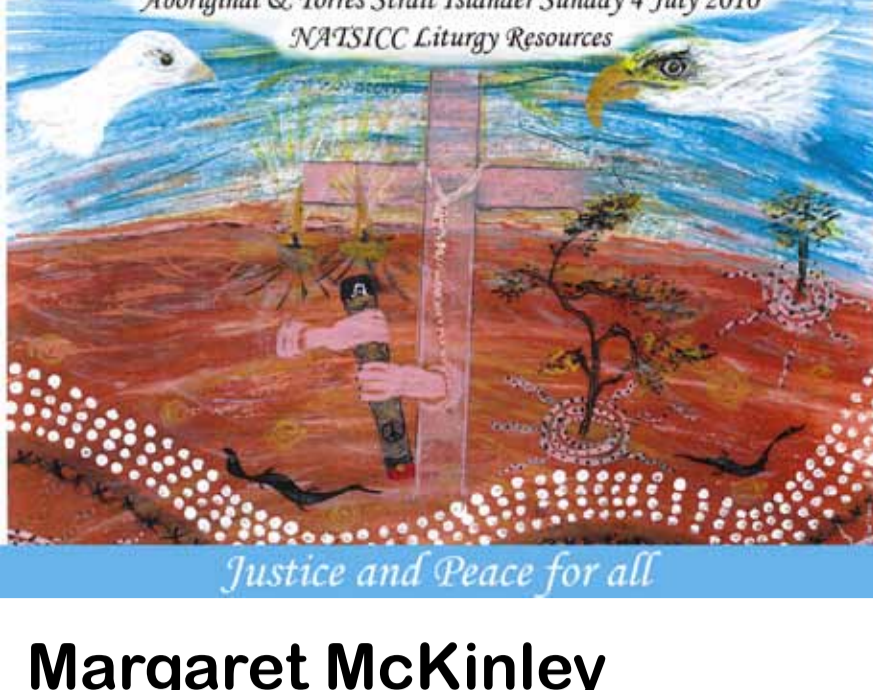




2010 NATSICC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources



The NATSICC Liturgy team in consultation with the Bishops Committee and the National Liturgical Commission are happy to present the 2010 Liturgy Resources for July 4 2010.

The theme for the event is *Justice and Peace for All*.

Drawn from the Gospel readings, the theme is a call for equality and fairness in all aspects of our lives.

The cover artwork was done by Victoria's Melissa Brickell. It is available in A3 size as part of the 'Paint your Faith Journey Poster Series' (see below).

Click on the image left to visit the Liturgy page of the NATSICC Website.

Margaret McKinley

Margaret Helen McKinley (nee Kuhl)
Yorta Yorta Elder



Margaret McKinley, ACM Melbourne stalwart and mother of Victorian NATSICC Councillor Melissa Brickell, passed away suddenly on 14 May 2010.

Margaret was a common sight at NATSICC conferences and events. She was quoted in *Invisible* no more (Story of the ACM Melbourne) as saying:

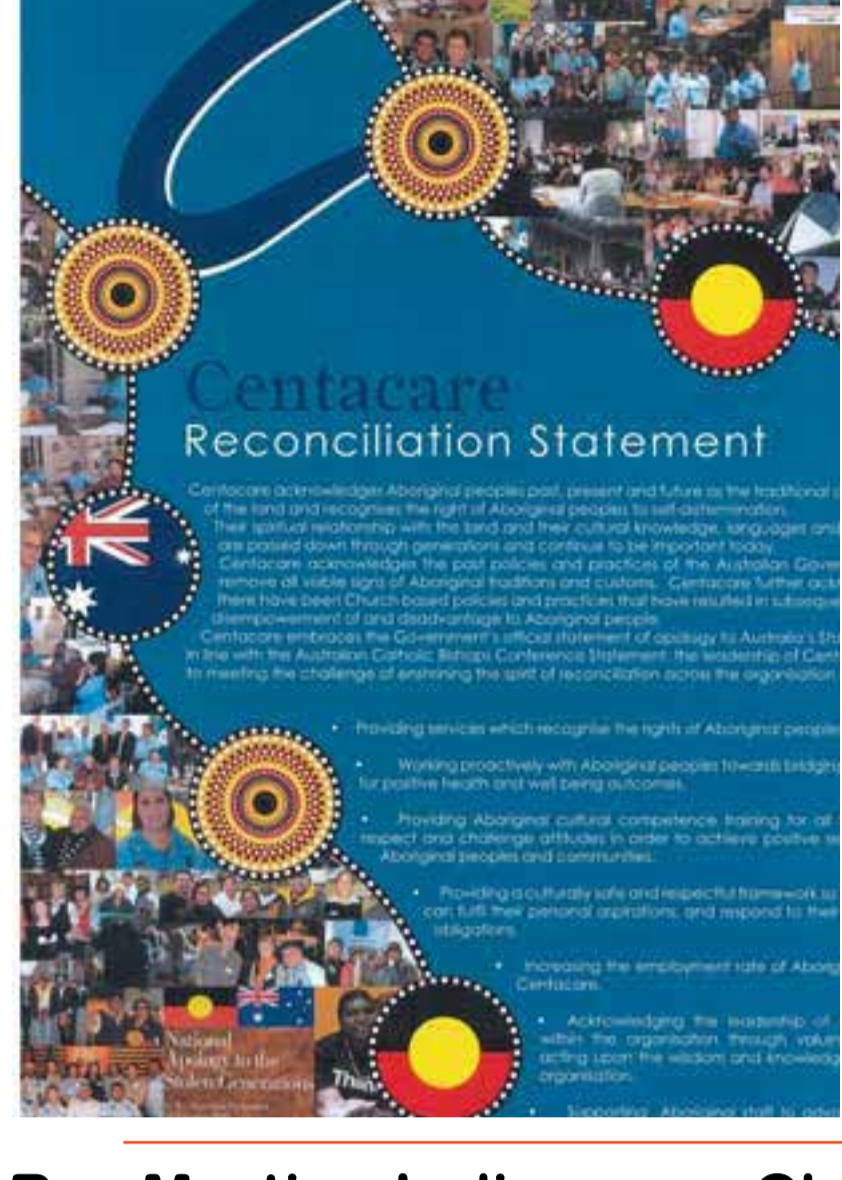
"Much of my time was taken up with a lot of NATSICC meetings. We met a lot of people from across Australia. It surprised me even more to know and understand that there's just as many Catholics as non-Catholics in the Aboriginal Community. My eyes were opened."

