

ReconciliationWA



# National Reconciliation Week 2023 Guide

# BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

#NRW2023

27 May - 3 June

## NRW Partners



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## Acknowledgement of Country

Reconciliation WA acknowledges and pays our deepest respect to the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and their Elders – past and present: the Traditional Owners of the boodja (land) on which we work.

We acknowledge the First Nations Peoples across Western Australia, the continuity of their Cultural, educational and spiritual practices, and their deep and ongoing connection to land, waterways and sky.



### NRW 2023 Digital Kit

Access the NRW 2023 Digital Kit online for printable and digital templates, linked resources, and further reading.

Throughout this guide we'll highlight just some of the resources available in it.

Keep referring to the Digital Kit to access further resources as they become available.

Access the NRW 2023 Digital Kit at [bit.ly/3lvbAa7](https://bit.ly/3lvbAa7)

## On behalf of the Board, welcome to Reconciliation WA's program for National Reconciliation Week 2023 (NRW).

The theme for NRW this year is Be a Voice for Generations. It is a powerful call, with the Australian people being asked this year to recognise the First Nations Peoples of Australia with a constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

The Voice to Parliament will give Aboriginal people the recognition we deserve, as the first people of this country, and it will include us and respect us in the highest rule book in this country. We are the longest living culture in the world, we are what makes this country unique on a global scale, so let's celebrate that as all Australians.

We ask you to be a voice for your generation, to stand up and take action.

To amplify the calls of generations of Elders who have spent decades paving the path forward.

And to use your power, your words and your vote so we can create a better future for the next generation of all Australians, together. Thank you.



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**Carol Innes**

**Co-Chair, Reconciliation WA**

## I am pleased to present to you our 2023 National Reconciliation Week Guide.

On behalf of the Reconciliation WA team, volunteers and partners who bring you our NRW program, thank you for taking the time to learn how you can get involved this year. We have set an ambitious goal of having one million of you join us for our NRW Virtual Breakfast.

Last year, we significantly amplified our NRW program across the State. We focused on digital accessibility for events, we reimaged the Walk for Reconciliation to truly celebrate Boodja (Country), and we invited the entire State to the NRW Virtual Breakfast. The response to our call was staggering, with around 60,000 people joining us online for the Virtual Breakfast, and attendees from across the regions and even interstate joining us at our other online events.

This year we commit to creating an accessible NRW program for everyone around the State, no matter where you live and work. We extend our gratitude and acknowledgment to our NRW Partners, who have enabled us to create this year's NRW program.

This is the most important year for the reconciliation movement in two decades. I encourage you to discover all the opportunities you have to get involved this NRW, and we hope it ignites the fire in you for another year of reconciliation action. Let's all support a VOICE for the generations.



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**Jody Nunn**

**CEO, Reconciliation WA**

# NRW Partners 2023 Reconciliation Reflections



Emily Roper  
Director General  
Department of Premier and Cabinet



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the Premier and Cabinet

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet proudly stand shoulder to shoulder with Reconciliation WA to actively engage in improving outcomes and relationships with Aboriginal people across Western Australia.

In 2022, we launched our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). It lays the foundation for our reconciliation journey, to challenge internal biases and strengthen our organisational culture, and holds us to account.

We have a long way to go in the process of reconciliation, but we continue to listen and learn. When we engage in partnership with Aboriginal people, we commit to do it from a place of respect for Aboriginal empowerment and culture. This philosophy aligns with this year's theme for National Reconciliation Week- Be a Voice for Generations.



Ralph Addis  
CEO  
Lotterywest and Healthway



As CEO of Lotterywest and Healthway, I'm committed to strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal people and working together to deliver important benefits through our grants programs.

Over the past two years we've contributed \$34 million to Aboriginal-led initiatives, including \$9 million supporting truth-telling, reconciliation and healing projects. We've supported Bringing Them Home WA to develop Virtual Reality tools that provide an authentic and decolonised perspective of the Stolen Generations story, a vital part of the truth-telling journey.

