



## Stepping Up! Walking Together 40 Years as "Citizens"?



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## Where to Next?

**1967 – 2007**

40 years of Indigenous and non-Indigenous relationships

**2007**

The Eastern Metropolitan Region – What is this relationship now?

**2007 - Onwards**

From words to actions



### **Couch Conversation, Dinner & Forum**

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th September 2007

Hawthorn Town Hall

358 Burwood Rd (Cnr Glenferrie Rd)

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**Day 1**  
**Couch Conversation and Dinner**  
**Tuesday 18th September**

## **Julie McCrossin**

Presenter of Radio National’s “Life Matters” for 5 years, television reporter, literacy teacher and community legal educator will host the conversation “on the couch” with leading community members including:

### **Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin**

*Senior Elder of the Wurundjeri people*

### **Aunty Lois Peeler**

*Vice-President, Worawa Aboriginal College*

### **Karen Milward**

*Chairperson, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place*

### **Craig Small**

*Managing Director, Deadly Design*

### **Jill Faulkner**

*Service Manager, Primary Health Care, EACH*

### **Andrew Jackomos**

*Director, Indigenous Issues Unit, Department of Justice*

### **Alex McDonald**

*Business Advisor, The Body Shop*

### **Alex Makin**

*Councillor, Maroondah City Council*

## **Shane Charles – MC**

Community Agent, Business Governance Training, Indigenous Unit of Swinburne TAFE

This evening will recall the work of the 1967 campaigners. It is intended to introduce the forum on Day 2. It will explore how the present has been shaped and how this will inform the actions for the next decade.

## **Program**

<b>Registration/Drinks/Nibbles</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>
<b>Seated</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b>
<b>Welcome to Country and Speeches</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
<b>On the Couch</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>7.45 pm</b>
<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>8.45 pm</b>
<b>Dessert and Coffee</b>	<b>9.30 pm</b>
<b>Close</b>	<b>10.00 pm</b>

**Includes a three course dinner, archival photos and music.**

# Stepping Up! Walking Together

## 40 Years as “Citizens”?

### Where to Next?

#### Day 2

#### Forum

**Wednesday 19th September**

The forum will be opened by The Hon. Gavin Jennings MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

**MC** – Shane Charles, Community Agent, Business Governance Training, Indigenous Unit, Swinburne TAFE.

#### Keynote Address

Paul Briggs, Inaugural Sir Douglas Nicholls Fellow and founder of Rumbalara Football and Netball Club.

This will be followed by a series of action-oriented workshops pointing to the development of a regional agreement.

#### Workshops

There will be a series of concurrent workshops structured in a way that will enable attendees to participate in several different workshops during the day.

**Facilitator** – Jodie Ryan, Director of Ingenuity Consulting, an Aboriginal owned and controlled consulting company.

Through a series of conversations beginning February 2007 the following workshops have been developed:

#### Sovereignty or “Citizenship”

Exploring the concepts surrounding the notions of sovereignty and citizenship. What do these terms mean? Is being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander different from being an Australian citizen? What concept of citizenship will work for Australia’s first nation people, settlers and migrants?

#### Governance and the New Representative Arrangements

Explores new representative arrangements post-ATSIC in Victoria. What are the critical elements for Indigenous people in developing a representative structure? What might a model for the region look like? How will it work for Indigenous people?

#### Respect/Authority

Respect and authority arises from recognition of diversity within local Indigenous communities, of honouring Indigenous survival and the re-creation of identity. How do we in the Eastern Metropolitan Region contribute to the recognition and growth of Indigenous presence? How do we honour Indigenous authority?

#### Identity

Oodgeroo Noonuccal wrote that colonial culture came promoting identity as having and doing, whereas Indigenous identity is about being and belonging. This workshop will explore these differences with a view to healing the attitudes of the past. As Indigenous people how do we maintain and reinforce our own distinct cultural identity? How does the non-Indigenous community promote and support Indigenous people in the pursuit of their cultural identity?

#### Health/Well-Being

Life expectancy for Indigenous people in New Zealand, Canada and the USA is 5 years less than the non-Indigenous community – in Australia it’s 17 years. How do we close this unacceptable gap? This workshop examines innovative service models for engagement between health providers and the Indigenous community.

#### Justice

Outlining the current challenges for Indigenous people and their interaction with the justice system, this workshop will explore what needs to occur in the region to support better outcomes. How can non-Indigenous organisations support this?

#### Koorie Education, Training and Employment Pathways

There are over 500 Indigenous students in primary and secondary schools in the Eastern region. What are their needs and aspirations? What are the needs and aspirations of other members of the Indigenous community? What works well? How can better outcomes be supported?

