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FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Boonwurrung Word of the Month:

Ngarn.ga – Understanding

Sorry Day

I am sad to announce that owing to restrictions related to Covid-19 we will not be hosting a lunch to commemorate National Sorry Day on 26 May. This is the first time in nearly 20 years that our group has not held an event that brings the community together. As the Hon. Martin Foley, Member for Albert Park, said: *'In these these very sad and uncertain times globally, there remains much to do. But first, surviving the global pandemic in a way that brings us together and prepares the ground for a reconsidered approach to many unresolved issues is the goal. Reconciliation and Treaty - truth telling - and unfinished business with our First Peoples being amongst the most pressing.'*

National Reconciliation Week

Commemorations will now go ahead this year, albeit in a modified form. Reconciliation Australia is encouraging creative thinking as to how groups can celebrate Reconciliation and this year's theme - *In This Together*. Refer <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/events> for news.

Council News

Physical events for Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week flag raising, Mabo Day flag raising, and NAIDOC Week flag-raising events will not take place due to social distancing. Online information featuring some discussion of themes is being developed and will be promoted closer to the dates. For the latest updates, see the COVID-19 Council Events, Services and Facilities updates page via www.portphillip.vic.gov.au.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Boon Wurrung Elder N'Arweet Dr Carolyn Briggs, AM, for successfully completing her PhD examination achieving a C1 result (no amendments required), and to the following authors whose books are shortlisted for this year's Australian Book Industry Awards. They include Tara June Winch for *The Yield*,

Archie Roach for *Tell Me Why*, Jack Charles for *Born-Again Blakfella*, and Marcia Langton for *Welcome to Country: Youth Edition*. The winners will be announced in a virtual ceremony on **Wednesday 13 May**.

Rosemary Rule

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NEXT MEETING
Our May meeting
will be on Zoom!

Tuesday
19 May 2020
6:30pm

Please email Deb Stewart on
deb.stewart33@gmail.com
if you would like to be part
of the meeting.

On the day of the meeting,
Deb will send the meeting
number and password to
everyone, with instructions
about how to join a Zoom
meeting. It's easy!

RECONCILIATION VICTORIA'S NEW CO-CHAIR

Shane Charles, a proud Wurundjeri, Boon Wurrung and Yorta Yorta man, has been unanimously endorsed



by the RecVic Board to take over from Belinda Duarte as Aboriginal Co-Chair of the organisation. Mr Charles has been co-opted onto the Board until the AGM later this year.

Shane Charles, new Co-Chair of RecVic.

He is a highly experienced and inspirational Aboriginal leader with a strong track record across a range of sectors including education and training, justice, and cultural heritage within both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations. Mr Charles said he was a passionate advocate for Reconciliation who enjoys sharing cultural knowledge to make a difference.

Ms Duarte has been Co-Chair of RecVic since 2016, while simultaneously sitting on a number of other boards and groups, as well as the CEO of Culture is Life. Ms Duarte will continue with RecVic in a new ambassadorial role. CEO of RecVic Diana David said it was a bittersweet farewell, having grown close to Ms Duarte during her time with RecVic but knowing that Mr Charles was the perfect person to lead the Board in a crucial year for the Reconciliation movement. Non-Aboriginal Co-Chair of RecVic Michelle Isles said that Ms Duarte had made an extraordinary contribution to RecVic as an inspirational leader and representative. For RecVic updates, visit <http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au/about-us/contact-us>; or info@reconciliationvic.org.au, T: 9016 0657

ABORIGINAL HONOUR ROLL

Nominations for the Aboriginal Honour Roll are now open, to recognise achievements of Aboriginal people (both past and present) who have made a profound contribution to their community. To date, 117 outstanding Aboriginal people have been recognised in a wide range of fields, including justice, education, health, sport, the arts, community leadership and military service. Nominations for an outstanding individual close 31 May. Details: Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll, vic.gov.au

NAIDOC WEEK 2020 POSTPONED

The National NAIDOC Committee has decided to postpone NAIDOC Week 2020, 5-12 July, in the interests of safety for our communities. The National NAIDOC Awards, scheduled for **Saturday 11 July** in Alice Springs, will now not go ahead as planned - a decision not taken lightly. Finalising a new date for NAIDOC Week 2020 towards the end of the year is in process, with the committee working in close consultation with the National Indigenous Australians Agency and their partners.

REC STONNINGTON NEWS

Rec Stonnington will hold their next meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday 13 May** at 6.00 pm to discuss a recent Stan Grant article and also consider what is possible for Reconciliation Week in these unusual times. Anyone wishing to join in the Zoom meeting please contact Keith Gove for details – kgove@ozemail.com.au. For information regarding Stonnington Council activities being proposed during Reconciliation Week, visit council@stonnington.vic.gov.au

THE TORCH

Confined 11 is a virtual exhibition of artworks by Indigenous artists currently in or recently released

from prisons in Victoria. Presenting over 300 artworks from 286 artists, *Confined 11* creates a strong visual metaphor for the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system. The *Confined* exhibition is the key annual public event of The Torch's Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community program which provides art, cultural and arts industry support to Aboriginal offenders and ex-offenders in Victoria.



Sunset Cockatoo, Stacey, Taungurong/Boon Wurrung people.

They are a creative bunch at The Torch and are excited to be bringing all of the magic of the *Confined* exhibitions to you in a new and engaging online format. *Confined 11* virtual launch will take place on **Thursday 14 May** at 6.00 pm. Keep an eye on <https://thetorch.org.au/exhibition/confined-11/> for the latest updates and the link to their Facebook live event.

BANGARRA'S BENNELONG

Watch *Bennelong*, the most in-demand production of the digital season with over 17,000 views (and counting!) free and online from the comfort of your home, until **Tuesday 5 May**: <https://www.sydneypoperahouse.com/digital/season.html>

NEW BOOK

Talented actor, singer and director Miranda Tapsell's latest work, *Top End Girl*, is described as a deadly memoir about being bold, black and brave in work, life and love. Out now in paperback or as an EBook.

WALKING TOGETHER

Walking Together is an ABC-wide initiative to reflect and build on the shared national identity of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, celebrating and acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and inviting all Australians to walk together on a journey to Reconciliation, including a series of one-on-one interviews with inspiring Aboriginal people. Details via abc.net.au, ABC iView or Youtube.