



News of the week

National Reconciliation Week 2025: Bridging Now to Next

5/20/2025

Tuesday 27 May is the start of National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Read on to see how you can participate.

2025 theme: 'Bridging Now to Next'

The theme for [National Reconciliation Week](#) (NRW) 2025 is '*Bridging Now to Next*', which reflects on the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

At a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, this theme calls on all Australians to step forward together. *Bridging Now to Next* urges us to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

National Sorry Day

[National Sorry Day](#) precedes National Reconciliation Week, on **Monday 26 May**. On this day we remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, known as the Stolen Generation.

This day reminds us that historical injustice remains an ongoing source of intergenerational trauma for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and peoples.

How you can participate in NRW

Join our NRW Webex Space

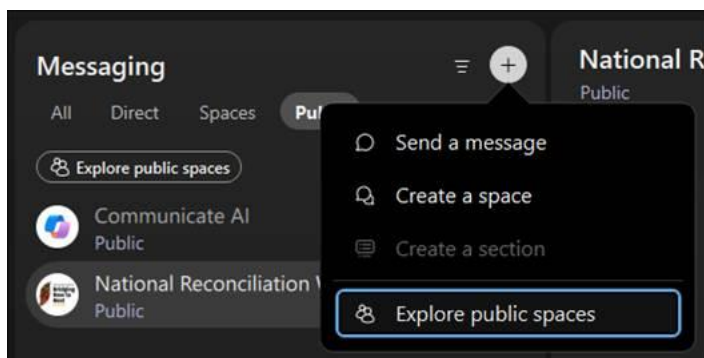
We invite all staff to join our NRW Webex Space.

From Monday 26 May to Tuesday 3 June, we will be posting information and reflections about NRW and encourage staff to engage with the space and share their reflections.

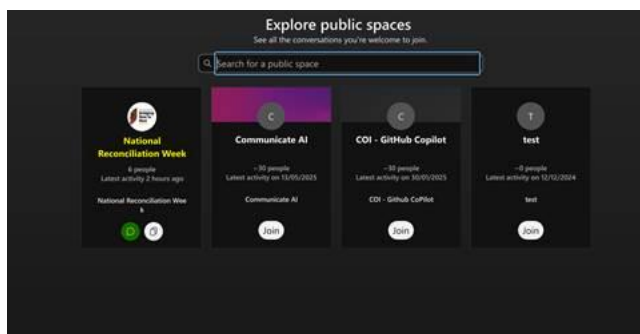
By joining this space, you will have access to daily posts and updates regarding Indigenous podcasts, books, recipes and internal and external NRW events. You will be able to interact with posts, chat with fellow staff and reflect on this awareness week together. It will be a great opportunity for all staff to share ideas, events and stay connected.

How to join the Webex Space

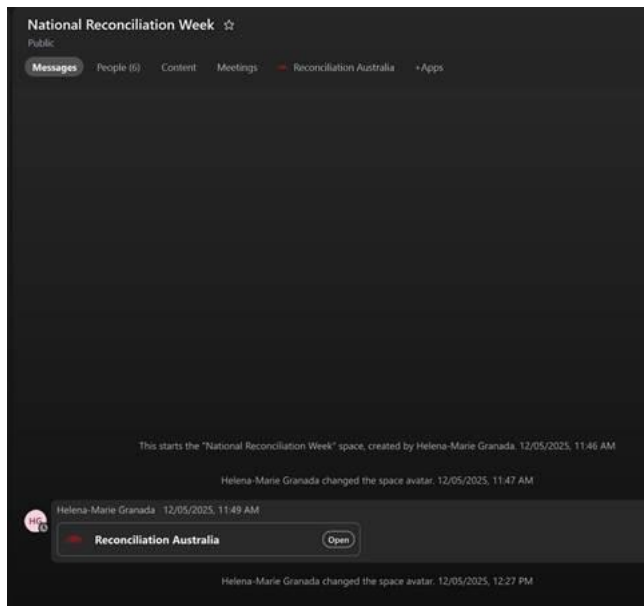
- Click the plus sign on the right of the Messaging tab
- Click 'Explore public spaces'



- Type in 'National Reconciliation Week' in the public space search bar.
- Click on the National Reconciliation Chat icon



- This will take you to the NRW Webex space.



If you have any issues accessing the Webex Space, please contact the HR Strategy team via [REDACTED].

