

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS BUILDING RESPECT

**JANUARY 26 –
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UNDERSTANDING**

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Reconciliation
South Australia

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Reconciliation SA are leading change across the State to support a deeper understanding and respect for Aboriginal people, culture, and equality in society. **We see division** and **choose** to bring people together, **celebrate diversity** and **honour an enduring legacy**.

WE EMBRACE

UNDERSTANDING
LISTENING

CHANGE
TOGETHERNESS

LEADERSHIP
ACTION

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

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

We pay our respects to all First Nations cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise that this land was never ceded or surrendered by the Traditional Owners and acknowledge the continuing connection to land, waters and community since the first sunrise.

Referring to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Reconciliation SA acknowledge the diversity of views in how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples prefer to refer to themselves. Throughout this report, we refer to 'Aboriginal Peoples' and 'First Nations Peoples' to include and welcome the distinct and diverse nations, clans and tribes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We wish to advise that this report may contain the names and images of people who have passed away.

**OUR VISION OF
RECONCILIATION IS
BASED ON THE FIVE
DIMENSIONS:**

**HISTORICAL
ACCEPTANCE,
RACE RELATIONS,
EQUALITY AND EQUITY,
INSTITUTIONAL
INTEGRITY AND UNITY**

HISTORICAL ACCEPTANCE

“Let us find a day on which we can all feel included, in which we can all participate equally and can celebrate with pride our common Australian Identity”

Dr Lowitja O’Donoghue, 2000

CHANGE THE DATE, CELEBRATE THE DAY

Reconciliation SA acknowledges that there are diverse views within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities regarding January 26.

For some, January 26 is seen as an opportunity to celebrate the survival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the world’s longest continuing culture on earth.

However, for many, January 26 marks the start of an unlawful invasion with profound and ongoing impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We support the #ChangeTheDate movement, so that our national day of celebration can be inclusive of all Australians.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

January 26 offers a chance to create a deeper understanding of our country’s story and promote respect, and reconciliation among all Australians.

Reconciliation involves acknowledging and healing the past to create a genuine, more unified future.

Be curious about the perspectives of your local community about this date.

RESOURCES

Reconciliation Australia

Let’s Talk January 26th factsheet

AIATSIS

The history of the Day of Mourning

Australians Together

Answers To Tricky Australia Day Questions

Australia day dates

The different dates we’ve celebrated Australia Day

Understanding why

We’re changing our minds on Australia Day

RACE RELATIONS

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

Uluru Statement from the heart

SAY NO TO DIVISION – CELEBRATE

We all share the responsibility of advancing reconciliation in Australia, which involves acknowledging our own position and initiating difficult conversations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples constitute 3.3% of the Australian population, and in South Australia, that’s about 52,000 people.

Australia is the only place on earth that can celebrate having the world’s oldest continuous living culture. This makes our country unique on the world stage, and something to be proud of.

To achieve unity, it’s crucial for non-Aboriginal people to become dedicated allies, be curious and help spotlight issues that impact Aboriginal people.

We have more to gain as a country that is united.

As a local community and as individuals we have the opportunity to celebrate our whole country — and its 65,000 years of living history.

YOUR INITIAL STEP SHOULD ALWAYS BE TO ELEVATE AND EMPHASIZE THE VOICES AND TRUTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Learn more about South Australia’s local history.

Through deeper understanding about the history surrounding Australia Day, you can engage in respectful conversations with family, friends, colleagues and neighbours about what you’ve learned.

Consider sharing articles or posts that promote truth telling and unity for our country.

By initiating discussions and spreading awareness, you contribute to encouraging wider Australia to re-examine our true history. Let’s be an active part of creating an Australia that acknowledges and celebrates unity, and the rich Aboriginal culture and knowledge that enhances our nation.

RESOURCES

Uluru Statement from the heart

Passing the message Stick

South Australia’s Voice

Walk with us

Report — Passing the Message Stick

Inagural address to parliament

UNITY

“Australia will continue to struggle to have a true identity, until it wholeheartedly embraces our values, the true culture of what’s been here for thousands of years.”

Adam Briggs Reconciliation SA Breakfast 2024

COURAGEOUS, CURIOUS, COMMITMENT

Reconciliation SA has a vision for a reconciled and just South Australia that understands, values and actively supports the inclusion of Aboriginal people in all aspects of life.

