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2021 HART Awards Finalists Announced!

The VLGA and Reconciliation Victoria are thrilled to announce the finalists of the 2021 HART (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) Awards. With 19 finalists over three categories: Local Government, Schools & Early Years, and Community, the HART Awards recognise outstanding reconciliation initiatives undertaken throughout Victoria. The nominations this year, and during a lockdown year, are nothing short of brilliant, all furthering meaningful reconciliation. Nominees are to be commended for their achievements. The finalists are:

Local Government Category

City of Ballarat

Djila-tjarriu

Banyule City Council

Mam-badool Djerring – Reconciliation Action Plan

Brimbank City Council

Koorie Homework Club

Glen Eira City Council

26 January – an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective

Hepburn Shire Council

Peaks, Wetlands and Rivers – Truth Telling and Reconciling our Shared History at Contact

Mildura Rural City Council

NAIDOC 2020 online event

Schools or Early Years Category

Carlton North Primary School

Reconciliation Endeavour

Cornish College

Reconciliation Action Plan



Healesville Primary School

Culture for Life

Melbourne Grammar Grimwade House

Advocacy at MGGH

Yuille Park P-8 Community College

Nyatne Mok Boriyn (Thankful and Proud)

Moolap Primary School

Moolap Cultural Immersion Project

Community Category

Girraway Ganyi Consultancy Pty Ltd

Girraway Ganyi Consultancy YouTube Channel

Lake Bolac Eel Festival

Stories from the Eel Festival - Kuyang Lapakira (Plenty Eels)

Shepparton Region Reconciliation Group

Line of Remembrance Vigil (Blak Lives Matter)

The Torch

The Torch's CONFINED exhibition

The Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Committee

Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service

Our Song Lines

Our Survival Day

Wanyara

Wanyara Pty Ltd

The HART Awards are a partnership between the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) and Reconciliation Victoria supported by Bank Australia and Local Government Victoria (LGV). The awards recognise local governments, schools & early years, and community organisations that are Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the wider community working together to build relationships, respect and understanding and demonstrate a commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination.



The Minister for Local Government the Hon Shaun Leane will announce the winners at the Awards ceremony on Friday 4 June at the end of National Reconciliation Week.

To find out more please visit [VLGA](#) and [Reconciliation Victoria](#)

Additional content

These Awards recognise Victorian initiatives that contribute to local reconciliation outcomes. Finalists include initiatives that demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the wider community working together, and initiatives that have contributed to building relationships, respect and understanding.

Winners will each receive a prize. The community group winner and the schools and early years 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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