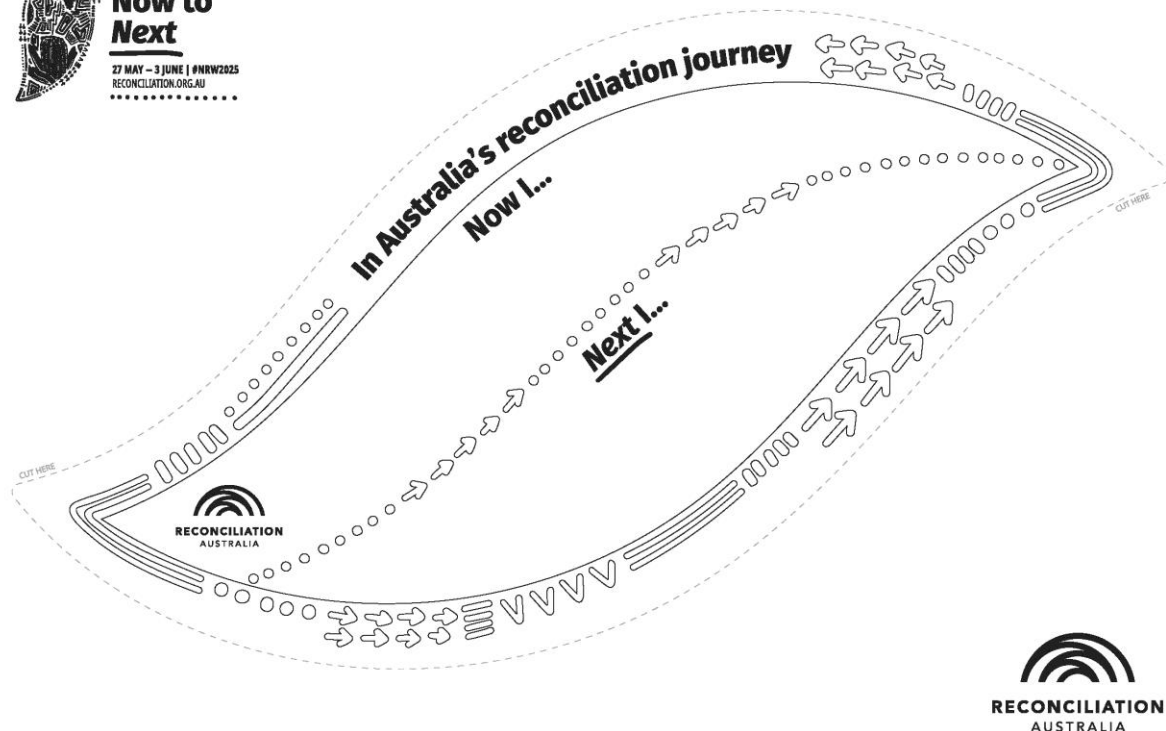
Attend our Indigenous Procurement Showcase

Join us for the Indigenous Procurement Showcase all staff event on Tuesday 3 June to support economic empowerment for First Nations people. Hear from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) about the [Indigenous Procurement Policy](#) (IPP) and from one of our current First Nations suppliers, Evolve, about how the IPP and government contracts benefits their business and communities. Look out for an invite in your Inbox!

- Tuesday 3 June
- 11am to 12pm

Create a leaf as part of our Community Installation: creating a bridge together

The Community Installation activity for NRW is a powerful initiative that encourages us to reflect on our reconciliation journey and express our commitment to advancing reconciliation in our workplaces and communities. By participating, you will contribute to a collective art installation in the shape of a bridge, symbolising our shared efforts to bridge the gap between past and future.



Over the course of NRW there will be 3 times available for staff to participate in this activity across all 3 office locations:

- 11 am Tuesday 27 May
- 2 pm Thursday 29 May
- 10 am Tuesday 3 June

The installation will be placed in these locations:

- **Canberra:** Collaboration Space 2
- **Melbourne:** Main Kitchen level 33
- **Sydney:** Main Kitchen (Union Square) level 5

Outside of these times, creative materials will be left in each location for staff to participate in the activity at a time that suits them.

Once created, staff can attach their leaf to the wall in a bridge-like formation.

The final bridge will be formed on Tuesday 3 June with photos to be included in the Friday newsletter.

Undertake cultural training

Undertake any of the cultural training programs available on Learnhub:

- [SBS Inclusion Program: Cultural Diversity Course](#)
- [Core Cultural Learning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness](#)
- [Cultural Capability Hub | Australian Public Service Academy](#)

