



# Reconciliation Week Events 2024

## Bendigo Health Stall

Thursday 23 May, 10am – 2pm in the Atrium

Visit Bendigo Health's Reconciliation Week stall at Foundation Space on the ground floor of the hospital, view the artwork of Uncle Dennis Baksh and collect resources for Reconciliation Week.

## SORRY DAY CEREMONY

Sunday 26 May, 10am at Castlemaine Botanical Gardens Playground

All invited to commemorate the Stolen Generation and participate in this National Day of Healing. Senior Djaara Elder Uncle Rick Nelson will be doing a Welcome Ceremony with Smoking, Speeches by Special guests Uncle Ron Murray, Mayor Cr Matthew Driscoll and music by award winning Celtic Indigenous duo Kinja. This is a free event, all welcome.

## SORRY DAY SUNSET CEREMONY

Monday 27 May, 5 - 7pm La Trobe University Bendigo Campus Ironbark Centre

Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony by Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation at the Bendigo Campus. This ceremony acknowledges our families, friends & Ancestors affected by the Stolen Generations. Refreshments served post-ceremony. Dress for warmth. This is an all-community event. [Register here](#)

## Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival

[Full program](#)

### The Sapphires and Koorie Youth Flick Fest

Monday May 27, 4pm at Bendigo Library

Join us at the Bendigo Library lawn for the festival's official opening with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

The Sapphires is inspired by a true story of four young Aboriginal women from regional Australia, who like singing country music and suddenly get the chance to change their tune and their lives. This event also includes the awards ceremony and screenings of the short film entries for this year's Koorie Youth Flick Fest. Hosted by Bendigo Library and Intereach, this is a free event, [reserve a spot](#).



### The Australian Dream (MA15+)

Tuesday May 28, 7pm at Star Cinema Eaglehawk

This compelling, provocative film, written by Stan Grant, uses the stunning athleticism of Adam Goodes at the peak of his powers as well as the game itself as the film's backdrop, and prompts questions about Australia's relationship with racism and its ability to confront its own past.

Bookings; [starcinema.org.au](#) \$15

### Now More Than Ever – self-reflection workshop

Wednesday May 29, light catering from 6pm event running from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bendigo Library

The Bendigo Reconciliation Committee presents a small group self-reflection workshop on culture, privilege and racism. Event features short films and group discussion.

This is a free event, bookings; [events.humanitix.com](#)



### **The Earth Above: A Deep Time View of Australia's Epic History**

**Thursday May 30 & Monday June 3**

**5.30pm – 6.30pm at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre Bendigo**

Enjoy Bendigo's first showings of the *The Earth Above: A Deep Time View of Australia's Epic History*. This film explores Australia's past 140,000 years, incorporating traditional and scientific knowledge to tell Australia's epic story. Viewers are transported to four significant and sacred locations where histories are told by First Nations custodians. Free events, bookings [Discovery online tickets - Home \(roller.app\)](#)

### **Luku Ngärra: The Law of the Land**

**Thursday May 30, 7pm at Theatre Royale in Castlemaine**

This documentary film is set in the Yolngu Nation of Northeast Arnhem Land and is driven by one of the country's most respected First Nations Elders, Rev Dr Djinyini Gondarra OAM, who has been a tireless beacon for freedom and justice for his people for the last 40 years. The documentary screening will be followed by Truth Telling Together, a post screening talk with filmmaker and special guests. Bookings; [FanForce | Luku Ngärra: The Law of the Land Theatre Royal, Castlemaine \(fan-force.com\)](#) \$25

### **Galkangu building with Djaara – building tour and short films**

**Friday May 31, 11am-12pm at Galkangu-Bendigo GovHub, 189-229 Lyttleton Terrace Bendigo.**

Join Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owners for a special tour of Bendigo's new Galkangu Bendigo GovHub building and the Dja Dja Wurrung elements featured throughout the design. Tour commences with screenings of short clips from the Galkangu building with Djaara App. Hosted by Dumawal and the City of Greater Bendigo, this is a free event, bookings are essential as limited places [events.humanitix.com](#) please meet in the foyer.

