

In this TOGETHER

National Reconciliation Week 2020 27th May – 3rd June

Kaya. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians - as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and First Peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to Reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value First Peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

So how can you get involved this year?

It is now 20 years since the historic bridge walks when unprecedented numbers of First and Second Peoples walked together in solidarity for justice for First Peoples and reconciliation in our nation.

While we can't walk together in person at the moment, we encourage you to take a walk on the Country where you live and look for signs of the change of seasons. On Noongar/Nyungar Country we are currently moving between two of the six Noongar/Nyungar seasons. Djeran, the ant season, is in April to May and is also known as the season of adulthood. Makuru, the fertility season that occurs in June and July, is cold and wet.

Take a photo or selfie that shows a change occurring in the season and name the change you will make for reconciliation, with the tags #NRW2020 or #InThisTogether2020 or #UnitingTogether.

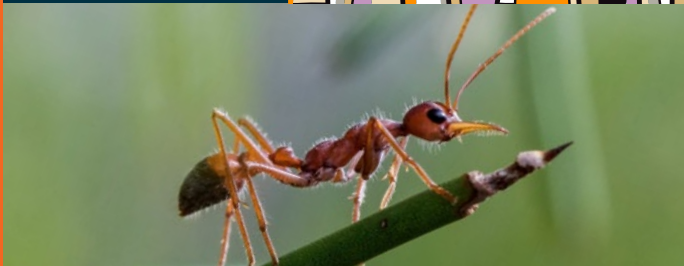
Find out whose Country you are on – who were the people connected to this place for thousands of generations? How were they impacted by colonisation and government policies? What changes are still needed to bring truth, justice and healing for First Peoples so that Reconciliation can occur?

Chief Executive Officer of Reconciliation Australia, Karen Mundine, said "Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for Reconciliation... [and] while much has been achieved, there is still more work to be done and this year is the ideal anniversary to reflect on how far we have come while setting new directions for the future."

Australia celebrates National Reconciliation Week (NRW) from 27 May to 3 June every year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the 1967 Referendum acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the High Court Mabo decision, respectively. NRW is preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May.

To find out more visit the [National Reconciliation Week website](#) and learn more about the [Uniting Church's commitment to reconciliation here](#).

Djeran



Makuru



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