

The Anglican Diocese of Perth's Journey with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

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The Anglican Diocese of Perth has had a significant engagement in reconciliation processes and support with Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples for many decades. This happened through Anglican community services agencies, including Anglicare WA and St Bartholomew's House, who have been at the forefront of reconciliation and service delivery in this space.

Anglicare WA put in place an Elders Council over 20 years ago and subsequently put a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in place. The Diocese's independent and Anglican Schools Commission schools have also played a significant role in reconciliation, and many have also put in place their own RAPs.

The Diocese has for many years had Aboriginal Acknowledgment Plaques placed in parish churches and halls across the Diocese. Welcome to Country ceremonies have been used in major Diocesan events and an Acknowledgement of Country is said at the beginning of many services and formal meetings across the Diocese.

The Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission (SRC) was established in the 1980s and has had a strong focus on Aboriginal reconciliation, Closing the Gap and much more. The SRC has made submissions to various Inquiries and Commissions. Attached is a compilation of Synod resolutions which have been passed by the Diocesan Synod.

An Aboriginal Ministry Group has also been established in the last decade and it runs workshops, events within the Diocese, and provides advice to the Archbishop and Diocesan Council. Five Synod places have been allocated available for communicant Aboriginal Anglicans.

As a part of the Australian trip of the Archbishop of Canterbury a very formal Welcome to Country by our Noongar Elders was held in Kings Park. This took place at the start of his tour of Australia, so it had a real significance to him and his entourage. There was a formal Welcome to Country, some yarning which was followed by local Noongar dancers. There was a very high level of media interest, and the subsequent coverage was very positive on both electronic and newspaper coverage. Attached are some photos and other materials from this occasion.

In terms of the Voice Referendum, the Diocese passed a motion supporting it at the 2022 Diocesan Synod (see attached). Since then, the Diocese has been sharing resources with parishes, and a major workshop at was held at the Parish of Mosman Park on 18 February 2023 with over 100 people attending. Another workshop is scheduled for 11 May at the Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming (a flyer for this event is attached).

At present the Diocese has begun the journey to put in place a Diocesan-wide RAP, with a Reconciliation Action Plan Reference Group established to oversee the implementation of the RAP.

Perth Synod Resolutions on Aboriginal issues

Synod 2022

19/22 First Nations Voice

The Reverend Ros Fairless moved, Mrs Marie Pryor seconded,

That this Synod:

- a calls all in the Anglican community to be an ally on voice, treaty and truth, respectfully supporting the voice of First Nations people and the move to enshrining a voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution; and
- b in acknowledging the Uluru Statement, encourages all Australians to walk alongside First Nations peoples in a movement for a better future.

Synod 2021

21/21 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, Mr Sam Walsh AO seconded,

That this Synod:

- 1 Affirms the immense importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage, especially to Aboriginal Peoples whose heritage it is, and affirms the need to provide legislation and community education that prioritises the protection of such Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- 2 Acknowledges that under Articles 11 and 12 (UNDRIP_E_web.pdf) of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of 2007, which Australia later endorsed in 2009, Indigenous peoples have the rights to maintain, protect and have access to their religious and cultural sites, to use and control their ceremonial objects and to the repatriation of their ancestral remains, and the Declaration provides that this cultural heritage should not be taken or damaged without their free, prior and informed consent.
- 3 Expresses concern that under the proposed Western Australian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage legislation, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs still has the power to approve the destruction of culturally important areas against the wishes of the Aboriginal people to whom these areas are sacred.
- 4 Calls upon the Western Australian government to invite representatives of Aboriginal Peoples to have a substantial role in co-designing new Western Australian legislation to protect their cultural heritage;
- 5 Requests the Archbishop to write to the Premier and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to advise them of this resolution.