And we're a proud and committed supporter of Reconciliation WA and National Reconciliation Week, and we'll be actively promoting the opportunity for all Australians to Be a Voice for Generations.



Allan James  
Head of Indigenous Engagement  
BHP



As a partner of Reconciliation WA, BHP will spend this National Reconciliation Week connecting and encouraging employees, partners and suppliers to reflect, learn and contribute to enhancing reconciliation.

The 2023 NRW theme invites all Australians to consider their role in this year's referendum on the constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. BHP is a longstanding supporter of the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament in Australia, aligned with our support for broader efforts towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

We all have a role to play and 'Be a Voice for Generations' with an opportunity in front of us to make change in 2023.



Amy Shepherd  
RAP Champion  
South 32

At South32, we recognise the positive impact we can have on reconciliation in Australia. Our vision for reconciliation is for an Australia that embraces the histories and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and that, as a nation, we work collectively towards supporting all Australians.

Reconciliation is not only a time for true reflection, it is also a time for those of us who are First Nations People to stand proud and #bebraveandmakeachange. As a strong proud Noongar Yorga reconciliation for me is closing the gap, breaking down those barriers. So, I call you to celebrate #NRW with us.



Nick Sloan  
CEO  
WALGA



Local Governments play an integral role in improving outcomes for Aboriginal people, as well as enriching the sense of safety, connection and belonging for all. WALGA is proud of the work many Local Governments are initiating to demonstrate leadership towards genuine reconciliation and believe the outcomes that are being achieved are a direct result of their commitment to reconciliation action planning.

WALGA is committed to continuing to support Local Governments to recognise and respect Aboriginal cultural practices and places of meaning. This commitment is shown through WALGA's support for Reconciliation Network, delivery of our Aboriginal Engagement Forum and our strong partnership with Reconciliation WA.



Tony Cudmore  
Executive Vice President Strategy and Climate  
Woodside

With the referendum approaching, the NRW theme, Be a Voice for Generations, is a cause for celebration. Woodside supports a Voice to Parliament and has committed to taking action this year and beyond.

Woodside's reconciliation efforts are ongoing and our journey is incredibly rewarding as we reflect and grow as an organisation. In 2022, Woodside held its inaugural First Nations Advisory Group Roundtable, an opportunity for us to gain insight and receive guidance from a diverse range of Indigenous thought-leaders and experts.

We recognise the importance of Indigenous Voices, for the benefit of our organisation, and society as a whole.

# National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW are the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. They commemorate two significant milestones in reconciliation — the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

## 27 May 1967

On this day, Australia's most successful referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

## 3 June 1992

On this day, The Australian High Court's Mabo decision recognized Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands, culminating Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius'.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## Be a **VOICE** for Generations

The 2023 NRW theme calls on all Australians to act today to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation.

Reconciliation is all about building a better nation. One that respects and takes pride in 65,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, stories and achievements. An Australia that believes in the right of First Nations peoples to make decisions about their lives and their communities. That stands opposed to racism, inequity and injustice.

To be a voice for reconciliation today means the start of real change tomorrow. It means amplifying the calls of past generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that have fought hard and paved the way. And it means using your power, your words and your vote to create a better, more just Australia for all of us.

## Street Banners and Merchandise

Reconciliation WA has proudly taken on the stewardship of the Reconciliation Week Street Banner Program in 2023.

We're excited to offer a range of merchandise featuring Martu Artist Beverley Roger's stunning 2023 artwork, Jartuti. The collection includes an art print, an organic cotton tea towel, and a 6-pack of greeting cards. A portion of the proceeds from each sale go directly to support the artist. Thank you to Martumili Artists for your generous support.

Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for the artist and the reconciliation movement.

Purchase yours today at: [www.recwa.org.au/nrw-2023-shop/](http://www.recwa.org.au/nrw-2023-shop/)



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# Preparing your NRW Event

## Cultural Safety

Cultural safety is about creating an environment that is safe for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. When an event is Culturally safe, First Nations Peoples feel their Cultural knowledge, beliefs and practices are valued and respected.