### **The New Boy (M)**

**Friday May 31, doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm screening at Heathcote Community Bank Stadium**

**Mclvor Room, 126 High Street Heathcote**

Set in the 1940's in South Australia, the film depicts the mesmeric story of a nine-year old Aboriginal orphan boy who arrives in the dead of night at a remote monastery run by a renegade nun. Hosted by Advance Heathcote Inc and City of Greater Bendigo this is a free event with light catering and bar available. Bookings; [events.humanitix.com](#)

### **Jenna Rain Warwick on contemporary First Nations video art**

**Saturday June 1, 2pm-5pm at La Trobe Art Institute, 121 View Street**

Proud Luritja Woman, Jenna Rain Warwick is an emerging Artist, Curator and published Writer living and working on Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung Country. Jenna's published work speaks to her desire to champion the creative imagination of First Nations peoples. Hosted by Emporium Creative Hub and LaTrobe Art Institute includes curatorial introduction, film screening and refreshments. Free event, bookings; [What's on, La Trobe Art Institute, La Trobe University](#)



### **Sweet Country (MA15+)**

**Sunday June 2, 4pm at La Trobe Art Institute, 121 View Street**

Sweet Country may cause discomfort to First Nation people. Viewer discretion advised.

Inspired by real events, Sweet Country is a period western set in 1929 in the outback of the Northern Territory, Australia. When Aboriginal stockman Sam (Hamilton Morris) kills white station owner Harry March (Ewen Leslie) in self-defence, Sam and his wife Lizzie (Natassia Gorey-Furber) go on the run. Free event hosted by North Central Catchment Management Authority bookings [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

### **The Last Daughter (PG)**

**Sunday June 2, 5pm at Yandoit Cultural, the old church in the bush Uniting Church Road (off High Street), Yandoit**

Brenda's first memories were of growing up in a loving white foster family, before she was suddenly taken away and returned to her Aboriginal family. Decades later, she feels disconnected from both halves of her life. But the traumas of her past do not lie quietly buried. Hosted by Yandoit Cultural, entry is by donation, bookings; [yandoitcultural.org](https://yandoitcultural.org)

### **ABC Playschool episodes - 'National Reconciliation Week'**

**Monday May 27 – Friday May 31, 11am at the Bendigo Library**

### **Sweet As**

**Friday June 7, doors open 6.30pm, 7.15pm screening at Glenlyon Hall, Daylesford Malmsbury Road**

Sweet As is an uplifting coming-of-age road movie by Nyul Nyul / Yawuru director Jub Clerc. With problems on the home front, 15-year-old Murra is on the verge of lashing out. That is, until her policeman uncle thwarts her self-destructive behaviour with a lifeline: a "photo-safari for at-risk kids."

Hosted by Forest Film Society 3461, \$10 for non-FFS members no bookings required.

### **Marngrook - the Traditional game of Aussie Rules Football**

A short film highlighting the traditional game of Marngrook. Film developed during Reconciliation Week 2023 by DJAARA with the Dja Dja Wurrung Ranger team, Parks Victoria; [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

### **Concert for The Voice 2023**

In October 2023, a concert in support of the Voice to Parliament Referendum was hosted at the Theatre Royal in Castlemaine and featured Dja Dja Wurrung, Wadawurrung and Yorta Yorta Elders and custodians, and local and national performers.

This is a film recording of the October 2023 event; [vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com)



## Reconciliation Week in Castlemaine and Surrounds

Reconciliation week events and Sorry Day in Castlemaine and surrounds - at the foothills of Liyanganyuk Banyul - are coordinated by Friends of Nalderun in partnership with a diverse range of local organisations and [Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation](#). Nalderun is an Aboriginal run and led organisation based within the Upper Loddon, running a broad range of Cultural educational programs and services under the guidance of Chair Uncle Rick Nelson. 'Nalderun' is a Dja Dja Wurrung word which means 'all together', because we believe by moving forward together we can make the change needed for our children, our mob and the wider community in the Mount Alexander Shire region to thrive.

### Rec Week Exhibition Launch

**Monday 27 May, 10am at Castlemaine Market Building, Mostyn Street**

**Exhibition runs until June 3rd**

Join us for the opening of the yearly exhibition, including of local First Nations artists with works for sale, presentation of the annual Nalderun awards and morning tea. Uncle Ron Murray will be interviewing AFL legend Nicky Winmar about his new memoir 'My Story,' not to be missed.

### Marngrook with Sissy Austin

**Monday 27 May, 6.15pm – 8.30pm at Harcourt Reserve**

Join the Mount Alexander Falcons and friends for this special training event at Harcourt Reserve.

### Story Walk: The Birth of Butterflies

**Monday 27 May, Presented by Castlemaine Library, along Gingell St**

Dreaming teaching told by Auntie Julie Mchale beautifully illustrated by Nalderun's the Meeting Place kids.

### White Privilege: A Facilitated Conversation

**Tuesday 28 May, 2.30 - 4.30pm at Castlemaine Library**

Join John Bonnice for a facilitated discussion about the impact of white privilege in Australia. Bookings [here](#)

### Story Time with Aunty Kerri

**Wednesday 29 May, 10.30am at Castlemaine Library**

Aunty Kerri Douglas will share stories and songs with for kids aged 3-5.

