



2017 - 2018

ANNUAL REPORT



Reconciliation
South Australia Inc.



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Acknowledgement of Country

Reconciliation SA acknowledges the traditional custodians of country throughout South Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

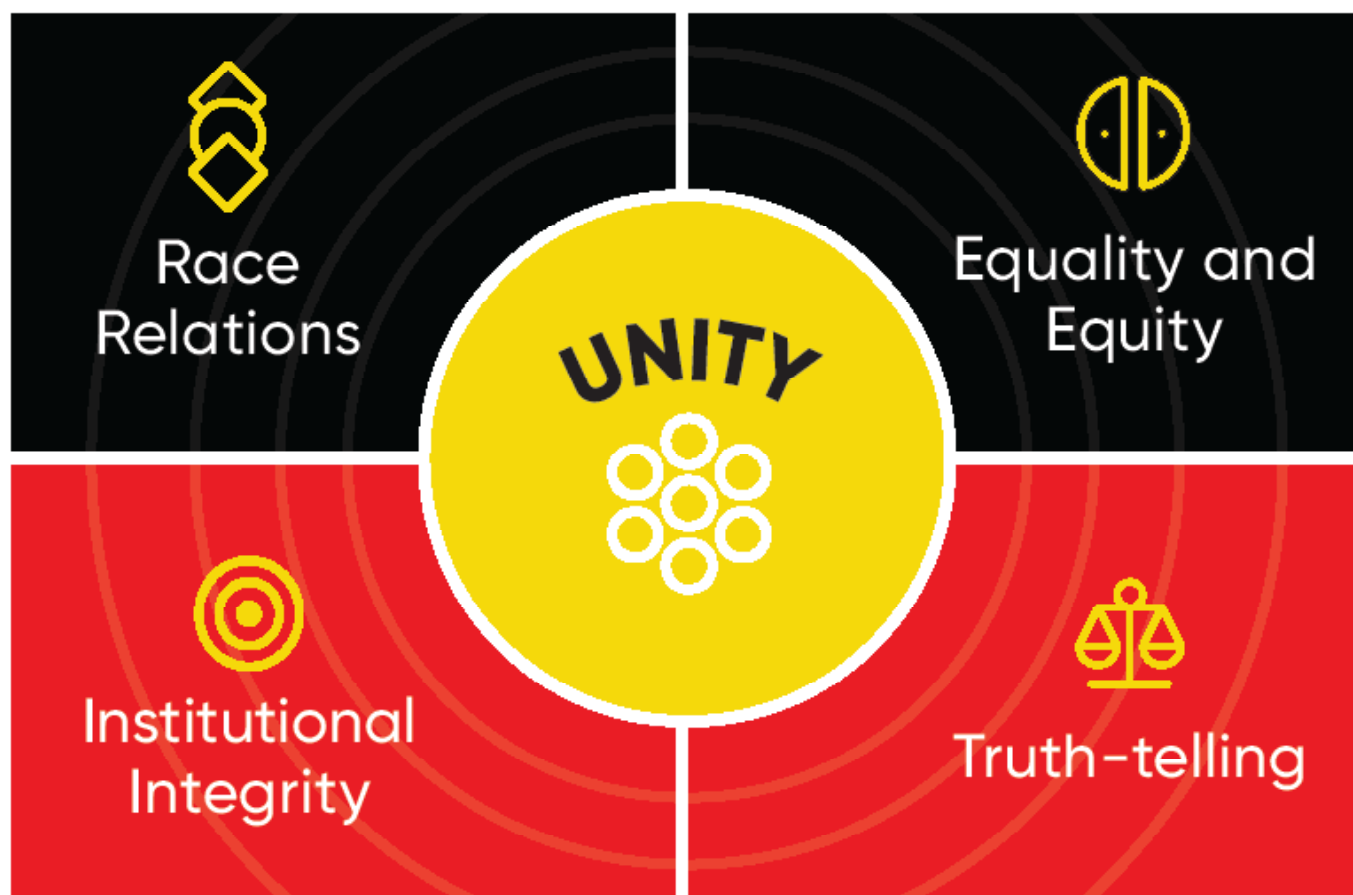
We pay our respects to them; their cultures, contributions and to Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains region as the traditional custodians of the land on which our office sits.

The Five Dimensions of Reconciliation

In 2016, Reconciliation Australia launched the State of Reconciliation in Australia Report, celebrating 25 years of formal reconciliation efforts in this country. In this time, and prior to it, countless individuals have dedicated their life's work to the reconciliation movement. To measure this progress and provide direction moving forward, Reconciliation Australia identified five critical dimensions that together represent a holistic and comprehensive picture of reconciliation.

Reconciliation SA is South Australia's representative within the Australian Reconciliation Network, and together we endorse Reconciliation Australia's State of Reconciliation in Australia Report (2016) and its five dimensions of Unity, Race Relations, Equity, Institutional Integrity and Historical Acceptance.



The strategic action we have taken throughout the 2017 - 2018 financial year has been underpinned by these dimensions, as highlighted by this Annual Report.

We have also been guided in our work by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, released in May of 2017. Quotations from this statement have been used throughout this report to support and strengthen our work within each of these areas.

ABOUT US

Vision

A movement for all Australians to strengthen relationships and create change for a more positive future with Aboriginal people.

Purpose

To advocate for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal South Australians to listen and talk, work and walk together as partners to build a fairer Australia.

Principles

1. Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Australians.
2. Respect and promote the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their cultures and identity and their right to self-determination.
3. Understand, acknowledge and accept the shared history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those who have arrived since settlement and recognise that past injustices continue to give rise to present injustices.
4. Promote constructive dialogue and language within the community that emphasises action 'done with' rather than 'done to' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Priority Areas

1. Constitutional Reform
2. School based and community education programs
3. Employment
4. Justice Re-investment
5. Health and well-being
6. Organisational sustainability



Reconciliation SA Board Member, Uncle Ivan Tiwu-Copley at the Apology Day Community Event, Photo Credit: Ben Searcy



CO-CHAIRS' REPORT



Professor Peter Buckskin PSM FACE
University of SA Dean of Aboriginal Engagement
& Strategic Projects



Ms. Helen Connolly
Commissioner for Children & Young People

As Co-Chairs, we are pleased to present Reconciliation South Australia's 2017 – 2018 Annual Report.

As an organisation, we realise that there is still work to be done in this sector, and thus we are always working to build and improve the reconciliation movement in South Australia. In 2017 – 2018, we imbued our strategic direction with the five dimensions outlined in Reconciliation Australia's State of Reconciliation Report (2016). These dimensions of Historical Acceptance, Race Relations, Unity, Institutional Integrity and Equality and Equity provide us with the framework with which to measure our impact.