There are many Nations across WA and each Nation has its own customs and community structures, but the first step is to have a good understanding of the following protocols and when they are appropriate to include: Welcomes to Country, Acknowledgments of Country, acknowledgement of Elders, and acknowledgements of local sites of significance. It is also important to assist Elders if needed in attending your event safely, for example by providing taxi vouchers or other transport and accessibility support. You can find some resources on these protocols in our Digital Kit.

Reach out to a Language/Cultural Centre, your local Council, University or Aboriginal Land and Sea Council to build relationships with your local community, and be willing to give financial compensation for the time and valuable knowledge shared.



**Go to our Digital Kit for language style guides, cultural engagement advice, and protocols on Acknowledgements of Country and Welcomes to Country.**

## Accessibility

Creating accessible events promotes inclusivity and diversity, making everyone feel welcomed and valued. By considering accessibility requirements, event organisers can ensure that events are enjoyable and accessible for all attendees.

Planning accessible events not only meets legal requirements but also creates an environment that fosters inclusivity and celebrates diversity, and everyone benefits by having more voices at the table.

For example, offering braille, large print materials, and/or Auslan interpreters, accommodating dietary needs, and providing accessible seating options enhance the experience for everyone. By planning accessible events, event organisers can foster a welcoming and inclusive environment that promotes diversity and ensures equal access for all.

# Voice to Parliament

The theme for NRW 2023 calls on all Australians to **Be a Voice for the Generations**. It aligns with the upcoming referendum which asks us to answer the call of Aboriginal Peoples and implement a Voice to Parliament.



Go to our Digital Kit for resources to learn more about the **Uluru Statement from the Heart**, the **Voice to Parliament**, and the **upcoming referendum**.

## Where did the Uluru Statement From the Heart come from?

The Uluru Statement From The Heart builds on the strong history of Aboriginal advocacy for a better future based on justice and self-determination.

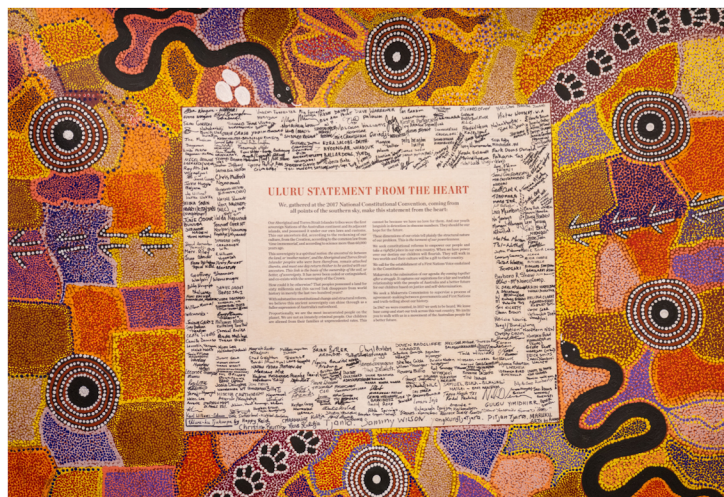
Between 2016 and 2017, thirteen Aboriginal-led dialogues engaged approximately 1200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to explore structural reform and constitutional change. Each regional dialogue included a representative sample of about 100 First Nations peoples drawn from local traditional owners, Aboriginal community-based organisations and Aboriginal leaders.

These regional dialogues chose their own representatives to attend the First Nations Constitutional Convention at Uluru in 2017. By an overwhelming consensus, more than 250 delegates adopted the Uluru Statement From the Heart, which includes the call for a Voice to Parliament.

## What is The Uluru Statement From The Heart?

The Uluru Statement is a generous proposal from Aboriginal people to all Australians, offering a way to create a better future together.

It calls for a First Nations Voice to Parliament and a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making and truth-telling. This is summarised as Voice, Treaty, Truth.





# What is the Voice to Parliament?

The first reform proposed by the Uluru Statement is the constitutional enshrinement of a Voice to Parliament.

