



Justice and Peace for all



July 4's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander celebrations saw Parishes and schools all over Australia congregate together to celebrate the gifts that Indigenous people bring to the Catholic Church in Australia.

The theme of Justice and Peace for all was drawn from the Gospel readings for the day.

We have pictures and stories from in Mt. Isa, Townsville and Werribee on the NATSICC website.

Link: 2010 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday celebrations

Jesuit school plans for Aboriginal children in Redfern



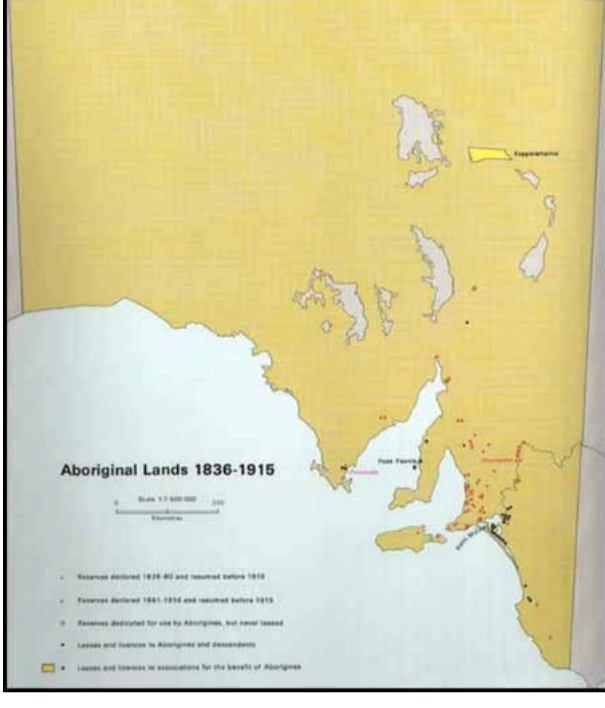
An new school for Aboriginal Children, named Jarjum, is set to open next year.

An initiative of the Jesuits' St. Aloysius school, it will be tuition free and incorporate Health checks and individual pastoral care.

A plan to redevelop the presebtery of St. Vincents Church has also been approved.

Story: <http://express.org.au/article.aspx?aeid=22292>

TAFE training centre opens at Point Pearce



A training centre for Aboriginal students on Yorke Peninsula is being opened at Point Pearce.

The \$700,000 TAFE facility will offer introductory vocational education courses and pre-employment training for mining jobs. South Australia's Further Education Minister Jack Snelling says it will prepare students for the workforce.

"They'll be able to get their skill levels up so that some of the barriers that are preventing them from entering the workforce will be removed and they'll have the skills they need to be able to get employment," he said.

Having recently visited the area, NATSICC National Administrator Craig Arthur feels that the announcement is timely. "The need for increased opportunities in Education, upskilling and enhancement of self determination on the Yorke Peninsula is desperately needed" he said.

Story: [abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au)

New national Indigenous body meets



Photo: Lorrie Graham.

The National Congress of Australia's First People is the first independent body since the abolition of ATSIC that will lobby for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The group met in Dubbo on Tuesday 27 July and called for increased membership of Indigenous people.

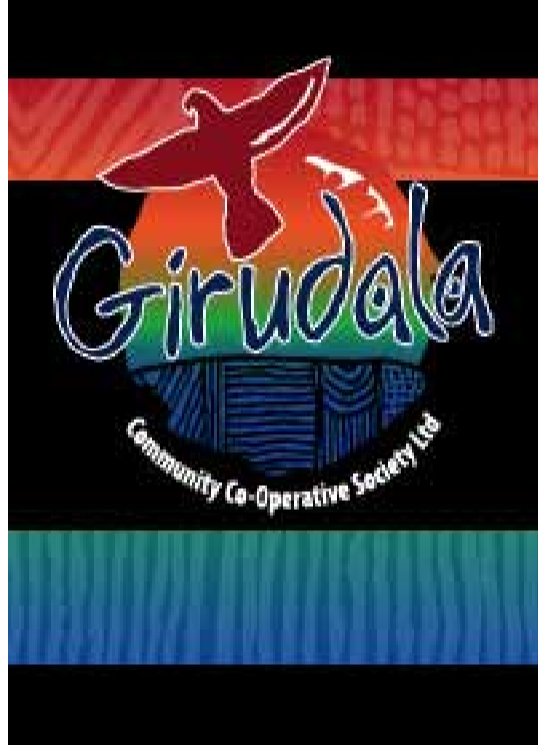
"Certainly I would like to see people from our own backyard, from western NSW, become members of the corporation." said co-chairman and Brewarrina man, Sam Jefferies.

