



2019 HART Awards Finalists Announced!

The VLGA and Reconciliation Victoria are thrilled to announce the finalists of the 2019 HART (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) Awards. With 17 finalists over three categories: Local Government, Local Government Schools and Early Years, and Community, the HART Awards recognise outstanding initiatives in reconciliation in Local Government and Community. The nominations this year have been amazing, all furthering meaningful reconciliation. Nominees are to be commended for their achievements. The finalists are:

Local Government Category

Glenelg Shire Council

Demystifying History Documentary & Combined Citizenship Ceremony

Western Region Local Government Reconciliation Network

NAIDOC 2018 Photo Exhibition Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women of the West

City of Port Phillip

St Kilda Beach 2 on 2 Basketball Competition

City of Ballarat

Ballarat Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Portrait & Storytelling Project

Yarra City Council

Remember Me: A Tribute to the Stolen Generations and their Families

City of Darebin

Ongoing commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community and Reconciliation

Local Government – Schools and Early Years Category

City of Darebin

Darebin Schools' NAIDOC Yarning Conference 2018 Because of Her We can

Rural City of Wodonga

Koorie Champions Network Group

Moonee Valley City Council

We Walk Together, Wanganyinu Yan Djerring

Wyndham City Council

Wyndham Aboriginal Community Centre and Integrated Family Centre

Wyndham City Council

Reconciliation Action at Scale - Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives

Community Category

The Academy of Sport, Health and Education

ASHEfest

Weenthunga Health Network

Ngarrn-gakgo mangkie (hear within) program

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Corporation

Ngulu-nganjjin (Our voice)



Bendigo Reconciliation Committee

Identifying and Addressing Organisational White Privilege

Whittlesea Reconciliation Group

Kulin Village at Whittlesea Community Festival

Balnarring Pre-School

Womin djeka Balnarring Ngargee including Book Launch

The HART Awards are a partnership between the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) and Reconciliation Victoria supported by Bank Australia and Local Government Victoria. The awards recognise local governments and community organisations that are Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people working together contributing to building relationships, respect and understanding and demonstrate a commitment to Aboriginal self-determination.

The awards ceremony will be held on Friday 31 May 12.30 pm to 3 pm at Korin Gamadji Institute, Richmond. They will be opened by the Minister for Local Government the Hon Adem Somyurek, who will also be presenting the winners' awards. There will also be highly commended award in each category.

A light lunch will be provided from 12.30 with the Awards beginning at 1pm, including entertainment by Allara Pattison Briggs, Yorta Yorta musician and composer.

To find out more please visit VLGA and Reconciliation Victoria websites:

<https://www.vlga.org.au/advocacy/reconciliation/hart-awards-2019> or www.reconciliationvic.org.au .

Additional content

These Awards recognise Victorian initiatives that contribute to local reconciliation outcomes. Finalists include initiatives that demonstrate Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people working together, and initiatives that have contributed to relationships, respect and understanding.

Winners will each receive a prize. The community group winner will also be awarded \$1000 to support their reconciliation initiatives.

The short-listed and winning initiatives will be profiled in a booklet and promoted on the websites of Reconciliation Victoria and the VLGA, to provide inspiration for other organisations and communities.

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