



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024 GUIDE

27 MAY - 3 JUNE



















ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 live and 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 2024 DIGITAL KIT

Access the NRW 2024 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. Please keep referring to the Digital Kit to access further resources as they become available.



ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WELCOME TO RECONCILIATION WA'S PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (NRW) 2024.

The theme for NRW this year is Now More Than Ever. It is an incredibly strong message and reminder to all of us that as reconciliation supporters, we must stand up and take on our important roles as strong allies, amplifying the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

As we stand together in solidarity during NRW, we must recommit to the powerful movement of reconciliation in WA. We all have a part to play in shaping a reconciled future and being a positive force for change - through the language we use, how we treat each other, how we work together and how we respect and support each other.

Thank you.

Nolan Hunter and Debra Zanella Co-Chairs, Reconciliation WA

IT IS AN HONOUR TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR 2024 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK GUIDE.

Now more than ever, we need to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation and stand in solidarity as we recommit to the powerful movement of reconciliation in WA.

No matter where you live and work across WA, this year's NRW program is filled with so many opportunities to demonstrate solidarity and action.

Firstly, the Reconciliation Breakfast events present a wonderful opportunity for the entire state to join together in-person (or virtually for those further afar) at our flagship event at Optus Stadium or at your choice of three regional locations - Albany, Karratha and Newman.

We're also very pleased to bring back our Yarns and Memoirs, and strongly encourage you to join us and show strength in numbers at our powerful Walks for Reconciliation in Perth, Bunbury and Port Hedland.

It is a delight to honour Carol Innes as we share her Reconciliation Memoirs this year, after she recently stepped down as our Co-Chair.

On behalf of the Reconciliation WA team, volunteers and partners, thank you for taking the time to get involved this year. We appreciate your contribution and support, now more than ever, as we stand in solidarity and recommit to reconciliation across WA.

Jody Nunn

CEO, Reconciliation WA



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The Department of the Premier and Cabinet are proud of our partnership with Reconciliation WA following our renewed commitment in 2023 for a further four-year partnership.

Now more than ever, all levels of government and our partners need to embrace reconciliation and ensure genuine engagement with Aboriginal people and communities. The Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy guides state government in contributing to better outcomes for Aboriginal people, built around genuine partnerships, strong accountability, and culturally responsive ways of working.





Department of

the Premier and Cabinet

PROFESSOR PETER KLINKEN AC FAHMS FTSE CITWA CHAIR LOTTERYWEST AND HEALTHWAY

In 2024, Lotterywest and Healthway launched our 'Reflect' Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Through collaboration with staff and local Elders, it defines our commitment to advancing reconciliation both from within our organisation and our sphere of influence. While Lotterywest and Healthway have a long and proud history of supporting Aboriginal people, communities and culture through our grants, the launch of our RAP formalises our commitment to reconciliation in Australia.

This year's theme of 'Now More Than Ever' is particularly fitting as we seek to embrace and encourage all efforts in advancing reconciliation through our own actions as an organisation, and through positive and supportive grant-making.





CHRISTINE SINDELY MANAGER INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT BHP

Reconciliation is a transformative process that holds immense importance in advocating for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As proud supporters of Reconciliation WA, BHP actively encourages stakeholders to speak out against racism and amplify the voices of First Nations peoples.

Many individuals voted in favour during the 2023 referendum and as a business we continue to advocate for justice, as well as strengthen our relationships with Traditional Owner partners and their communities.

In our 2023-27 Reconciliation Action Plan, BHP made a commitment to being a leader in advancing national reconciliation and fostering a more equitable Australia.

BHP proudly stands alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, advocating for a sustainably shared, inclusive, and equitable future for all Australians.

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Every year, across our Australian operations and locations, we proudly celebrate and promote National Reconciliation Week. It's one of the ways we create opportunities for our people and communities to come together to learn and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' histories, cultures, and achievements.

Given the outcome of the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum, it's now more important than ever that, as a nation, we work collectively towards making a real and lasting impact on reconciliation and supporting all Australians.

Together, we can make a difference.





ROB SCOTT MANAGING DIRECTOR WESFARMERS

Reconciliation has been important at Wesfarmers for more than 20 years. Our vision is for an Australia that affords equal and equitable opportunities for all, recognising that stronger communities offer our businesses opportunities to succeed. We want Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to feel welcome in our businesses as team members, customers, suppliers, and visitors.