This past year has been one of growth, not only for the organisation but for the reconciliation agenda as whole. As a nation, we are coming to the collective realisation that constitutional reform and historical truth-telling are essential to our Australian identity. The federal government's initial rejection of the historical Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2017 spurred us on to continue advocating for these important issues.

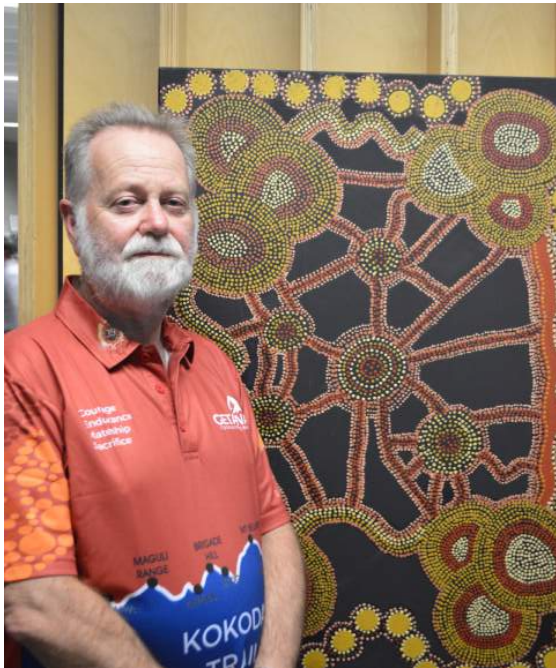
As a Board, we have worked to strengthen the strategic planning and direction of the organisation, with implementation to be carried out in 2019 – 2021. In addition to the five dimensions, we are positioning education, for both the community and schools, as a key direction.

As Co-Chairs, we maintain regular contact with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, including through the transition to a new government. We would like to thank the Hon Kyam Maher MLC for our contact with him in the previous government. He was always accessible and open to the reconciliation agenda. In welcoming Premier Steven Marshall as the new Minister, it precipitated the need for a new Liberal Parliamentary Director. Sam Duluk MP, the Member for Waite, joined the Board in May 2018. From the Australian Labor Party, Eddie Hughes MP, Member for Giles, took over from Katrine Hildyard MP in 2017 maintaining a bi-partisan approach to the Board.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Department of Industry and Skills (previously State Development) for our office accommodation and financial support. We also thank all of our members, sponsors and partners who strengthened our capacity to effectively increase our reach and impact. At the 2017 AGM, we recognised the Board service of Wendy Keech as she completed her term. We welcomed Ivan Tiwu-Copley, Toni Arundel, Astrid Melchers and James Maher back on to the Board, with the remaining vacancies filled by Yvonne Agius and Greg Franks.

To conclude our third Annual Report, we would like to commend the Board and its Executive upon their level of commitment and work over the past year.

STATE MANAGER'S REPORT



Mark Waters
State Manager, Reconciliation SA

As Reconciliation SA's State Manager, I am pleased to present my eighth and final Annual Report.

Reconciliation SA has advocated over the last seven years for constitutional reform. In 2017, a delegation of 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples spoke with a united voice and released the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This was the culmination of the Referendum Council's extensive process, which saw many people participate in dialogues across the country. The outcomes have been far reaching with the statement promoting constitutional reform to adopt a voice for the First Peoples enshrined in the Australian Constitution. It also called upon a truth and reconciliation approach and the establishment of a Makarrata Commission that will oversee the discussions and advancement for a treaty in Australia.

From an operational perspective, these tenets of truth-telling, unity and historical acceptance have underpinned much of what we have achieved in 2017 – 2018.

In January 2018, Reconciliation SA brought this concept of truth-telling to the national conversation about January 26th. We drew people's attention to the 80th Anniversary of the Day of Protest and Mourning, acknowledging that this debate has deep roots in our nation's history. We encouraged people to explore articles from 1938 where William Cooper had argued for the rights of Aboriginal people to be respected and supported. This was part of our broader campaign around January 26th and the need for our national day, regardless of its date, to bring about unity in identity and historical reflection. We want to encourage people to listen respectfully to all sides of a debate or argument. This is in keeping with us being a non-partisan body that works across all sides of inclusive and non-racial politics.

This promotion of truth-telling expanded its national border to Papua New Guinea with the inaugural Kokoda Track Reconciliation Trek, acknowledging and commemorating the service of Aboriginal servicemen in the Second World War. This also highlighted our strong commitment to supporting and empowering young people to become leaders in their community. Young people already see the world differently than their parents, and are open and actively engaged in conversations about reconciliation and historical acceptance. The remarkable young people who traversed Kokoda have continued to tell their stories in a range of settings and provided testament to the power of their experience.

Additionally, a large percentage of our work has been focused upon Race Relations. Reconciliation SA's race relations school program, created and delivered in partnership with ActNow Theatre continues to flourish. It has led to a national nomination of the Generation of Change program as one of 5 finalists in the Australian Human Rights Commission Awards in the category of "Racism. It Stops With Me." This recognition of Generation of Change demonstrates the profile that has been grown with this transformative program.

Building on this momentum, we won a Fund My Community grant which has allowed us to extend the inclusion message into Primary Schools for students in Years 1 – 3 and in the health sector. Reconciliation SA has also been a leader in the Stop Racism Taskforce in SA.

Our small but dedicated staff team has been the backbone in all our successes throughout this past year, and each are deserving of recognition:

- Stephen Holt as Administration Officer
- Samara Young as Communications Officer
- Narkita Austin who transitioned from her traineeship into the Event Administration Officer role.
- Ainoa Cabada Rey as Project Officer, Education
- Linikka Richards, Administration and Events Trainee

Students from a range of disciplines have enhanced the team during the year. Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Community Services students from diverse institutions have added incredible value to Reconciliation SA. These students have increased our profile as a rights-based organisation standing for zero tolerance of racism. Interns and volunteers have rounded out the team by completing all tasks where additional support is required.

