



Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign

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MEDIA RELEASE

Reconciliation Week Event and the Naming of 'Richardson's Lookout – Marrickville Peace Park'

The Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign is organising a **Reconciliation Week event on Saturday 30 May**. This event will also mark the anniversary of the High Court Mabo decision on 3 June in 1992 which gave recognition to native title.

The event will consist of a Marrickville Aboriginal Interpretive Walk along the Cooks River.

Participants will assemble at 10.00am in Steel Park at the 'Living on the Land' site and will walk to the 'Living by the River' site below Warren Park adjacent to the Cooks River cycle path. Participants will then walk up to Richardson's Lookout which Marrickville Council, at the suggestion of the Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign, has resolved to rename 'Richardson's Lookout – Marrickville Peace Park'

The walk along the river will be led by Wiradjuri woman, **Jennifer Newman**. At Richardson's Lookout, **John Butcher**, the convenor of the Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign, will speak about the Peace Park and its significance for Reconciliation Week.

As this is the period of the commemoration of the WW1 centenary, this Reconciliation event will also refer to the Frontier Wars that were fought in Australia against the Aboriginal people. It will also draw attention to over 1,000 Aboriginal soldiers who fought for Australia in WW1 but who faced ongoing discrimination, or worse, in areas such as education, employment, and civil liberties after returning home.

Gathering at the Peace Park will remind us of the importance of being constantly resolute about peace, of the moral imperative to explore all options for resolving conflicts by non-military means both nationally and internationally, and that the creation of humanitarian forms of peace and security is not to be confused with the militarisation of society or the recourse to military interventions.

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