23/21 Healing country together

The Reverend Ros Fairless moved, Mrs Marie Pryor seconded,

That this Synod:

- Congratulates Uncle Ben Taylor AM on being awarded Perth Male Elder of the Year in the 2021 NAIDOC awards.
- Affirms the goodness of God beyond our dreaming, whose Spirit has brooded over this ancient land since the beginning of time.
- Acknowledges the goodwill and curiosity present in the non-Aboriginal community towards
- Aboriginal peoples, history, and culture.
- Warmly encourages every parish, school and agency within the Diocese to improve the future for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples together, by sincerely and genuinely engaging with Aboriginal peoples, history and culture, through Yarning Times, Yarning Circles and other events.
- Encourages the Diocese and parishes, schools and agencies to request resources from the Social Responsibilities Commission and the Aboriginal Ministry Working Group to support and enable engagement and advocacy for the building of sincere relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

Synod 2019

24/19 First Nations Peoples

Mr Ian Carter AM moved, The Reverend Katrina Holgate seconded,
That this Synod:

- 1 Congratulates Ken Wyatt AM MP for being the first Indigenous person appointed as Minister for Indigenous Australians.
- 2 Acknowledges both the work done by successive Federal Governments in the *Closing the Gap* initiative and *Refresh* and the work still needing to be done to ensure Australian First Nations Peoples are free from disadvantage.
- 3 Calls on every parish, school and agency to consider making personal representation to their State and Federal members of Parliament, assisted by information provided by the Social Responsibilities Commission, concerning the disadvantages still experienced by Australian First Nations Peoples, as outlined in the *Closing the Gap Refresh*.
- 4 Requests the Archbishop to arrange a personal meeting, accompanied by the Chair of the Social Responsibilities Commission, with Mr Wyatt to discuss this Synod's concerns.
- 5 Calls on the Social Responsibilities Commission to provide, on request, to the Diocese and any requesting parish, school or agency, current and practical information to enable advocacy on behalf of First Nations Peoples.

Synod 2018

34/18 Voice in the Wilderness

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, The Reverend Lorna Green seconded,
That this Synod:

- 1 Recognises the importance of listening to and learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples;
- 2 affirms the principles outlined in the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' (accessible at https://www.referendumcouncil.org.au/sites/default/files/201705/Uluru_Statement_From_The_Heart_o.PDF);
- 3 Commends to the Diocese and Parishes the Anglican Board of Mission Study Guide, 'A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart' which addresses the theological issues the Statement from the Heart raises; and (accessible at https://www.abmission.org/data/Education/2018/A_Voice_in_the_Wilderness.pdf); and
- 4 requests the Social Responsibilities Commission to facilitate access to the Study Guide and coordinate study groups where requested.

Synod 2017

16/17 Referendum Council

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, Mr James Jegasothy seconding,
That this Synod:

- 1 Supports the recommendation of the Referendum Council for a constitutionally entrenched First Nations' Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament;
- 2 supports the principle that a treaty or similar agreement should be negotiated between governments and First Nations' peoples;
- 3 writes to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Federal Opposition as well as the Premier and Leader of the Opposition in Western Australia to convey this support;
- 4 requests the Social Responsibilities Commission, as allowed by its budget, to distribute or create summaries of:
 - a a the Referendum Council Report,
 - b b any questions to be put to a referendum, and
 - c c information concerning treaty negotiations, along with theological reflections; and
- 5 encourages parishes, schools and agencies to use and distribute such materials when available.

Synod 2016

10.04 Stephen Hall to move, The Very Reverend Richard Pengelley seconding,
That this Synod

- a acknowledges the significance of the execution of Midgegooroo in the establishment of the Swan River Colony. Midgegooroo was executed by firing squad under orders from colonial administrator, Lieutenant Governor Frederick Irwin, on 22 May 1833 without trial. We note that there is evidence that the Cathedral's Deanery is on or near the site of Midgegooroo's execution; and
- b affirms the Dean and Chapter's intention, in co-operation with the appropriate parties, to determine how this event may best be commemorated with the Whadjuk community of the Noongar nation.

20/16 Aboriginal Ministry

The Reverend Lyn Harwood moved, Dr Carolyn Tan seconded,
This Synod:

- 1 affirms the importance of encouraging ministry by and to Aboriginal peoples in parishes, schools, allied ministries and agencies in this Diocese;
- 2 notes the Whadjuk Bibbulman Katijininy day on Saturday 18 February 2017 at the Wollaston Conference Centre designed to bring people, clergy and lay, together to discuss practical ideas in relation to such ministry; and
- 3 encourages parishes, schools, allied ministries and agencies to support, publicise and send members or representatives to attend this event.

