

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2006

Theme: Engagement

10:00am	Opening Performances / Acknowledgement of Country	Civic Theatre
10:30am	Conference Welcome <i>Prof Kevin McConkey, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, The University of Newcastle</i>	Civic Theatre
10:40am	Official Conference Opening <i>Ms Linda Burney MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training</i>	Civic Theatre
11:00am	PLENARY “Implementing and Sustaining the Benefits of Educational Reform for Indigenous Peoples”	Civic Theatre
12:00pm	Lunch	Civic Theatre Foyer
1:00pm	Concurrent Keynotes A	
2:00pm	Concurrent Keynotes B	
3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	Civic Theatre Foyer
3:30pm	Concurrent Sessions C	
5:30pm-	Vice Chancellor’s Welcome Reception	Civic Theatre Foyer

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2006

Theme: Leadership

8:45am	PLENARY “Building Sustainable Leadership focussed on improving student outcomes”	Civic Theatre
9:35am	PLENARY “700 gigs: What have we learnt?”	Civic Theatre
10:10am	Concurrent Keynotes D	
11:00am	Morning Tea	Civic Theatre Foyer
11:30am	Concurrent Sessions E	
1:00pm	Lunch	Civic Theatre Foyer
2:00pm	Concurrent Sessions F	
3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	Civic Theatre Foyer
3:30pm	Cultural Tours (select one of two options, buses will transfer delegates directly to the Cultural & Bush Tucker Night)	
3:45pm	Cultural Education Showcase	Civic Theatre
6:00pm-	<i>Cultural & Bush Tucker Night (sponsored by the NSW Director-General)</i>	
8:30pm	Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies, The University of Newcastle	

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2006

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1:00pm	Lunch	Civic Theatre Foyer
1:45pm	PANEL “The Real Job at Hand: Panel Perceptions”	Civic Theatre
2:45pm	Conference Reflection and Close	Civic Theatre
3:15pm	Afternoon Tea and Farewells	Civic Theatre Foyer

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- 10:00am **Opening Performances** **Civic Theatre**
Newcastle High School dancers
- 10:20am **Acknowledgement of Country** **Civic Theatre**
Dr Ray Kelly, Aboriginal community member
- 10:25am **Opening remarks** **Civic Theatre**
Mr John Lester, Director, Aboriginal Education and Training NSW Department of Education and Training and Mr Dave Ella, President, NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc
- 10:30am **Conference Welcome** **Civic Theatre**
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Ms Linda Burney MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training
- 11:00am **Opening Plenary Address** **Civic Theatre**
Chaired by Mr John Lester, Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, NSW Department of Education and Training



PLENARY “Implementing and Sustaining the Benefits of Educational Reform for Indigenous Peoples”

Prof Russell Bishop, foundation Professor and Assistant Dean for Maori Education in the School of Education at the University of Waikato

12:00pm **Lunch** **Civic Theatre Foyer**

1:00pm **Concurrent Keynote A1** **Concert Hall**
Chaired by Mr Dave Ella, President, NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc

A1 “The support of the school leader is critical to the success of an holistic approach in the school to supporting Indigenous students and providing all students with an understanding of Indigenous culture and issues”
Ms Andrea Harms and Mr Brian Giles-Browne, Dare to Lead

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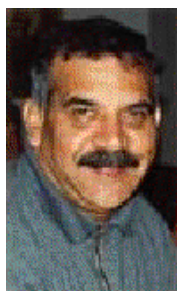
1:00pm **Concurrent Keynote A2** **Civic Theatre**
*Chaired by Ms Karen Jones, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate,
NSW Department of Education and Training*



A2 “Accelerating Literacy Development with Indigenous Students”

*Assoc Prof Brian Gray, Institute of Advanced Studies,
Charles Darwin University, Northern Territory*

2:00pm **Concurrent Keynote B1** **Concert Hall**
*Chaired by Prof John Maynard, Chair, Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies,
The University of Newcastle*



B1 “Community Empowerment through Partnerships”

*Mr Lionel Bamblett, Victorian Aboriginal Education
Association Inc (VAEAI)*

2:00pm **Concurrent Keynote B2** **Civic Theatre**
*Chaired by Mr John Lester, Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, NSW
Department of Education and Training*



B2 “Pedagogy and Cultural Knowledge: notes from New South Wales”

*Assoc Prof James Ladwig, School of Education, The
University of Newcastle*

3:30pm **Afternoon Tea** **Civic Theatre Foyer**

3:30pm **Concurrent Session C1** **Banquet Room**
Chaired by Ms Pam Widders, NSW Department of Education and Training

C1A “It’s what you do before they read that makes the difference!”

