

# Memo

**To** Association Representatives; Life Members  
**From** Melanie Chapman – Participation Manager  
**CC** Lauren Woods – General Manager Communities, Keana Raymond – Participation Coordinator  
 Community  
**Date** Friday, 14 May 2021  
**Re** **2021 National Reconciliation Week**

*Netball NSW acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the land, the Wangal people of the Darug Nation, where Netball Central is based and also to the various Custodians of the lands across the wide netball landscapes in NSW. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

*The Aboriginal lands and waters on which we build our courts, clubhouses and facilities that are essential to our game are acknowledged as ancient and respected ground, and we acknowledge the significant contribution of local Aboriginal communities throughout the Netball NSW Community.*

## **National Reconciliation Week 2021 – 27 May to 3 June**

Reconciliation Australia’s theme for 2021, **More than a word. Reconciliation takes action**, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. This year marks 20 years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia’s formal reconciliation process.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians, we all have a role to play – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Netball NSW recognises its unique position in the NSW sporting landscape, having been the primary team sport of choice for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous women and girls for decades. Netball NSW is committed to being an integral part of Australia’s reconciliation journey and is excited to launch our inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Netball NSW, the NSW Swifts and GIANTS Netball will be recognising National Reconciliation Week in a range of different ways across the businesses. Below is an overview of some of the major events that will be happening.

Sunday 30 May	NSW Swifts Indigenous Round	Tickets on sale now: <a href="https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SWIFTS21">https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SWIFTS21</a>
Wednesday 2 June	Origin Energy Premier League Indigenous Round	Tickets on sale 12:00pm Friday 28 May: <a href="https://www.nnswpremierleague.com.au/about/tickets/">https://www.nnswpremierleague.com.au/about/tickets/</a>
Sunday 6 June	GIANTS Netball Indigenous Round	Tickets on sale now: <a href="https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=GIANTS21">https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=GIANTS21</a>

## Associations Activities

If your Association or Clubs are planning events during this period, please reach out to Netball NSW via your Regional Manager or Metro Contact so we are able to share your stories with the wider Netball NSW community. Ideas of how Associations can get involved in National Reconciliation Week include:

- Perform an Acknowledgement of Country at the start of the day
- Invite a local elder to perform a Welcome to Country before the start of play – this can be arranged through your [Local Aboriginal Land Council](#)
- Share information about Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week with your Clubs and wider community in the lead up
- Share the National Reconciliation Week graphics on your socials
- Hang the National Reconciliation Week poster throughout your venue
- Create a connection with a local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community group or organisation and collect donations throughout the day for them

Head to the National Reconciliation Week website to [access posters and resources](#) to use on your websites and socials throughout the week.

## The History of National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first NRW. In 2000, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—

- [The successful 1967 referendum](#) – 27 May, and
- [The High Court Mabo decision](#) – 3 June

NRW is also preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May each year to commemorate the anniversary of the 'Bringing Them Home' report which was a National Inquiry into separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families; who are referred to as the "Stolen Generations".

[Find out more about National Reconciliation Week](#) #MoreThanAWord #NRW2021