Synod 2015

Amendment to Constitution of the Perth Diocese to have 5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lay Synod reps

21 Legislation

Dr Carolyn Tan moved that a Bill for a Statute to amend The Constitution Act of the Diocese of Perth 1871 be approved. **CARRIED**

29/15 Dr Carolyn Tan moved that a Bill for a Statute to amend The Constitution Act of the Diocese of Perth 1871 do now pass. **CARRIED**

Synod 2014

7/14 Aboriginal Reconciliation and Ministry

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, The Reverend Lyn Harwood seconded,
This Synod:

- 1 Commends the worshipping communities, schools and agencies in the Diocese of Perth who have been engaging in reconciliation and ministry with Aboriginal peoples; and
- 2 Requests worshipping communities, schools and agencies to advise the Diocesan Registrar on steps that they are taking for such reconciliation and ministry so that these stories can be celebrated and used to encourage others.

Synod 2013

37/13 Aboriginal Reconciliation

Mr Tom Little moved, The Reverend Lyn Harwood seconded,

That this Synod:

- 1 notes the “Steps for Reconciliation List” (appendix 5) from the Aboriginal Ministry Policy Working Group and the work of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members of that group,
- 2 requests that this list be tabled and discussed by Worshipping Community Councils and governing bodies of schools and agencies and distributed to people attending worship services,
- 3 urges worshipping communities, schools and agencies to implement as many of the steps in the list as possible, and
- 4 commends the worshipping communities, schools and agencies that are already engaging in reconciliation and ministry with Aboriginal peoples.

Synod 2011

18.4 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Constitutional Recognition

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, Ms Claire Barrett-Lennard seconded,

That this Synod:

- 1 Welcomes the Commonwealth Government’s:
 - a desire to pursue recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian Constitution and
 - b establishment of an Expert Panel to consult the community and report by December 2011 on options on ways of bringing about such constitutional recognition;
- 2 Notes that:
 - a a submission supporting such constitutional recognition was recently made to the Expert Panel by the Public Affairs Commission of General Synod, the Anglican Board of Mission and the social justice bodies of the Dioceses of Perth, Sydney and Adelaide, and
 - b the Public Affairs Commission plans to work with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) and other church bodies to disseminate information and encourage discussion on issues relating to such constitutional recognition, including theological approaches to this and the links between such constitutional recognition, ethics and the development of a national identity;
- 3 Encourages worshipping communities, schools and agencies in this Diocese to be informed of and engaged with the issues relating to the constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

(Note that the submission referred to in 2(a) above can be found at

http://www.perth.anglican.org/web/Organisations/Social_Responsibilities_Commission/)

18.5 Indigenous Ministry

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, The Reverend Mark Arney seconded,

This Synod:

- 1 Notes that:

The Standing Committee of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia received reports in 2008 and 2009 from a committee, chaired by Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh, to review Indigenous Ministry (“the Committee”), which reports included recommendations concerning ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry might be developed, supported, given greater profile and celebrated in the Anglican Church of Australia (The reports can be found at www.anglican.org.au/Web/Website.nsf/content/Indigenous_Ministry); and

- a The Third Report of the Committee recommended that Dioceses be encouraged to formulate express policies for Indigenous Ministry, in conjunction with Indigenous Anglicans and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Anglican Council (NATSIAC);

- 2 Encourages the Diocesan Council and Worshipping Communities, schools and agencies, which have not already done so, to identify any opportunities and, where appropriate, to formulate and implement policies for ministry by and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and to advise Diocesan Council of the results of such consideration; and
- 3 Requests the Diocesan Council, with the assistance, if required, of the Social Responsibilities Commission, to oversee the collection and collation of such information to present to the next Synod.

Synod 2010

9.1 Reconciliation Secretariat

Mr Stephen Hall moved, Ms Gemma Unwin seconding:

This Synod:

- 1 Acknowledges that there is clear need for strong leadership in promoting reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at a state wide level.
- 2 Recognises that a centralised body is critical for the promotion of reconciliation events, to provide resources and training, and to provide momentum for a broadly based reconciliation movement.
- 3 Notes that all other states have a centralised reconciliation body, and that WA has previously funded a Reconciliation secretariat.
- 4 Requests the Government of Western Australia to provide core funding for the establishment of a community based “Reconciliation secretariat” in Western Australia to be a catalyst for major reconciliation initiatives.