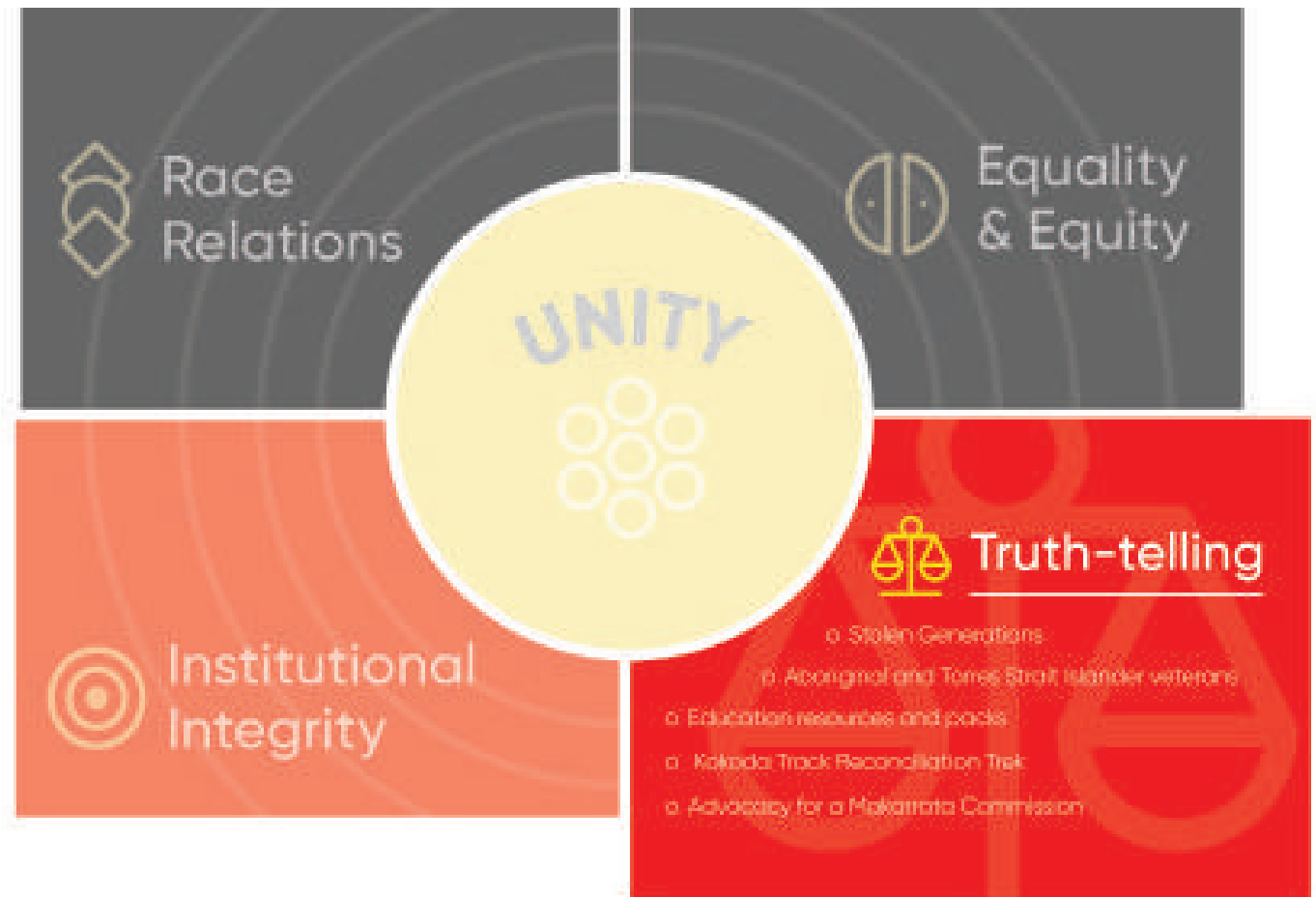


Reconciliation SA staff team and students at the Blackwood Reconciliation Park



TRUTH-TELLING

“We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.”



Truth-telling has long been recognised as a starting point for coming to terms with a period of conflict, upheaval or injustice. The Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for truth-telling about our history as the foundation of a fair and equal relationship between all Australians. This proposal builds on a considerable history of advocacy for a process of truth-telling about Australia's history, from the frontier wars and massacres to the ongoing discrimination encountered by First Nations peoples.

Reconciliation Australia's 2016 State of Reconciliation in Australia Report articulates the need for truth as an integral part of the nation's journey towards unity and equity. Historical Acceptance was the theme of this year's National Reconciliation Week, and saw South Australians take up the challenge to learn more about their local history. The growing momentum for both historical acceptance and truth-telling highlights a new readiness of Australians to acknowledge and accept the shared and often difficult truths of our past, and move forward together.

Many of Reconciliation SA's activities through the 2017 – 2018 financial year were underpinned by this process of truth-telling.

HONOURING 10 YEARS SINCE THE APOLOGY



In February of this year, Australians marked an important date in their collective history; the tenth anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

This date, the Apology and the history which it references, provides cause for both celebration and sombre reflection. We celebrate and honour the undeniable resilience of the Survivors of the Stolen Generations and their families, many of whom still feel the incredible loss caused by the forced removal policies which took them from their families, land and language. But we pause to reflect on the ongoing suffering, which though buffered by the Apology cannot be wholly remedied without meaningful action and reparation.

This complexity of emotion has always been well balanced by the Apology Day Community Event, held each year in the Veale Gardens. To mark this year's important anniversary the organising committee including Reconciliation SA added to the already successful event. For the first time this year, Survivors and supporters congregated in

Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) for a peaceful march down King William Road towards South Terrace. The group was led by Elders playing clap sticks painted by the support groups from Link-Up of Nunkuwarrin Yunti.

Once the group reached the Veale Gardens, they were Welcomed to Country by Kurna Elder Frank Wanganeen. With the crowd gathered, a truly remarkable healing and smoking ceremony unfolded, with the four neighbouring nations of Kurna, Peramangk, Ngarrindjeri and Ngadjuri represented.

While events such as the Apology Day Community Event and Reconciliation SA's annual Apology Breakfast allow us the opportunity to reflect on the past, they also embolden us to look forward and advocate for Survivors and their families.

As part of truth-telling we must be honest that there is still more to be done and that the National Apology to the Stolen Generation in 2008 was a starting point and not the destination.

TOGETHER, RECONCILED, WE REMEMBER

September 2017 marked a momentous first for Reconciliation SA, as thirty Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students, teachers, young mentors and leaders set out on the inaugural Kokoda Track Reconciliation Trek.

The departure to Papua New Guinea was preceded by months of planning, fundraising, physical and cultural training and research. Although the Trek had immense personal impact on the growth of each of the trekkers, its underlying purpose was to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen who fought on the track. Eleven Aboriginal soldiers from South Australia served on the Kokoda Track during the Second World War.

The cost of war, both the lives lost and the long term mental health effects for those that returned home, was never far from the trekkers' minds as they traversed the unforgiving terrain of the Kokoda Track; the munition dumps of unexploded mortars and bullets served as a pertinent reminder of the bloodshed. Recognising the incomprehensible sacrifice of Australia's soldiers, especially those of Aboriginal descent, was an important facet of the Trek.

