

Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week, Mabo day and NAIDOC

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More than a day or a week...

The shared healing narrative continues like the waves to the shore

A narrative forever held

Forever heard

Forever told

We speak

We say

We feel

We are called to be part of what it means to heal

Are these just days in a week

Weeks in a year ...

Calling then falling

Action then inaction

Justice then Injustice

Spoken then unspoken

Or are they a calling to something much deeper and richer and vibrant than that ...

More sustainable

More relatable

More immersed in and with our shared narratives

Are they indeed a call to invite these narratives not just into our day or week ... but indeed into our hearts and spirits ... into the discerning of who we need to be

Into the action of what needs to hold the layers of these days, and weeks, at the forefront , at the core of what it means to truly walk together and First and Second People...

To know the layers of the Invasion of this country, is to know these days, to know how and why they are the shared narratives of who we are called to be

To know is to show

To listen is to speak

To share is to open doors

To be present is to know past and future footprints ...

To know is to see UAICC and its layers of struggle and resilience and holes for our young people ...
our justice narrative

What is the calling

It's a calling to feel

But to delve deep into the layers of what it means to heal

Being an ally in the healing

Heal country is the NAIDOC theme this year

It's not just another day or week it's the shared hope of healing that sits within all these narratives

To know healing is to truly know trauma grief loss dispossession and invasion.

We must act with both our words and our hearts, for it's the call to healing that sits on the woven threads of this justice basket

