



MEDIA ALERT

Friday 24 May 2018

Marking Reconciliation Day at Reconciliation Place

The National Capital Authority (NCA) will be marking Reconciliation Day with a free community event, which will include a traditional welcome, a smoking ceremony and an Indigenous dance performance.

Following this ceremony, a free one hour guided walking tour will be offered through Reconciliation Place, exploring the various artworks which reflect the story of Reconciliation.

Physically and symbolically located at the heart of Australian democratic and cultural life within Canberra's Parliamentary Zone, Reconciliation Place recognises the importance of understanding the shared history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The artworks that make up Reconciliation Place are responses to different aspects of the story of this journey

This event is free and open for participants of any age. The event location is at the central mound on Reconciliation Place, located between the National Portrait Gallery and Questacon.

Tickets for this free event can be secured via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/reconciliation-day-tickets-61281247862?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

- WHAT:** Event: *Reconciliation Day 2019 at Reconciliation Place*
- WHO:** Aunty Violet, Ngunnawal custodian
Dr Chris Bourke, Co-Chair, Reconciliation Day Council
Samantha Faulkner, Chair, ACT Torres Strait Islander Commission
Mr Terry Weber, Chair, National Capital Authority
Ms Sally Barnes, Chief Executive, National Capital Authority
- WHERE:** **Reconciliation Place** - central mound, located between the National Portrait Gallery and Questacon.
- WHEN:** **8 am, Monday 27 May 2019**
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| 8 am | Welcome to Country by Aunty Violet |
| 8.05 am | Address by Mr Terry Weber, Chair, National Capital Authority |
| 8.10 am | Smoking Ceremony and Traditional Dancing |
| 8.20 am | Address by Dr Chris Bourke, Co-Chair, Reconciliation Day Council |
| 8.25 am | Address by Samantha Faulkner, Chair, ACT Torres Strait Islander Commission |
| 8.30 am | Media |
| 8.35 am | Walking Tour commences |