Over the eight days on the Track, as the trekkers made their way from Owers' Corner to Kokoda, deeply moving ceremonies and commemorations, honouring the sacrifice of our soldiers, were held at Bomana War Cemetery, Brigade Hill and Isurava and more. Students, mentors and teachers also took the time to research some of the veterans and share these stories as they passed through areas of significance.



MAKARRATA COMMISSION

Fundamentally, historical acceptance is about telling the truth to achieve justice and healing. The Uluru Statement from the Heart called for the establishment of a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of 'agreement-making' and 'truth-telling' between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Reconciliation SA sees this as integral to its work and has continued to advocate for state and federal support of the process of truth-telling.

SA'S ONLY ABORIGINAL BOER WAR VETERAN HONOURED

In February of this year, on the 82nd anniversary of his death, Aboriginal Veteran William Westbury was finally recognised for his service to Australia in a special Military funeral in Pinnaroo.

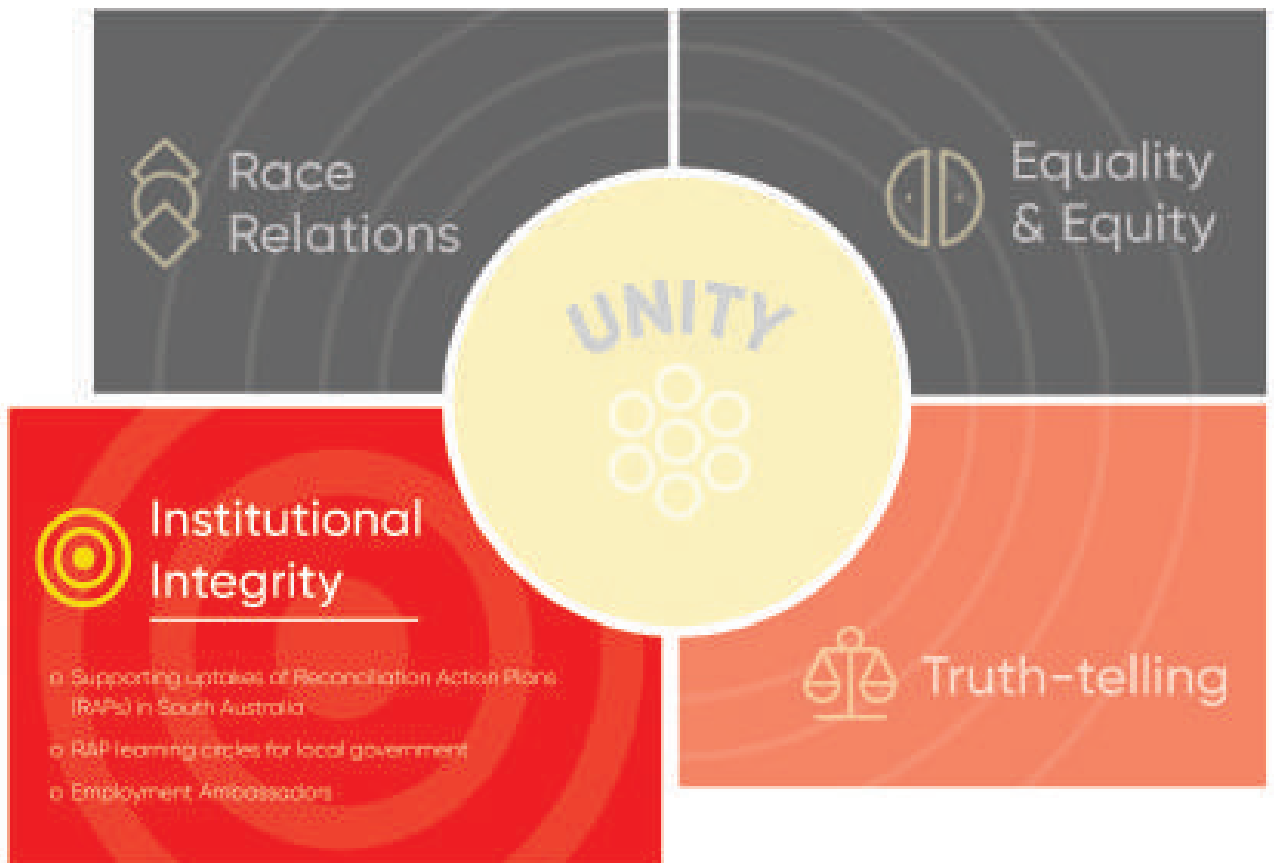
Born in Mount Gambier around 1880, William Westbury was the second child of James Westbury and his wife Ellen, an Aboriginal woman. In 1901, Westbury enlisted in the 6th South Australian Imperial Bushmen Contingent to the Second Boer War. To date, he is the only identified South Australian Aboriginal Soldier to have done so.

Later, he would also serve in the First World War, making him the only known Aboriginal Soldier nationwide to have served in both conflicts. Aboriginal Veterans SA organised the appropriate re-dedication of Westbury's headstone, in the presence of his descendants, Ken Jones and Heather Moon, military representatives, community members and students.



INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY

“These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.”



Reconciliation SA's vision is for reconciliation to be actively supported throughout all of South Australia's political, business, community and social sectors. To be meaningful, this support must be a combination of both the symbolic and practical. It must challenge attitudes and behaviours, provide tangible pathways for learning of culture and history, create opportunities for building relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal South Australians and improve employment, education and business outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reconciliation SA has worked across a number of fronts to build the capacity of organisations within South Australia to actively contribute towards the reconciliation agenda.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROJECTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

During 2017 - 2018, Reconciliation SA was privileged to host 2 Occupational Therapy (OT) community projects. The first, conducted by a Masters student, Meaghan Rice focussed upon the OT schools' capacity to deliver cultural content. This project called "Continuing the Conversation" was a direct result of the previous OT project, "Opening the Conversation" hosted within the organisation.

This work carries on with the reach of its recommendations expanding into the schools of social work of Flinders University and the University of South Australia, in collaboration with the Australian Association of Social Workers.

This transformative work was recognised through the Indigenous Allied Health Association Conference in Perth in November 2017 with both "Opening the Conversation" and "Continuing the Conversation" being presented as workshop papers by students, an unprecedented outcome.

The second OT team of Isabelle Ibaviosa and Hannah Smith explored the take up of Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) in the health sector. Further they investigated where RAPs existed, how much of their stated plan was being implemented and with what effect. The creative consultation methodologies of these students included yarning circles, basket weaving activities, needs trees and Kawa techniques led to outcomes beyond the scope of their 9 week projects.



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLANS

Reconciliation SA supports the promotion, development and implementation of RAPs. The ability for a wide range of organisations to sign up to their reconciliation commitment is brought about through the RAP. Several ingredients are essential, namely community engagement and connection and leadership support.