Show your support for NRW 2025

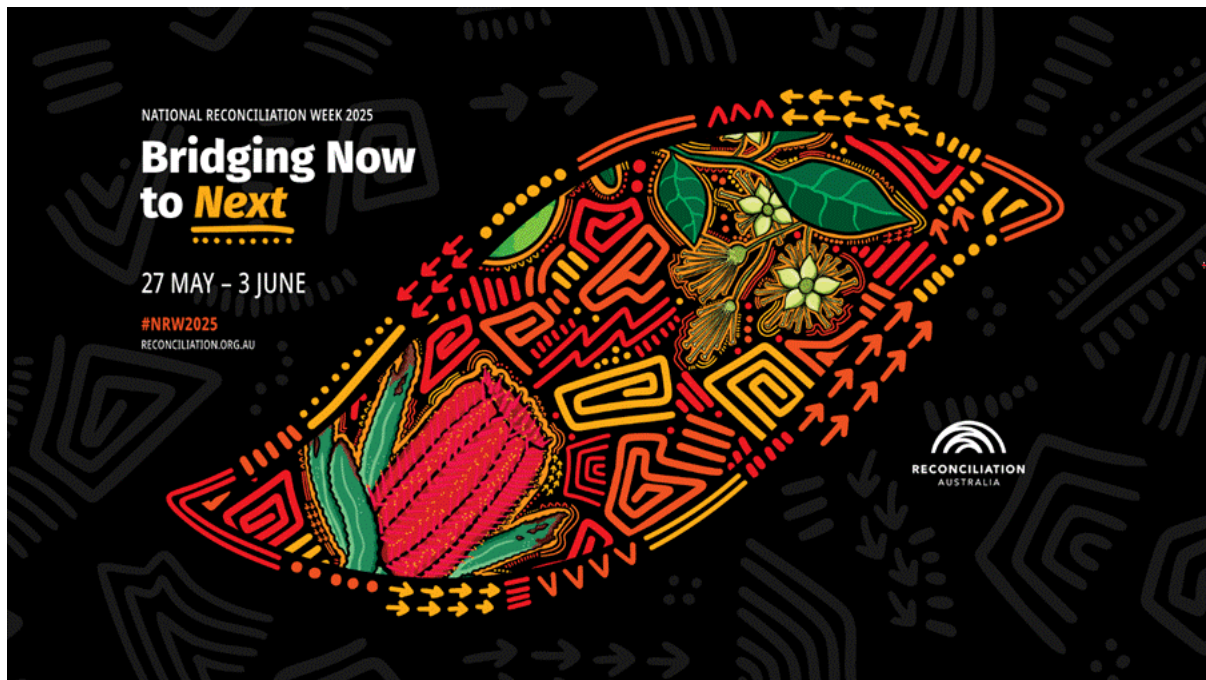
Support NRW by using the official NRW Webex and MS Teams background in your online meetings from Tuesday 27 May – Tuesday 3 June.

To add 2025 NRW meeting background to Webex

- Save the image below
- In Webex, navigate to 'Settings'
- Select 'Video' > click on 'Background'
- Select 'Add' > select the image you would like to apply

To add 2025 NRW meeting background to MS Teams

- Save the image below
- In a Teams meeting or call, navigate to 'Background and effects'
- Select the image you would like to apply
- Click 'Apply'



Attend a local NRW 2025 event

There are lots of external NRW events happening all over Australia – see below for events in your area.

Please note that some of the events listed below have associated costs which staff will need to cover themselves.

Ngunnawal Country, Canberra

- [Academy of Science Celebrating National Reconciliation Week](#)
Wednesday 28 May, 5:30 pm to 7 pm
Shine Dome (15 Gorden Street, Acton) or Online
- [First Nations Experiences of Democracy Tour](#)
Tuesday 27 May to Tuesday 3 June, daily between 11 am and 12 pm
Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House (18 King George Terrace, Parkes)
- [Djara and First Nations Sky Stories](#)
Thursday 29 May, 6 pm to 7:15 pm
Canberra Museum Gallery (176 London Circuit, Canberra)
- [Queanbeyan Reconciliation Walk](#)
Tuesday 3 June from 9:30 am to 12 pm
Marj Christian Park (Trinculo Place, Queanbeyan)

Eora Nation, Sydney

- [Sing with Barayagal Choir](#)
Thursday 29 May, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Green Square Library (355 Botany Road, Zetland)
- [Cultural Walking Tour](#)
Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 May, 12 pm to 12:45 pm
Innovation Plaza (Eveleigh)
- [Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Service](#)
Friday 30 May, 10:40 am to 12 pm
Anzac Memorial (Hyde Park, 126 Elizabeth Street, Sydney)
- [Mabo Day Celebration](#)
Tuesday 3 June from 10:30 am to 12 pm
The University of Sydney Business School (Abercrombie Building H70, Corner Abercrombie Street and, Codrington St, Darlington)

Kulin Nation, Melbourne

- [Bunjil Creation Dance Ceremony](#)
Thursday 29 May, 12:30 pm to 1 pm
Wesley Place (130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne)
- [Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service](#)
Saturday 31 May, from 11 am to 12 pm
Second World War Forecourt, Shrine of Remembrance (Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne)
- [Meals for Mob](#)
Running from 27 Tuesday May until Tuesday 3 June between 1:15 pm and 5 pm
SecondBite, FareShare (1-7 S Audley Street, Abbotsford)

Cultural leave

The [ACMA Enterprise Agreement 2024-2027](#) provides information about accessing cultural leave for First Nations employees.

Further information on the ACMA's reconciliation journey can be found in our [Reconciliation Action Plan](#).

Acknowledgement of Country

The ACMA acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Australia. We respect and celebrate First Nations peoples as the original storytellers and content creators of the lands on which we work and honour the enduring strength and commitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the land, waters and their communities. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