15.5 Partner Dioceses

Mr Nicholas Templeman to move, Ms Carolyn Tan seconding,

That this Synod

- 1 notes the mission with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Diocese of Perth and the Diocese of The Northern Territory, and the potential benefit of the mutual exchange of information, stories and experiences that exists;
- 2 requests that the Archbishop to:
 - a begin a dialogue with the Bishop of The Northern Territory to examine the potential for the Diocese of Perth and the Diocese of The Northern Territory to be Link Dioceses; and
 - b explore other opportunities for collaboration between the Dioceses;
- 3 requests Diocesan Council and The Perth Diocesan Trustees to explore the potential for the Diocese of Perth to support the Diocese of The Northern Territory:
 - a financially by \$50,000 annually, from a range of income sources; and
 - b with appropriate “in kind” support.

Synod 2008

51/08 Indigenous Community Concerns

Mr Graham Castledine moved:

This Synod:

- 1 notes that the special adviser on Indigenous affairs to the State government, Lt Gen John Sanderson, has identified that the collapse of organised ways of listening to what Aboriginal people are saying is a major contributing factor in the present deplorable state of their well-being.
- 2 Urges the government to continue to explore General Sanderson’s proposal for further mechanisms that will allow Aboriginal aspirations to be heard.
- 3 Further notes that formal connections between the Church and Indigenous communities are fragile, and that sensitive strategies are needed if these are to be strengthened.
- 4 Among such strategies are the provision of greater resources to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) and the creation of an Aboriginal Reference Group for the Diocese.

Synod 2007

34/07 Protection of Aboriginal Women and Children

Mr Theo Mackaay to move:

This Synod:

- 1 Welcomes the Federal Government's determination to protect Aboriginal women and children from harm and its recent intervention in Northern Territory communities to do so.
- 2 Synod is concerned, however, that some of the measures put in place are unrelated to the aims of the intervention, specifically:
 - i The setting aside of the permit system which protects communities from unwanted outside visitors;
 - ii The taking over of control of the land of a large number of the communities;
 - iii Ending the Community Development Employment Payment scheme by which many Aboriginal people in these communities performed valuable work in return for payment.

Synod 2006 (check final minutes)

Moved: Mr Ian Carter:

This Synod:

- 1 Encourages and supports the Archbishop and Anglican Church agencies to speak out on major issues affecting our community and given this,
- 2 Specifically urges the Archbishop and Diocese to support our Nyoongar brothers and sisters in their negotiations with response to Native Title.

Synod 2005

43. Acknowledgement and Support of Aboriginal Peoples

Moved: The Rt Revd David Murray

Resolved:

That this Synod of the Anglican Church of the Diocese of Perth acknowledges that Aboriginal peoples were the first people of this area and have survived non-Aboriginal colonisation for nearly two centuries. The arrival of non-Aboriginal peoples brought massive change to this land and to its indigenous people. For its part, the Anglican Church acknowledges and grieves for the loss by the indigenous people of their land, their children, their health, their identity and even their lives. We acknowledge the right of Aboriginal peoples to live according to their own values and customs, subject to law, and pledge ourselves to respect Aboriginal peoples' special places. The Anglican Church supports Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples working together towards Covenant Agreements or other instruments of reconciliation which promote a greater understanding of Aboriginal peoples' history and culture in our community. The Anglican Church recognises the positive contribution made by Aboriginal peoples and looks forward to a future of mutual respect and harmony.

44. Understanding Aboriginal Culture

Moved: Mrs J Parker

Resolved:

That this Synod request the Archbishop to implement a program to assist clergy, parishioners and the public to develop a better understanding of the Aboriginal concepts and culture including the traditional lore and in particular the implications of the former policy of assimilation of Aboriginals and the church's role in the reconciliation process between Aboriginal and white cultures.

Synod 2002

29/02 Reconciliation

Moved: Theo Mackaay:

This Synod resolved that,

Mindful of past resolutions encouraging schools, parishes and institutions in the Diocese to actively engage in activities designed to foster reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and

Mindful that fostering reconciliation requires the creation of opportunities for the development of relationships and friendships,
this Synod:

- a notes with approval the numerous activities, policies and initiatives which have been taken in response to such resolutions
- b commends those institutions, particularly schools, for their creativity and engagement
- c in particular, welcomes the installation of plaques at various locations honouring the prior ownership and care by Indigenous people
- d encourages all parishes, schools and other institutions to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation to which we committed ourselves in recent Synods.

