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The Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation respectfully acknowledges the Yalukit Wilum clan of the Boon Wurrung Nation who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land.



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FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Boon Wurrung Word of the Month:

Ngargee – dance, ceremony

Annual General Meeting

I am delighted to announce that Diana David, CEO RecVic, will be the Guest Speaker at our AGM on **Tuesday 26 November** in the Emerald Hill Library, Bank Street, South Melbourne. (Note change of date, time and venue); the Agenda is attached. If you can't attend, please complete the Nomination Form attached and send it in prior to the meeting.



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Vale Jane Tombs

It is with sadness I report on the passing of Jane Tombs, a long and valued member of our group, who died on 19 October. *'I am big into Indigenous issues'*, Jane wrote in 2007, and her dedication to the issues grew stronger over the years. Jane's funeral was held on 31 October at Albert Park Baptist Church; tributes included next month.

Council News

Jarra Karalinar Steel has been appointed Indigenous Arts Officer for COPP, working as part of the Art and Heritage team to establish and administer an Indigenous

Arts Advisory Panel to develop and implement the Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Strategy plan. Jarra, a practising artist and a Boon Wurrung/Wemba Wemba woman, has had significant engagement with the local community, has consulted widely for the Boon Wurrung Foundation, gained experience through running an arts space in South Yarra, and is completing a Master of Arts in Public Spaces at RMIT. See inside for news about the Council's Code of Practice for retailers of Indigenous art.

We are grateful to the Council for providing PPCfR with another grant enabling our work to continue through building community connections and networks. Special thanks to Todd Condie for his ongoing support.

Activities

It was great to see the Tanderrum ceremony kick start the 2019 Melbourne International Arts Festival last month. A good crowd gathered in Fed Square to see the five clans of the Eastern Kulin Nation celebrate their culture. Judith Jackson and I were honoured guests at a gala ball hosted by the Children's Garden Kindercare to celebrate 100 years of Steiner education in support of the Miriam Rose Foundation. Helen Bennett, Moira Burke and I were among the attendees at RecVic and ANTaR's combined AGMs, where Connecting the Dots: Victoria's Changing Reconciliation Landscape provided the theme for some inspiring conversations; more below.

Congratulations

Shelley Ware, respected TV presenter and Marngrook panelist, was named Fujitsu General Football Woman of the year at the Essendon Women's Network; and Ashleigh Barty won The Don award for the Australian athlete or team whose achievements and example most inspires the nation, and is also Australia's top sportswoman of the year.

Rosemary Rule

Next Meeting: AGM with Guest Speaker Diana David, CEO RecVic, **Tuesday 26 November**, 6.00 pm, Emerald Hill Library, Bank Street, South Melbourne. Refreshments. All Welcome.

TREATY UPDATE

Voting to decide the make-up of the representative body to continue the Victorian Treaty process officially concluded on 20 October. The First People's Assembly will be made up of 21 members elected from five regions across the state; nine members from the Metro region and four in each of the South West, South East, North West and North East regions. Despite criticism from some community members about low enrolment numbers (voter turnout was around 10 percent of what the Treaty Commission estimates to be 30,000 eligible voters) Commissioner Jill Gallagher said the voting process for the Assembly was a successful start. 'It's not about a number... it's about taking the next step towards achieving justice for our mobs,' Ms Gallagher recently told NITV News. Counting commenced on 31 October. Candidates have been informed that they may appoint one scrutineer to be present for the return processing, validation and counting of votes. Elected members are expected to be announced early November. See victreatyadvancement.org.au

VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

The federal coalition government's Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Ken Wyatt, says his proposal for constitutional amendment will not include enshrining a First Nations 'Voice' to parliament, and has confirmed that any proposal on Indigenous recognition that he takes to his Prime Minister will *not* include enshrining an Indigenous advisory body in the constitution, having kept the twin issues of a Voice to Parliament and constitutional change separate. 'The Prime Minister made it very clear some time ago that it would not be enshrined in the constitution, [but] he would consider pragmatic models that would deliver [a Voice] and what it would look like,' Mr Wyatt said. 'I want to take that notion of 'Voice' [and] work with a co-design model so we get something with our people across the nation - not just the leadership - but with our people,' and later conceded that he will 'break hearts' with the decision.

RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA'S UNITED NATIONS AWARD

The United Nations Association of Australia, New South Wales, chose Reconciliation Australia (RA) as the recipient of the 2019 United Nations Day Honour. From a select shortlist, RA was endorsed by their Executive Committee in recognition of its embodiment of United Nations humanitarian values with regard to the rights of Indigenous Peoples. RA has a demonstrated track record of promoting the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, as outlined by the United Nations. As the lead body for Indigenous Reconciliation in Australia, it has set the benchmark for good corporate practice in this area. Their work includes implementing a Reconciliation Action Plan program for nearly 1200 organisations, introducing the Narragunnawali schools program, and ongoing work on behalf of the Stolen Generations.

