Ivan-Tiwu Copley

Ivan-Tiwu Copley is a Peramangk/Kaurna man who was raised around Plympton and the sand hills of Glenelg North in South Australia. His achievements working with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples for reconciliation and recognition were honoured in 2005 with the Premier’s Award for Community Achievement, and again in 2009 when he received the South Australian of Year Award. More recently, Ivan received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2012. Ivan works tirelessly around all parts of South Australia as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Manager–SA, Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy, Australian Bureau of Statistics. He currently holds positions as Chairman for the Campbelltown Council Reconciliation Advisory Committee and the Aboriginal Centre for Information and Arts in SA Inc (ACFIA) and only stepped down last year from a seven-year term as Chairman of The Indigenous Information Network of SA (TURKINDI Inc). He is an Executive Board Member of Reconciliation SA, the National Indigenous Sport Academy, and National Coordinator of the National Sorry Day Conference in Adelaide. Ivan is also a recognised artist, author, and advisor for Indigenous protocol and cultural appropriateness, and a sought-after speaker for conferences, seminars, and political events.