NARRAGUNNAWALI
AWARDS
2019
INFORMATION PACK
ABOUT NARRAGUNNAWALI: RECONCILIATION IN EDUCATION

Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Education is a program of Reconciliation Australia, dedicated to supporting all Australian schools and early learning services to develop environments that foster a higher level of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions.

Narragunnawali (pronounced narra-gunna-wally) is a word from the language of the Ngunnawal people, Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waterways of the area on which Reconciliation Australia’s Canberra office is located.

Reconciliation Australia is an independent, national, not-for-profit organisation promoting reconciliation by building stronger relationships, respect and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For more information, visit: reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali

ABOUT THE NARRAGUNNAWALI AWARDS

Reconciliation Australia is proud to launch the Narragunnawali Awards 2019 to recognise exceptional commitment to reconciliation in education. Held biennially, the Narragunnawali Awards represent Australia’s first national awards program for reconciliation in schools and early learning services. The Awards have been designed to recognise and celebrate educational environments – across the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors – that have implemented outstanding reconciliation initiatives. These schools and early learning services will be acknowledged for the ways in which they are strengthening relationships, building respect, and providing meaningful opportunities in the classroom, around the school or early learning service, and with the community.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The two categories for the Narragunnawali Awards are:

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<th>Schools:</th>
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<td>Early Learning Services:</td>
<td>this category incorporates early childhood education and care, preschool, family day care and out of school hours care services.</td>
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for the Narragunnawali Awards 2019, a nominated school or early learning service must meet each of the following criteria:

1. Nominated schools and early learning services must have commenced or completed a Narragunnawali Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

2. Nominated schools or early learning services must be able to demonstrate that they have been actively carrying out reconciliation initiatives that meet the Selection Criteria during the years 2018 and 2019. The Selection Criteria is summarised on page 3 of this Information Pack.

3. Only one nomination can be submitted by/on behalf of any individual school or early learning service.

4. Schools or early learning services who were represented as Finalists in the Narragunnawali Awards 2017 round will be ineligible to re-apply for the Narragunnawali Awards until 2021.

5. All submitted nominations must attach evidence that the nomination has been endorsed by the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The school or early learning service’s Principal/Director will also need to approve the nomination. Instructions on how to provide this evidence are included within the online Narragunnawali Awards application portal: narragunnawali.org.au/awards

If a school or early learning service does not meet the Eligibility Criteria, it will not be eligible for the Narragunnawali Awards 2019. This does not preclude the school or early learning service from being eligible for the Narragunnawali Awards in future years.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominated schools and early learning services must demonstrate their ability to respond to the following Selection Criteria:

**Relationships:** the nominated school or early learning service has strengthened relationships between non-Indigenous and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the classroom, around the school or early learning service and with the community to achieve exceptional outcomes towards advancing reconciliation.

**Respect:** the nominated school or early learning service has fostered a high level of respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions in the classroom, around the school or early learning service and with the community to achieve exceptional outcomes towards advancing reconciliation.

**Opportunities:** the nominated school or early learning service has established or extended opportunities for staff, students, children, families and community members to achieve exceptional outcomes towards advancing reconciliation in the classroom, around the school or early learning service, and with the community.

Responses to these Criteria will need to be submitted within the online Narragunnawali Awards application portal: narragunnawali.org.au/awards
NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for the Narragunnawali Awards 2019 will open on Friday 1 February and close on Friday 10 May 2019 (inclusive).

Nominations must be completed via the online Narragunnawali Awards application portal: narragunnawali.org.au/awards

Where the Nominator is not the Principal/Director of the nominated school or early learning service, he or she will be prompted by the online application portal to electronically invite the Principal/Director to collaborate on the nomination. In alignment with the Eligibility Criteria, the Principal/Director will also need to approve the nomination via the application portal.

Nominations must be completed by 23:59 AWST on Friday 10 May, 2019. As well as responding to questions around the key selection criteria, all nominations must attach evidence (such as a scanned document or a short video link) that the nomination has been endorsed by the school or early learning service’s local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Instructions on how to attach this evidence are included within the online Narragunnawali Awards application portal.