Reconciliation SA continues to provide advice to organisations about their RAPs on a one-off basis. Other organisations go further and have engaged Reconciliation SA to conduct fee-for-service work to advance their RAP. Examples of this in 2017 / 2018 have been with Sport SA and the University of SA.

The Sport SA RAP is especially pleasing as it sets a model for an organisation with a membership of about 160 sports. The spheres of influence keep growing.

Auntie Josie Agius once said at the launch of the refreshed Government RAPs (2013) "Now you've said that you're going to do these things in your RAPs, you'd better make sure that you do them!". This is the essence of Institutional Integrity; organisations publicly following through on their commitments and being made accountable for them.



40 MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS
AND BRIEFINGS



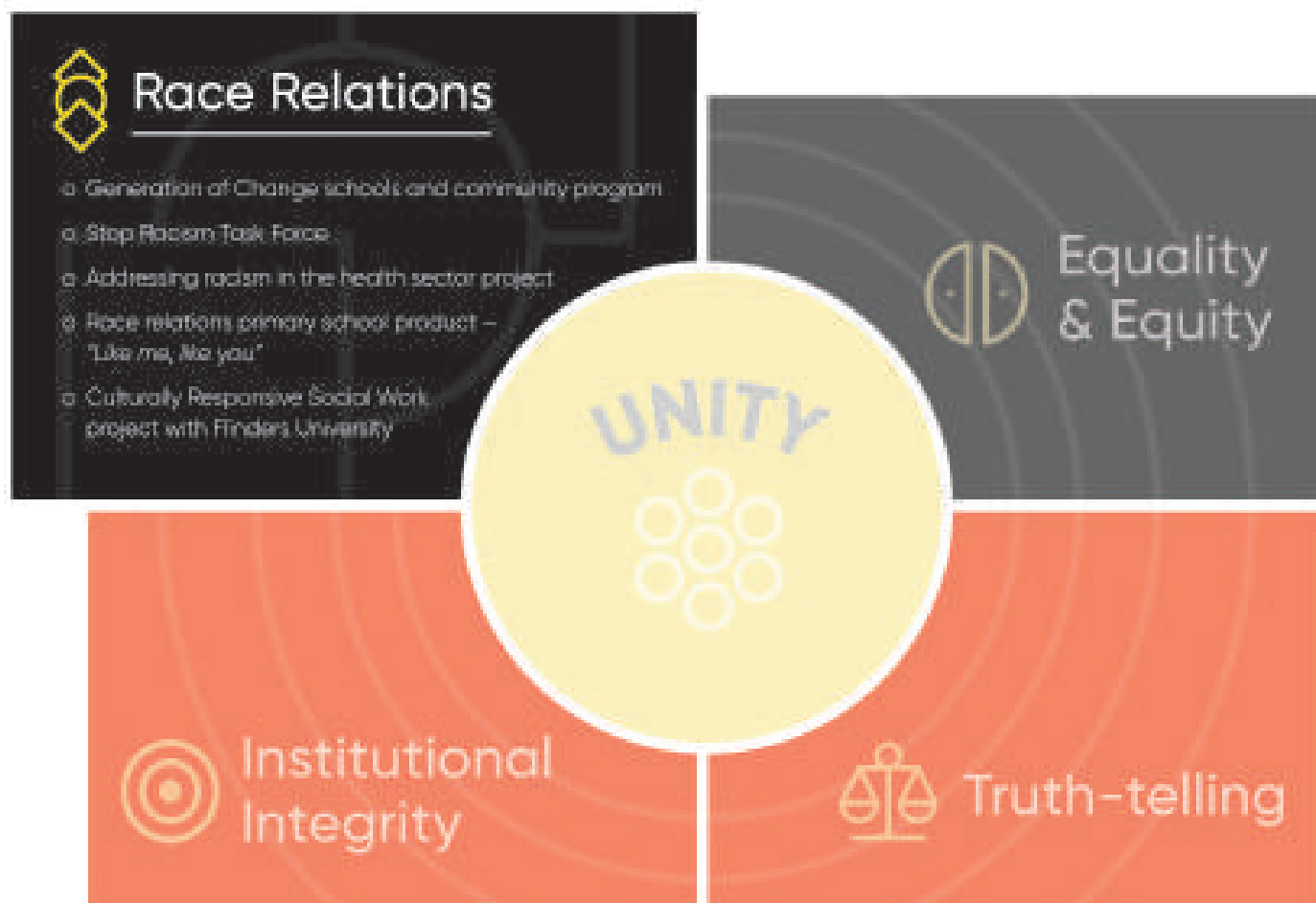
60+ AGENCIES ENGAGED
IN CONVERSATIONS



OVER 110 HOURS OF
ENGAGEMENT

RACE RELATIONS

“When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.”



The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community is at the very heart of reconciliation. By definition, reconciliation is a reciprocal process and yet not enough is understood about the negative impact of white attitudes on the experiences of Aboriginal Australia.

Reconciliation SA has committed itself to improving the understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and perspectives within the non-Aboriginal community. Through community education, we can build strong relationships based on trust and respect and begin to dismantle the discriminatory legacy of the nation's colonial and assimilatory history.

GENERATION OF CHANGE

The conversation about racism, however difficult, must be taken up by all Australians as part of the process of reconciliation. In 2017, Reconciliation SA and ActNow Theatre continued their work with South Australian schools and young people, delivering the "Generation of Change" program to more than 1,200 students and 255 teachers from 171 schools. This program encourages students and teachers to identify instances of racism and actively address and prevent it within their school community.

2017 also marked a year of both growth and unprecedented recognition for the program. In December, staff from the partnering organisations travelled to Sydney for the 2017 Australian Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Awards, where Generation of Change was named among the six finalists for the "Racism. It Stops With Me" Award.

Earlier that year, Reconciliation SA applied for and successfully received funding through the South Australian Government's "Fund My Community" initiative to develop a new race relations program for primary school age students in Years 1 to 3 and their teachers. This new program, entitled "Like Me, Like You" is similar to "Generation of Change" incorporates interactive forum theatre to facilitate age appropriate discussion, learning and thinking about racism.





HEALTH ACTNOW PROJECT

It has been exciting to win a funding grant through a “people's choice” voting process. Fund My Community resources were allocated after Reconciliation SA & ActNow had motivated our networks and supporters to vote for our projects. One of these projects has focussed upon the development of an interactive product using theatre techniques to raise the issue of systemic racism issues in the health sector. This project will focus upon systemic access such as transport, training, finances and attitudes.