This vision guides Wesfarmers' Indigenous affairs strategy, including our Elevate RAP, which publicly commits us to specific, measurable and timebound actions. This action, #NowMoreThanEver, is critical as the work of reconciliation continues. Wesfarmers is a proud partner of Reconciliation WA and supporter of National Reconciliation Week.





TONY CUDMORE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT STRATEGY AND CLIMATE WOODSIDE

Undoubtedly, 2023 was a challenging year for the reconciliation community. Woodside recognises the importance of ensuring Indigenous voices are heard and has reflected this in our RAP. The Referendum result has not impacted our commitment to continue our reconciliation journey with our Indigenous employees, partners and the community more broadly.

Continuing to listen, learn, and work together toward reconciliation is crucial. By ensuring that First Nations perspectives are considered, not only does Woodside enhance its own organisational understanding and effectiveness, but it also contributes to the broader societal goal of fostering greater equality and understanding.

CONTINUING TO LISTEN, LEARN, AND WORK TOGETHER TOWARD RECONCILIATION IS CRUCIAL.



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 Peoples and recognize 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 national strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

NOW MORE THAN EVER

National Reconciliation Week's theme for 2024, Now More Than Ever, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will - and must - continue.

Now more than ever, we need to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation. We know that the 6.2 million Australians who voted YES are committed to better outcomes for First Nations people and are with us.

Now more than ever, the work continues. We need connection. We need respect. We need action. And we need change. Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.



STREET BANNERS AND MERCHANDISE

Thanks to the support and sponsorship of participating organisations, hundreds of Reconciliation Week banners in prominent locations across Western Australia fly proud and high each year featuring a chosen artwork by a Western Australian Aboriginal Artist.

We're excited to offer our 2024 collection of merchandise showcasing Renita Brown Nungurrayi's street banner artwork. Renita paints Mina Mina, a significant women's Dreaming site, as passed down to her by her mother, Flora Brown Nakamarra who received it from her mother, and so on. The collection includes tea towels, tote bags, gift cards, lanyards and posters. Funds from each sale go directly to the 2024 Street Banner Program Artist and supports 2024 NRW Programming. Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for the artist and the reconciliation movement.

Purchase yours today at: https://reconciliation-street-banners.myshopify.com/collections/merchandise

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CULTURAL SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY

PREPARING YOUR NRW EVENT AND 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: Welcome to Country, Acknowledgment 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.

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.



GO TO OUR DIGITAL KIT FOR LANGUAGE STYLE GUIDES, CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT ADVICE, AND PROTOCOLS ON ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND WELCOME TO COUNTRY.



NRW 2024 EVENTS PROGRAM

To get involved and show your support, there's an exciting program of in-person and online events happening right across Perth and regional WA during National Reconciliation Week.

REGISTER FOR ALL RECONCILIATION WA EVENTS AT RECWA.ORG.AU/EVENTS/NRW-2024/



Online event or online access available



In-person event



Free event or free access available



Free access online

SUNDAY 26 MAY

SORRY DAY



Bringing them Home WA and Yokai are proud to host a Sorry Day event in Wellington Square, Boorloo (Perth) at the Stolen Generations Memorial.

More info at yokai.com.au





MONDAY 27 MAY

RECONCILIATION BREAKFAST

Boorloo (Perth), Albany, Karratha, Newman





DIGITAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

State-wide social media activity - see page 17 for info





TUESDAY 28 MAY

RECONCILIATION YARNS

Boorloo (Perth)





WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

RECONCILIATION MEMOIRS WITH CAROL INNES AM

Boorloo (Perth)





THURSDAY 30 MAY

RECONCILIATION YARNS

Boorloo (Perth)





FRIDAY 31 MAY

WALK FOR RECONCILIATION



Boorloo (Perth)
Bunbury
Port Hedland



EDUCATION ZONE

Boorloo (Perth)





RECONCILIATION BREAKFASTS

There are three ways to get involved in our Reconciliation Breakfast events this year - in-person in Boorloo (Perth) at Optus Stadium, in-person at our regional breakfast events, or create your own watch party online! Whether you're joining as an individual, family, or with your organisation, community or school, we're excited to be welcoming thousands of West Australians from all corners from our state to this year's inspiring Breakfast events.