Ms Cathy Welsford, Freelance Consultant

C1B “Engaging Mentors in Indigenous Education”

Mr Craig Hammond, Family Action Centre, The University of Newcastle

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2006 (continued)

- 3:30pm **Concurrent Session C2** **Cummings Room**
Chaired by Ms Bernadette Thorne, NSW Department of Education and Training
- C2** “Montessori - An Effective Literacy program”
Ms Beth Alcorn, Educational Director, Montessori World Educational Institute (Aust) Inc
- 3:30pm **Concurrent Session C3** **Hunter Room**
Chaired by Mr Garth Fatnowna, NSW Department of Education and Training
- C3A** “The early years of schooling for Aboriginal children in NSW”
Ms Muriel Kelly, Indigenous Engagement and Quality Teaching Consultant, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate (AETD), NSW Department of Education and Training
- C3B** “Engaging Parents in the Goonellabah Transition Program”
Ms Kimberlii Austen, Goonellabah Transition Program
- C3C** “Building resilience through culture and education”
Ms Regina Walsh and Ms Sarah Diplock, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency
- 3:30pm **Concurrent Session C4** **Newcastle Room**
Chaired by Ms Mari Rhydwen, NSW Department of Education and Training
- C4A** “Indigenous Language Programs in Australian Schools”
Ms Nola Purdie, Australian Council for Educational Research
- C4B** “Four Northern Territory Indigenous Languages and Culture Programs”
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- 3:30pm **Concurrent Session C5** **Civic Theatre**
Chaired by Ms Cathie Jensen-Lee, NSW Department of Education and Training
- C5A** “Dare to Dream: Indigenous Attendance & Retention of Secondary Schooling”
Ms Charmaine Harfield and Ms Megan O’Connell, Department of Education and Children’s Services, SA
- C5B** “Ready for School or Ready for Us Mob: Cultural Security and School Engagement”
Ms Rani Param and Dr Cheryl Kickett-Tucker, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2006 (continued)

3:30pm **Concurrent Session C6** **Mulubinba Room**
Chaired by Mr Steve Stuart, NSW Department of Education and Training

Showcasing TAFE NSW

C6A “Aboriginal Cultural Education Training”

Mr Merv Donovan and Ms Heather McGregor, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training

C6B “E-governance Indigenous Engagement Project”

Mr Rod Towney and Ms Rhonda Appo, Indigenous Engagement Project

C6C “Girinyalanha (Wiradjuri for talk together, converse) listening to community needs”

Ms Sonia Shea, TAFE NSW Riverina Institute

5:30pm- **Vice Chancellor’s Welcome Reception**
7:30pm

Civic Theatre Foyer

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2006 (continued)

- 11:30am **Concurrent Session E2** **Hunter Room**
Chaired by Ms Heather McGregor, NSW Department of Education and Training
- E2** “Underpinning the work of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Unit (DET) with the Holistic Framework for Cultural Understanding, developed by Aboriginal Elder - Uncle Ernie Grant”
Mr Phil Kelly, Aboriginal Education Unit, Department of Education Tasmania
- 11:30am **Concurrent Session E3** **Cummings Room**
Chaired by Mr Garth Fatnowna, NSW Department of Education and Training
- Leadership in Partnership Schools: NSW snapshots**
- E3A** “Woodenbong Central School”
Mr Steve Stuart, Schools In Partnership Team, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training and Mr John Charles, Woodenbong Central School
- E3B** “MAKET: Mount Austin High School student leadership and support”
Ms Sandy Warren, Ms Michelle Gemmell and Mount Austin High School students
- 11:30am **Concurrent Session E4** **Newcastle Room**
Chaired by Ms Cathy Waters, NSW Department of Education and Training
- E4A** “Middle Years Numeracy”
Ms Raylene Saunders and Ms Ruth Gardner, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training
- E4B** “Bidialectal Approach to teaching Standard Australian English: NSW research findings”
Ms Bernadette Thorne, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training
- 11:30am **Concurrent Session E5** **Civic Theatre**
Chaired by Ms Colleen Potter, NSW Department of Education and Training
- E5A** “Evaluating the Australian Early Development Index for use with Aboriginal children”
Ms Rani Param, Centre for Developmental Health, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
- E5B** “Turning the School Around: Approaches to Aboriginal Education”
Ms Kerry Wellham, Dare to Lead

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11:30am **Concurrent Session E6** **Mulubinba Room**
Chaired by Ms Jenny Wills, NSW Department of Education and Training

E6A “Learning at Birabahn: A journey for pr-eservice teachers”
Ms Sharon Bailey and Ms Deirdre Heitmeyer, Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies, The University of Newcastle

E6B “Caring for Country with UWS- supporting urban Aboriginal youth to pursue careers in Environmental Management and Tourism”
Mr Christopher Richardson and Ms Ingrid Matthews, University of Western Sydney

E6C “Indigenous parent workshops Australian Parents’ Council”
Ms Rosemarie Koppe, Ms Maxine Zealey and Mr Leo Dunne, Australian Parents Council