We encourage you to be Courageous, and

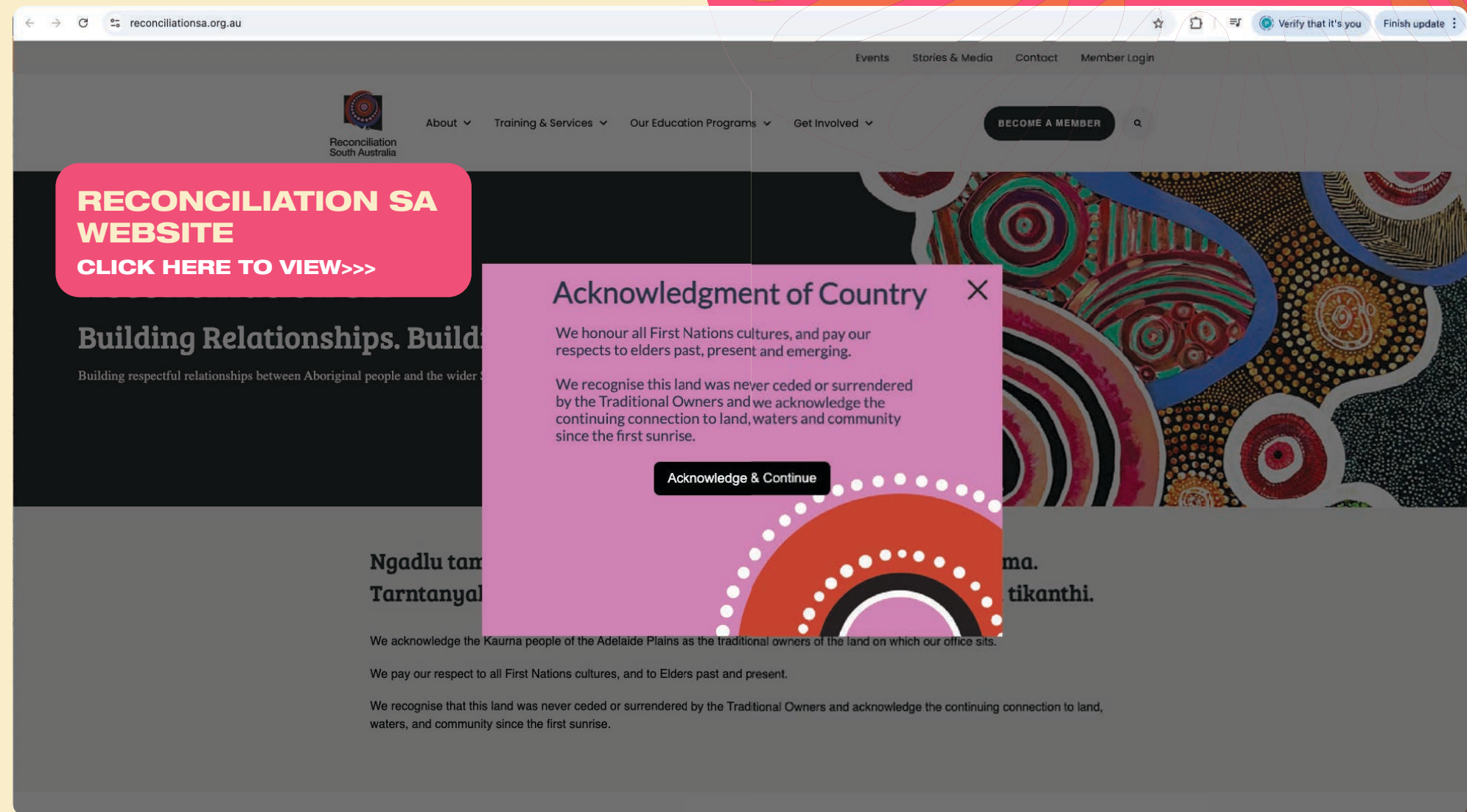
- Support #changethedate discussions
- Fly the Aboriginal flag at half mast and encourage your local council to do so

We encourage you to be Curious, and

- Learn about the Traditional Owners of the land you live, work and holiday on
- Ask how you can support into the future

We encourage you to be Committed by

- Attending a mourning in the morning event near you
- Showing your support to local Aboriginal events
- Take responsibility for engaging and learning
- Attend the survival day march in Adelaide to show your support



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We can all be leaders for change and unity. You can

- Check in with and support Aboriginal family friends and colleagues, this day is hard confronting and sensitive for many
- Join your workplaces RAP working group or start your organisations journey
- Join the Change it ourselves campaign
- Write or email your local government, state or federal representative acknowledging your support for #Changethedate
- Sign up for the Reconciliation SA newsletter
- Join as a Member of Reconciliation SA

RESOURCES

Being a good Ally

How to be an ally

SA Voice to Parliament

Voice to Parliament

Reconciliation Actions Plan

The RAP process - Reconciliation **Australia**

THIS GUIDE DOES NOT REPLACE RESPECTFUL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH YOU LIVE

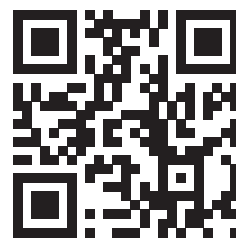
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We acknowledge the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains as the
traditional owners of the land on which our office sits.



RESILIENCE IN RECONCILIATION

Patrick Caruso's art piece resonates deeply with the essence of Reconciliation South Australia. It tells the story of resilience within reconciliation, set against the backdrop of South Australian landscape, a rich tapestry of values and principles is woven into the fabric of community, culture, and environment. The landscape serves as a canvas, depicting the coastline and diverse hues of the communities. The artwork features three prominent concentric circles, each symbolizing a fundamental pillar of Reconciliation SA: boldness, bravery, and courage. Despite being a modest-sized team, the impact they wield is monumental. The shapes extend outward, bearing touch points of significant strength and direct influence. The blue trail, etched into the landscape, connects communities and symbolizes the cycle journey fraught with challenges yet driven by unwavering passion, determination, and a deep connection to the surrounding communities.



Scan the Qr code to
see the Artwork

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