



Reconciliation NSW

Media Release and Photo Opportunity

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Reconciliation in Education and Art in Public Spaces is an important part of acknowledging Black Lives Matter

At the launch of the 2020 Schools Reconciliation Challenge and exhibition of student artworks in the lobbies of International Towers, Barangaroo. A panel discussion with Co-Chair Reconciliation NSW, Professor Lindon Coombes, Lendlease's Charles Prouse and Summer May Finlay, moderated by Jodie Taylor will emphasise the importance of reconciliation in education as part of every Australian child's learning journey.

"All Australian children deserve an education that is whole, inclusive and an accurate portrayal of our true shared history" says Professor Lindon Coombes "Reconciliation in education leads to respect and understanding of First Nations peoples and while it is now included in school curriculum we still see many students entering university with very little real knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's cultures, knowledge and contributions. This needs to change."

The Schools Reconciliation Challenge has been offering schools ways to engage in this learning for the past 11 years and with the partnership of International Towers has the opportunity to demonstrate students' understandings and connection to reconciliation.

The exhibition continues the existing tradition of International Towers' support of young Indigenous talent, and of the broader dialogue surrounding reconciliation.

On August 4 at 9:00am on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day this online event will include a live-stream Smoking Ceremony with Uncle Jimmy Smith and students from Fort St Public School, Observatory Hill, followed by a dance performance by the Burrundi Theatre. Everyone can view the online Welcome To Country and hear from The Hon. Minister Harwin, and the reconciliation in education panel discussion that follows.

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The Exhibition of the Schools Reconciliation Challenge finalists is open to the public from August 4 – the end of NAIDOC week 15 November from 7.30am – 6:00 pm Monday – Friday in the International Towers lobbies 2 & 3 at Barangaroo

Photo Opportunities – 9:00 am Tuesday 4th August

Observatory Hill Smoking Ceremony, Dance performance and Caring for Country workshop with Uncle Jimmy Smith and Burrundi Theatre and Fort St Primary School students

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