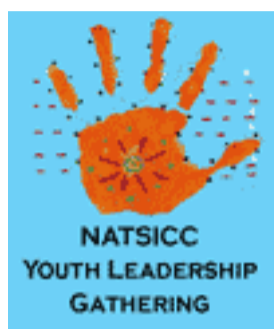




## NATSICC Youth Leadership Gathering



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)

The event runs from 13-16 May 2010 at ACU in Brisbane.

## SA News - New ACM Chair appointed



NATSICC Deputy Chair John Lochowiak has recently been appointed the new Chair of the Adelaide Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. John steps into the large space left by outgoing ACM icon Shirley Peisley.

The announcement marks the beginning of an exciting new era for the Ministry, building on its nearly 30 years of service to the Indigenous community in the city.

Work has begun on the new chapel at the St. Peters building.

For the full story click [here](#) to view the Southern Cross Newspaper's story.

## Youth Equipping Conference



NATSICC has worked with the Asia Pacific School of Evangelisation for several years and has sent youth to their various training schools.

Their latest gathering is titled "Equipping Leaders for Ministry and Mission" and is set to take place in the ACT from 11-14 June 2010.

We ask that in addition to the NATSICC Youth Leadership Gathering, that you consider sending youth from your Parish or community to this worthwhile event.

It has long been the belief of NATSICC that we need to nurture the next generation coming through to continue the work of current Indigenous Catholic leaders.

[Click here](#) for the "Equipping" Brochure.

## Acknowledging Traditional Owners



Following the lead of several other dioceses around Australia, the Archdiocese of Hobart has unveiled a plaque honouring the traditional owners of the Cathedral grounds.

NATSICC applauds Archbishop Doyle and the hard working local elders that have made this a reality. We would like to see every diocese follow their lead and recognise those that walked this land for thousands of years.

For the full article visit [cathnews](#) here.

## Councillor in Focus - John Lochowiak



John Lochowiak is a Wadi (initiated Man) who has strong ties to many language groups throughout Australia including but not limited to Pitjantjatjara and Arerrnte.

A Father of four, John puts strong emphasis on family and spend much of his free time with extended family and participating in cultural ceremonies and events.

John has had vast experience in the Cultural Awareness Training area. He ran his own company for 15 years in which time he trained many corporate organisations and Government Agencies.

A trained Teacher, John has vast expertise in dealing with youth and youth issues. He was integral in the establishment of the successful Rostrevor College Sporting Academy in South Australia.

John is currently Deputy Chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) and volunteers his time to various other non profit groups.

He is currently employed by Mining and Construction company Thiess as Manager of Indigenous Affairs.