REC VIC AND ANTAR AGMs

Thomas Mayor, a staunch advocate for the Uluru Statement of the Heart, was the one of the inspiring speakers at RecVic's forum following their AGM. A Torres Strait Islander, Thomas was born and raised on Larrakia Land in Darwin and worked as a wharfie for sixteen years before becoming an official of his union, and in 2017 attended the Darwin Regional Constitutional Dialogue. He was elected to represent the region at the Uluru National Constitutional Convention and wrote *Finding the Heart of the Nation – the Journey of the Uluru Statement towards Voice, Treaty and Truth*. Thomas was joined by panellists Lidia Thorpe, the first Aboriginal woman in Victoria's Parliament, Bobby Nicholls, Co-Chair Shepparton Reconciliation, Belinda Duarte, Co-Chair RecVic, and Charles Pakana as Moderator. It was a combined AGM with ANTAR Victoria, reflecting on their journey in 2019 and future in 2020. Updates next month.



Thomas Mayor brought the Uluru Statement from the Heart document to St Kilda to the memorial service held for the late Andrew McCutcheon in 2017, pictured with Elder Judith Jackson, Rosemary Rule, Jo Bond and Martin Foley.

REC VIC RECRUITING

Spread the word – RecVic is recruiting to two roles – Communications Officer and Projects Officer with a key focus on Narragunnawali. The Communications Officer will promote RecVic's work and key messaging across their communication platforms. This role will focus on developing content and working with project areas to develop and distribute monthly electronic newsletters, ensure the websites and social media platforms are engaging and up to date, and distributing email communications to key stakeholders. RecVic will also soon be recruiting a Projects Officer to primarily focus on their new role in supporting schools and early years centres in Reconciliation. A key focus of this role will be to promote Narragunnawali, a free online platform providing practical ways to introduce meaningful Reconciliation initiatives in the classroom, around the school and within the community. More information - www.reconciliationvictoria.org.au

ETHICAL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRODUCTS

The City of Port Phillip is proud of its Aboriginal heritage and recognises the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boon Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of the area.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and their work make a major contribution to the cultural richness of our city. To ensure this cultural richness continues to be celebrated, respected and preserved, the City of Port Phillip has developed a Code of Practice for retailers of Indigenous art. Retailers of Indigenous art in this instance includes South Melbourne Market and St Kilda Esplanade Market. The Council's *Code of Practice for Market Retailers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art and Cultural Product* (2019) draws from and is in keeping with the City of Melbourne's *Code of Practice For Galleries and Retailers of Indigenous Art* (2007) by Terri Janke, and the Australia Council's *Protocols for Producing Indigenous Australian Visual Arts* (2007).

This Code is a guide to best industry practice and aligns with the organisation's Council Plan, Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan, and Reconciliation Action Plan. Contact the Council for further information.

GALA EVENT

Judith 'Jacko' Jackson and I were honoured guests at the gala ball hosted by the Children's Garden Kindercare to celebrate 100 years of Steiner education in support of the Miriam Rose Foundation, held at the South Melbourne Town Hall on 12 October. It was a privilege to meet Troy and Dylan (Dylan is a nephew of Miriam Rose) visiting from Daly River in the NT to promote the work of the Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation working to empower Indigenous youth through education, art, culture and opportunity. Guests were shown a clip from *Dadirri*, a film reflection from Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, promoting 'inner deep listening and quiet still awareness', attributes close to the Steiner

philosophy.

Thanks to Amy and Fiona from Kindercare located in Ferrars Street, South Melbourne, for inviting us as their guests to this special fundraising event.

*Rosemary Rule,
PPCfR Co-Chair*

**Miriam Rose
Foundation
Ambassadors from
Daly River, Dylan and
Troy, pictured with
Elder Judith Jackson.**



THE FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION

The Foundation has committed the largest financial investment dedicated to closing the gap in Australian eye health. First Australians are three times more likely to develop blindness and twelve times more likely to have cataracts, the leading cause of blindness.

Launching their Indigenous Australia Program Five-Year Country Strategy, the Foundation aims to inject at least \$40 million into bettering the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Their Indigenous Australia Program manager said that although the organisation has worked towards eye health equity in the last decade there is still more progress to make. '*Ultimately what we are striving to achieve is ... to close the gap in eye health for Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people. In doing that we aim to lay the foundations for us as a nation to move towards excellence in eye care,*' he said. The Foundation's strategy centres around five main goals, including ensuring effective cataract treatment and refractive error prevention and treatment is available to all First Nations people. Refer [www:hollows.org](http://www.hollows.org)

PATRICK DODSON LECTURE

Senator Dodson will be in Macnamara to deliver the Marek Edelman Memorial Lecture - On the Road to Reconciliation - on **Thursday 7 November**, a unique opportunity to hear from the Father of Reconciliation as we continue to advocate towards proper constitutional recognition of First Nations people. This year's lecture is being delivered to honour the legendary resistance fighter in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Marek Edelman, born a century ago. Glen Eira Town Hall from 7.00 pm. Tickets \$10. All proceeds donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Organised with the support of Josh Burns, MP, Federal Member for Macnamara. Tickets - joshburns.com/Dodson.