RECONCILIATION BREAKFAST - BOORLOO (PERTH)

This year, we are bringing back our in-person Reconciliation Breakfast in Boorloo (Perth) at the River Room at Optus Stadium, with live streaming access across the nation. The breakfast will feature a dynamic program live from Boorloo (Perth), featuring MC's Meri Fatin and Toby Millar, Reconciliation WA Co-Chairs Nolan Hunter and Debra Zanella, a special presentation from Dr Richard Walley OAM, a powerful keynote in conversation with reconciliation ally Justice Robert French AC, and a unique and moving performance from WA Opera.

DATE: MONDAY 27 MAY

TIME: 7.30AM TO 10.30AM

LOCATION: RIVER ROOM AT OPTUS STADIUM.

OR ONLINE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

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RECONCILIATION BREAKFASTS - REGIONAL LOCATIONS

For the first time ever, in partnership with local land-owners and councils, Reconciliation WA is hosting four regional Reconciliation Breakfasts. So, reignite the fire in your belly for another year of reconciliation action and connect with your local community in Albany, Karratha or Newman for a delicious breakfast, before tuning into the Reconciliation Breakfast broadcast from Boorloo (Perth).

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn, connect, and support the reconciliation movement!

ALBANY: ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

7.30AM TO 10.30AM

KARRATHA: RED EARTH ARTS PRECINCT

7.30AM TO 10.30AM

NEWMAN: THE SQUARE 7.30AM TO 10.30AM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

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Reconciliation Breakfast at Optus Stadium 2021



HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND CREATE YOUR OWN WATCH PARTY

More than 50,000 people tuned into last year's Reconciliation Breakfast online - from classrooms, organisation meeting rooms, community groups, living rooms, and even mining crib rooms underground!

In the office? Set up a morning tea to stream the Boorloo (Perth) 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.

Interested in participating yourself? Tune into the Boorloo (Perth) Breakfast at home, share with your family, then take action in your own life by learning about reconciliation.

SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT FOR A LATER TIME THAT SUITS YOU.

GO TO OUR DIGITAL KIT FOR LOTS OF RESOURCES TO HELP YOU CREATE YOUR OWN RECONCILIATION BREAKFAST EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING PRINTABLE TEMPLATES, SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, A LINK TO THE BREAKFAST RECORDING ONCE AVAILABLE, BRANDING RESOURCES FROM RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA, AND MUCH MORE!





St John of God Mt Lawley Breakfast Watch Party 2023

Danjoo Koorliny Watch Party 2023



RECONCILIATION MEMOIRS WITH CAROL INNES AM

Reconciliation WA produces the memoirs of a longstanding champion in the reconciliation movement.

This year we sit down with Noongar leader Carol Innes AM, to present her Reconciliation Memoirs, written in collaboration with Victoria Laurie.

Carol is a committed advocate for the reconciliation movement, and has made a significant contribution to the recognition, preservation, and advancement of Aboriginal culture, rights, and economic opportunities in Western Australia. Carol served as the Co-Chair for Reconciliation WA for seven years and is currently Co-Director at Danjoo Koorliny, an Aboriginal-led project to help all of us walk together as Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to co-create a better future for all.

Tickets for the in-person event at the WA Museum Boola Bardip include food, and a copy of the memoirs book. This event will also be streamed online across the State, and everybody is welcome to join us. Don't miss out on this inspiring experience that promises to leave a lasting impression.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 29 MAY TIME: 5.30PM TO 8.00PM

LOCATION: HACKET HALL, WA MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP, BOORLOO (PERTH), OR ONLINE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: RECWA.ORG.AU/EVENTS/

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RECONCILIATION YARNS

The popular and impactful Reconciliation Yarns return for 2024.

Yarning Circles are a powerful process in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture that build respectful relationships, encourage deep listening, truth-telling and allow everyone to have their say.

The Reconciliation Yarns will be co-facilitated by an Aboriginal Leader and a reconciliation ally, creating a safe space to yarn about reconciliation and the 2024 NRW Theme, Now More Than Ever.

Join us to listen to others, to share your experiences, and to learn more about reconciliation and how we can all contribute towards a better future.

