

Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week



What is Reconciliation?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be aware that this document may contain images of people who have passed away.

Reconciliation is about:

- Saying sorry for past hurt
- Understanding and respecting each other
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples working together



What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to:

- Learn about our shared history
- Think about how we can work together
- Remember to always show respect to all people every day



Important Dates



26 May – National Sorry Day



- We remember the Stolen Generations.
- The government made laws that took many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children away from their families.
- The children had to live in other places.
- We remember this sadness and work towards healing and a better future.

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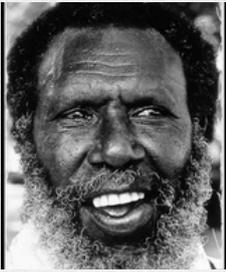
27 May – 1967 Referendum



- Australians voted to change unfair laws.
- The laws did not treat Aboriginal people fairly.
- The vote helped to make things better.

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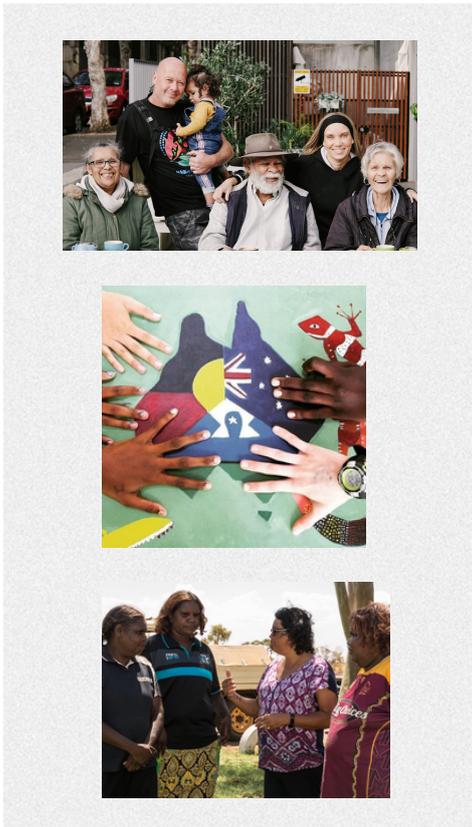
3 June – Mabo Day



- This day celebrates a man named Eddie Koiki Mabo.
- Eddie Mabo told the High Court that his family's land was not owned by the government.
- The High Court agreed and said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people still have rights to their land.
- This was an important decision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land and culture.

Why is this week important?

National Reconciliation Week helps us:



- Understand each other more
- Make Australia fair and equal for everyone
- Find simple ways to help and be respectful

How can you get involved?



- Join a local event if you can
- Learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures
- Talk with friends and family about why reconciliation is important
- Wear your favourite Indigenous themed shirt during NRW Week

Together, we can make a difference every day

