



2021 Reconciliation Through Education

“Yes We Can”

May 17th & 18th 2021



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WHERE?

Sydney Masonic
Centre
66 Goulburn St,
Sydney

Reconciliation Through Education is a grass roots, bottom-up concept. The power is in the hands of educators: that's us!!

Principals and teachers with a keen appetite for social justice and fairness want to enhance reconciliation in their schools. This seminar aims to:

1. Inspire people to “have a go”;
2. Provide access to support from various organisations;
3. Provide information about professional learning for staff; and
4. Have principals and schools teams share reconciliation strategies that are working in their school context.

Just imagine (and dream) that if all schools across NSW “got on board” with this *reconciliation through education* concept, then approximately 70,000 young people every year would move into society with powerful and positive attitudes towards enhancing relationships between First Nations people and white Australia.

Collectively YES we can make a difference!

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Dr Chris Sarra: A proud Queenslander, Aboriginal man, and educator, Dr Sarra has dedicated his career to influencing policy reform in education and beyond. Having led positive change and the pursuit of excellence in education, he has continued to influence policy reform through the establishment of the Stronger Smarter Institute.

Dr Jeff McMullen: A journalist, author and film-maker for 50 years, Jeff McMullen's work includes many decades as a foreign correspondent for ABC reporting for Four Corners and Sixty Minutes, as the interviewer and anchor of the 33 part issue series on ABC Television, Difference of Opinion, and host of televised forums on the National Indigenous Television Network.

Dr Anita Heiss is the award-winning author of non-fiction, historical fiction, commercial women's fiction, children's novels and poetry. She is a proud member of the Wiradjuri Nation, and a board member of University of Queensland Press and Circa Contemporary Circus. Anita is a Professor of Communications at the University of Queensland and an Ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and the GO Foundation. Anita is currently adapting her novel *Tiddas* (S&S, 2014) for the stage and her latest novel is *Bila Yarrudhanggalangdhuray*.

Dr Pasi Sahlberg: Pasi has worked as a schoolteacher, teacher-educator, researcher, and policymaker in Finland and advised education system leaders around the world. He is currently Professor of Education Policy at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and is the author of the popular series of books, *Finnish Lessons*.

Karen Mundine is from the Bundjalung Nation of northern NSW. As the CEO at Reconciliation Australia, Ms Mundine brings to the role more than 20 years' experience leading community engagement, public advocacy, communications and social marketing campaigns.

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Dean Widders

An Anaiwan Indigenous Australian, former professional rugby league player, delivering workshops on youth leadership, decision making and goal setting.



Dr John Davis

CEO Stronger Smarter: John's people are Cobble Cobble kinnected to Warra dnd Dalby with links directly to the Barunggam and Wakka Wakka people. His core work roles over the pasat decade have focused on educational excellence, woven within a team environment.

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Day 1: May 17th

9:00	Welcome to Country National Anthem: Olivia Fox – Newtown HS of the Performing Arts Welcome to Conference	
9:30	Conference Opening: "The State of Reconciliation in Australia" <i>Karen Mundine: CEO Reconciliation of Australia</i>	
10:00	"Taking the lead to lead change" <i>Dr Chris Sarra</i>	
10:45	Morning Tea	
11:15	"Moving Beyond Truth Telling" <i>Dr Jeff McMullen</i>	
Taking Action: Yarning Circles		
11:45 (Choose one)	Circle 1	"Setting High-Level Aspirational Goals for Indigenous Students" <i>Dean Widders</i>
	Circle 2	"It's Really a Question of Equity" <i>Dr Pasi Sahlberg</i>
	Circle 3	"Working With Local Communities" <i>Dr Jeff McMullen & Dr Chris Sarra</i>
12:45	Lunch	
1:30	Session 1: Monday Workshops – Choose 1 (see next page)	
2:30	Session 2: Monday Workshops – Choose 1 (see next page)	
3:30 – 3:45	Closing Ceremony: Menindee Central School	

