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## Reconciliation It's more than a word. We are ready to take action. Are you?

Reconciliation NSW have been promoting, educating, and calling out for Reconciliation for 24 years. Australians are well and truly ready to embrace reconciliation and to Learn, Act and Share knowledge and values that address racism, truth telling, equity and equality, institutional integrity and unity.

This year during National Reconciliation Week May 27– June 3, we are asking all Australians to take action that proves how ready we are! How?

- 1. Learn what Country you are on, and the stories of that place. Knowing the history of where you live allows you to understand, relate and respect the traditional custodians and to be connected to a time and story beyond a mere 250 years of colonisation.
  - 2. Take action by signing the Uluru Statement from the Heart canvas and write to your local MP to let them know that First Nations People must have a voice and that voice needs to be embedded in the Constitution. Reconciliation NSW Indigenous Co-Chair, Joshua M. Gilbert, a Worimi man, says: *"The 2021 State of Reconciliation Barometer (from Reconciliation Australia) indicates that over 95% of the general population believe it is important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to have a say in matters that affect them. The Uluru Statement from The Heart is seeking to achieve this through Voice, Treaty, Truth."*
- 3. Share your support for First Nations people and issues on social media, in education, at home, buy books, support Aboriginal controlled organisations, challenge racism, show your support visibly.

Reconciliation NSW non-Indigenous Co-chair, Annie Tennant says: "A reconciled Australia offers everyone the opportunity to celebrate the oldest living culture in the world, and the world expects, and deserves no less."

Reconciliation NSW Says: Learn, Act, Share to create a proud Australian identity!

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