11:30am **Concurrent Session E7** **Banquet Room**
Chaired by Mr Merv Donovan, NSW Department of Education and Training

E7A “Remembering and forgetting Indigenous heroes”
Mr John Ramsland, The University of Newcastle

E7B ““That teacher’s too political”: on the frontline of the “History wars” in the senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies”
Ms Tonia Chalk, Harristown State High School, Queensland

E7C “Curriculum in an international context”
Dr Prem Dean, Department of Teacher Education, School of Education, Sacramento National University, California, United States

11:30am **Concurrent Session E8** “Talking Circles” **Waratah Room**
Chaired by Mr John Lester, Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, NSW Department of Education and Training

1:00pm **Lunch** **Civic Theatre Foyer**
Launch of Mr John Ramsland’s book: ‘Remembering Aboriginal Heroes: Struggle, Identity and the Media’ (Newcastle Room)

2:00pm **Concurrent Session F1** **Mulubinba Room**
Chaired by Ms Bernadette Thorne, NSW Department of Education and Training

F1A “The Quality Teaching Framework”
Ms Colleen Potter, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training

F1B “Personalised learning plans for Aboriginal students within the Quality Teaching Framework”
Ms Emma Jeffery, Woodenbong Central School

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2:00pm **Concurrent Session F7** **Concert Hall**
Chaired by Ms Pam Widders, NSW Department of Education and Training

F7A “Sistaspeak”

Ms Renette Townsend, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, NSW Department of Education and Training and Ms Yvonne Hill, Indigenous Engagement and Quality Teaching Consultant, Western NSW Region

F7B “Promoting the active engagement of Indigenous learners through the use of student centred resources from the Le@rning Federation”

Ms Sue Thomas and Ms Margery Hornibrook, The Learning Federation

F7C “Australian Government Priorities in Indigenous Education”

Representative from the Department of Education, Science and Training

3:30pm **Afternoon Tea** **Civic Theatre Foyer**

3:30pm **Cultural Tours (select one of two options, buses will transfer delegates directly to the Cultural & Bush Tucker Night)**

Newcastle Cultural Sites Bus Tour

Indigenous staff of Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies will be your guides on a bus tour around Newcastle and surrounding suburbs where you will be shown the local Awabakal cultural sites and be introduced to the local Dreaming Stories. The bus will stop and you will exit at each site whilst the story is being told. A packed afternoon tea will be provided.

Youlooe-ta Bush Tucker Walking Tour

Enjoy the experience of a guided tour by local Indigenous people in an idyllic bushland setting at the Youlooe-ta Indigenous Resource Centre in Garden Suburb, Newcastle. Stroll along accessible tracks and wander the gardens with your guide where you will be shown the abundant native flora and allow you to savour the taste of bush tucker. You will be introduced to fruits and berries, Indigenous living and cooking methods plus experience a variety of cultural activities. You will also learn about the Aboriginal culture and history of the local area. Damper and lemon myrtle tea will be provided. Please ensure you wear comfortable walking shoes.

3:45pm **Cultural Education Showcase** **Civic Theatre**
Including:

- Solo vocalists from Central Coast, Campbelltown and Cessnock High Schools
- Boys didgeridoo group, Gorokan High School
- Croc Fest performance groups from Tuggerah Lakes Learning Community, Hunter River High School
- Boys dance group, Hunter Sports High School
- Dance group, Newcastle High School
- Singers, Mount Austin High School

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6:00pm- ***Cultural & Bush Tucker Night*** (sponsored by the NSW Director-General)
8:30pm **Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies, The University of Newcastle**

Enjoy a relaxed evening in the peaceful surrounds of the Birabahn Centre, University of Newcastle situated on the land of the Pambalong Clan of the Awabakal nation. You will be entertained by Indigenous dance, music and performance whilst savouring the tastes of traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander foods. For people with a more delicate palate other foods will be available. Refreshments will also be provided during the evening. Staff of Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies and the local Indigenous Community hope you enjoy your evening.

7:30pm- **Bus transfers from Wollotuka back to all hotels and the Queens Wharf**
8:30pm **Brewery**

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2006

Theme: Community Capacity Building

9:00am **Plenary Session** **Civic Theatre**
Chaired by Ms Louise Bye, Project Manager, Murdi Paaki COAG Trial, NSW Department of Education and Training, Western NSW Regional Office



PLENARY “Responsibility that brings about Capacity”

Mr Sam Jeffries, Chairman of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly

10:00am **Concurrent Session G1** **Civic Theatre**
Chaired by Ms Raylene Saunders, NSW Department of Education and Training

G1A “To Tick or not to tick the box: The question of Aboriginality confirmation processes”

Ms Cheree Dean, NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated (AECG Inc)

