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## Reconciliation NSW's National Reconciliation Week Virtual Breakfast: Now More Than Ever

During National Reconciliation Week 2024, Reconciliation NSW is hosting its annual NRW Virtual Breakfast on Wednesday 29 May. We invite organisations, Local Councils, Government Departments, schools and community groups across NSW to hear from leaders as they discuss this year's theme within the topic "*Charting a Path Forward: Empowering Communities Now More Than Ever*".

The 2024 National Reconciliation Week theme 'Now More Than Ever' serves as a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must — continue. Now more than ever, individuals and organizations have a responsibility to continue the journey of allyship and what it means to walk beside and behind Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the pursuit of equity and equality.

The Breakfast will be held on 29 May on Gadigal Country, in partnership with host firm Gilbert + Tobin, and will be livestreamed to participating organisations across NSW whilst they host their own simultaneous NRW events. Reconciliation NSW Co-Chair, Joshua Gilbert says "Now More than Ever, organisations should be listening to the insights of Aboriginal leaders as to how their actions and RAP objectives can empower Aboriginal communities. We have a diverse group of speakers this year, each coming from different sectors, sharing their knowledge and experience to help organisations of NSW consider how they can best influence change and create real and lasting impact for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander truth, justice and equity" he said.

The breakfast event will commence with a few words from Karen Mundine, CEO of Reconciliation Australia, followed by a keynote delivered by The Hon. David Harris MP, NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Joshua Staines (Wiradjuri), Reconciliation NSW Board Member; Belinda Huntriss (Worimi), Aboriginal Education Expert; Mitchell Beggs Mowczan (Wiradjuri), Aboriginal Health Expert; and Stu Jordan, Sustainable Land Management Expert.

Reconciliation NSW CEO, Tristan Tipps-Webster says "Often organisations want to get involved in National Reconciliation Week but don't know how. Our digital kits and event activation packs have been curated by the team to enable a successful NRW event that provokes thought and inspires both the workplace and individuals to get involved in creating a better, fairer, and more socially just nation."

"This year is an interesting climate to be continuing the work of reconciliation off the back of the Referendum. Organisations especially are in a critical position to continue the work of reconciliation and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as to how their efforts and Reconciliation Action Plans can best be devised to make real change."

## **Tickets**

## About Reconciliation NSW

Reconciliation NSW is the peak body for advancing reconciliation in NSW that work to inform, support and inspire the people of NSW to engage in reconciliation. Reconciliation NSW mission is to aspire to build a NSW identity that reflects our true history, and promotes and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, justice, equity and self-determination.

For more information about our work, go to <u>http://www.reconcilitionnsw.org.au.</u>

## Available for further comment

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