National Rural Health Alliance

‘How will our history be told’

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Segregation and protection policies

ABORIGINALS.
No. 16 of 1911.
AN ORDINANCE
Relating to Aboriginals.
[Notified in Gazette, 8th January, 1912.]

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any aboriginal or half-caste to be or remain within any prohibited area, unless with the express permission of a Protector or police officer.

Who wrote our collective history
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Janine Connection

Community

Country

Identity

Mentors

NAIDOC

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"The obsession with distinctions between the **offensively named 'full-bloods' and 'hybrids'** or 'real' and 'inauthentic' Aborigines, continues to be imposed on us today. There would be few urban Aboriginal people who have not been labelled as culturally bereft, 'fake' or 'part Aborigine' and then expected to authenticate their Aboriginality in terms of percentages of blood or clichéd 'traditional' experiences."

**Professor Mick Dodson AM,**
**Australian of the Year 2009**
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We are on Kaurna land
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"I have actually been asked by white university lecturers and researchers and students whether I can really claim to be a Torres Strait Islander. After all, how long has it been since I lived there? Can you see my point? If I don't behave, if I don't embrace and hold myself true to the representations of what constitutes a cultural Islander, then I must in truth not be one ... Of course I identify as an Islander."

Professor Martin Nakata Director, Nura Gili, University of New South Wales
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One of the best ways to make casual racism more visible is to talk openly about it.

“A RACISM PROBLEM?...
I AM SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SCARED TO GO OUT AT NIGHT!

SO AM I!!

“Being moral includes living the principles of justice. It involves making sure that everyone gets a fair go and that hidden attitudes to race, class and difference are made visible and challenged”


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You’ve done well for yourself,

Aboriginal people get so much given to them

Your too pretty to be Aboriginal

Yes, but you’re not like the rest of them, your different or

You’re not a full Aboriginal, you’re a half caste

being asked to see my receipt at Woolworths self-serve because “they’ve had problems with my sort of people”
“Myths are powerful. They influence the way we think about things of which we might not have direct experience. The most difficult relationship is not between black and white people but between white Australians and the symbols created by their predecessors. Most Australians do not know how to relate to Aboriginal people. They relate to stories told by former colonists.

Individual Australians need to bust these powerful and often destructive myths by setting the record straight about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fellow citizens... Whether it’s a conversation with your colleagues or chatting at a dinner party, here are some facts to help you set the record straight.”

Marcia Langton Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies, University of Melbourne
"As an Aboriginal, I inhabit an Aboriginal body, and not a combination of features which may or may not cancel each other. **Whatever language I speak, I speak an Aboriginal language**, because a lot of Aboriginal people I know speak like me. How I speak, act and how I look are outcomes of a colonial history and not a particular combination of traits from either side of the frontier."

**Ian Anderson** Director, Murrup Barak Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development, University
New analysis of Productivity Commission data shows 64.1 indigenous children per 1000 had an out-of-home care placement last year compared with just 31.8 a decade ago. By contrast, removal rates of non-indigenous children in the past 10 years have been low and largely static, rising from just 5.6 per 1000 to 7.
As a change agent, my centrality in the informal network is more important than my position in the formal hierarchy - Helen Bevan Chief Transformation Officer NHS Improving Quality, England
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023
**Family:** Children are a gift, born from country into a family, ancestry and culture as enduring as the universe. Connected for eternity through love, life and spirit.

Source: A/Prof Helen Milroy, WAACHS Vol 1
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Betty, connects to NBN, age 18

Turns 84 waiting for first E-Mail attachment to download

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EVERYWHERE
No cookie cutter approach
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ONE BITE AT A TIME
The purest form of insanity is to leave everything the same and the same time hope that things will change.

Albert Einstein
Be brave
Thank you