A strong, united and clear Indigenous voice is paramount for Australia to move forward in the area of Indigenous affairs.

NATSICC hopes that the National Congress for Australia's First people will provide an effective avenue for Indigenous people to be heard on a National level. Involvement in deep consultation with the Federal Government on issues that affect our people is also an important role.

Story: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories>

Aboriginal-owned medical centre opens



The Girudala Community Co-op will open the medical centre in Bowen, south of Townsville, and will operate as a doctors clinic for Indigenous and non-Indigenous patients.

Clinic director Beverley Cummins says the family medical centre says any profits will be directed back into their community programs.

The Girdula Community Co-op's vision statement:

Our vision is to maintain a high level of professionalism and good governance in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people within the local community and contributing to implementing regional and state policy initiatives. We are committed to encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members to own their own homes, live proudly and stand on their own two feet in today's society.

It is important we provide care for our elderly, respecting the way they link us to our past. We must also support the skills, self reliance and leadership ability of young people as they represent our future.

Story: www.abc.net.au
Links: www.girudala.com.au

ACM Victoria Gifts



Looking for that perfect gift to give a school leaver, teacher or friend?

The ACM victoria has you covered. They have put together an impressive range of gifts made by local craft people.

The ACM is active in the Victorian community, so take the time to visit their site and see what they are up to!

Links: www.openingthedoors.org.au/about.php
www.natsicc.org.au/your.php#vic

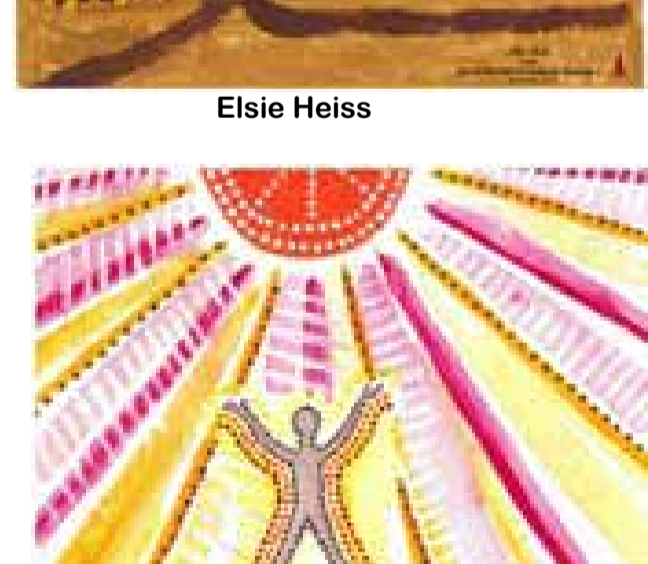
2010 Paint My Faith Journey Poster Series



Elsie Heiss



Melissa Brickell



Kerry Bridges



Olivia Gerrard

Delegates at the 2009 NATSICC National Assembly in Brisbane were asked to produce a painting that represents their experience, journey and thoughts on their own faith journey.

The project was designed to help people conceptualise something that can be very hard to explain.

The results were spectacular - so good in fact that we have decided to make limited edition prints available in an individual series.

Each print is A3, digital full colour printed and available either Laminated or ready to frame. For postage, we use an Australia Post approved mailing tube to ensure they arrive in excellent condition.

\$20 per Print (Including Post) Set of 4 for \$70.

To see larger versions and order visit the NATSICC Online Store at www.natsicc.org.au

Youth News

NATSICC Facebook page

A reminder that the NATSICC Facebook page is up and running. It is a great place to reconnect with friends you have met at NATSICC Gatherings and to make friends with people you haven't met yet.

We will be updating the page with upcoming events and youth related news.

Tell your friends!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=150571414797&ref=search>



Councillor in Focus - Cathie Wilson



Cathie was born in Darwin, Northern Territory and is recognised as an Elder among Larrakia people. The Larrakia, are considered the traditional owners of the greater Darwin and Palmerston areas.

As a proud mother of five and grandmother of three, Cathie is pleased that her children have been educated by the catholic education system after herself being educated by the same education system.

For the last 30 years, Cathie has worked with and for Aboriginal people of various tribes of the Northern Territory, in a variety of areas. During the last 11 years, Cathie has worked in the home-care industry caring for frail aged and disabled Indigenous people in their home and camp.