#### Indigenous Business Development

Identifies some successful models for Indigenous business development. What are the gaps? How can the business sector support employment and the growth of Indigenous business development in the region?

### Program

Registration	8.30 am
Opening & Keynote Address	9.30 am
Workshops & meal breaks	10.30 – 3.15 pm
Outcomes, directions	3.15 pm
Thanks and close	4.00 pm

## Stepping Up! Walking Together

### REGISTRATION FORM / TAX INVOICE

ABN 21 125 609 805

PLEASE PRINT (using black ink). This form will be considered a tax invoice upon payment. Please keep a copy for your own records.

Title:	Given Name:	Surname:
Organisation:	Position:	
Address:		
Postcode:	Email:	
Phone:	Mobile:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick if you would like to receive background material for the forum		

**REGISTRATION FEES: Including GST** (Please indicate the number of people attending in the box provided)

**NB: Table bookings for 10 or 12 available for the dinner (use overleaf for names of additional participants).**

#### Corporate/Government/Local Government Service Providers Registration:

	Numbers		
Dinner and Forum (Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th September 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$190pp	=\$
Dinner only (Tuesday 18th September 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$90 pp	=\$
		<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	=\$ <input type="text"/>

#### Individuals/Local Reconciliation Group members Registration:

	Numbers		
Dinner and Forum (Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th September 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$60pp	=\$
Dinner only (Tuesday 18th September 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$40pp	=\$
		<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	=\$ <input type="text"/>

#### Unwaged & Concession:

Dinner and Forum (Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th September 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$30pp	
Dinner only (Tuesday 18th September 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$20pp	
		<b>SUB - TOTAL</b>	=\$ <input type="text"/>

**NB: Limited number of Indigenous Community tickets available.**

Please phone 9725 2166 for information or assistance with table bookings and Indigenous community tickets

I wish to make a tax deductible donation to Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place	=\$	<input type="text"/>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	=\$	<input type="text"/>

**Registrations close Friday 7th of September**

#### Payment Details

I enclose a cheque / postal order (please circle) payable to "Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place" or

Credit Card (Please Tick) ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa (AMEX/Diners not accepted)

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Cardholder Name  Expiry Date ..... / .....

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Please mail this form with enclosed  
cheque/postal order/credit card  
details to:  
Mullum Mullum Indigenous  
Gathering Place  
PO Box 80  
RINGWOOD EAST, VIC, 3135  
Tel: 9725 2166 Fax: 9725 3166  
Email: admin@mmigp.com.au

\*Please advise of any dietary/special requirements.....

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## Conference Information

**Venue:** Hawthorn Town Hall, 385 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, VIC, 3122 (Cnr Glenferrie Rd)

### Transport

Participants are encouraged to car pool or use public transport, however limited parking is available at:

**Swinburne University** – 17 Wakefield St, Hawthorn – all day multi-level car parking at \$5.50 per day.

**Hawthorn Town Hall Car Park** (enter via Kent or James St) is available free of charge after 4pm – however vacancies are limited. Ticket required 8am – 4pm.

**Other parking in the area** - week days 2 hr parking limits apply 9am – 6pm, first hour free.

Limited spaces are available for community buses – Contact Jenni Swindon on 9725 2166, or by email to [jswindon@mmigp.com.au](mailto:jswindon@mmigp.com.au)

### Inclusions

Cost includes a three course dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soft drink) on Tuesday 18th September and lunch and refreshments on Wednesday 19th.

### Commitment to Access and Equity

The organisers and supporters of this dinner/forum are committed to access and equity and everything will be done to meet the needs of all delegates. Jenni Swindon of Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place will be delighted to assist any individual or organisation that requires assistance. Contact Jenni on 9725 2166, or by email to [jswindon@mmigp.com.au](mailto:jswindon@mmigp.com.au)

### Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations received in writing by the Administration Officer at MMIGP two weeks prior (3 September 2007) will be accepted and fees refunded less an administration fee of 10%. If, after this date you are unable to attend you will be allowed to substitute a participant, but MMIGP must be advised in writing/email prior to 16th September.

### Concession

A limited number of Indigenous community tickets available, please phone: 9725 2166

### Program Variation

The conference organisers retain the right to vary the program to deal with unforeseen circumstances. This includes cancelling or re-scheduling a session/s and changing speakers or content if occasion obliges us to do so.

### General Enquiries

Please email: [admin@mmigp.com.au](mailto:admin@mmigp.com.au) or phone: 9725 2166

### Partner Organisations



### Supporting Organisations

Whitehorse Friends for Reconciliation, Maroondah Movement for Reconciliation, Learning and Reconciliation Maroondah, Towards Reconciliation at Knox (TR@K), Nillumbik Reconciliation Group, Boroondara ANTAR, Reconciliation Manningham, Casey ANTAR, Borderlands