DATES: TUESDAY 28 MAY AND THURSDAY 30 MAY TIMES: 9.30AM TO 11.00AM, OR 2.30PM TO 4.00PM LOCATION: YORKAS NYINNING BUILDING, KAARTA KOOMBA (KINGS PARK), OR ONLINE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: <u>RECWA.ORG.AU/EVENTS/</u> NRW-2024/



WALK FOR RECONCILIATION – BOORLOO (PERTH)

Bringing our National Reconciliation Week program to a close, Reconciliation WA presents the Walk for Reconciliation — an opportunity to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Aboriginal Elders, Leaders and thousands of reconciliation allies in a powerful demonstration of support.

This year, we're walking together in solidarity starting at Langley Park, Boorloo (Perth) to Supreme Court Gardens, past the site for the new Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

The journey will feature a Welcome to Country and key speakers before the commencement of the Walk, with multiple Smoking Ceremony fire pits for the walkers to pass through. Together we will walk alongside the bilya (river), through the park and end in solidarity at the Supreme Court Gardens with guest performers.

A special NRW Education Zone in the Supreme Court Gardens will support schools and young people with reconciliation engagement and activities. There will also be an opportunity for you to complete your own reconciliaCTION card.

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

DATE: FRIDAY 31 MAY

LOCATION: LANGLEY PARK

TIME: EDUCATION ZONE SESSIONS START AT 10.00AM,

WALK IS FROM 12.00PM TO 2.00PM

REGISTRATIONS:

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As well as getting involved in our Education Zone, schools and students can access our special teacher resources and booklists, as well as join in on our special ReconciliACTION card activity. Check out our Digital Kit.



WALKS FOR RECONCILIATION — REGIONAL LOCATIONS

Reconciliation WA is proud to present Walks for Reconciliation in Bunbury and Port Hedland, in collaboration with the City of Bunbury and Town of Port Hedland.

In Bunbury, walk with your community in solidarity from the Wardandi Boodja statue at Koombana Bay Foreshore to the Graham Bricknell Music Shell.

In Port Hedland, join with your fellow reconciliation allies as you walk for reconciliation from Cemetery Beach Park to Civic Centre Gardens.

Rally together your friends, family, school or work colleagues now and register!

BUNBURY: KOOMBANA BAY FORESHORE - 12.00PM TO 2.00PM

PORT HEDLAND: CEMETERY BEACH PARK - 12.00PM TO 2.00PM

REGISTRATIONS: RECWA.ORG.AU/EVENTS/NRW-2024/

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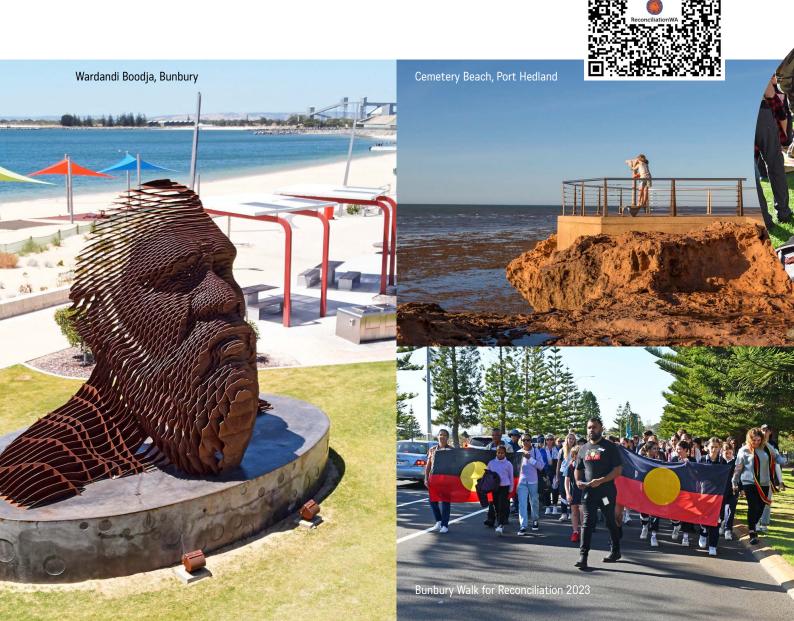








GO TO OUR DIGITAL KIT FOR FURTHER RESOURCES, BUS TIMETABLES, A MAP OF THE WALK AND MUCH MORE!



