UQ is seeking expressions of interest for events to be held during National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June 2024. Your help is needed to put together a rich, diverse, and engaging program.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and an opportunity to examine how we can contribute to broader reconciliation across Australia.

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Now more than ever, the work continues. In treaty making, in truth-telling, in understanding our history, in education, and in tackling racism. We need connection. We need respect. We need action. And we need change.

Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.

What can everyone at UQ do to support this?

1. Think about what event you and your Team can hold to support Reconciliation. Events can be in person or online, private or open to the public.
2. Submit your idea using the Expression of Interest Form to get approval.
3. Run a great event to support reconciliation at UQ.
4. If you are unable to run an event, attend an event that is organised by another area of the University.

What we will do to support you:

- We will help promote your event! Approved events will be published on our UQ NRW webpage and form part of the official program.
- These events can be anything that will help our UQ community learn more about Indigenous histories, cultures, achievements and bring a spirit of reconciliation.
- Get creative in your event planning. Events can be simple and don’t need to have significant costs attached.

*See below Event Guide for ideas

If you would like to be involved, please click here to complete the form

NRW EOI form

Please note, this EOI form will close at 5pm on 12 April 2024.

It’s ok if you don’t have all the details finalised for your events, please submit your EOI and provide as much information as possible at this time. The UQ Life and NRW Events team will reach out to you within the next few weeks to discuss your plans.

If you have any questions, please email nrw@uq.edu.au.
If you would like to learn more about National Reconciliation Week, please click here.

**National Reconciliation Week**

We also encourage you to begin preparing ideas for NAIDOC Week, which is a separate event held on the 7-13 July 2024. Please indicate your interest in NAIDOC on the EOI form.

Thank you very much once again,

Kind regards,
National Reconciliation Week planning group

**Event Guide**

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**Training**

You could organise a staff session to complete one of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Core Cultural Learning modules on Workday as a group with a discussion of the content afterwards. This could be grouped together with a morning tea or lunch. You could organise to hold a staff or student workshop on anti-racism.

**Fundraisers**

Why not host a fundraising activity? This could be as simple as holding a morning tea and having attendees make voluntary contributions to support an Indigenous Cause. Or how about hosting your own Great Book Swap for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation which supports Indigenous Communities in remote areas of Australia. In 2023, UQ college held a ticketed lecture and donated all proceeds towards a scholarship for Indigenous students.
**Information Sharing**

You could organise to have some interesting facts or a rolling film pertaining to reconciliation displayed on digital screens in your area, eg. PM Kevin Rudd’s Sorry Speech.

**Film**

Consider hosting a film screening in a lecture theatre, featuring works with Indigenous themes or produced by Indigenous film makers. Enhance the viewer’s understanding and engagement by arranging a brief presentation prior to the
screening. This presentation could involve a knowledgeable speaker discussing the thematic elements of the film or highlighting the achievements of any featured Indigenous actors or directors. Post screening, consider facilitating a mini Q & A to encourage audience reflection and dialogue.
You can get ideas of movies via: https://www.creativespirits.info/resources/movies/indigenous-film-timeline

Travel

Consider putting together a presentation on tourism in Australia. For example, you could organise a presentation on visiting a site such as Uluru and provide travel tips, recommendations, and fun facts. You could organise a cultural tour around Brisbane and the surroundings. Some examples as below:
Cultural Tours - Yura Tours Stradbroke

Animals

Consider organising to have an exhibit showcasing Australian native animals on campus. This will offer attendees a unique opportunity to interact and learn about Indigenous wildlife. Enlisting the expertise of an experienced animal keeper to provide information sessions allows everyone to gain valuable insights into the behaviours, habitats and conservation efforts related to these iconic animals.

Food

Consider hosting a bushfoods workshop/presentation with an Indigenous bush foods expert. This curated experience provides an invaluable opportunity for participants to engage with Indigenous culture and culinary traditions under the guidance of a respected expert.

Science

Organise a short lecture on Indigenous Astronomical Knowledge, followed by a sky gazing session. Take a walk through the bush tucker garden (St Lucia) or the Reconciliation Garden (Herston) and learn about the various native edible foods and bush medicinal plants we have on campus.
Language and Literature

You could organise a book club featuring an Indigenous author or organise to have an Indigenous author visit and present. Additionally, you may wish to organise a staff and student morning tea to support fundraising efforts for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, fostering a sense of community while contributing to a worthy cause. Alternatively, consider hosting a mini language workshop focused on Indigenous languages, providing attendees with a unique opportunity to engage with and learn about the rich linguistic heritage of Indigenous cultures. https://qilac.org.au/

Fashion

You could investigate organising a fashion exhibition featuring work from Indigenous designers or you could organise to have an Indigenous fashion designer give a brief presentation online with a Q&A segment attached. Encourage teams to wear Indigenous designs on the day and share your own fashion story.

Art

Hold an art exhibition and tour or you could organise for Indigenous artists to lead a painting or weaving workshop. Examples include: https://www.durbanbagii.com/ https://weavery.com.au/

Alternatively, you could organise an immersive and collaborative giant art project around the theme of reconciliation eg Chalk art display on Campbell Place, painting on old corflutes.

Sport

You could organise for an Indigenous sports figure to visit and speak or perhaps organise a trivia/Kahoot on Indigenous sport history and Indigenous sporting heroes.
Music

You could organise a musical performance with pieces composed by Indigenous artists followed by a presentation to provide context on the pieces and artists too. Other ideas could include arranging to have an Indigenous musician come in and teach everyone an Indigenous song. Have a playlist with Indigenous artists and share it with your colleagues or class. They might introduce you to more great artists!

Games

You could organise a fun social activity such as a scavenger hunt and have participants search the university campus for Indigenous related things. Alternatively, hold a Kahoot on Indigenous trivia and have prizes for winners. You could organise to have an art competition where participants create art that reflects what reconciliation means to them. The submissions could be put on display, judged, and enticing prizes awarded.

Community Events

You could explore attending external public events. If there is a community event, you could organise transport for staff or students to travel and attend together. Public events will be listed here: www.reconciliation.org.au

Buying from Indigenous businesses

Please see below for links to UQ's Indigenous Procurement Strategy as well as Supply Nation- Indigenous Business Direct.
UQ's Indigenous Procurement Strategy 2022-2025
https://supplynation.org.au/
For a list of providers that are on UniFi, please see below:
UQ Indigenous payees

The opportunities for Reconciliation events and how to support it are endless. For any questions and for event advice please contact the UQ Life and NRW Events team at nrw@uq.edu.au.