

Reconciliation NSW welcomes funding from the NSW Government for 2020-21

to create a reconciled, just and equitable community for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians in NSW

The NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs has committed \$240,000 for the 2020-2021 year for Reconciliation NSW to continue its valuable work in leading reconciliation efforts for NSW.

Reconciliation NSW's co-chairs, Lindon Coombes and Cecilia Anthony, say the funding will allow the organisation to continue to support, educate and inspire the people of NSW to advance reconciliation across the state.

"Reconciliation cannot only be symbolic. For reconciliation to be achieved there needs to be a series of real, practical outcomes in relation to the ongoing racism and systemic disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. For more than two decades, Reconciliation NSW has worked to achieve this vision, to create a reconciled, just and equitable community for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians in NSW," Mr Coombes said.

"This funding will allow us to continue our work with individuals, organisations, schools and communities across the state to progress their reconciliation journeys and for NSW be a leader in reconciliation across Australia."

"We recognise the whole of government commitment of the NSW Government to reconciliation in NSW and appreciate the support from Aboriginal Affairs. This one year funding commitment continues a funding tradition of more than 20 years by the NSW Government. "

"Reconciliation NSW helps NSW to be a leader in acknowledging and accepting our true shared histories and valuing and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as a proud part of a shared national identity." said Ms Anthony.

Executive Director of Reconciliation NSW, Tristan Tipps-Webster, said the funding will support an online reconciliation hub, webinars and face to face workshops as well as community events that promote reconciliation to schools, local councils, early learning centres, corporates and the broader community, as well as providing essential public liability insurance, resources and support to our 24 Local Reconciliation Groups across the state who hold over 50 events annually to promote reconciliation in their communities.

"These LRGs are committed to building deep, meaningful and respectful relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in order to make real improvements in their local communities for a better NSW," Ms Tipps-Webster said.

Reconciliation NSW will partner with AANSW for another year to deliver reconciliation outcomes for the people of NSW.

For more information go to <http://www.reconciliationnsw.org.au>

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