



National Reconciliation Week:

“Let’s take the next step”

Saturday 27 May – Saturday 3 June 2017

Reconciliation Week Small Grants Request

Grants of up to \$500 (plus GST if applicable) available for community events

Applications close Friday 14th April 2017

What is Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is an annual celebration and is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories, and on the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The week is framed by two key events in Australia’s history that provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The **1967 Referendum** saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and recognise them in the national census. **This year marks the 50th anniversary of the ‘67 Referendum.**

June 3 is **Mabo Day**. On this day in 1992 – **25 years ago** – the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which overturned the notion of ‘terra nullius’ and legally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ connection to their country, a connection that existed prior to colonisation and continues today. This recognition paved the way for the Native Title system.

‘Let’s take the next steps’

This National Reconciliation Week we reflect on two significant anniversaries to the nation’s reconciliation journey — 50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation’s reconciliation story.

What can you do?

Plan events that showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and knowledge and that show how non-Aboriginal Australians can be active supporters of reconciliation. Some examples of events or activities you could plan for your community include:

- Exhibitions or performances by local Aboriginal artists, musicians, craftspeople or businesses;
- Aboriginal heritage walks and cultural tours;
- Community BBQs, Reconciliation Breakfasts or festivals featuring indigenous cuisine;
- Film screenings, poetry or book readings, festivals and concerts;
- Flying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and banners;
- Dreamtime story-telling and displays in local schools, libraries, council offices or public spaces;
- Public forums on Reconciliation (e.g. at the Town Hall or local library).

Or you could support activities within local schools such as an Aboriginal flag raising, an art competition or display, or arrange guest speakers or workshops.

How can we help?

Reconciliation Victoria is offering small grants to local reconciliation and community groups, schools and local Councils to assist with the planning and management of events to celebrate National Reconciliation Week.

We are encouraging local Councils and community groups to work together, and in partnership with local Aboriginal groups or organisations, to strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and engage your entire community. We are also encouraging local Councils to contribute financially or in-kind towards the running of events, for example through contributing matching funds.

There are a **limited number of Small Grants on offer.**

We can also support you to identify relevant local groups in your area, and provide you with resources on Reconciliation Week and this year's theme. Reconciliation Week posters will be available via Reconciliation Australia's website: www.reconciliation.org.au

We will also help to promote your event via our online **Reconciliation Week Calendar - please enter your event details on our website** <http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au/add-event.php>

How to apply

A Request Form is attached. **Please complete it and return it to Reconciliation Victoria by Friday 14th April.**

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK – SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION

Small grants are available to Local Councils, Local Reconciliation Groups and community organisations to organise an event to celebrate National Reconciliation Week 2017: May 27th — June 3rd.

We encourage your event to demonstrate a meaningful partnership with local Aboriginal people and organisations.

Successful applications will be those who:

- Respond to ALL questions clearly
- Can demonstrate the IMPACT of the event across the wider community
- If a local Council, show a commitment to contribute matching funds.

NRW 2017 – SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION
Name of Event:
Name of organisation/group:
Contact Name:
Address:
Email:
Phone:

Description of Project.

Please provide a brief outline of the project including: description of event, intended outcomes, other organisations involved, proposed date and venue.

Proposed event date(s):

Proposed event venue:

Description of event:

Intended outcomes:

Other organisations involved:

Budget: Income and Expenditure (state other sources of funding and amount if applicable, e.g. Local Council contribution)

*(please indicate if your organisation is registered to pay GST)

Expected numbers to attend event:

Target Audience:

How will you promote the event and where:

Please attach any additional material that you feel is needed (or email us to receive Word version if you'd prefer).

For further information contact Damian O'Keefe, Project Officer: 0427 030 545 or info@reconciliationvic.org.au

Final closing date for applications is Friday 14th April, 2017.

Please note that successful Grant recipients will be required to submit a brief Project Report and to where possible acknowledge the support of Reconciliation Victoria. We will provide a logo for your promotional material.

Where possible, please send us photos or video footage for our website, Facebook and publications as soon as possible after your event has been held (please include captions on photos and ensure appropriate photo and video permission has been obtained).

We look forward to working with you.