Consultations have been held with Aboriginal health consumers and community members, Aboriginal staff working in the health sector and a wider group of non-Aboriginal mainstream workers. The product will be trialled later in 2018 and once road tested, it will be ready for delivery in 2019.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE SOCIAL WORK

The OT project “Continuing the Conversation” recommended that other professional groups be approached to see if there was a need and interest to hold discussions in their discipline about the cultural readiness of graduates going into the field. A process started in 2017 with the School of Social Work at Flinders University. This then expanded to the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) being invited to lead further discussions. The AASW showed interest in taking this up in collaboration with the Social Work School in the University of South Australia.

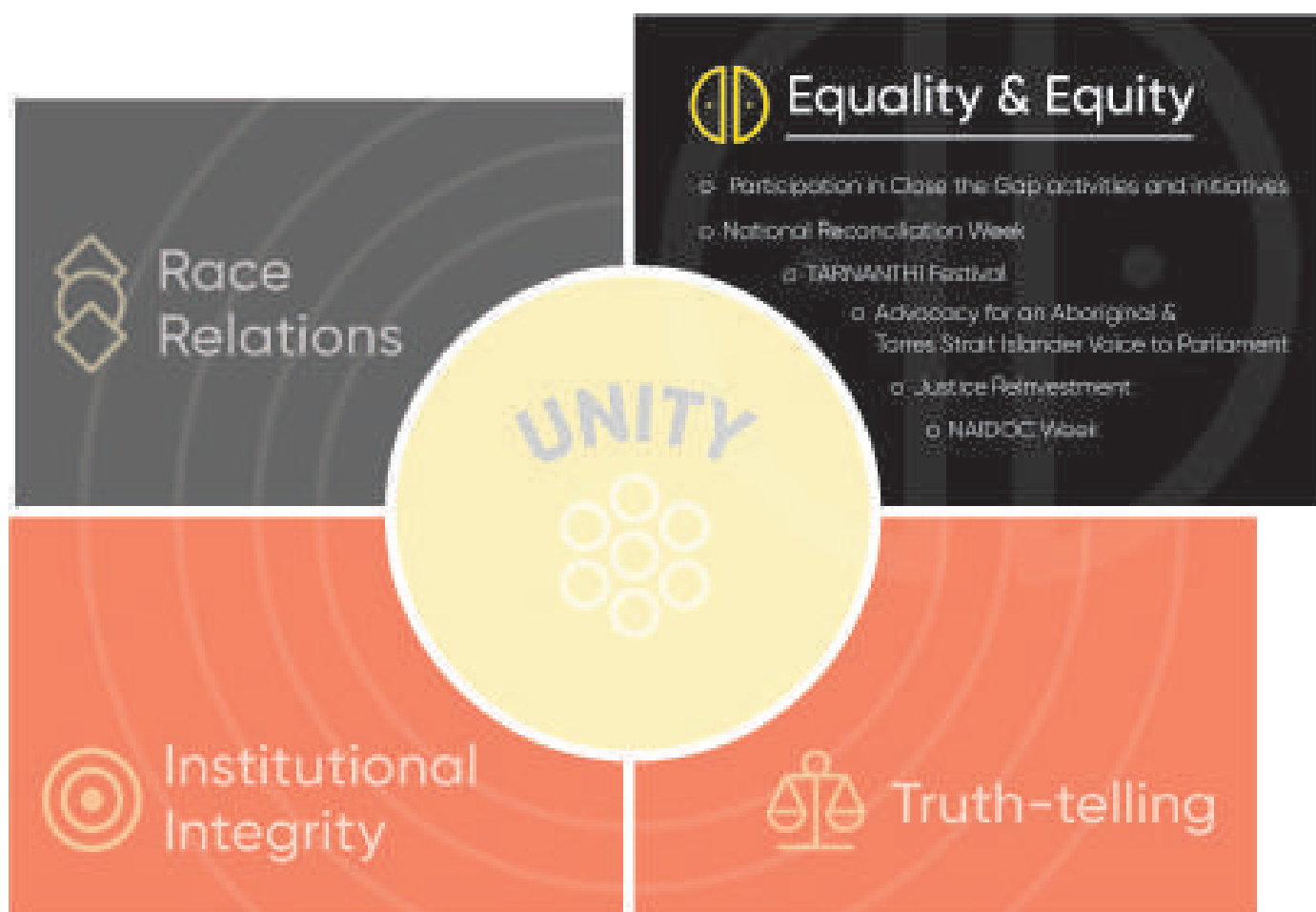
All of these discussions have been held acknowledging that the Social Work education standards are being reviewed to incorporate increased understanding and capacity for graduates to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The likely outcomes of this year long project will be:

- reviewing and recommending changes to the Social Work curriculum
- improving cultural responsiveness for all Social Work graduates
- identifying ways in which more Aboriginal Social Work academics can be brought into the Universities
- improving Social Work pathways for Aboriginal students

Reconciliation SA demonstrates once again that with few resources, there is still potential to start conversations that lead to far wider outcomes.

EQUITY AND EQUALITY

“With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia’s nationhood.”



The movement towards reconciliation requires equal and equitable participation across all areas of life for all Australians; Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal. To achieve this, the significant gaps in life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples must be closed and the distinctive rights and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples recognised and respected, as per the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

The State of Reconciliation in Australia report defines equality as: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples being in control of their life choices—enabling them to participate fully in the social, cultural and economic opportunities enjoyed by the wider Australian community.

The State of Reconciliation in Australia report defines equity as: The unique rights - both collective and individual - that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians hold by virtue of being Indigenous, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples' ability to freely exercise these rights.

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are overwhelmingly overrepresented in Australia's justice system. This limits, both collectively and individually, the ability of Aboriginal peoples to participate equally in society and is a significant contributor to ongoing economic and social disadvantage. Reconciliation SA continues to support the process of Justice Reinvestment and advocate for its implementation in selected pilot sites across South Australia. In particular, Reconciliation SA is interested in seeing the level of detention for Aboriginal young people under 17 decrease.

Reconciliation SA has supported the Justice Hub that has opened in Port Adelaide at Tauondi. The pilot that is emerging in Port Adelaide with the support of the Red Cross and the Department of Human Services (formerly the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion {DCSI}) has established a local leaders' group that is directing the way in which services are being offered. Reconciliation SA has been involved directly in consulting with young Aboriginal people and Aboriginal men.

Reconciliation SA has also returned to the Board of Justice Reinvestment SA (JRSA), as well as the JRSA Advisory Committee, once again increasing its investment in justice issues during the year.





VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Equality and equity are coexisting principles which highlight the simultaneous importance of humanity and diversity. Whilst recognising and respecting the shared rights of Australians, it is also vital to acknowledge and uphold the distinct rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to promote not just equality, but also equity.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples underpins the work of Reconciliation SA and provided strategic direction for the organisation. The call for a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to Parliament has strengthened our advocacy for self-determination and equitable participation, providing a clear blueprint for achieving these ideals.

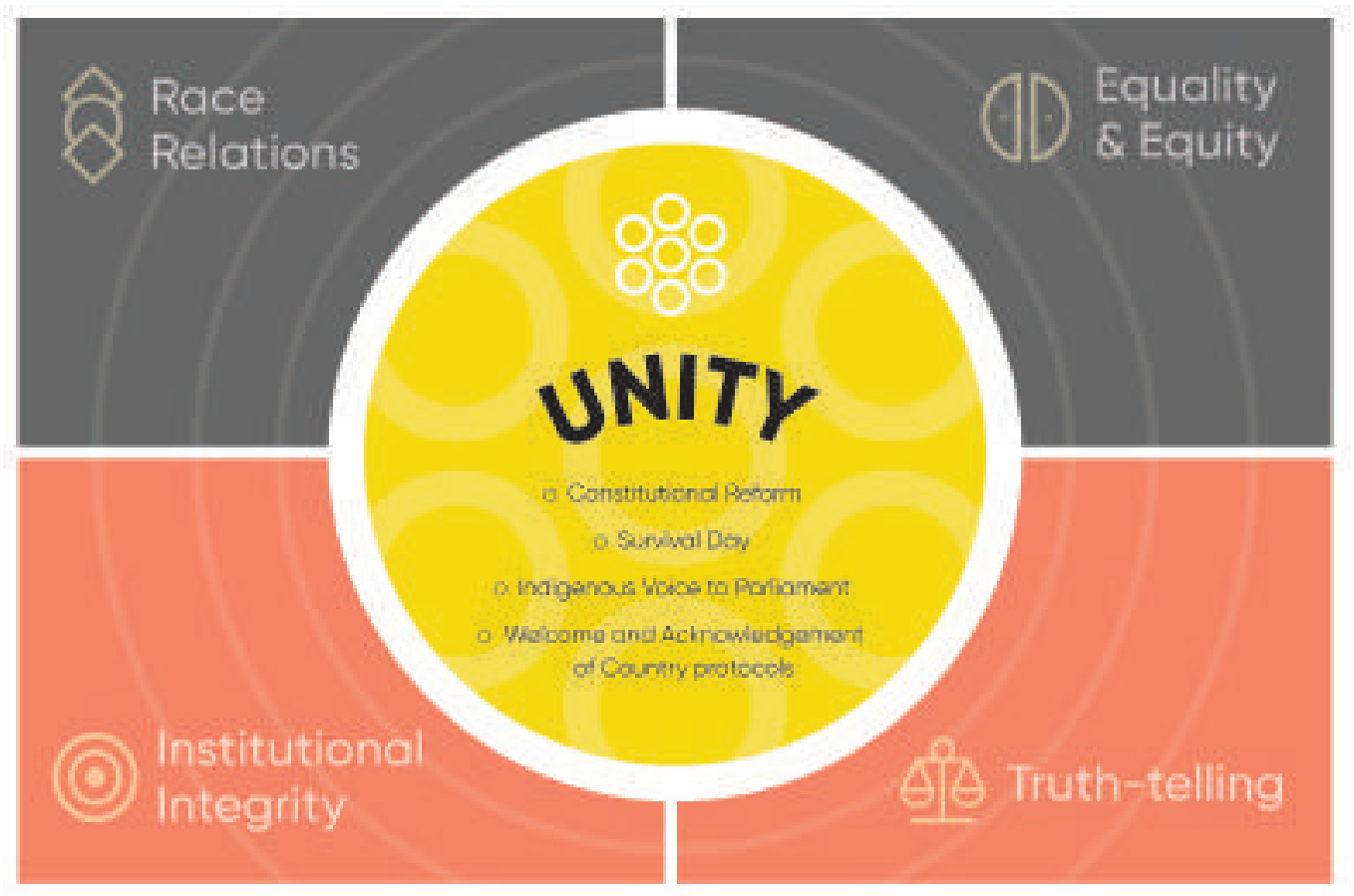
We have maintained our role as an educator, using our standing in the community to bring this topic to conversations across the state. In 2018, Reconciliation SA's Co-Chair, Professor Peter Buckskin and State Manager, Mark Waters presented to the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition Relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Key points from this submission include:

- Federal parliament must consult with and consider its impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in all that it does.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, as the oldest living cultures of humanity, are a strength for Australia and needs to be celebrated and respected.
- Constitutional reform should be representative of the diverse voices of Aboriginal Australia and must have the capacity to include those from the regional and rural Australia.
- We must acknowledge that all Aboriginal representative and broad-based consultative structures have been disbanded in the past. Enshrining these reforms within the constitution ensure both their sustainability and legitimacy.
- Aboriginal people need a higher level of accountability and reporting from governments, to monitor what is "being done to us rather than with us".
- This represents an opportunity to embed Aboriginal voices in true and meaningful partnership, upheld by protocols and procedures, that is both respected and reciprocal.
- Aboriginal people have always provided advice and input into government policies, but have rarely been given the opportunity to implement them. The imbalance of non-Aboriginal people implementing Aboriginal policy must be rectified.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must be responsible for electing their leaders, through whichever processes are appropriate for their distinct group. Governments must respect and excuse themselves from this process.

Reconciliation SA has repeatedly used its communication networks to continue the conversation about constitutional reform and act as a platform for Aboriginal voices. This continues to be an area of strategic importance for Reconciliation SA.

UNITY

“In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.”



As Australians, we are fortunate enough to have one of the richest and oldest continuing cultures in the world. As Australian's, we should feel pride in this rich and diverse history and acknowledge the intertwining of our nation's two narratives, both new and old. In doing this, we can achieve a sense of national unity.

Our national pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures is increasing but this learning must continue. We must also value the importance of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and perspectives and acknowledge their contribution to and opinions of emerging topics.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Reconciliation SA has maintained a strong and supportive interest in the unfolding push for constitutional reform. We have imbued the sentiment of the "Uluru Statement from the Heart", as well as the recommendations of the Referendum Council's report, into our work, recognising this clear act of self-determination.



In October of 2017, the Reconciliation SA Board and staff invited Elijah Bravington, one of the South Australian delegates at the Uluru Summit, to speak to them. This allowed Reconciliation SA as a collective to be better informed on the issue and implement the best methods of advocacy moving forward.