The Voice will be a representative advisory body that provides advice on laws made specifically for and about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. It is about making sure policies and laws deliver practical results on the ground and better value for taxpayer investment. It is a common reform adopted around the world to improve democratic participation for Indigenous populations.

## Answering the generous ask of Aboriginal peoples.

The Albanese Government has agreed to put this proposal to a referendum, allowing Australians to respond to this considered invitation from the Aboriginal Peoples.

It is clear that the current status quo is not working. Far too many First Nations people continue to experience lower quality of life outcomes than non-Aboriginal Australians.



Despite good intentions, governments, and parliaments by themselves cannot provide lasting solutions. A Voice to Parliament would simply ensure that Aboriginal people affected by decisions made about them are able to advise Parliament and executive government about what can work in their communities.

It is our responsibility to educate ourselves about what we are being asked and to accept the privilege of answering this call with great care and consideration.

## Take Action


































We implore you to read, support and activate your commitment to the Uluru Statement from the Heart through your family and friendship groups, through your workplaces and your sporting clubs. In turn, we commit to supporting our reconciliation community to feel informed and confident in their decision as we walk together towards a referendum for a Voice to Parliament.

**Find more information and resources in our Digital Kit, or at the below websites:**

- [UluruStatement.org](https://UluruStatement.org);
- [Yes23.com.au](https://Yes23.com.au);
- [Voice.niaa.gov.au](https://Voice.niaa.gov.au);
- [Togetheryes.com.au](https://Togetheryes.com.au);
- [Recwa.org.au/uluru-statement-from-the-heart](https://Recwa.org.au/uluru-statement-from-the-heart); and
- [Reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation/support-a-voice-to-parliament](https://Reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation/support-a-voice-to-parliament).

# NRW 2023 Events Program

Register for all Reconciliation WA events at [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)

Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
<b>25 May</b> NRW Virtual Breakfast   Little Learners: Kaya Koolangka!  	<b>26 May</b> <b>Sorry Day</b>  	<b>27 May</b> Uluru Youth Yarns   Nyumbi Cultural Dance Performance   	<b>28 May</b> Boola Bardip Aboriginal Cultural Tour  	<b>29 May</b> Reconciliation Yarns 
Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>30 May</b> Reconciliation Yarns  Reconciliation Memoirs with Dr Richard Walley    Boola Bardip Aboriginal Cultural Tour   Little Learners: Kaya Koolangka!  	<b>31 May</b> Reconciliation Yarns 	<b>1 June</b> Reconciliation Yarns  Little Learners: Kaya Koolangka!  	<b>2 June</b> Walk for Reconciliation   Boola Bardip Aboriginal Cultural Tour  	<b>3 June</b> Nyumbi Cultural Dance Performance   



Online Event or Online access available



In-person event



Boola Bardip NRW Hub Activity



Free event or Free access available

**Attendees Welcomed to Country at the  
2022 Walk for Reconciliation**



**Karla Hart dance troupe performs at  
the 2022 NRW Virtual Breakfast.**



**Ben Wyatt and Fred Chaney AO at the  
launch of the 2022 Reconciliation Memoirs**

# National Reconciliation Week

## Virtual Breakfast

Supported by:

**Date:** Thursday 25 May

**Time:** 8.00am - 10.00am AWST

**Register:** [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)



# BHP

Join us for the NRW Virtual Breakfast and get inspired in the most important year for the reconciliation movement in two decades!

We're excited to invite **ONE MILLION** West Australians to participate in this event, whether you're joining as an individual, family, or through your organisation, community group, or school.

The breakfast is designed to be flexible, allowing you to join in where most appropriate for your organisation, and will feature a range of inspiring presentations and performances. The live broadcast includes a Welcome to Country; a speech from Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Tony Buti MLA; powerful keynote presentations from First Nation leaders and an ally for reconciliation, the Voice to Parliament, and the Referendum; a cultural dance and youth segment for schools; and stories showcasing First Nation resilience and self-determination.



