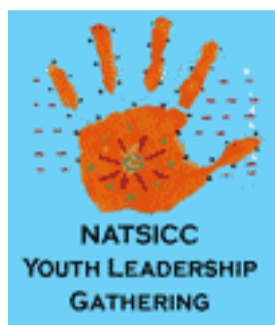




## NATSICC Youth Leadership Gathering



The current NATSICC Council was appointed at the Brisbane National Assembly in September this year and has shown a strong commitment to nurturing youth in the Church. Councillors have, in response, formulated a Youth Gathering that will focus of developing leadership skills and encouraging self esteem in Indigenous Catholic Youth.



Content will include:

- Enhancing Self Esteem and Confidence
- Learning to understand the Language of the Bible and Scripture and the Catholic Tradition
- Work-shopping public speaking and presentation skills
- Use of Technology such as Facebook and MySpace in networking
- The importance of Leadership in the community

More information can be found at [www.natsicc.org.au/ylg.php](http://www.natsicc.org.au/ylg.php)

If you are qualified and willing to speak to the youth on any of the topics listed above, please download the Expression of Interest form [here](#).

## SA News - Gladys Elphick Awards



Gladys Elphick, MBE was born in Adelaide in 1904 and died in 1988. She grew up on Point Pearce Mission on Yorke Peninsula. Being of strong Kaurana / Narrunga descent, she moved back to Adelaide in 1939 to start a new life. She was known to most people simply as Aunty Glad. For her services to the Aboriginal Community she was appointed as a Member of the Order of the British Empire on January 1 1971.

The International Women's Day Committee SA decided to honour, recognize and remember Gladys and her remarkable group of hard working volunteers for the tenacity, resilience and contributions to the Aboriginal community and women's issues in South Australia. The Gladys Elphick Awards were born.

If you would like to nominate someone for a Gladys Elphick Award contact Shirley Peisley at [speisley6@bigpond.com](mailto:speisley6@bigpond.com)

## Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW)



The CACW exists at the "national level to ensure that the dignity of women is honoured and their gifts are given space to flourish for the sake of the Church's life and mission". (ACBC Social Justice Statement 2000) The CACW is responsible for providing advice to the Bishops Commission for Church Ministry about women and their participation in the Catholic Church in Australia.

Members of the Council will be appointed by the Bishops Commission for Church Ministry for a term of three years. The council shall be composed of women and men, clergy, religious and lay "taking into account the geographical and cultural diversity of Australia" (SJ Statement 2000) and numbering (9) members including the chairperson.

Interested people are invited to complete the nomination form ([www.cacw.catholic.org.au](http://www.cacw.catholic.org.au)) and return to:

Kimberly Davis  
GPO Box 368  
Canberra ACT 2601

## Congratulations Ralph Madigan!



Respected Elder Ralph Madigan was last year Ordained a Deacon in Mareeba at an Aboriginal and Bush Mass.

Ralph has worked tirelessly for the community and joins a wonderful group of Indigenous men that have been ordained as Deacons. NATSICC was lucky enough to have Ralph attend the 2009 National Assembly in Brisbane where everyone was touched by his words and commitment to his faith and people.

The council hopes that Ralph will provide inspiration for other Indigenous men to consider the important role of a Deacon.

## Councillor in Focus - Cameron Harris



Hi my name is Cameron Harris (Kyle) a descendant of Birri Gubba covering the Whitsunday's, Bowen and surrounding areas. I was born in Outback Queensland in a town called Mount Isa. Most of my life was spent in a small community called Julia Creek.

I went to boarding school at Abergowrie College where I graduated year 12. School was good fun and I learnt heaps.

I am honoured to be on NATSICC as the Youth Rep and also the Public officer. I want to bring youth closer to their faith than what they have been, I will work with the church to bring as much youth in and let the younger generation in to do volunteering and programs that would suit the Y generation.

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