

Be a Voice For Generations: National Reconciliation Week in the City of Marion

A free community event at Warriparinga this Saturday and an exhibition of works by First Nation artists at Gallery M are two events celebrating National Reconciliation Week in the City of Marion.

Reconciliation at Warriparinga

With support from the City of Marion and Green Adelaide, Southern Cultural Immersion is hosting 'Reconciliation at Warriparinga' at the Living Kurna Cultural Centre on Saturday, May 27, 2 pm until 8 pm.

The event will feature live music, market stalls, bush foods and drinks for purchase and a range of First Nations cultural experiences including Ochre Play, Boomerang Throwing, Bush Tucker Talks, Jewellery Making and Basket Weaving Workshops.

Entry is free of charge and the cultural experiences are free but [online bookings](#) for the different activities are essential.

Kumangka Exhibition

The Kumangka exhibition is showing at Gallery M in the Marion Cultural Centre from May 12 to Sunday, June 4.

'Kumangka' in Kurna language means "together, in one, in company" with the exhibition highlighting the artwork of First Nation artists in various media.

Exhibiting artists include Caroline Oakley, Damien Shen, Thomas Readett, Cedric Varcoe and Jackie Saunders.

The exhibition was officially opened on May 12 with a Welcome to Country by Rosemary Wanganeen.

Thomas Readette did live painting sessions on his works on May 13 and 14 and a meet the artists event was held on May 20.

National Reconciliation Week

Other activities to commemorate [National Reconciliation Week](#) are being held across Adelaide and in Marion including a sold-out Reconciliation Week Morning Tea with Jack Buckskin and the sold-out 'Who Are Kurna' presentation on Kurna Language and History.

Yorta Yorta woman and published children's book illustrator Karen Briggs is hosting a drawing workshop for children and telling a Dreamtime story at the Glandore Community Centre on Thursday, June 1, from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

Bookings are essential. Call 7420 6400 to make inquiries.

The City of Marion has also been consulting on its next Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) building on from its 2020-23 RAP.

The RAP plans to include activities that can make a difference in building good relationships, respecting the special and cultural contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Australia, implementing good governance and working together to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have the same life opportunities as all people in the City of Marion.

National Reconciliation Week begins on Saturday, May 27, and runs until June 3 and is a time for all Australians to consider the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The start and end dates of this commemorative week recognise two important dates for First Nation peoples – the 1967 referendum on Indigenous recognition in the Australian Constitution and the 1992 Mabo High Court decision.

The theme for Reconciliation Week 2023 is Be a Voice for Generations.

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