- 432** Reconciliation
- 1400** people attend Reconciliation W
- 1300** Nguyanguya Reconciliation
- 300** members and friends Birthday ce
- Supporting the SA Uluru team to promote great Uluru statement

INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY

- Delivering our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan – our first year - **81%** deliverables underway/completed
- Supported 10 Reconciliation Action Plans for other organisations
- 3 Local Government Reconciliation Industry Network Group meetings with 75 individuals attending one or more meetings, representing **60%** LGAs

Year in Review Highlights

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EQUALITY & EQUITY

Reconciliation in Education

15 Workshops

68 onsite/online meetings

856 educators, teachers and leaders

6 Education Reconciliation Industry Network
Group meetings

Education newsletter **742** subscribers

43 Education Activity Grants awarded

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Children's Day artwork
competition 5 prizes
awarded

HISTORICAL ACCEPTANCE

5000 views of the Commemorative film for the
anniversary of the national apology to the stolen
generation

Supporting the Reconciling with the frontier:
Accounting for Colonial Conflict project

Supporting Aboriginal Veterans South
Australia

WALSHO



Institutional Integrity

Our Strategic Focus: We seek a State where the principles of reconciliation underpin political, business and community structures



NATIONAL RAP CONFERENCE

Reconciliation SA were excited to again attend the Reconciliation Australia's national RAP conference. The 2022 Conference *Brave Together*, marked first time since 2019 that the RAP network was able to gather in-person.

From 7 June to 9 June 2022, over 700 RAP organisation employees, policymakers, academics, and community members, connected and were challenged to be brave in their commitments to reconciliation. Reconciliation SA played a key role in facilitating the breakout session on Ally, Advocate or Activist and plenary world café session on 'Brave together'.

SUPPORTING RAPS ACROSS SA

In efforts to increase the reach of RAPs and to provide additional income to support the promotion and engagement in the reconciliation movement, Reconciliation SA has developed a robust and successful RAP Consultancy Framework to support organisations.

Activities include:

- co-designing the consultancy methodology with organisations
- engagement through workshops, surveys and interviews
- connecting with First Nation communities
- presentations to decision makers on RAP deliverables
- Reconciliation partnership exploration and brokerage, and
- production of a completed RAP (non-graphics)

This consultancy enables organisations to access Reconciliation SA's knowledge, skills and partnerships to assist in the development and implementation of their own RAPs. During the last financial year Reconciliation SA started and/or completed six consultancies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Reconciliation SA continued its partnership with the Local Government Association to support the increase of First Nation Voice in Local Government. A key outcome of the project is the growth of the Local Government Reconciliation Industry Network Group (LG RING). During 2021-22 we facilitated and co-chaired three LG RING meetings and covered a range of issues in the 'spotlight sessions', including:

- Enabling and creating opportunities for First Nation Voice in community and in council chambers (Sally Scales, Partnership Manager Uluru Statement from the Heart [SA Leadership Dialogue])
- First Nation perspectives: being an elected member and participation in council (Deputy Mayor and Cr. Esma Livermore, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, NSW and Cr. Dominic Wy Kanak, Waverley Council, NSW)
- Native Title, reconciliation and connecting with community (Keith Thomas, CEO South Australian Native Title Services).

During the reporting period, a total of 75 individuals attended one or more LG RING meetings, representing 41 local government areas (LGAs) (60% of all SA councils). Compared to the previous financial year, there has been an increase of 39 attendees and 21 councils represented at the LG RING.

To complement the senior leadership of the LG RING, Reconciliation SA established an officer level group with the aim of bringing practical discussions about Reconciliation to councils. The inaugural Local Government Reconciliation Officers Network meeting was held in April with representation from 27 LGAs. Reconciliation Australia presented to the group on the RAP program. This group will meet twice per year to exchange information, insights, and learnings about reconciliation initiatives, activities, and experiences within local government and communities in South Australia.

In addition to the above networks, Reconciliation SA has continued to support individual councils with reconciliation initiatives, Reconciliation Action Plans, First Nation participation and inclusivity. We have also created a database of council RAP status across South Australia. The database is updated at regular intervals and enables Reconciliation SA to more effectively plan engagement strategies.

Reconciliation SA continues to work with the LGA to support inclusivity of First Nation peoples in the upcoming local government elections, including supporting the LGA on election promotional materials.

STATE GOVERNMENT ELECTION POLICY PLATFORM

Reconciliation SA put forward its policy platform ahead of the 2022 State elections seeking the Government to work with the parliament and the broader community to prioritise action towards a reconciled state across the five dimensions. The policy position included the request to support advancing the invitation proposed in the Uluru Statement from the Heart – a First Nation voice to Parliament, Treaty & Truth Telling process.