### Uncle Rick's Castlemaine CBD Walk

**Wednesday 29 May, 10 – 11.30am Market Building 44 Mostyn St Castlemaine**

For healthcare cards holders only. This event is proudly supported by Dhelkaya Health. Bookings [here](#)

### The Last Daughter, film screening

**Thursday 30 May, 5 – 7pm Phee Broadway Theatre, hosted by Castlemaine Library**

Follow Brenda Matthews' journey to unearth the truth about her past, and to reconcile the two sides of her family. Bookings [here](#)



### Reconciliation Walk

**Friday 31 May, 12 - 2pm departs from the Chewton CFA (Mount Street)**

Join us as we walk along Forest Creek to reflect on what Reconciliation and anti-racism means. Walkers finish at Me Mandook Galk where we ask you to make a commitment to be a voice for positive change in our local community. Hosted by Chewton Primary School. Bookings [here](#)

### Pub-Sing – Voices for Reconciliation

**Friday 31 May, 7.30pm Tap Room at the Mill Precinct, Walker Street Castlemaine**

Everyone welcome for a sing along, First Nations folk warmly encouraged to attend. Free event, bookings [here](#)

### Waaman Guided Tour

**Saturday 1 June, 10am – 2.30pm 44 Moystn Street Castlemaine**

Join Jarra Elder Uncle Rick Nelson as we explore sacred sites, share ancestral stories, and celebrate the vibrant living culture of Jaara People. Bookings [here](#)

### Solomon Islander Choir

**Saturday 1 June, 12pm Moystn Street Castlemaine Market Building**

### Peace Choir

**Sunday 2 June, 11am Moystn Street Castlemaine Market Building**

### Toddler Time with Grace Coff

**Monday 3 June, 10.30am at Castlemaine Library**

Songs and stories for 2-3 year olds with local First Nations youth Grace Coff.

## Reconciliation Victoria

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

### Reconciliation Victoria's National Reconciliation Week Virtual Breakfast

**Mon 27 May, 7:30am - 9am AEST online via Teams**

Reconciliation Victoria and the National Centre for Reconciliation, Truth, and Justice invite you to a special breakfast to launch National Reconciliation Week. Hear from First Nations and reconciliation leaders on the importance of reconciliation, now more than ever, as Traditional Owners head towards Treaty negotiations with the state.

Keynote address by Rueben Berg | Co-Chair, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria.

Facilitated by Uncle Charles Pakana | Editor, Victorian Aboriginal News.

Hear from Aunty Vicky Clark and Professor Andrew Gunstone.

For further information, please contact [info@reconciliationvic.org.au](mailto:info@reconciliationvic.org.au) [Book here](#)



## Reconciliation Australia

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### Yarn with Red Dust

**Friday May 24, 12pm - 1pm AEST online**

A 60-minute yarn on the theme of National Reconciliation Week 2024 - 'Now More Than Ever' will include a panel discussion exploring the topics of truth-telling/ truth-listening, First Nations Peoples' history and culture and how you can actively play a part in reconciliation and.

Free event via Teams, bookings; [events.humanitix.com](https://events.humanitix.com)

### Australian Institute of Company Directors

**Bridging Perspectives – Two-way learning in governance**

**Friday May 24, 1pm - 2pm AEST online**

*Now More Than Ever*, means the work of reconciliation continues. It is a time for all Australians to learn and explore how we can contribute and continue to strengthen relations between First Nations and non-Indigenous peoples. Registrations [here](#)

### Aboriginal Heritage Walk

**Sunday May 26 – Sunday June 2, 11am**

Womin Djeka! Journey into Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, a significant cultural site for the local Kulin Nation, with a First Peoples guide. The Aboriginal Heritage Walk is being offered during National Reconciliation Week, however, due to limited availability, booking is essential, tickets available [here](#)

### UTS Centre for Social Justice & Inclusion, Seminar: Tokenist, ally or accomplice?

**Monday May 27, online at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

2024 is a year when many non-Indigenous Australians are reflecting on their engagement with First Nations people and issues. Performative action, tokenism and good intentions are not enough. How can we step up, lean into discomfort and do better? Register [here](#)

### Palliative Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Education Webinar

**Wed 29th May 2024, 12pm - 1pm AEST**

Hosted by Palliative Care Queensland, this PalliWELLBEING Education Webinar brings together experts who will share their knowledge and insights about Yarning Circles and Palliative care for people from the Indigenous Communities experiencing serious illness, dying, death, caregiving and grief. \$10 book [here](#)