And the best part? The NRW Virtual Breakfast will be recorded and made available for free on our YouTube page after the event, so if you can't join us live, you can engage with the program at a time and place that suits your schedule.

So don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn, connect, and support the reconciliation movement. The NRW Virtual Breakfast program will be included in the Digital Kit, so make sure to check it out!

**This is the year to take action and use your voice.**

**It's time to rally your organisation, community, school, friends, and even your family at the kitchen table.**

**Let's work together to make a difference and create positive change for a better future.**

**Get planning on hosting your NRW event. See our Digital Kit for resources.**

# How to get involved:

Register your NRW Breakfast now at:

[www.recwa.org.au/nrw-2022-events](http://www.recwa.org.au/nrw-2022-events)



More than 60,000 of you tuned into the 2022 NRW Virtual Breakfast from your classrooms, organisations, community groups, loungerooms and even mining crib rooms 800m underground.

## In the office?

Set up a morning tea to stream the breakfast live, top and tailing the scheduled content with speakers from your own organisation or your local community, followed by a RAP update from your RAP Working Group.

## Personally interested in participating yourself?

Tune into the NRW Virtual Breakfast at home, share with your family, then take action in your own life by learning about reconciliation and the Voice and start some conversations.

## Part of a regional community?

The livestream of our NRW Virtual Breakfast means community groups and organisations across our regions can truly get involved. Your breakfast could scale from a large community event at your Council building or Community Hall, to a friendly BBQ at your local park. Make sure you have access to a screen, stable wifi, and good sound to make the most of the virtual screening.

## Want to get your school or class involved?

Our NRW Virtual Breakfast will include a special segment for school kids across WA. Join the stream early, and then take your class through some mat time story session for the little kids, or a reconciliation history lesson for the bigger kids.

## Timing doesn't work?

Don't forget that the Breakfast recording will be available on our YouTube channel throughout National Reconciliation Week - meaning you can schedule your event for a time that suits you.



**Go to our Digital Kit for lots of resources to help you create your own NRW Breakfast experience, including: printable templates, social media posts, a link to the Breakfast recording (once available), branding resources from Reconciliation Australia, and much more!**

# Uluru Youth Yarns

Supported by:

**Date:** Saturday 27 May

**Time:** 5-8pm AWST

**Location:** Reconciliation WA, Constitutional Centre of WA,  
40 Havelock Street, West Perth.

**Free. Registrations essential:** [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)



## A new addition to the program, this year RWA is launching an event for the next generation – Uluru Youth Yarns!

First time voting in a Referendum? Are you a young professional or student with a passion for advocacy, politics, and social justice? Want to learn about The Voice to Parliament and be part of the reconciliation movement? Join us for Uluru Youth Yarns – a special event designed for the next generation of reconciliation champions.

This is an opportunity to ask the hard questions, have honest conversations, and find out what you can do to make a difference. This is the first referendum many young people are voting in, so it's important to be informed and engaged.

The event will start with an afternoon of yarning led by young Aboriginal and ally voices, in a safe space to discuss reconciliation, The Voice to Parliament, and the upcoming referendum. The evening will wrap up with a celebratory music and performance event showcasing First Nations talent, and an alcohol-free sundowner. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn, connect and be part of the movement towards reconciliation. Register now to secure your spot at Uluru Youth Yarns!



## Reconciliation Yarns

**In-person:** Monday 29 & Wednesday 31 May, at Kaarta Koomba Kings Park

**Online:** Tuesday 30 May & Thursday 1 June

**All sessions:** 2.30pm-4pm AWST

**Register:** [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)

The Reconciliation Yarns are back for 2023, focusing on the powerful NRW theme.

The Reconciliation Yarns alternate between online and in-person at Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park) in the Yorkas Nyinning. Co-facilitated by an Aboriginal Leader and a reconciliation ally, the Yarns create a safe space to discuss reconciliation, the 2023 NRW Theme, the Voice to Parliament, and the upcoming Referendum.