G1B “Aboriginal storytelling in film: Telling stories from an anti-colonial perspective”

Ms Kylie Solonec, Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia

10:00am **Concurrent Session G2** **Cummings Room**
Chaired by Ms Renette Townsend, NSW Department of Education and Training

G2A “Mindmatters: Communities do matter – An Indigenous perspective”

Mr Kanat Wano, Mindmatters

G2B “Leading and Walking Together: Schools in Partnership”

Mr John Charles and Ms Emma Jeffrey, Woodenbong Central School

10:00am **Concurrent Session G3** **Banquet Room**
Chaired by Ms Cathie Jensen-Lee, NSW Department of Education and Training

G3A “Aboriginality and Place: interactions, interceptions and key indicators in the retention and participation of Indigenous students in education”

Mr Prem Mudhan, Murdoch University, Western Australia

G3B “In schools where should Aboriginal knowledge meet?”

Mr Michael Donovan, Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies, The University of Newcastle

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2006 (continued)

10:00am **Concurrent Session G4** **Newcastle Room**
Chaired by Ms Muriel Kelly, NSW Department of Education and Training

G4 “Youth Excel”

Ms Donna Loughran, Ms Narelle Trist, Ms Kiah Ferguson and Mr Earl Bostock, NSW Department of Education and Training

10:00am **Concurrent Session G5** **Concert Hall**
Chaired by Ms Colleen Potter, NSW Department of Education and Training

G5A “Is addressing individual Indigenous identity beneficial to students’ overall learning”

Mr Joe Perry, Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies, The University of Newcastle

G5B “Indijresources: reflecting our identities and differences”

Ms Brooke Collins-Gearing and Ms Mandy Kelly, Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies, The University of Newcastle

10:00am **Concurrent Session G6** **Mulubinba Room**
Chaired by Mr Charlie Trindall, NSW Department of Education and Training

G6A “Gateways to Engagement :Koori support units in TAFE Victoria”

Ms Sue Helme, The University of Melbourne

G6B “OTEN: TAFE courses by Distance Education”

Ms Carmel Gerrie and Ms Gail Tillman, TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute, Open Training and Education Unit

10:00am **Concurrent Session G7** **Hunter Room**
Chaired by Mr John Oates, NSW Department of Education and Training

G7 “Working with community: A model that works - The Yule Brook college experience”

Mr Brian Giles-Browne, Dare to Lead

11:00am **Morning Tea** **Civic Theatre Foyer**

11:30am **Concurrent Session H1** **Civic Theatre**
Chaired by Ms Mari Rhydwen, NSW Department of Education and Training

H1 “What are tracks to two-way learning?”

Ms Glenys Collard, Ms Coral Brockmann, Ms Patricia Konigsberg and Ms Karen Cowie, Department of Education and Training, Western Australia

11:30am **Concurrent Session H2** **Mulubinba Room**
Chaired by Mr John Oates, NSW Department of Education and Training

H2 “Indigenous Innovation - We Are the Future”

Students from Curtin University in Western Australia

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11:30am **Concurrent Session H3** **Banquet Room**
Chaired by Ms Ruth Gardner, NSW Department of Education and Training

H3 “Challenging Mindsets: The Post Cherbourg story”
Dr Mervyn Wilkinson and Mr Fred Cobbo, Indigenous Education Leadership Institute and Sam Murray, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

11:30am **Concurrent Session H4** **Newcastle Room**
Chaired by Ms Connie Ah-See, NSW Department of Education and Training

H4 “From Dreamtime to Fulltime”
Mr Rick Powell, Community Facilitator, Cobar

11:30am **Concurrent Session H5** **Cummings Room**
Chaired by Ms Michelle Brook, NSW Department of Education and Training

H5 “Taking a step forward...”
Ms Kylie Agale, Province Indigenous Consultant, Christian Brothers WA/SA and Mr Jason Jarro, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Island Liaison Officer, St Brendan’s School, Yappoon

11:30am **Concurrent Session H6** **Concert Hall**
Chaired by Ms Thelmerie Rudd, NSW Department of Education and Training

H6 “From Gumnuts to Buttons 2nd edition - A walk through Tasmanian history from an Aboriginal perspective”
Mr Phil Kelly and staff, Aboriginal Education Unit, Tasmanian Department of Education

11:30am **Concurrent Session H7** **Hunter Room**
Chaired by Ms Liz Sinnott, NSW Department of Education and Training

H7 “Confronting Challenges in the Workplace”
Dr Jane Qijnuan Zhang and Ms Mai Katona, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

1:00pm **Lunch** **Civic Theatre Foyer**

1:45pm **Panel Presentation** **Civic Theatre**
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“The Real Job at Hand: Panel Perceptions”
A distinguished Panel

2:45pm **Conference Reflection and Close** **Civic Theatre**
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