During National Reconciliation Week, Reconciliation SA worked in partnership with the Don Dunstan Foundation to organise the 12th Annual Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, featuring Noel Pearson as the 2018 Keynote. His speech, "The Uluru Statement from the Heart: One Year On" outlined a proposal to resurrect hopes for constitutional reform after it was dismissed by the Federal Government and spoke to the unification of our country.

"Whereas three stories make Australia: the Ancient Indigenous Heritage which is its foundation, the British Institutions built upon it, and the adorning Gift of Multicultural Migration.

And whereas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the First Nations of the Australian continent and its islands, possessed under ancient laws and customs, according to the reckoning of culture, from the Creation, according to the common law, from time immemorial, and according to science for more than 65 millennia...

We recognise and honour the Britons and Irish – convict and free – who founded our institutional heritage, making our Commonwealth from 1901, a great democracy of the globe...

And whereas peoples the earth over brought their multitude of cultural gifts to Australia. That we celebrate diversity in unity makes us a beacon unto the world. We recognise and honour our New Australians. When we renounced the White Australia policy, we made a better Commonwealth.

Three stories make us one: Australians."



SURVIVAL DAY

National days of commemoration and celebration are often a source of unity and shared pride, but they can also divide and exclude. There has been a lot of contemporary debate around the celebration of "Australia Day" on January 26. Australians hold many different views on the significance of 26 January. For many, it is not a day for celebration, but instead represents a day on which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of life were changed forever. For others, it is known as Survival Day, commemorating the resilience of people and culture, and the continuing contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make to Australia.

Reconciliation SA acknowledges the diversity of opinion which surrounds this national date, and has positioned itself to continue facilitating this conversation throughout the state. In January of this year, staff, students and volunteers mounted a stall at Survival Day which highlighted the long history of resistance against "Australia Day". Drawing on the legacy of William Cooper, Reconciliation SA showed that this conversation is rooted in a long and complex history.

As a continuation of our commitment to community education on this topic, Reconciliation SA has been developing a resource that explains both sides of the argument for the "Change the Date" campaign. In doing so, we seek to highlight the many differing and diverse opinions and encourage all South Australians to become informed on this issues as the national conversation continues.



INCOME STATEMENT

TO JUNE 2018

The full financial report for Reconciliation SA for the year from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 has been prepared and audited in accordance with Australian Accounting standards Vlassis & Co.

	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
INCOME		
Grants Recieved	420, 302.00	345, 325.74
Donations Recieved	9, 958.49	5, 387.26
	<u>430, 260.49</u>	<u>350, 713.00</u>
 OTHER INCOME		
Sponsorships Recieved	24, 000.00	31, 000.00
Consulting Fees	3, 592.55	750.00
Membership Fees	9, 399.92	9, 108.95
Reimbursements	25, 826.27	18, 064.62
Interest Recieved	2, 946.38	3, 675.13
Ticket & Consumable Sales	143, 059.08	158, 786.79
Schools Congress Fees	9, 166.37	30, 454.54
	<u>217, 990.57</u>	<u>251, 840.03</u>
	<u>648, 251.06</u>	<u>602, 553.03</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Administration Costs	24, 564.05	19, 831.22
Depreciation	1, 231.00	1, 328.00
Employee Entitlements	268, 833.85	250, 437.78
Events & Projects	332, 934.24	328, 478.36
Marketing & Advertising	10, 654.86	11, 141.07
	<u>638, 218.00</u>	<u>611, 216.43</u>
 Surplus (Loss) before income tax	<u>10, 033.06</u>	<u>8, 663.40</u>
Surplus (Loss) for the year	<u>10, 033.06</u>	<u>8, 663.40</u>
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	<u>142, 469.15</u>	<u>151, 132.55</u>
Accummulated surplus at the end of the financial year	<u>152, 502.21</u>	<u>142, 469.15</u>

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equivalents	340,136.81	301,828.48
Trade & Other Receivables	26,458.70	51,554.36
Accrued Income	1,046.97	1,024.94
Prepaid Insurance	670.93	674.97
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	368,313.41	355,082.75
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant & Equipment	5,597.00	6,828.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5,597.00	6,828.00
TOTAL ASSETS	373,910.41	361,910.75
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & Other Payables	30,372.77	39,171.83
Employee Benefits	19,939.78	14,557.81
Accrued Expenses	4,950.00	4,785.00
Grant Income in Advance	145,928.75	143,655.75
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	201,191.30	202,170.39
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee Benefits	20,216.90	17,271.21
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	20,216.90	17,271.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES	221,408.20	219,441.60
NET ASSETS	152,502.21	142,469.15
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Retained Earnings	152,502.21	142,469.15
TOTAL MEMBER'S FUNDS	152,502.21	142,469.15

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Reconciliation SA would like to thank the following organisations and companies for their partnership, sponsorship and support over the 2017 - 2018 Financial year.

Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation
Aboriginal Veterans SA
ActNow Theatre
Adelaide Football Club
Adelaide Convention Centre
Amnesty International
Association of Independent Schools SA
Australian Education Union (SA Branch)
Australians Together
Centacare
City of Adelaide
Commissioner for Equal Opportunity
Community Sector Banking
Country Arts SA
Department for Education
Department for Environment & Water
Department of Human Services
Education Steering Committee (Reconciliation SA)
Family Matters SA
Getaway Trekking
Haighs Chocolates
Healing Foundation
History SA
Intract
KPMG
Life Without Barriers
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PwC
Reconciliation Australia
Relationships Australia South Australia
Returned and Services League of SA
South Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation
SA Water
South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS)
St John's Youth Services
Tauondi Aboriginal Community College
Turkindi
University of South Australia
URPS
Veterans SA
Vlassis & Co
Workskil Indigenous Consulting

The artwork in this report represents growth and knowledge. Marras (hands are our giver) to where we grow and embrace knowledge within ourselves and how we get taught. The circle is about coming together and learning from one another.

It is painted by Sam Gollan, a Ngarrindjeri nation and Kurna woman, who has been handed down stories and yarns from her Elders, which she now enjoys sharing through her art. She also teaches her stories through art to the wider community. Sam has been painting for more than 20 years and enjoys teaching the wider community her culture. She says she has been blessed to have been given many opportunities to display her artwork around the world and across Australia. She now teaches Aboriginal art in a therapeutic way for our younger generation.

The artwork was sourced through Ochre Dawn Creative Industries, a 100% Aboriginal owned and managed business based in Adelaide, South Australia which specialises in sharing the stories of organisations in visually captivating ways, such as innovative promotional products, corporate gifts, uniforms and company email branding. Ochre Dawn also collaborates with dozens of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from around the country to create customised Indigenous artwork for commercial purposes, while also providing sustainable and ethical income opportunities.

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