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RECONCILIATION PLAN

What is reconciliation?

Reconciliation is about building better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

To create positive change we need more people talking about the issues and coming up with innovative ideas and actions that make a difference

Echuca Historical Society :

- acknowledges, respects and values Aboriginal cultures – Aboriginal culture enriches the whole community
- acknowledges the right of Aboriginal people to maintain their identity and culture
- recognises that strong cultural identity is fundamental to the well being of Aboriginal people and has lifetime impacts – supporting Aboriginal culture is an investment in the future
- recognises that while imparting culture is fundamentally the responsibilities of families and communities, Echuca Historical Society also has a role in enabling and supporting communities in the continuance and strengthening of their cultures.

To this end EHS has ongoing contact with Yorta Yorta Nation and the relative local community groups of the area.

Museum Exhibits and Events

- EHS respects the prerogative of the community to tell their own story, in their own way and therefore does not present heritage information on their behalf
- The community is consulted for comment whenever it is relevant (ie: family research/new items incoming)
- EHS supports Yorta Yorta Nation and the local community whenever possible (ie: Book Launch/Submissions to Government.
- Yorta Yorta personnel and relevant community groups are invited to our functions/events
- Small items of historical interest on display in the museum must have basic information re their use, and the locality from which they came.
- All indigenous museum items are registered by the relevant authority in Vic (NSW does not have this requirement)