Yarning Circles are a powerful process in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture that build respectful relationships, encourage deep listening and allow everyone to have their say. To ensure candid and meaningful conversations, the Reconciliation Yarns have a maximum of 20 attendees.

# Reconciliation Memoirs with Dr Richard Walley OAM

**Date:** Thursday 30 May

**Time:** 6-8pm AWST

**Location:** Hackett Hall, WA Museum Boola Bardip. Ticket includes soup and damper, and copy of the Memoirs. Free online access available.

**Registrations essential:** [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)

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Reconciliation WA produces the memoirs of a long-standing champion in the reconciliation movement.

We are proud to launch the 2023 Reconciliation Memoirs featuring the remarkable Dr Richard Walley OAM.

Dr Walley is a Noongar man and respected Elder, musician, and cultural leader who has been instrumental in the reconciliation movement in Australia.

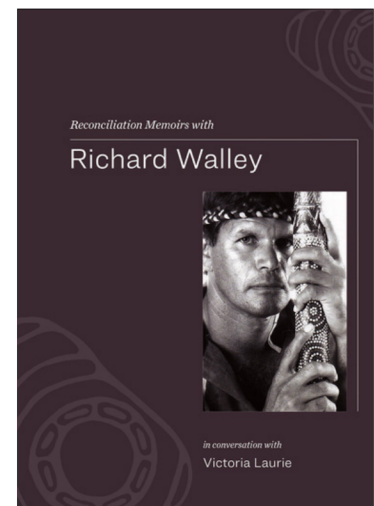
Dr Walley has been a prominent advocate for the recognition and celebration of Aboriginal culture and traditions, and has used his music and art as a way to promote understanding and healing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

He has received numerous awards and accolades for his contributions to the arts and reconciliation, including the Order of Australia Medal in 1991.

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the WA Museum Boola Bardip, as we celebrate Dr Walley's enduring legacy as one of the most esteemed champions of the reconciliation movement in WA.

Be part of an intimate and insightful yarn with Dr Walley himself, as he shares his experience and unique perspectives in collaboration with Victoria Laurie. The launch event will take place in the beautiful Hackett Hall at WA Museum Boola Bardip, with free online access also available.

Don't miss out on this inspiring experience that promises to leave a lasting impression.



# Walk for Reconciliation

**Date:** Friday 2 June

**Sessions departing between:** 9.40am-4pm AWST.

**Location:** Yorkas Nyinning Building, Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park)

**Registrations essential:** [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)

Register for one session departing every twenty minutes.  
Each walk wave will take approximately one hour.

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**Join us for the 2023 Walk for Reconciliation, and stand alongside Aboriginal Elders, Leaders, and reconciliation allies in a powerful demonstration of support.**

Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park), is a highly significant place to the Whadjuk Noongar people and lies at the heart of Culture, with its location a key junction of the river and a chain of lakes, all of which are linked by songlines and continuing cultural practices.

We are inviting the community to journey through Kaarta Koomba on June 2 for the Walk for Reconciliation. Select a time to begin your journey along the 1km route, with each session starting with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony followed by cultural immersion opportunities including truth-telling, dancing, arts workshops and an opportunity to learn more about The Voice to Parliament.

The spaced time slots every 20 minutes help us manage capacity and flow through the park. This means registration for the Walk is essential, like all of our events this NRW. There are easy public transport options straight into the park, and bus parking is also available within the park.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to join thousands of others united in their commitment to the reconciliation movement.





## How to get involved:

Rally together your friends, family, school or work colleagues now and register your attendance to the Walk for Reconciliation at: [bit.ly/NRW-2023](https://bit.ly/NRW-2023)



**Not available on the day?**

Take your family on the Boodja Gnarning Walk in Kaarta Koomba and reflect together on the history and knowledge of the Wadjuk Noongar people and the significance of connection to land and culture.

**Not in Boorloo (Perth), but still wish to participate?**

Collaborate with local Elders to host your own walk! Walk through a local storyline or place of cultural significance, only if deemed appropriate by the local community. Alternatively, find an already established cultural walk and invite your family, friends, co-workers to join you as you walk through, learning about the place's significance and the knowledge held by Aboriginal people.



