

## LESSON PLAN

### National Reconciliation Week 2020

#### Teacher provocation

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements. The dates are the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two milestones in Reconciliation, the 1967 referendum, and the Mabo decision.

What do you know about these dates and their significance to our shared history?

#### Links to the Curriculum

Cross curriculum priorities

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures
- Humanities and social sciences
- History
- Civics and citizenship

#### Inquiry Questions

- What do you know about the history of Reconciliation week? Why is it significant?
- What does the 2020 theme for NRW mean to you? Why is it important?
- What might be some of the shared and different experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia?
- Why is it important to recognise both the similarities and differences within and across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities when learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures?
- Why is important for all Australians to be proud of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as part of our 'national identity'?
- What are some key milestones that have been made in Australia's reconciliation journey in your lifetime and/or before you were born? What are some milestones that you hope will be achieved in the next 20 years of our reconciliation journey, and why?
- What could you— together with others—do to turn the ideas from the 2020 NRW theme into meaningful action?
- Why is celebrating NRW important to Reconciliation?

#### Activities

##### Celebrate National Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation week is about celebrating the strengths and contributions made to Reconciliation in Australia. Plan a celebration that celebrates First nation's people and their culture in a meaningful and respectful way.

##### Learn about the Corroboree 2000 Bridge walk

This year is the 20th anniversary of the day that more than 250 000 people marched together across Sydney Harbour Bridge in support of Reconciliation. This symbol of unity as a nation encompasses the theme of "In this together" perfectly. Watch videos of this history changing event [here](#)

Join Reconciliation SA in "[Stepping it up for Reconciliation](#)" by walking, running or riding 1.14km or 1600 steps every day. This equates the length of the Sydney Harbour bridge where 250 000 people walked together for Reconciliation in 2000.

##### Create a Reconciliation timeline

Do you know what other significant events there are that have contributed to Reconciliation in Australia? Create a timeline that acknowledges significant events that have changed our shared history.

##### Create your own poster

Make your own poster for "In this together". Think about what this theme means to you and try to represent that using pain, drawing, collage, or photos. Send us pictures of your posters.

##### Behind The News - 1967 Referendum and Mabo day

BtN has some great videos on the history of Reconciliation week and the two significant events that we acknowledge every year. You can access the 1967 referendum [here](#) and Mabo day [here](#).

##### What does "In this together" mean?

Take the opportunity to brainstorm what the theme of NRW 2020 means, and document your ideas. These ideas are great starting points for goals you might like to make as individuals, as a class or even a school.

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## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2020 - EVENTS

**Reconciliation SA NRW Virtual breakfast**

To launch National Reconciliation Week, Reconciliation SA is hosting a virtual breakfast at 7:30am on the 27th May. Register here to hear from Patricia Turner AM, CEO of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), and a performance by Bunna Lawrie, Founder of Coloured Stone.

**"In this together" - Building relationships with Community**

Join us on the 2 June 2020 at 10:00am for a free webinar. Uncle Michael O'Brien will do a Q&A that answers all your questions about relationship building, and then we will take you through how a Reconciliation Action Plan can support you in this process.

**Stepping it up for Reconciliation Week**

Join Reconciliation SA stepping it up this Reconciliation week, by walking, running or riding 1.14km or 1600 steps every day. This equates the length of the Sydney Harbour bridge where 250 000 people walked together for Reconciliation in 2000.

Schools can enter, so think about how you can use PE or Maths lessons to count your steps and log them as a group!

**The Final Quarter special screening and Q&A**

Thanks to Shark Island, the production company behind the award-winning documentary The Final Quarter, Reconciliation SA is able to offer a free screening for The Final Quarter. After which, will be followed by a special Q & A, Join Shark Island's Educational Director Alex Shain and Reconciliation SA Educational Project Officer Natalie Gentle to discuss the film and the educational opportunities available. You can also access free lesson plans to support learning about the film [here](#)

**Game day! Reading by Dr Jared Thomas**

Dr Jared Thomas will read from and discuss the writing of the book series 'Game Day,' co-authored with Patrick (Patty) Mills, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professional basketball player for the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Olympian.

**Reconciliation SA NRW Activity Challenge**

This amazing resource that was illustrated by Karen Briggs, has 12 activities you can do with children during Reconciliation week. Each activity is simple and fun, and can be done at school or with families at home. Send us an email with photos or stories as proof to enter our competition to win a copy of one of Karen Briggs books.

Download the Early Childhood activity sheet [here](#)  
Download the Primary activity sheet [here](#)

**Schools multimedia competition**

Engage your school or class in exploring this years NRW Theme 'In This Together'. The winning school will receive the commissioning of an Aboriginal Art Mural at their school to the value of \$2,000. Entries close 3 June 2020.

**National Reconciliation Week 2020 - Reconciliation Australia**

Reconciliation Australia have several events planned for NRW this year. To launch the week, join them for a National Acknowledgement of Country. Record your Acknowledgement and share it on the facebook page at 12:00pm AEST. For more information go [here](#)

Visit [Reconciliation Australia](#) to see what other events are being held, or to find resources for NRW 2020.

## USEFUL RESOURCES AND LINKS

**In this together - NRW 2020**

For all up to date information, useful resources, and to find the poster and artwork for this year head to Reconciliation Australia, or look at their facebook page.

**Narragunnawali curriculum resources**

Narragunnawali have great resources available for educators for NRW 2020. You can find them at the below links -

- Early Childhood
- Primary
- Secondary

**Reconciliation SA 1967 Referendum education pack**

For detailed information on the Referendum as well as ideas for lesson plans, research and curriculum assessment, don't forget about this resource. It will support students to engage deeply with the Referendum and it's significance.

**Common Ground - Learn**

Common ground have great information when beginning research on a number of topics important to First Nations people. You can find information on the [1967 referendum](#), and on [Mabo and native title](#).

