

National Reconciliation Week 2025 – A Bibliography

2025 Theme – *Bridging Now to Next*



‘National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.’

About the theme

The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025 theme, *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

In the #NRW2025 theme artwork created by Kalkadoon woman **Bree Buttenshaw**, native plants – which are known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity – symbolise our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together.

Australia’s history of reconciliation is not a linear one, we have made great strides and experienced disappointing setbacks.

Twenty-five years ago, **Corroboree 2000** brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous leaders in a historic call for reconciliation. We continue that work in 2025, inviting all Australians to join us in *Bridging Now to Next* – building a more united and respectful nation.’

The information above was copied from the National Reconciliation Week website. For further information on the 2025 National Reconciliation Week please visit their website

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

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Come Together: Things every Aussie kid should know about the First Peoples. Hardie Grant Explore, 2022. ISBN: 9781741179166
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Walk with Us. Allen & Unwin, 2023. ISBN: 9781761065071
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Our Race for Reconciliation. Omnibus Books, 2017. ISBN: 9781760276119
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Our Flag, Our Story: the Torres Strait Islander Flag. Magabala Books, 2024. ISBN: 9781922613509
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https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/kunyi/
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