Day 2: May 18th

9:00	Acknowledgement of Country: Briar Rd PS Musical item: TBA	
9:30	"Making School a Reconciliation Friendly Experience: a call to action" <i>Dr Anita Heiss</i>	
10:30	Morning Tea	
Taking Learning into Action		
11:00 (Choose one)	Circle 1	Reconciliation NSW (Tristan Tipps-Webster)
	Circle 2	Reconciliation Australia (Alanna Raymond)
	Circle 3	Stronger Smarter (Dr John Davis)
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3:45	Closing	



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May 17 th - Day 1	Topic	Options (Choose one)
1:30	What's happening in schools: principals and school leaders sharing their reconciliation journey	A. Primary Metropolitan: Tammy Anderson & Tina Lee (Chair: Chris Sarra)
		B. Secondary/Primary Remote: Fiona Kelly & Annette Cam (Chair: Dean Widders/Jeff McMullen)
		C. Secondary/Primary Regional & Metropolitan: Leesa Daly & Jenny Walker (Chair: Pasi Sahlberg)
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May 18 th - Day 2	Topic	Options (Choose one)
1:15	What's happening in schools: principals and school leaders sharing their reconciliation journey	A. Primary/Early Childhood: Tracey Betts, Danielle Tran & Chris Johnson & Roxanne Atkinson (Chair: Jeff McMullen)
		B. Secondary Regional: Angela Byron, Michelle Brooke & Ian Worley (Chair: Pasi Sahlberg)
		C. Secondary/Primary Metropolitan/Rural: Hallie Baxter, Janene McPherson, Marianne Siokos, Catherine Loughrey & Megan Outerbridge (Chair: John Davis)
Day 2	Topic	Options (Choose one)
2:30	What's happening in schools: principals and school leaders sharing their reconciliation journey	A. Primary/Early Childhood: Tracey Betts, Danielle Tran & Chris Johnson & Roxanne Atkinson (Chair: Jeff McMullen)
		B. Secondary Regional: Angela Byron, Michelle Brooke & Ian Worley (Chair: Pasi Sahlberg)
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Registration Information

Registration Fee includes GST:	
Day 1: May 17 th	\$380
Day 2: May 18 th	\$380
All registrations close 8 days prior to each seminar	

CANCELLATION POLICY

A cancellation must be advised in writing to the Seminar Registration Manager Suzanne Lazenby
E: suzanne.lazenby@gmail.com

Should you be unable to attend the symposium a substitute delegate is welcome to attend in your place. You must advise this to us at least 3 working days prior to the start of the day you registered for.

Refund Policy:

If you advise us in writing of **your cancellation:**

- On or before 30th April 2021: You will receive a full refund of all payments less \$25 administration fee.
- On or after 1st May 2021: No refund. There will be no refunds for 'No Shows'.

REGISTER before May 9th for Day 1 at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPVGP>

REGISTER before May 10th for Day 2 at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPVHM>

Please be advised that this event may need to be postponed if NSW unexpectedly imposes new/additional COVID restrictions on the venue. In the event that COVID restrictions result in the cancellation of the seminar, full refunds will be made.

Early registration is advised as places are strictly limited



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Dates: Monday May 17th & Tuesday May 18th, 2021

Venue: Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney 2000

Travel: **By train?** The closest station is Museum Station (300 metres or a 3 minute walk) and then Central Station (700 metres or 7 minutes). To walk from Museum Station, simply follow the Castlereagh Street exit signs inside the station, then turn left heading south down Castlereagh Street. At the first intersection (corner of Castlereagh & Goulburn Streets), turn right to come to the SMC main entrance at 66 Goulburn Stree

By car? Parking is available at the Goulburn St Car Park and World Square Car Park

Cost: \$380.00 (includes GST) per person per day (includes welcome coffee, morning tea and lunch).

Payment: Credit card when registering with Trybooking – see link below.

Numbers: The first 200 to register!

Inquiries: Warren Marks (0412 049637) or Sue Lazenby (0412 960108)
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Registration: REGISTER before May 7th, 2021 at:

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