28/02 Public Housing

Moved Mrs Anne Annear

This Synod resolved that it requests the state and federal Governments use their resources to:

- a address the chronic shortage in public housing stock;
- b ensure Indigenous families are housed in culturally appropriate dwellings;
- c take all possible measures to avoid Homeswest evictions;
- d address the underlying causes of evictions and the distressing indicators of Indigenous hardship

52/02 NATSIAC in Perth 2003

Moved: Mrs Vivienne Sahana

This Synod resolved that it welcomes the meeting of NATSIAC in Perth in 2003 and supports NATSIAC through financial and prayer support.

Synod 1999

30/99 Acknowledgement for Aboriginal Inhabitants

This Synod call on the Diocese of Perth to acknowledge the Aboriginal inhabitants of the land, and request its parishes and the following agencies:

Anglicare, Parkerville Children's Home, St Bartholomew's House, Meath Care, Anglican Homes, all Anglican schools,

to mark such acknowledgement by means of a plaque located on each property and the inclusion of a statement in any future constitutions and histories.

Synod 1997

52/97 Co-existence of Native Title with Pastoral Lease rights

Moved: Ms Carolyn Tan, seconded The Revd David Moore.

That this Synod:

- 1 Acknowledges and supports the principles of co-existence of native title with pastoral lease rights as reflected in the Wik decision of the High Court;
- 2 Calls on the Australian community and governments to share the land with indigenous people through the recognition of native title
- 3 Calls in the Federal and Western Australian Parliaments to oppose any direct or indirect attempts to further extinguish common law native tile rights;

- 4 Asks the Diocesan Secretary to write to the Prime Minister, the Premier of Western Australia and the Federal and Western Australian leaders of opposition parties to inform them of this resolution and asks the Social Responsibilities Commission to prepare a statement to accompany the said letter.

35/97 Parish involvement in Reconciliation

Moved: Mrs Anne Annear

That, on behalf of the Social Responsibilities Commission, this Synod encourages involvement at parish level in the work of listening, learning and supporting reconciliation in whatever ways are relevant to individual parishes:

- 1 Synod encourages every Parish Council to commit itself to education and awareness raising in its parish through the use of reading and study materials provided by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, regarding the facts of the Stolen Generations policies and their effects on Indigenous people today;
- 2 Parishes aim to make a contribution, however small, to the costs of enabling indigenous people of the Stolen Generations to return to their homelands, thus allowing them to reconnect with their people. Such a contribution can be made to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's Indigenous Peoples office.
- 3 We encourage each other across our parishes to live out the Gospel message of Reconciliation in Christ in reality with our indigenous sisters and brothers who have been deeply wounded by past and present practices, seeking to mediate wherever practical;
- 4 Synod encourages parishes to devise local initiatives for reconciliation and report these to the Social Responsibilities Commission so that they may be shared across the Diocese and provide a means of building better relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in community;
- 5 The Social Responsibilities Commission report on parish initiatives to each Synod until the year 2000 as a demonstration of the commitment to reconciliation in the Diocese.

39/97 Aboriginal Reconciliation

Moved: The Rev'd John Forsyth

That this Synod:

- 1 Acknowledges the pain and suffering of Aboriginal children and their parents who were victims of forced separation;
- 2 Acknowledges that this action was a form of genocide.
- 3 Acknowledges that the Anglican Church in this Diocese failed to effectively challenge these unjust policies;
- 4 Accordingly, this Diocese apologises to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia, seeks forgiveness, promises to fight racism and omits itself to work towards reconciliation.

40/97 Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Moved: The Rt Revd David Murray

That this Synod welcomes the report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families ("Bringing Them Home"), and:

- 1 wholeheartedly and publicly supports all 54 recommendations for reparation and the 15 rules applying national standards for legislation concerning juvenile justice;
- 2 that the following recommendations to the churches be adopted by Synod: 38a, 38b, 38c, 39, 40a; 40b, 41;
- 3 that Synod expresses its support for recommendation 7a which calls for a national Sorry Day to be celebrated each year to commemorate the history of forcible removals and its effects, and

- 4 that Synod through the Archbishop, conveys to the Federal Government its unqualified support for recommendations 5a (Parts 1, 2 and 3) and conveys to the Western Australian Police Service its support for recommendation 5b.