A school or early learning service can only be nominated in one of the two (Schools or Early Learning Services) Award categories. Only one assessable nomination will be considered per school or early learning service in 2019. See the Eligibility Criteria above and the Terms and Conditions below for more information.
**JUDGING PANEL**

Reconciliation Australia is proud to welcome Geraldine Atkinson, Sharon Davis and Professor Peter Buckskin back to the Narragunnawali Awards Judging Panel in 2019. These highly esteemed educators bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the judging process.

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**Geraldine Atkinson**

Geraldine Atkinson is a Bangerang/Wiradjuri woman who has devoted her career to expanding the possibilities available to Koorie people through education. For over 30 years Geraldine has been a significant presence in the Koorie and wider Victorian community, beginning as a Teacher’s Aide in 1976 to her current role as President of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI) since 1999.

Geraldine has an important role to play in contributing her direct experience of what works in community combined with her extensive policy knowledge. Geraldine regards this ability to act as a link between policy and community as her principal function. As a community leader Geraldine has worked hard to ensure that real progress is made for Koorie people. Geraldine has made a significant impact in the area of Early Childhood, and has always regarded education as being the best instrument of progress.

Geraldine represents VAEAI on a number of National and State Committees while maintaining her involvement at the local level.

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**Sharon Davis MSc (Oxon.)**

Sharon Davis is a proud Bardi Kija woman, and is currently leading Aboriginal Education for Catholic Education Western Australia. In 2013, Sharon completed a Bachelor in Education (K-7) at the University of Notre Dame Broome, specialising in Aboriginal Education, graduating with a number of honours, including the Vice Chancellor’s School of Education Award. The following year, Sharon graduated from the University of Oxford with a MSc in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition, focused on Aboriginal English. Sharon is committed to enhancing the Catholic education experience for Aboriginal students, families and communities in Western Australia and strengthening Aboriginal education for the benefit of all.
Professor Peter Buckskin PSM FACE

Professor Peter Buckskin is a Narungga man from the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia. He is currently the Dean: Aboriginal Engagement and Strategic Projects at the University of South Australia. For over 40 years Professor Buckskin’s passion has been the pursuit of educational excellence for Aboriginal peoples.

He has worked as a Teacher, Superintendent of Schools, Ministerial Adviser and as a Senior Executive at both State and Federal levels including Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation. He has also served as a Commissioner on the Australian Commission to the United Nations Education Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Professor Buckskin has received numerous awards including the Commonwealth Public Service Medal (PSM) in 2001; the Frank G Klassen Award for Leadership and Contribution to Teacher Education from the International Council on Education for Teaching (ICET) in 2003 and in 2015 a Honorary Doctorate from the World Indigenous Nations University.

Professor Buckskin continues as Chair of the SA Aboriginal Education and Training Consultative Council (SAAECC), Executive member of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Consortium (NATSIHEC), and Executive Member of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC). He is the Co-Chair of Reconciliation SA and a White Ribbon Ambassador.

In 2017 Professor Buckskin secured the privilege to host the next World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE). WIPCE will be held in Adelaide in 2020 supported by the SAAETCC and Tauondi Aboriginal College. As Chair of the Australian Organizing Committee Professor Buckskin is now a member of the WIPCE International Council.

Professor Buckskin is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators.
JUDGING PROCESS

The judging process for the Narragunnawali Awards 2019 involves:

Assessment of Nominations
A Review Committee will assess all completed and eligible nomination submissions and will meet in May to select a shortlist.

The Judging Panel will then review each of the shortlisted applications and will meet in June to select three Finalists in each category (six finalists across the two categories).

The 2019 Narragunnawali Awards Finalists will be announced in July 2019.

Site Visits
Each of the 6 Finalists will receive a site visit from members of the Judging Panel, Reconciliation Australia staff, and a small film crew in August/September 2019. The site visits will involve consultations with members of the school or early learning service’s Executive, RAP Working Group, and other stakeholders in the community such as members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community involved in the school or early learning service’s reconciliation initiatives.

