

TarraWarra Museum of Art launches its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023–2025

TarraWarra Museum of Art is excited to announce the launch of its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

As expressed in our RAP, our vision for reconciliation is a community that proudly recognises and respects the creative expressions, living traditions, deep knowledge systems, diverse talents, and abiding connection to Country of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia. Our Innovate RAP is informed by the three core pillars of relationships, respect and opportunities which provide the framework that will enable us to embed our reconciliation objectives within our organisational culture and in our strategic planning.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr Marc Besen AC said, 'We are thrilled to present TarraWarra Museum of Art's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). In developing our Innovate RAP we have taken the opportunity to reflect on our reconciliation journey and its integral place in the Museum's ethos since its inception.'

The Museum's Director, Victoria Lynn, said 'We are both proud and excited that through this RAP, we will implement a series of actions that will deepen our relationships with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists and communities. Moreover, we intend to further our commitment to understanding and sharing their unique perspectives, stories and cultural practices, and generate new creative and identified employment opportunities for the First Peoples of Australia. By integrating and implementing our RAP throughout all of our operations and activities over the next two years, we humbly look forward to contributing to a more equitable, just and reconciled future.'

We are grateful to our Reconciliation Working Group (Anthony Fitzpatrick, Nicole Haverfield, Sandra Jacobs, Sarah Metzner, Kali Michailidis) for their commitment and contributions and our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (Brooke Wandin and Jenine Godwin-Thompson) for their cultural knowledge and input into our RAP, which has the full support and commitment of all management and staff.

We are also tremendously grateful to Gulumerridjin (Larrakia), Wardaman and KarraJarri Saltwater nation artist and designer Jenna Lee, for her sensitive and considered design of our RAP.'

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is available for viewing on our website:

<https://www.twma.com.au/innovate-reconciliation-action-plan/>

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