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT ART EXHIBITION

This exhibition showcases the paintings by Aboriginal artists from the local Aboriginal drug and alcohol recovery centres based in St Kilda - Galiamble and Winja Ulupna. This is an annual event which offers the participants in these programs the opportunity to exhibit and sell their paintings. The art programs at Galiamble have been running for many years, thanks to the energetic involvement of volunteer Viv Parry. All paintings are available for sale on the night at affordable prices (under \$150), cash only, with all proceeds going to the artists. Sold paintings can be taken at the end of the night. All are welcome to attend the launch, **Thursday 21 November**, 6.00-8.00 pm, St Kilda Elsternwick Baptist Church, 9 Pakington Street, St Kilda. For information, contact Digby Hannah 0408 141 067 or Helen Hoffman 0459 226 051.

ARCHIE ROACH

Archie is a talented - and busy - man. He will talk about his newly-published memoir *Tell Me Why* in conversation with Treaty Commissioner Jill Gallagher, Athenaeum Theatre, **Thursday 7 November**, 6.30-7.30 pm. Tickets are \$50 which includes a copy of the book. Bookings essential: readings.com.au/events. Archie has also released a companion album to his memoir. It includes the first single *Open Up Your Eyes*. Pre-order and listen via <https://smarturl.it/artellmewhy>

BOOKS

Gulpilil - Author Derek Rielly attempts to encapsulate the most beguiling and unconventional of Australian entertainers, the legendary David Gulpilil. A Yolngu man beloved around the world as a dancer, actor and artist, David has appeared in *Walkabout*, *Storm Boy*, *Crocodile Dundee*, *The Tracker* and *Charlie's Country*, for which he won the Un Certain Regard prize at Cannes Film Festival and Best Actor at the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts Awards in 2014. \$29.99.

Finding the Heart of the Nation - The Journey of the Uluru Statement towards Voice, Treaty and Truth Since the Uluru Statement from the Heart was formed in 2017, Thomas Mayor has travelled around the country to promote its vision of a better future for Indigenous Australians. Hardie Grant, \$24.99.

FILMS AND TV

On Country Kitchen returns for a second season, helmed by celebrity chef and Bundjalung man Mark Olive, aka the 'Black Olive', a renowned Indigenous chef who boasts over 30 years' cooking experience. Six-part series on NITV, Wednesdays, 7.30 pm.

The Final Quarter details the last three years of the career of AFL footballer Adam Goodes, whose on-field treatment by fans and ensuing debate about racism divided the nation. DVD available from Readings, \$29.95. Highly recommended.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 26 November 2019, 6.00 pm,
Emerald Hill Library Meeting Room,
195 Bank Street, South Melbourne**

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and introduction
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM held 20/11/18 (copies available at meeting)
4. Chair's Report - Rosemary Rule
5. Treasurer's Report - Fiona Olney-Fraser
6. Election of Executive Committee
Four officers to be elected: two Chairpersons (Chair and Co-Chair), Treasurer and Secretary as well as two additional members. Each officer is eligible for re-election and is required to hold office until 2020.
7. Other Business (for which there must be at least seven days' notice in writing)
8. Guest Speaker: Diana David, Chief Executive Officer, Reconciliation Victoria
9. Close

Refreshments served afterwards.

PORT PHILLIP CITIZENS FOR RECONCILIATION

2019 COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

For the **Annual General Meeting** to be held at the Emerald Hill Library, 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne, on **Tuesday 26 November 2019** at 6.00 pm.

I (Name of **Proposer**) _____

Nominate (Name of **Nominee**) _____

for the Committee position of

(One of Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 x Ordinary members)

Signature of **Proposer** _____

Name of **Proposer** _____

Signature of **Secunder** _____

Name of **Secunder** _____

The **Nominee** is prepared to stand for election to this position.
Consent of Nominee: I agree to the above nomination.

Signature of **Nominee**:

Please note: Proposers, Seconders and Nominees must be current, paid-up members of Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation. The Nomination Form must be delivered not less than 7 days before the meeting date to Rosemary Rule, PPCfR, PO Box 1446, St Kilda South, Victoria 3182, or rosemary.rule@gmail.com.