**Go to our Digital Kit for further educational resources, bus timetables, a map of the Walk, as well as social media and event invitation templates if you wish to host your own walk.**



# NRW Event Partners

## WA Museum Boola Bardip

We are pleased to partner with WA Museum Boola Bardip once again for NRW, creating metropolitan and regional opportunities to connect this National Reconciliation Week.



WA Museum Boola Bardip, WA Maritime Museum and WA Shipwrecks Museum will lead activations in Boorloo (Perth) and Walyalup (Fremantle), with regional museums Museum of Geraldton, Museum of the Goldfields, Gwoonwardu Mia Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Centre in Carnarvon and Museum of the Great Southern running local programs and collections.

WA Museum Boola Bardip's program of events includes:

- Nyumbi Dances and Smoking Ceremony: Saturday 27 May & 3 June
- WA Museum In Conversation | Taking Action through Voice: The Uluru Statement from the Heart: Wednesday 24 May
- Aboriginal Cultural Tours: 1pm – 2pm Sun 28 May, Tues 30 May & Fri 2 June
- Education programs

Bookings available through WA Museum website: [visit.museum.wa.gov.au/boolabardip/national-reconciliation-week-2023](https://visit.museum.wa.gov.au/boolabardip/national-reconciliation-week-2023)

## Kings Park Botanic Gardens



We are pleased to partner with the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, who oversee the stunning Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park). In addition to participating in the Walk for Reconciliation, there are a number of opportunities for you to engage with this breathtaking Boodja (Country) during National Reconciliation Week.

The land we know today as Kings Park has been a place of great significance to its traditional custodians, the Whadjuk Noongar people, for at least 40,000 years. The Park's traditional names include 'Kaarta Koomba', 'Kaarta Gar-up' or 'Mooro Kaarta'.

Tours and other cultural experiences are run by local Noongar people who have a strong family connection to this country and a deep understanding of their culture and knowledge of the land.

Visit their website to make a booking or learn more about tour schedules and additional details: [www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/kings-park](https://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/kings-park).



## Launching... Respect Rising

**Respect Rising** is an open call to community members and entities (sector wide) in regional Western Australia, eager to engage and walk together to advance reconciliation within their local community.

### Define the landscape.

In Western Australia, the vast expansiveness of land is matched by the vast diversity seen through community, culture and Country - our richness in diversity is a great source of strength and pride for Western Australians who call this place home. We know that for every place and the people who find belonging there, there is a unique story that will shape the reconciliation journey ahead.

Respect Rising is time for Reconciliation WA to listen deeply and respectfully engage our friends in the regions.

Collectively, we can better understand the regional reconciliation landscape and set a pathway to the desired future state of reconciliation in WA.



Rubibi (Broome), **Yawuru Country**

We want to hear your experiences, understand your perspectives, and walk with you to advance reconciliation meaningfully in your region RWA is committed to establishing genuine relationships in the regions and the alignment of opportunities to advance reconciliation in Western Australia.

### From respect, to relationships, to creating positive change.

Respect Rising is an opportunity to connect with like minded individuals and organisations who are committed to reconciliation. Working together, we can build stronger relationships, promote understanding, and create positive lasting change in outcomes and relationships for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Western Australians.

Alongside RWA, we anticipate a strong network of locals, RWA Members and Partners, and regional reconciliation Champions being supported to keep the momentum, harness local ambition and capture opportunity for action on local aspirations.

### What's next?

Respect Rising is a community led initiative We are seeking nominations from interested people and entities from towns, across regional WA that are excited and ready to take the next step towards reconciliation.

RWA is proposing several workshops and interactive opportunities for regions in Respect Rising and have dedicated resource for local Champions.

### Let's connect!

If you would like to learn more or join the mailing list, register through the QR code or contact Jade Thompson.



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**Jade Thompson**



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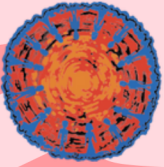
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