In the case that they are selected as Finalists, nominated schools and early learning services will need to ensure that they are available for a site visit within the following period:

19 – 23 August 2019
26 – 30 August 2019
9 – 13 September 2019

Reconciliation Australia will work with the Finalists to coordinate the site visits accordingly.

Final Selection
Following the site visits, the Judging Panel will reconvene to review the site visit reports and decide the winning school or early learning service in each category.

Category Winners will be announced at the Narragunnawali Awards Presentation Event in November 2019.
NARRAGUNNAWALI AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENT

To announce the Winners of the 2019 Narragunnawali Awards, a Presentation Event will be held in Canberra on Thursday 14 November 2019. The event will be invite-only, but will be live streamed. As part of the Presentation Event, all Finalists will be invited to take part in a half-day workshop/forum, facilitated by Reconciliation Australia’s Narragunnawali team.

Travel and accommodation will be provided for up to two people from each of the Finalist schools and early learning services. Finalists can request to send more representatives at their own expense.

PRIZES

One Narragunnawali Award Winner from each category will receive:

- $10,000 in prize money to support reconciliation initiatives within the winning school or early learning service community;
- A short film vignette showcasing the reconciliation initiatives in their school or early learning service;
- A featured article in Narragunnawali News.
- A commemorative plaque.

A commemorative plaque will also be awarded to the two highly commended Finalists in each category.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following Terms and Conditions apply to the Narragunnawali Awards 2019:

1. By entering into the Narragunnawali Awards 2019, you warrant that you are a representative (e.g. Principal/Director, staff member) or affiliate (e.g. local community member, parent of an enrolled student) of the nominated school or early learning service, and that you have read, understood, and agreed to abide by these Terms and Conditions.

Instructions on how to nominate a school or early learning service for the Narragunnawali Awards 2019 are included within the online Narragunnawali Awards application portal narragunnawali.org.au/awards and form part of these Terms and Conditions.

2. Reconciliation Australia reserves the right to declare any application ineligible and any Narragunnawali Award 2019 invalid if the nominator and/or nominated school or early learning service:
- submits a nomination that is incomplete;
- provides information that is false or misleading;
- is considered to be unable to represent or promote the Narragunnawali Awards 2019 in a satisfactory manner;
- is involved in any conduct or activity that is illegal, fraudulent, or may damage the reputation of the Narragunnawali Awards 2019;
- does not comply with or meet these Terms and Conditions or the Eligibility Criteria.
3. The Review Committee and Judging Panel’s decisions will be made by their own sole and complete discretion. Only one Winner will be announced in the Schools category, and only one Winner will be announced in the Early Learning Services category. While feedback regarding applications can be given upon request, the Judging Panel will not enter into correspondence regarding the winning entries.

4. Members of the Review Committee or Judging Panel are not permitted to nominate a school or early learning service for an Award during their Review/Judging year.
   - Site visits to Finalist schools and early learning services will be made by members of the Judging Panel, Reconciliation Australia staff and a small film crew within the following period:
     - 19 – 23 August 2019
     - 26 – 30 August 2019
     - 9 – 13 September 2019

5. In the case that they are selected as Finalists, nominated schools and early learning services will need to ensure that they are available for a site visit within this period. Reconciliation Australia will work with the Finalists to coordinate the site visits accordingly.

6. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable.

7. Reconciliation Australia collects personal information and other information relating to the nominated school or early learning services’ operations in order to administer the Narragunnawali Awards 2019, judge nominations and present prizes. Nominators must ensure that relevant parental/guardian consent has been received for students that have been filmed, photographed or otherwise represented in a nomination submission. Written consent must also have been received from any third party filmed, photographed or otherwise represented in a nomination submission. Nomination submissions will remain the property of Reconciliation Australia, and may be reproduced in electronic or print forms as per the Reconciliation Australia Privacy Policy and in alignment with the Australian Privacy Principles contained in schedule 1 of the Privacy Act 1988.

   The films and photographs captured during the site visits will also remain the property of Reconciliation Australia, and may be reproduced in electronic or print forms.

CONTACT DETAILS

Should you have any questions, or wish to find out further information about the Narragunnawali Awards 2019, please contact Reconciliation Australia’s Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Education team via:

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