



National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June

Dear VIEW Members

Beginning tomorrow **National Reconciliation Week** (NRW) from **27 May to 3 June** - is such a great opportunity for us all to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for NRW this year is **“Be Brave. Make Change.”** - a challenge to all Australians - individuals, families, communities, organisations and government - to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

Further information about NRW theme and some supporting resources is available on the Reconciliation Australia Website here <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

The Smith Family has a number of commitments relating to NRW in its Reconciliation Action Plan, including organising opportunities for team members including VIEW members to participate in.

In light of NRW VIEW has:

1. Updated **VIEW Resource “Welcome to Country & Acknowledgment of Country”** and this will be distributed to all VIEW Clubs. This resource was initially provided to all VIEW Clubs in February 2011 and is now available on VIEW.org.au (<http://view.org.au/media/12791/updated-view-resource-welcome-to-country-acknowledgement-of-country-260522.pdf>)
2. In line with The Smith Family’s website, updated VIEW website to include an *Acknowledgement of Country* statement, located on VIEW website footer.
3. Provided the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) Quiz as an awareness raising resource to Councillors/Advisors to share with Clubs during National Reconciliation Week. (<http://view.org.au/resources/mailouts/>) and
4. Created an online questionnaire asking VIEW members: **Is there more that VIEW Clubs can do to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identities across Australia?**

We invite our VIEW members to participate in our online questionnaire and submit a response to the following: ***What other things can VIEW Clubs do to increase awareness of and champion ongoing respect and understanding between***

cultures and the community and create opportunities to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage?

- *For example highlighting The Smith Family program outcomes for “Girls at the Centre” and “Indigenous Youth Leadership Program” which supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.*
- *Increase cultural awareness around Women’s business by inviting strong Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women speakers to club meetings.*
- *Show our support of the First Nations Voice to Parliament and/or The Uluru Statement from the Heart (<https://ulurustatement.org/>) so they can finally have a say on policies and laws that affect them.*

Online questionnaire link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZIQQeoSQkYYPIU7TPwECY_v4Ckif0D47fOtlpJUi-J6nN2Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

We encourage all clubs to participate in NRW, share the Quiz with members and participate in the questionnaire which is available online and will be open until 15 July 2022.

Regards

VIEW Executive 2022-23