- **Equality and Equity:** Support processes of First Nations codesign and led policies and programs, committing to long term investment to meet newly developed and expanded initiatives that meet closing the gap targets in South Australia.
- **Race Relations:** Support initiatives and campaigns that address racism experienced by First Nations people, both at an individual and systemic level.
- **Historical Acceptance:** State-wide and local level truth-telling processes as a foundational part of relationship building between First Nation people and the wider community
- **Intuitional Integrity:** Governments and democratic institutions actively engage in working towards reconciliation and be publicly accountable for their actions or inactions.
- **Unity:** Define our collective shared identity of South Australians that is inclusive of First Nation cultures and knowledges.

STRENGTHENING OUR ACCOUNTABILITY

Reconciliation SA continued to grow and build the capability and capacity of the organisation, with increasing professionalism of events and activities, business development of our programs and resources and strengthening our relationships with First Nation and other Australians.

MARKET RESEARCH

McGregor Tan was commissioned to undertake market research to assess evaluation of the appeal and benefits of membership of Reconciliation SA, providing a benchmark of awareness, comprehension, appeal and intent to take-up memberships among organisations and individuals (aged 18-35). This research has provided valuable intelligence to support the continued growth of our membership network, with the strong focus for more and broader promotion and visibility needed to lift awareness, membership and activities of Reconciliation SA.

RECONCILIATION SA RAP

Reconciliation SA has continued to implement its inaugural Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which was launched in May 2021. As an advocate and supporter of the Reconciliation Australia RAP program we believe the best way to demonstrate our own commitment to reconciliation is to actively and meaningfully participate in a program that we so passionately engage our SA community with.

We believe that by developing and implementing this RAP we are leading by example, being accountable to our community and taking action to achieve our deep commitment to creating a just, equitable and reconciled SA.

Our RAP Working Group have worked to ensure the delivery of our RAP in its first year with the majority of actions underway or completed.

Our Innovate RAP can be found on our website and updates are provided regularly to our Board and through our monthly newsletter.





Unity

Our Theory of Change: If we mobilise all South Australians to develop respectful relationships through conversations and education, we can influence and build opportunities for shared understanding, healing, growth and better life outcomes



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK BREAKFAST

In 2022, Reconciliation SA delivered the National Reconciliation Week Breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Friday 27th May for over 1400 guests, in recognition of this year's theme "Be Brave. Make Change". This theme asks everyone to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise. The panel with past and present Reconciliation SA Co-Chairs spoke to this as well as reflecting on the past 20 years of the organisation and the work done, and the work yet to do. These co-chairs were Christine Charles, Jan Chorley & Professor Peter Buckskin.

Guests were treated to inspiring performances by Miiesha and Tjarutja Dance Collective, and an important Welcome to Country by Taylor Power-Smith. This year the event was MC'ed by Australian TV and Film Actor Luke Carroll.

The event sold out in under 24 hours and was very well received by all attendees.

This event was made possible through the support of our wonderful sponsors:

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NGUYANGUYA MURI WAMANGKA: RECONCILIATION IN THE PARK

On the final day of National Reconciliation Week, Friday 3rd June 2022 Reconciliation SA delivered a free, accessible, outdoor, community event in Pinky Flat titled Nguyanguya muri wamangka: Reconciliation In The Park. This event is the first of its kind to be delivered by Reconciliation SA. The event included live musical performances by First Nations artists, Baker Boy, J-MILLA, Glenn Skuthorpe and Tilly Thomas – with DJ SVVLO and MC Kevin Kropinyeri. Senior Torres Strait Islander man Uncle Eddie Peters also performed, and Karl Telfer gave a Greeting to Spirit of Place and Smoking Ceremony with Yellaka.

Additionally, there were activities for kids including a NRW Week themed art activity with Mali Isabel and sporting activations provided by Tennis SA and the South Australian Cricket Association. There were First Nations food vendors on site such as Tandanya and Tauondi. Reconciliation SA also had a stall with learning resources and merchandise for sale. The event was attended by 1300 members of the South Australian public and was made possible through the support of BHP, Department for Human Services, City of Adelaide & Flinders University.

RECONCILIATION SA'S 20TH BIRTHDAY: MEMBERS CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 19th May, Reconciliation SA celebrated its 20th birthday in the Ian McLachlan Room of the Adelaide Oval for over 300 members and friends. Within this event, there were speeches made by Reconciliation SA Co-Chairs Helen Connelly and Professor Peter Buckskin, as well as Sally Scales from Uluru Statement from the Heart and Reconciliation SA CEO Shona Reid. The Welcome to Country was given by Jack Buckskin and entertainment was provided by DJ Phoenixx and DJ Angel.

