

## Transcript for National Reconciliation Week 2018

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What does reconciliation mean to you?

**Jamahl, Indigenous and Diversity Officer, Department of Jobs and Small Business:**

Reconciliation, what it means to me is probably coming under one big banner, and not being subjected to just being Aboriginal Australian, but being classified as an Australian.

**Laura, Executive Communication, Department of Human Services:**

To me reconciliation is about, coming together to remember the mistakes of our past and also to celebrate the successes now and into the future.

**Illya, Parliamentary Officer, Department of Human Services:**

Addressing past injustices and moving on forward to a just and equitable society.

**Naomi, Executive Director HR, Fairwork Ombudsman:**

We acknowledge as Australians our history, including the wrongs of the past and the impact of that history on our First Australians.

**Jade, Manager, People Performance and Culture, Indigenous Business Australia:**

To me reconciliation means that all Australians have the same opportunities. I think that Indigenous Australians have a lot to contribute to a society.

**Emma, Parliamentary Officer, Department of Human Services**

The coming together of cultures and the sharing of cultures and history.

**Steve, Indigenous and Diversity Officer, Department of Jobs and Small Business:**

That's bringing non-Indigenous people and Indigenous people together and providing the opportunity for us to walk that reconciliation journey together as one.

**Kate, Senior Writer, NewsHub, Department of Human Services:**

Coming together as Australians as one. Acknowledging the past and taking steps forward towards the future.

**Jake, Advisor, Remote Strategies Team, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet:**

A strong and trustful relationship between Indigenous Australia and non- Indigenous Australia.

**Casey, RAP Project Manager, Prime Minister and Cabinet:**

So to me reconciliation is about understanding our differences and similarities so we can move forward together to a place where we have equality for all Australians.

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What does this year's theme mean to you?

**Steve, Indigenous and Diversity Officer, Department of Jobs and Small Business:**

The theme that *Don't Keep History a Mystery*, I guess it's a key theme for the 2018 National Reconciliation Week. And I guess it's the opportunity for all of us to learn share and just learn about the national history.

**Naomi, Executive Director HR, Fairwork Ombudsman:**

The theme that *Don't Keep History a Mystery* to me is about the importance of us all understanding and really acknowledging our history including the wrongs that have been committed against First Australians.

**Jamahl, Indigenous and Diversity Officer, Department of Jobs and Small Business:**

It relates to me strongly because I believe that if you really dig down to the core of Australian history, you find out a lot more of how Australia actually became the nation that we actually are at the moment.

**Laura, Executive Communication, Department of Human Services:**

For me personally the theme not keeping history a mystery is really important because I think it's really important that I talk to my children about what's happened and why reconciliation is so important.

**Jake, Advisor, Remote Strategies Team, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet:**

It's about retelling the past looking at history and thinking about what that means for our future as the broader Australian Community.

**Emma, Parliamentary Officer, Department of Human Services**

But in moving forwards towards reconciliation it's also important to understand and look at the past because without understanding the past and how things have come to be how they are it's more difficult to move forward towards reconciliation.

**Jade, Manager, People Performance and Culture, Indigenous Business Australia:**

That we have an opportunity to share our stories so that all Australians can get a deeper understanding of our culture. And with that I think is an important step in reconciliation.

**Kate, Senior Writer, NewsHub, Department of Human Services:**

That we acknowledge the past and we can move forward together as Australians

**Illya, Parliamentary Officer, Department of Human Services:**

Exploring the history and the heritage of Indigenous people as well as exploring the history of systemic injustices that they have faced.

**Casey, RAP Project Manager, Prime Minister and Cabinet:**

*Don't Keep History a Mystery*, to me is about understanding the past. It's about truth telling and about moving forward together.

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