GET YOUR SCHOOL OR CLASS INVOLVED

There are so many ways to get your schools, classes and students to learn about reconciliation and join in on National Reconciliation Week 2024, including:

- Join sessions at our Education Zone at our Boorloo (Perth) Walk on Friday 31 May
- Download our special National Reconciliation Week
 2024 education resource list and booklist
- Participate in our ReconciliACTION card activity and have your students tell us their reconciliation dream for Australia!
- Join the livestream into our Boorloo (Perth) Breakfast on Monday 27 May, and then take your class through a mat time story session for the little kids, or a reconciliation history lesson for the bigger kids.



DIGITAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

On Monday 27 May, we're encouraging everyone in the State to join in on the launch of National Reconciliation Week with a digital Acknowledgement of Country.

Whilst we encourage you to post your own unique video, we will also create social media tiles you can share. Check out our Digital Kit for more!

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO GET YOUR SCHOOLS, CLASSES AND STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT RECONCILIATION AND JOIN IN ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS TO THE EDUCATION RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS OUR DIGITAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT RECWA.ORG.AU/NRW-2024/OR CHECK OUT OUR DIGITAL KIT

NRW EVENT PARTNERS AND OTHER ACTIVATIONS

STATE LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

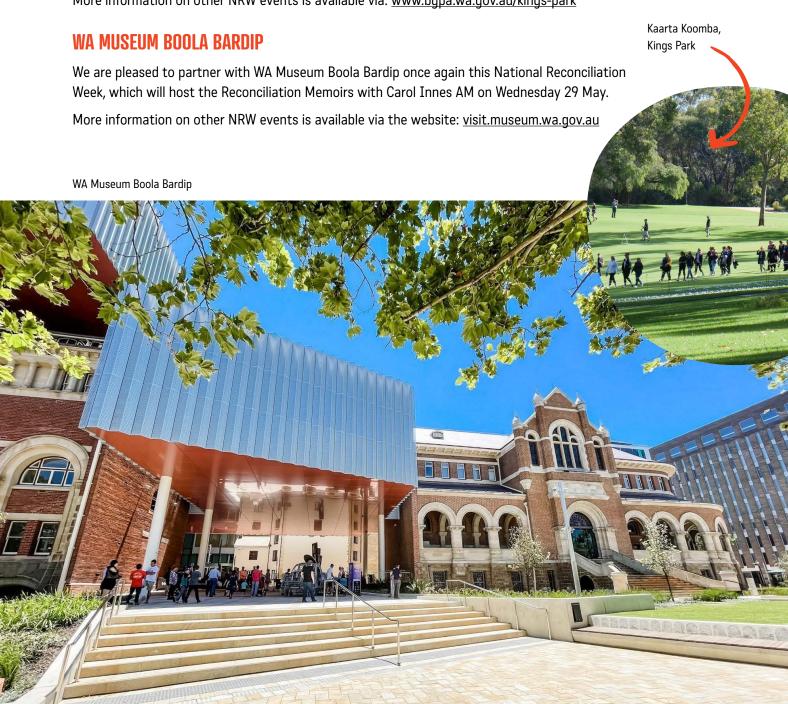
The State Library of Western Australia will host an engaging exhibition during NRW 2024. Visit www.slsa.wa.gov.au to find out more.

KINGS PARK, KAARTA KOOMBA

We are pleased to partner with the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, who oversee the stunning Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park) and where our Reconciliation Yarns will take place on Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 May.

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'.

More information on other NRW events is available via: www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/kings-park





THE FUTURE VISION OF THE RECONCILIATION MOVEMENT

RESPECT RISING

Reconciliation WA are leading Western Australia's post referendum discussions, as we consider the future vision of the reconciliation movement.

We will continue to hold yarns throughout 2024, in partnership with a number of key organisations to ensure a broad community of views are heard.

HELP US SHAPE WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S RECONCILED FUTURE

There are a range of ways for you to contribute, whether you would like to provide a quick comment, or to engage in longer discussions. Whether you live regionally or in metro areas, there will be avenues to provide your input, and safe spaces will be created for both mob and ally discussions.

BE A PART OF THE NEXT HORIZON

For further information, visit www.recwa.org.au/respect-rising/

Or please contact Jade Thompson or Francine Bayet via admin@recwa.org.au, or call (08) 6552 6990

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