LET'S GET MOVING

The 'Let's Get Moving' competition began as part of Reconciliation SA's initial response to the pandemic and is a Virtual health-based reconciliation activity for individuals, groups and schools to participate. Participants will be asked to reflect on their efforts in the Reconciliation movement.

The contest asks participants to recreate the 2000 Sydney Harbour Bridge walk for reconciliation by walking that distance, or more during Reconciliation Week. This competition was sponsored by Reconciliation Australia.

Reconciliation SA developed a page on our website to enable engagement with participants in this activity, including opportunity for people to post photos into a gallery specifically designed for this Engagement Activity.

Prizes are awarded to those who travel the greatest distance and referrals.

The campaign closed on 3 June 2022 with 13 Participants.

RECONCILIATION WEEK FILM COMPETITION

The annual Reconciliation SA Film Competition was held once again in 2022 in the lead up to Reconciliation Week. The film competition aims to engage students with reconciliation and action toward reconciliation. This competition was sponsored by Reconciliation Australia.

This year schools were charged with focussing on the reconciliation week theme of Be Brave. Make Change. Schools sent in entries that focussed on what they had done throughout the year to embrace the reconciliation movement.

The competition closed on 3 June 2022 with the first prize winner being awarded to Cardijn College and the second prize to Para Hills West Primary School.

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

Reconciliation SA has continued to provide support to create greater awareness of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Reconciliation SA was invited to Cairns in April to attend an Uluru Statement Senior Leaders meeting, at which the Yarrabah Affirmation was made. The Affirmation calls for a constitutionally enshrined voice and provides two dates of significance as options for a referendum.

During this reporting period, Reconciliation SA has continued to provide secretariat support to the South Australian Uluru Dialogue Leadership Team on the South Australian state campaign to create greater awareness of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. As part of this support, we conducted three webinars on voice, treaty and truth. All three webinars were recorded and have been uploaded to our YouTube channel. The team has continued to promote the Uluru Statement, and now the Yarrabah Affirmation, at various public events and has facilitated speaking engagements between the South Australian Leadership Team and various organisations.

LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE ORATION

The Don Dunstan Foundation and Reconciliation SA presented the 15th Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration named in honour of Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG, which was delivered by the Hon Linda Burney MP n at Bonython Hall in Adelaide on Tuesday 31 May during National Reconciliation Week.

The Oration honours the influential Aboriginal leader, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG and gives voice to vital issues for our nation's first people.

Ms Burney, the first Indigenous woman elected to the Federal House of Representatives, chose as the title for her address 'The Way Forward – Informed by the Past'.

Ms Burney delivered the Oration on the eve of being sworn in as Australia's Minister for Indigenous Affairs – the first Indigenous woman to hold the position.

AUSTRALIAN RECONCILIATION NETWORK

The Australian Reconciliation Network (ARN) is comprised of state and territory reconciliation organisations that run as separate entities to Reconciliation Australia.

This network meets quarterly to:

- identify common areas of interest and develop strategies for collaboration to advance reconciliation on a state and national level
- share information on strategies and activities that have been effective in promoting reconciliation
- build mutually supportive relationships across the ARN and share resources where possible and appropriate
- maintain dialogue that will inform and strengthen reconciliation efforts

The work of this network helps support a cohesive reconciliation movement nationally. Reconciliation SAs members of this network plays a big part in our ability to influence and participate in reconciliation at a national level.

COMMUNITY STALLS

Throughout the year, Reconciliation SA has attended as many community events as possible to increase our visibility within the community. Reconciliation Week was quite an active week, with the team attending events such as Reconciliation in the West at Taoundi.

2022 was the first year that Reconciliation SA participated at WOMADelaide as a not-for-profit community stall. The organisation had a presence for all 4 days of the festival and shared it with the Uluru Statement from the Heart and spent these days educating many festival go-ers on what both groups do, taking donations and selling/giving away merchandise.

Reconciliation SA had a stall at Sonder's Closing the Gap event at Wayville Showgrounds in May. The event attracted hundreds of attendees and staff at the stall spoke with many people about our programs, upcoming events and the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) is always an exciting time of the year for Reconciliation SA. The 2022 theme was Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and our involvement ranged from:

- attending many events and award ceremonies to congratulate and acknowledge work of First Nation peoples across SA
- participating in the Adelaide NAIDOC March from Tarntanyangga to Parliament House, where thousands of families and friends gathered to acknowledge and celebrate First Nation cultures and community
- having a stall at the NAIDOC Family Fun Day at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square)



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Uniting Communities continued their generous accommodation support, enabling Reconciliation SA to have a presence in the CBD.







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