41/97 Deaths in Custody

Moved: Mrs Anne Annear

That this Synod expresses gravest concern over the continuing scourge of deaths in the Australian criminal justice system and in particular -

- 1 Notes that, according to the Australian Institute of Criminology, there were 97 deaths in custody during the year 1996/97, of which 17 were in Western Australia;
- 2 That, in spite of the 339 detailed recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the numbers of deaths in prisons is increasing;
- 3 Calls on the State Government to make public its accounting for the monies committed by the Federal Government for implementation of the Royal Commission recommendations.

Synod 1993

11. Native Title

(Not sure of mover)

Resolved that this Synod applauds the Archbishop for taking such a forthright stand on the moral implications of the High Court's decision on Native Title.

14. Mabo decision- Effect not to be Diminished

(Not sure of mover)

Resolved that this Synod:

- Notes that the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation has clearly identified links between the Mabo decision and the Process of Reconciliation, stating that it would be the end of the reconciliation process if the present negotiations were to result in cutting back that which the Mabo decision offers to Aboriginal people;
- And given that there should be no right to certainty in business which excludes justice, equity and due process;
- Calls on the West Australian government to negotiate with Aboriginal people and organisations to clarify the potential effects of the High Court's decision in WA to ensure that the rights afforded to Aboriginal people under the Mabo decision are not diminished.

19. Aboriginal People in Prisons

Moved: Ms Carolyn Tan

Resolved that this Synod:

- Notes with dismay the continued high levels of incarceration of Aboriginal people in West Australian prisons;
- Writes to the Western Australian Attorney General and requests a detailed report of what specific steps are being made to implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Synod 1991

No text, but Ms Carolyn Tan moved a motion on Aboriginal land rights.

Welcome to Country

Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Perth

Kings Park, October 2022



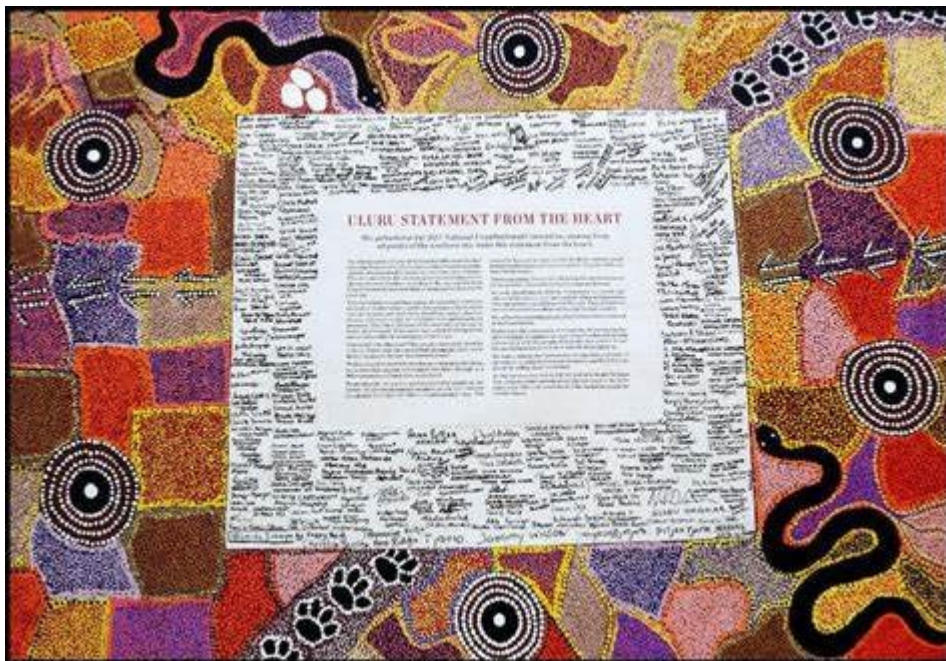
A Voice to Parliament Yarning Session

The Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming in partnership with All Saints' College:
Invite you to an information session hosted by the
Social Responsibilities Commission (SRC) and Aboriginal Ministry Group.

Our aim is to provide a panel of speakers who will assist us
to deliberate on this important referendum question before our nation,
and allow you to asks questions of the panel.

The referendum question reads:

**to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia
by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.**



When: Thursday 11 May 6-9pm

Where: All Saints' Chapel

RSVP: 8 May

Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHSHS>

A light supper will be provided at intermission.

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