Margaret was farewelled by the community in a beautiful service put together by Melissa and the ACM Melbourne.

She will be sadly missed by all at NATSICC and everyone that had ever met her.

GONE TO THE DREAMING

Centacare SA - Reconciliation Statement



NATSICC is pleased to report that Centacare has launched their organisation wide Reconciliation Statement at their Wakefield St. Headquarters.

In part the statement reads:

Centacare acknowledges Aboriginal peoples past, present and future as the traditional custodians of the land and recognises the right of Aboriginal peoples to self-determination.

Their spiritual relationship with the land and their cultural knowledge, languages and customs are passed down through generations and continue to be important today.

Centacare has become heavily involved with the ACM Adelaide and has assisted in setting up the new Payneham Rd. premises.

Centacare Director Dale West and Assistant Director Pauline Connelly are vocal in their support for the Indigenous members of the South Australian community - as evidenced by this Reconciliation Statement.

Click the image (left) to visit Centacare Adelaide website

Ray Martin - Indigenous Change is needed



INDIGENOUS leaders need to be much smarter in fostering the healing process with white Australians, veteran broadcaster and journalist Ray Martin says.

Mr Martin said it was clearly time for a change in the message being sent out to white Australia.

"The days of endlessly bashing up white fellas for being racist, insensitive and not caring are over," he said in delivering the third Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration for the Don Dunstan Foundation in Adelaide.

"That knee-jerk reaction is clearly out of step with modern, multicultural Australia.

"That's not to deny for one second that racism exists - especially in regional Australia. It certainly does. We have to be vigilant and stamp it out.

"But it's no good trying to make Australians still take the blame for policies that go back 50 or 100 years."

Mr Martin said indigenous leaders had to be "fair dinkum" about the problems in their communities, and take responsibility for the chronic and widespread abuse and violence.

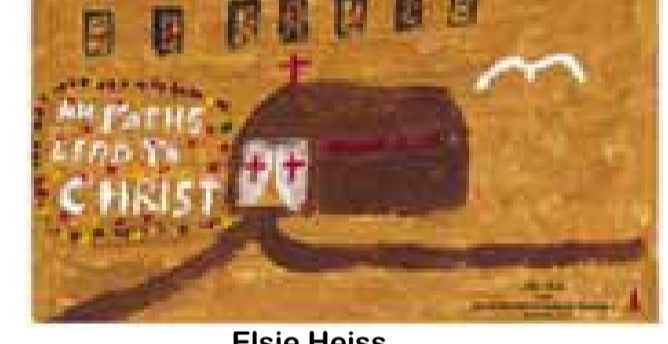
"No excuses. And stop denying that it exists," he said.

"That gives them no credibility at all.

Story Courtesy www.news.com.au

For the full story visit <http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/ray-martin-says-indigenous-change-needed/story-e6frku0-1225874705162>

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

2010 NATSICC Youth Leadership Gathering

The Gathering took place between 13-16 May 2010 and was attended by 30 young Catholics. We hope that due to the success of the 2010 event, that it becomes an annual gathering. Please be sure to check the youth gathering page of the NATSICC Website for the proceedings booklet. It will be available in late June.

Respected Elders Joan Hendriks and Evelyn Parkin spoke to the youth about how Indigenous Spirituality and religion go hand in hand. Several workshops focused on listening to the youth in order to help us make a church that is welcoming and relevant to the younger generations. Many positive responses were received and these will be acted upon in the coming months.

The youth experienced a cultural tour of the Banyo area, a visit to Suncorp stadium to see the Bronco's defeat the Titans and had a visit from renowned Aboriginal performer Sean Schoolburra.



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.

Councillor in Focus - Melissa Brickell



Melissa Brickell is a descendant of the Yorta Yorta and Wiradjeri people and resides in Melbourne. Melissa has worked as a teacher in Victoria and the Northern Territory in the public and private sectors in Primary, Secondary, University, TAFE, Prison, Museum, the Church; and in particular, as Aboriginal Cultural Parish Worker for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne [ACMM] (1996-98).

Melissa is currently employed by Mackillop Family Services in the role of Partnership Coordinator. Melissa's work, commitment and active community involvement over the last 18 years has focussed on cross cultural awareness and reconciliation among Australians.

Melissa received a Reconciliation Award from Maribyrnong City Council (Vic, 1998) for Advancing the rights and community life of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Melissa also carries with her a high profile involvement in the Stolen Generations movement in Victoria and nationally. Melissa has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education (1988), Catechist Diploma (1997), Rite of Christian Initiation Adults Certificate (1997); and a deferred Masters of Arts in Aboriginal Studies.

As an active volunteer in the Victorian Community, these are a few of